

Les 1000 mots les plus sophistiqués en anglais

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Abode (n.) Demeure - Beside one another with bodies in line

 A human being is not just limbs and flesh but it is the abode of a personality

Circumlocution (n.) Circonlocution - Indirect and wordy language

 The CEO's tendency to speak in circumlocutions is irritating.

Reprobate (adj.) Dépravé - Evil, unprincipled

 The reprobate CEO sat in his hotel room thinking of revenge against his investors

Malleable (adj.) Malléable - Capable of being shaped or transformed

 Louis the XVI's opinions were so malleable that anyone could convince him instantly.

Utilitarian (adj.) Utilitaire - Relating to or aiming at usefulness

 We were told to buy only utilitarian items, nothing that was pretty but has no practical use.

Restive (adj.) Rétif - Resistant, stubborn, impatient

 The students became very restive, as the teacher went on and on, taking up their lunch time.

Eminent (adj.) Éminent - Distinguished, prominent, famous

 John is such an eminent scholar that every student on campus has come to hear him lecture.

Sensuous (adj.) Voluptueux - Involving sensory gratification

 Holding hands turned out to be more of a sensual experience than either of them had thought.

Penurious (adj.) Misérable - Miserly, stingy

 Her family's penurious ways made it impossible to buy the things she wanted

Circumscribed (adj.) Circonscrire - Marked off, bounded

 The locals were permitted to live only within a carefully circumscribed area of the city

Raucous (adj.) Rauque - Loud, boisterous

 My raucous neighbors were at it again last night, laughing and singing their naughty songs.

Variegated (adj.) Panaché - Diversified, distinctly marked

 The variegated patterns on the zebra make it one of the most beautiful creatures in nature.

Implicate (v.) Impliquer - To involve in an incriminating way, incriminate

 John was implicated by the evidence suggesting that he had supplied the shooters with guns.

Lament (v.) Lament - To regret with intensity

 John lamented the paucity of twentieth century literature courses available at the college.

Mundane (adj.) Banal - Concerned with the world rather than with heaven, commonplace

 He is more concerned with the mundane issues of day-to-day life than with spiritual topics.

Divulge (v.) Divulguer - To reveal something secret

 Pressured by the press, the company finally divulged the name of its investors.

Ascribe (v.) Attribuent - To assign, credit, attribute to

 True happiness has been ascribed to those who seek a simple life.

Antiseptic (adj.) Antiseptique - Clean, sterile

 The antiseptic school was not very nice, but it helped to keep students healthy.

Disgruntled (adj.) Mécontent - Upset, not content

 John became totally disgruntled when her fiancé forgot their first anniversary.

Procure (v.) Essayer - To obtain, acquire

 The FBI could procure sufficient evidence to charge Al Capone.

Antecedent (n.) Antécédent - Something that came before

 Western cultures have its antecedent in the Latin culture.

Inquisitor (n.) Inquisiteur - One who inquires, especially in a hostile manner

 The inquisitor ordered the fugitive to be sent to prison.

Catalog (v.) Catalogue - To list, enter into a list

 The judge cataloged the victim's losses before calculating the award.

Candor (n.) Franchise - Honesty, frankness

 We were happy with the candor of the CEO's speech

Auger (n.) Vrille - A sharp tool that is used chiefly for making holes

 He suspected him of having scuttled the boat by boring auger-holes.

Befuddle (v.) Embrouiller - To perplex or confuse (someone)

 Interfering factors which befuddle this triumph of virtue, justice, truth, and efficiency.

Concise (adj.) Concis - Brief and direct in expression

 John does not like to waste time, and his instructions to Ana were nothing if not concise.

Culpable (adj.) Coupable - Deserving blame

 He was culpable of the crime.

Incendiary (n.) Incendiaire - A person who agitates

 If we catch the incendiary, we will put him in jail.

Affinity (n.) Affinit  - A spontaneous feeling of closeness

 John didn't know why, but he felt an incredible affinity for Jane.

Blurt (v.) L cher - To utter suddenly and unadvisedly; to speak quickly or without thought; to divulge inconsiderately — commonly with out

 Please think about your reply and don't just blurt out the first thing that comes to mind.

Ruminate (v.) Ruminer - To contemplate, reflect

 While ruminating on the day's activities, it occurred to me that not everyone was present.

Instigate (v.) Susciter - To urge, goad

 Those who instigate fights are just as much to blame as those who actually engage in them.

Obfuscate (v.) Obscurcir - To render incomprehensible

 The detective obfuscated the truth.

Hiatus (n.) Hiatus - A break or gap in duration or continuity

 The hiatus in coverage should last a while.

Wily (adj.) Rus  - Crafty, sly

 Once an animal escapes a trap, it becomes much more wily and cunning.

Hierarchy (n.) Hi rarchie - A system with ranked groups, usually according to social, economic, or professional class

 Women sometime have problems dealing with hierarchy.

Solipsistic (*adj.*) Egoïste - Believing that oneself is all that exists

 *The businessman solipsistic attitude completely ignored the plight of the poor.*

Disparate (*adj.*) Non-sens - Sharply differing, containing sharply contrasting elements

 *Because of disparate details it was difficult to piece the story together.*

Ingenuous (*adj.*) Ingénu - Not devious; innocent and candid

 *His writing seems so ingenuous he seems to tell the truth.*

Dogmatic (*adj.*) Dogmatique - Aggressively and arrogantly certain about unproved principles

 *His dogmatic claim irritated everyone.*

Indignation (*n.*) Indignation - Anger sparked by something unjust or unfair

 *I resigned from my father's fraternity because of my indignation at its hazing practices.*

Restitution (*n.*) Restitution - Restoration to the rightful owner

 *The victims received full restitution of their possessions.*

Pithy (*adj.*) Vigoureux - Concisely meaningful

 *My father's speech was a real contrast to his usually pithy statements.*

Ostentatious (*adj.*) Ostentatoire - Excessively showy, glitzy

 *The CEO's way was too ostentatious.*

Bard (*n.*) Barde - A poet, often a singer as well

 *Shakespeare is often considered the greatest bard in the history of the English language.*

Repose (*v.*) Reste - To rest, lie down

 *The cat reposed in the sun and took a long nap.*

Disclose (*v.*) Divulguer - To reveal, make public

 *The CEO was required to disclose all documents related to their latest purchase.*

Arbiter (*n.*) Arbitre - One who can resolve a dispute, make a decision

 *The counselor will serve as the arbiter between husband and wife.*

Scintillating (*adj.*) Scintillant - Sparkling

 The pop star's scintillating jacket was impressive to everybody.

Caucus (n.) Caucus - A meeting usually held by people working toward the same goal

 The workers caucus decided how much of a pay increase they would request.

Sophomoric (adj.) Potache - Immature, uninformed

 The girls were shocked at the sophomoric gross-out humor.

Mollify (v.) Amadoué - To soften in temper

 The judge mollified the man by giving only a warning.

Sovereign (adj.) Souverain - Having absolute authority in a certain realm

 The sovereign queen banished her son.

Vicissitude (n.) Vicissitudes - Event that occurs by chance

 The vicissitude of life made him sad and lonely.

Dissonance (n.) Dissonance - Lack of harmony or consistency

 She revealed a shocking dissonance between her beliefs and her actions.

Inextricable (adj.) Inextricable - Hopelessly tangled or entangled

 This seems to be an inextricable problem.

Enervate (v.) Enervate - To weaken, exhaust

 The soldiers were enervated after the tenth kilometer

Evanescent (adj.) Évanescent - Fleeting, momentary

 My pleasure was evanescent because I knew it would not last.

Brine (n.) Saumure - Salt water; water saturated or strongly impregnated with salt;

 It is first cured using large quantities of salt, either in a brine or in a dry packing.

Bequest (n.) Legs - The transfer of property upon the owner's death according to the will of the deceased

 We will build this nation into a peaceful, prosperous and proud bequest to our children.

Confluence (n.) Confluence - A gathering together

 A confluence of ideas helps making friends.
