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Word List: D

- dart: Quick movement; missile in darts
- daunt: Intimidate, make fearful
- dawdler: Person who is slow; waste of time
- dearth: Shortage
- debacle: a breakup, overthrow, sudden disaster
- decorous: Polite, decent
- decorum: Propriety, properness
- decree: Order given by authority
- decry: Disapprove of
- defer: Postpone; give way (to show respect)
- deference: Respect
- deferential: Showing respect
- defiance: Open disobedience or resistance
- deflect: Turn aside
- defy: Resist openly
- degrade: Reduce in rank or status
- delineate: To portray, depict, sketch out
- deluge: Great flood, heavy rush of water
- demagogue: Person appealing not to reasons
- demur: To hesitate, raise objections
- denigrate: Blacken, belittle, sully, defame
- denouement: An outcome or solution; the unraveling of a plot
- denounce-give information against
- dent: Hollow, depression made by a blow

- deplete: Use until none remains
- deposition: Dethronement, depositing
- deprave: Make morally bad; corrupt
- deprecate: Protest against, express disapproval of
- dereliction: Deserting and leaving to fall into ruins
- derision: Ridicule, mockery, deriding
- derivative: Derived, not original or primitive
- derivative: Unoriginal, obtained from another source
- derogatory-insulting; tending to damage
- descry: Catch sight of, see smth in the distance
- desiccant-substance used to absorb moisture
- desiccate: To dry up, dehydrate
- desuetude: Cessation of use; disuse
- desultory: Aimless, haphazard, digressing at random
- detach: Separate
- deter: Discourage, hinder
- detraction: Slandering, verbal attack, aspersion
- detumescence: Diminishing or lessening of swelling
- deviance: Being different in moral standards (from normal)
- dexterity: Skill (esp. In handling)
- dexterous: Clever, skillful with hands
- diaphanous: Transparent, gauzy
- diatribe: Bitter and violent attack in words
- dictate: Order
- diffidence: Shyness
- diffident: Lacking in self-confidence
- dilate: Speak comprehensively, become wider, large
- dilatory: Causing delay, procrastinating
- disabuse: To undeceive, correct a false impression

- disallow: Refuse to allow or accept as a correct
- discern: See with an effort but clearly
- discomfit: Confuse, embarrass
- discomfit: To defeat, put down
- disconcert: Upset the self-possession of
- discountenance-refuse to approve of
- discourse-speech, lecture
- discredit: Refuse to believe
- disdain: Look on with contempt
- disencumber: Free from encumbrance
- disheveled: Untidy
- disingenuous: Sophisticated, artful, trying to deceive, cunning
- disinter: Dig up from the earth
- dislodge: Move, force from the place occupied
- dismal: Sad, gloomy, miserable
- disparate: Essentially different
- dispassionate: Free from passion
- dissemble: Speak or behave so as to hide smth (in mind)
- disseminate-distribute (esp. Ideas)
- dissent: Have a different opinion, refuse to assent
- dissipation: Going away, dispersing
- dissolution: Disintegration, looseness in morals
- distinct: Easily heard, seen, understood, clearly marked
- distorted: Pulled out of the usual shape, give a false account of
- distraught: Distracted, violently upset in mind
- distress: Great pain; cause discomfort
- divergence-getting farther apart from a point
- diverse: Of different kinds
- divestiture: Taking off, getting rid of, giving up

- divulge: Make known smth secret
- doggerel: Trivial, poorly constructed verse
- dogmatic: Positive, certain, arbitrary, without room for discussion
- dogmatism: Being dogmatic
- dolt: Stupid fellow
- dormant: In a state of inactivity but awaiting development
- dote: Show much fondness, center one's attention
- drone: Male bee, person who isn't self-employed
- drowsiness: Feeling sleepy, half asleep
- dubious-feeling doubt
- dud: No use person, smth that fails
- dulcet: Melodious, harmonious
- dupe-cheat, make a fool of
- duplicity: Deliberate deception
- duress: Threats to compel smb
- dwarf: Person or smb much below the usual size
- dynamo: a generator, something that produces electric current
- dearth: Scarcity, as of something customary, essential, or desirable.
- defer: To delay or put off to some other time.
- deign: To deem worthy of notice or account.
- deleterious: Hurtful, morally or physically.
- delineate: To represent by sketch or diagram.
- deluge: To overwhelm with a flood of water.
- demagogue: An unprincipled politician.
- denizen: Inhabitant.
- denouement: That part of a play or story in which the mystery is cleared up. Deplete: To reduce or lessen, as by use, exhaustion, or waste.
- deposition: Testimony legally taken on interrogatories and reduced to writing, for use as evidence in court. Deprave: To render bad, especially morally bad.

- deprecate: To express disapproval or regret for, with hope for the opposite. Deride: To ridicule. Derision: Ridicule.
- derivative: Coming or acquired from some origin. Descry: To discern.
- desiccant: Any remedy which, when applied externally, dries up or absorbs moisture, as that of wounds. Desuetude: A state of disuse or inactivity. Desultory: Not connected with what precedes. Deter: To frighten away.
- dexterity: Readiness, precision, efficiency, and ease in any physical activity or in any mechanical work.
- diaphanous: Transparent.
- diatribe: A bitter or malicious criticism.
- didactic: Pertaining to teaching. Diffidence: Self-distrust.
- diffident: Affected or possessed with self-distrust.
- dilate: To enlarge in all directions.
- dilatory: Tending to cause delay.
- disallow: To withhold permission or sanction.
- discomfit: To put to confusion.
- disconcert: To disturb the composure of:
- disconsolate: Hopelessly sad; also, saddening; cheerless.
- discountenance: To look upon with disfavor.
- discredit: To injure the reputation of:
- discreet: Judicious.
- disheveled: Disordered; disorderly; untidy. Dissemble: To hide by pretending something different. Disseminate: To sow or scatter abroad, as seed is sown. Dissent: Disagreement.
- dissolution: A breaking up of a union of persons. Distraught: Bewildered.
- divulge: To tell or make known, as something previously private or secret. Dogmatic: Making statements without argument or evidence. Dormant: Being in a state of or resembling sleep. Dubious: Doubtful. Duplicity: Double-dealing.