**11th Vocabulary—List Two**

1. **pedestrian** (adj.) ordinary or dull *The crowd responded to the pedestrian speech with yawns.*

2. **bona fide** (adj.) in good faith *We made a bona fide offer for the property.*

3. **adventitious** (adj.) accidental; nonessential *The scientists admitted that the breakthrough was an adventitious result of the study.*

4. **fecund** (adj.) fertile; productive *The fecund soil produced a record number of tomatoes this year.*

5. **deviate** (v.) to turn aside from a course; to stray *Sometimes it's better to deviate from the truth than to hurt someone's feelings.*

6. **impale** (v.) to pierce with a sharp stake through the body *The natives used sharp sticks to impale fish in the tide pools.*

7. **extenuate** (v.) to lessen seriousness by providing partial excuses  *The jury believes that the thief’s situation extenuates his crime.*

8. **parochial** (adj.) local; narrow; limited *Because he had never traveled outside his own town, Jim had a very parochial view of life.*

9. **glower** (v.) to stare angrily *The boy glowered at his mother when she corrected his manners.*

10. **edify** (v.) improve someone morally *The sermon was meant to edify the congregation.*

11. **ambiguous** (adj.) open to more than 1 interpretation *The candidate’s ambiguous response tended to confuse the issue even more.*

12. **cataclysm** ( n.) a violent change *The earthquake in Mexico was a cataclysm that no one could have foreseen.*

13. **optimum** (adj.) best; most favorable; ideal *The pilot was waiting for optimum conditions before starting the dangerous flight.*

14. **importune** (v.) to ask persistently; to beg *John importuned his father but could not get the car keys.*

15. **obfuscate** (v.) to confuse; to bewilder *The realtor tried to obfuscate the issue; it was working because the confused buyer did* *not know if he was coming or going.*

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| **Root :** [DIA-](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1634), Per- (prefix)\* **Meaning :** ( across, through ) | **Root :** ANT-, ANTI-, CONTRA-, COUNTER-, OB-, (prefix)\* **Meaning :** ( against) | **Root :** ANTE-, FORE-, PRE- (prefix)\* **Meaning :** ( before ) | **Root :** POST- (prefix)\* **Meaning :** ( after ) |
| **Root :** [ACID](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=898), ACR **Meaning :** ( sour ) **Example :** ACIDIC, ACIDITY, ACID | **Root :** [ACOU](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1128) **Meaning :** ( hearing ) **Example :** ACOUSTICS | **Root :** [ACT](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1575) **Meaning :** ( move, go, do, drive, urge, act ) **Example :** ACTION, ACTIVIST, COUNTERACT, EXACT, REACTIONARY, RETROACTIVE, TRANSACT, TRANSACTION | **Root :** [AGOG](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=956) **Meaning :** ( leading, bringing ) **Example :** DEMAGOGUE, PEDAGOGUE, PEDAGOGY, SYNAGOGUE |
| **Root :** [AGR](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1122) **Meaning :** ( field, land, country ) **Example :** AGRARIAN, AGRICULTURE, PEREGRINATE | **Root :** [ALT](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1155) **Meaning :** ( high ) **Example :** ALTITUDE, ALTIMETER, ALTAR, EXALT, CONTRALTO | **Root :** [PHIL](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=840) **Meaning :** ( loving, fond ) **Example :** BIBLIOPHILE, FRANCOPHILE, PHILANTHROPY, PHILOSOPHY, PHILOLOGY, | **Root :** [PHON](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1278) **Meaning :** ( sound ) **Example :** CACOPHONY, PHONIC, SYMPHONY, EUPHONIOUS, MEGAPHONE, TELEPHONE |
| **Root :** [SCRIPT](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1235) **Meaning :** ( write ) **Example :** CONSCRIPT, SCRIPTURE. POSTSCRIPT, TRANSCRIPT, INSCRIPTION, DESCRIPTIVE, SUBSCRIPTION, SCRIPT | **Root :** [SOPH](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=939) **Meaning :** ( wise, wisdom ) **Example :** PHILOSOPHER, SOPHISTICATION, PHILOSOPHY, SOPHISTRY | **Root :** [DYS](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1289) **Meaning :** ( bad, ill, sick, abnormal, impaired ) **Example :** DYSENTERY, DYSFUNCTION, DYSPLASIA | **Root :** [EQU](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1063) **Meaning :** ( equal, same ) **Example :** EQUITABLE, EQUAL, EQUATION, EQUILIBRIUM, EQUINOX, EQUIVALENT, EQUIVOCAL, ADEQUATE, EQUITY, EQUANIMITY, EQUIVOCATE |