

Vocabulary List #2

Alleviate- To make (pain, for example) more bearable: a drug that alleviates cold symptoms.
aggravate, augment, exacerbate, heighten, increase, intensify, magnify, make worse

Aloof- Distant physically or emotionally; reserved and remote: stood apart with aloof dignity.
approachable, friendly, open, sociable, warm, gregarious

Altruism- Unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness.
cold-heartedness, ill will, malevolence, meanness, misanthropy, unkindness

Amalgamate- To combine into a unified or integrated whole; unite.
diffuse, disperse, divide, separate

Amass- To gather for oneself, as for one's pleasure or profit; amassed a fortune.
disburse, disperse, dissipate, divide, scatter, spend

Ambiguous- Open to more than one interpretation: an ambiguous reply.
certain, clear, definite, explicit, lucid, unequivocal

Amicable- Characterized by or exhibiting friendliness or goodwill; friendly.
aggressive, hostile, nasty, unfriendly

Amorphous- Lacking definite form; shapeless.
defined, distinct, distinctive, outlined, shaped, shapely, specific

Amplify- To make larger or more powerful; increase.
abridge, compress, condense, contract, decrease, diminish, lessen, reduce, shorten, turn down

Anathema- A formal ecclesiastical ban, curse, or excommunication.
beloved, love, the blessed, blessing, benediction

Anemic- Lacking vigor or energy; "an anemic attempt to hit the baseball".
flushed, robust, strong

Anomaly- Deviation or departure from the normal or common order, form, or rule.
regularity, same old thing, the norm

Anonymous- Having an unknown or unacknowledged name: an anonymous author.
identified, known, named, showcased, spotlighted

Antediluvian- Extremely old and antiquated.
late, modern, new, up-to-date, young

Antipathy- A strong feeling of aversion or repugnance.
admiration, affection, appeal, appreciation, attraction, like, liking, love, regard, fondness

Antithesis- Direct contrast; opposition.
same

Appease- To bring peace, quiet, or calm to; soothe.
aggravate, annoy, antagonize, exacerbate, irritate, provoke

Apposite- Strikingly appropriate and relevant.
impertinent, inapplicable, irrelevant, unsuitable, inappropriate

Apprehend- To take into custody; arrest: apprehended the murderer.
discharge, free, liberate, release

Aptitude- An inherent ability, as for learning; a talent.
disinclination, inaptitude, skilllessness