Acrimonious • \ˌa-krə-ˈmō-nē-əs\• : marked by strong resentment or cynicism

Indigence • \ˈin-di-jən(t)s\ • : a state of extreme poverty or destitution

crux • \ˈkrəks, ˈkru̇ks\ • : the most important point

fawning • \ˈfȯ-niŋ, ˈfä-\ • : attempting to win favor by flattery

vegetate • \ˈve-jə-ˌtāt\ • : live or spend a period of time in a dull, inactive, unchallenging way.

contortion •\kən-ˈtȯr-shən\• : the act of twisting or deforming the shape of something

writ • \ˈrit\ • : a legal document issued by a court or judicial officer

evocative •\i-ˈvä-kə-tiv\•: bringing strong images, memories, or feelings to mind.

tureen • \tə-ˈrēn, tyu̇-\ • : large deep serving dish with a cover made for serving soups and stews

finesse • \fə-ˈnes\ • : subtly skillful handling of a situation

Lexeme • \leksi:m\ •: a basic lexical unit of a language, consisting of one word or several words

Parsimony • \ˈpɑːsɪməni\ •: extreme unwillingness to spend money or use resources.

Dissimulate • \dɪˈsɪmjʊleɪt\ • : To pretend; conceal by feigning; to hide.

Inveigh • \ ɪnˈveɪ \ • : To attack and complain verbally; to denounce; to vehemently object.

Insouciance • \ ɪnˈsuːsɪəns \ • : The state of being light-hearted; a condition on nonchalance.

Matutinal • \ ˌmatjʊˈtʌɪn(ə)l \ • : Occurring in the morning; early in the day.

Stultify • \ ˈstʌltɪfʌɪ \ • : To make or cause to appear or become stupid or foolish; to frustrate; to hinder.

Pertinacious • \ ˌpəːtɪˈneɪʃəs \ • : Adhering tenaciously to an action; stubborn; resolute.

Sartorial • \ sɑːˈtɔːrɪəl \ • : Pertaining to tailors or tailoring; pertaining to clothing.

Legerdemain • \ ˌlɛdʒədɪˈmeɪn \ • : Skilful use of one’s hands when performing conjuring tricks.