



### Important Vocabulary List-3

**Didactic:** intending to preach or teach; an act of teaching

**Dilatory:** slow; sluggish

**Disarming:** charming; unthreatening

**Discernment:** judgement

**Discrepancy:** inconsistency

**Disillusioned:** freed from wrong ideas

**Disingenuous:** crafty; double dealing

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**Disparaging:** critical

**Distension:** swelling; distend; expand

**Multifarious:** having many aspects

**Myopic:** short-sighted (literal or metaphoric)

**Naivete:** innocence; lack of wordliness

**Nefarious:** infamous; very wicked

**Negate:** wipe out; nullify

**Nemesis:** fate; doom

**Nihilism:** belief in nothing; anarchy

**Nondescript:** having no special qualities; ordinary

**Notoriety:** infamy

**Obsequious:** slavish; fawning

**Occlusion:** shutting out

**Officious:** interfering

**Onerous:** burdensome

**Opacity:** lack of transparency; being opaque

**Opportunism:** grabbing opportunities

**Opting:** choosing

**Opulence:** lavish display of wealth

**Ornate:** extremely decorated

**Overhaul:** renovate; examine

**Palliative:** sth that makes better but doesn't cure; easy pain

**Pathos:** sadness; stirring the emotions; gloomy

**Paucity:** scarcity; shortage

**Peer:** An equal; to look closely at

**Peevishness:** childish sullenness; irritability

**Penchant:** tendency; leaning toward; liking

**Penurious:** miserly

**Perquisites:** perks; sth you receive for your job

**Petulant:** touchy; sulky; peevish

**Phlegmatic:** calm; imperturbable

**Phobic:** fearful (Root phobia always implies fear)

**Pilfer:** steal; filch; rustle

**Placid:** peaceful; calm; serene

**Plaudits:** praise

**Pliant:** flexible

**Polarized:** divided into two extremes

**Pragmatism:** practicality

**Preclude:** prevent; make impossible

**Precursor:** forerunner; sth comes before

**Predilection:** liking for; penchant

**Presumption:** assuming too much

**Profundity:** depth (of ideas/thoughts)

**Propensity:** tendency; leaning predilection

**Proponent:** supporter

**Prosaic:** ordinary; dull

**Prospectus:** brochure

**Prudent:** wise; cautious

**Punctilious:** meticulous

**Purportedly:** apparently claiming

**Quell:** suppress; to stop sth such as protests

**Quixotic:** idealistic; impractical

**Radical:** revolutionary

**Docile:** obedient; subservient

**Dubious:** doubtful

**Eclectic:** taking things from different sources; selective

**Effacement:** wiping out; rub out; (self- effacement = excessive modesty)

**Egotistical:** selfish **Elitist:** favoring top group; snob

**Elusive:** difficult to pin down

**Emancipators:** those who set others free

**Embellished:** adorned; decorated

**Embittered:** full of bitter feelings

**Embodiment:** living example of

**Empathetic:** exhibiting deep emotional understanding

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