

1. **abash**

verb

to destroy the self-possession or self-confidence of : DISCONCERT

synonym see EMBARRASS

2. **alacrity**

noun

promptness in response : cheerful readiness

3. **appellation**

noun

1 : an identifying name or title : DESIGNATION

2 : the act of calling by a name

3 : a geographical name (as of a region, village, or vineyard) under which a winegrower is authorized to identify and market wine

4. **auger**

noun

any of various tools or devices having a helical shaft or member that are used for boring holes (as in wood, earth, or ice) or moving loose material (as snow)

5. **beadle**

noun

a minor parish official whose duties include ushering and preserving order at services and sometimes civil functions

6. **besom**

noun

broom ; especially : one made of twigs

7. **commiseration**

verb

1: intransitive senses - to feel or express sympathy : CONDOLE

2: transitive senses - to feel or express sorrow or compassion for

8. **contumely**

noun

harsh language or treatment arising from haughtiness and contempt; also : an instance of such language or treatment

9. **countenance**

noun

1: BEARING, Demeanor

2 a : calm expression

b : mental composure

c : LOOK, EXPRESSION

3 a : ASPECT, SEMBLANCE

b : PRETENSE

4 : FACE, VISAGE; especially : the face as an indication of mood, emotion, or character

5 : bearing or expression that offers approval or sanction : moral support

10. **decorous**

adjective

marked by propriety and good taste : CORRECT

11. **dotage**

noun

a state or period of senile decay marked by decline of mental poise and alertness

12. **emolument**

noun

1 : the returns arising from office or employment usually in the form of compensation or perquisites

2 : ADVANTAGE

13. **esoteric**

adjective

1 a : designed for or understood by the specially initiated alone

b : of or relating to knowledge that is restricted to a small group

2 a : limited to a small circle

b : PRIVATE, CONFIDENTIAL

14. **evanescent**

adjective

tending to vanish like vapor

synonym see TRANSIENT

15. **expatiate**

verb

1 : to move about freely or at will : WANDER

2 : to speak or write at length or in detail

16. **farthingale**

noun

a support (as of hoops) worn especially in the 16th century beneath a skirt to expand it at the hipline

17. **fastidious**

adjective

1 : SCORNFUL

2 a : having high and often capricious standards : difficult to please

b : showing or demanding excessive delicacy or care

c : reflecting a meticulous, sensitive, or demanding attitude

3 : having complex nutritional requirements

18. **filial**

adjective

1 : of, relating to, or befitting a son or daughter <filial obedience>

2 : having or assuming the relation of a child or offspring

19. **foolscap**

noun

1 : a cap or hood usually with bells worn by jesters

2 : a conical cap for slow or lazy students

3 usually foolscap : a size of paper formerly standard in Great Britain; broadly : a piece of writing paper

20. **genial**

adjective

1 obsolete : of or relating to marriage or generation <the genial bed – John Milton>

2 obsolete : INBORN, NATIVE

3 a : favorable to growth or comfort : MILD <genial sunshine>

b : marked by or diffusing sympathy or friendliness <your genial host>

4 : displaying or marked by genius

synonym see GRACIOUS

21. **haughty**

adjective

blatantly and disdainfully proud

synonym see PROUD

22. **ignominious**

adjective

1 : marked with or characterized by disgrace or shame : DISHONORABLE

2 : deserving of shame or infamy : DESPICABLE

3 : HUMILIATING, DEGRADING

23. **inclement**

adjective

lacking mildness: as:

a : severe in temper or action : UNMERCIFUL

b : physically severe : STORMY

24. **indolent**

adjective

1 a : causing little or no pain

b : slow to develop or heal

2 a : averse to activity, effort, or movement : habitually lazy

b : conducing to or encouraging laziness

c : exhibiting indolence

synonym see LAZY

25. **indubitably**

adjective

too evident to be doubted : UNQUESTIONABLE

26. **inefficacious**

adjective

lacking the power to produce a desired effect : INEFFECTIVE

27. **iniquity**

noun

1 : gross injustice : WICKEDNESS

2 : a wicked act or thing : SIN

28. **languid**

adjective

1 : drooping or flagging from or as if from exhaustion : WEAK

2 : sluggish in character or disposition : LISTLESS

3 : lacking force or quickness of movement : SLOW

29. **laudable**

adjective

worthy of praise : COMMENDABLE

30. **lucubration**

noun

laborious or intensive study; also : the product of such study – usually used in plural