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WORDS 1-11

Word	Definition
allege	(v.) to assert without proof or confirmation
arrant	(adj.) thoroughgoing, out-and-out; shameless, blatant
badinage	(n.) light and playful conversation
conciliate	(v.) to overcome the distrust of, win over; to appease, pacify; to reconcile, make consistent
countermand	(v.) to cancel or reverse one order or command with another that is contrary to the first
echelon	(n.) one of a series of grades in an organization or field of activity; an organized military unit
exacerbate	(v.) to make more violent, severe, bitter, or painful
fatuous	(adj.) stupid or foolish in a self-satisfied way
irrefutable	(adj.) impossible to disprove; beyond argument
juggernaut	(n.) a massive and inescapable force or object that crushes whatever is in its path
lackadaisical	(adj.) lacking spirit or interest, halfhearted
litany	(n.) a prayer consisting of short appeals to God recited by the leader alternating with responses from the congregation; any repetitive chant; a long list

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WORDS 12-22

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macabre	(adj.) grisly, gruesome; horrible, distressing; having death as a subject
paucity	(n.) an inadequate quantity, scarcity, dearth
portend	(v.) to indicate beforehand that something is about to happen; to give advance warning of
raze	(v.) to tear down, destroy completely; to cut or scrape off or out
recant	(v.) to withdraw a statement or belief to which one has previously been committed, renounce, retract
saturate	(v.) to soak thoroughly, fill to capacity; to satisfy fully
saturnine	(adj.) of a gloomy or surly disposition; cold or sluggish in mood
slough	(v.) to cast off, discard; to get rid of something objectionable or unnecessary; to plod through as if through mud; (n.) a mire; a state of depression
substantive	(n.) (grammar) a noun or pronoun used in place of a noun; (adj.) of, relating to, containing, or being the essential element of a thing; having independent function, resources, or existence
mélange	(n.) a mixture; medley.