

# Descriptive Vocabulary

## Ability - Condition

able	confident	gentle	lucky	smooth
adequate	courageous	hardy	manly	spirited
alive	curious	healthy	mighty	stable
assured	daring	heavy	modern	steady
authoritative	determined	heroic	open	stouthearted
bold	durable	important	outstanding	strong
brainy	dynamic	influential	powerful	super
brave	eager	innocent	real	sure
busy	easy	intense	relaxed	tame
careful	effective	inquisitive	rich	tough
capable	energetic	jerky	robust	victorious
cautious	fearless	knotted	secure	virile
clever	firm	light	sharp	zealous
competent	forceful	lively	shy	
concerned	gallant	loose	skillful	

## Anger - Hostility

agitated	combative	evil	irritated	rude
aggravated	contrary	fierce	mad	savage
aggressive	cool	furious	mean	severe
angry	cranky	hard	nasty	spiteful
annoyed	creepy	harsh	obnoxious	tense
arrogant	cross	hateful	obstinate	terse
belligerent	cruel	hostile	outraged	vicious
biting	defiant	impatient	perturbed	vindictive
blunt	disagreeable	inconsiderate	repulsive	violent
bullying	enraged	insensitive	resentful	wicked
callous	envious	intolerant	rough	wrathful

## Depression - Sadness - Gloom

abandoned	depressed	forsaken	low	ruined
alien	desolate	gloomy	miserable	rundown
alienated	despairing	glum	mishandled	sad
alone	despised	grim	mistreated	scornful
awful	despondent	hated	moody	sore
battered	destroyed	homeless	mournful	stranded
blue	discarded	hopeless	obsolete	tearful
bored	discouraged	horrible	ostracized	terrible
burned	dismal	humiliated	overlooked	tired
cheapened	downcast	hurt	pathetic	unhappy
crushed	downhearted	jilted	pitiful	unloved
debased	downtrodden	kaput	rebuked	whipped
defeated	dreadful	loathed	regretful	worthless
degraded	estranged	lonely	rejected	wrecked
dejected	excluded	lonesome	reprimanded	
demolished	forlorn	lousy	rotten	

## Distress

affected	displeased	hindered	puzzled	tormented
anguished	dissatisfied	impaired	ridiculous	touchy
awkward	distrustful	impatient	sickened	troubled
baffled	disturbed	imprisoned	silly	ungainly
bewildered	doubtful	lost	skeptical	unlucky
clumsy	foolish	nauseated	speechless	unpopular
confused	futile	offended	strained	unsatisfied
constrained	grief	pained	suspicious	unsure
disgusted	helpless	perplexed	swamped	weary
disliked				

### **Fear - Anxiety**

afraid	dreading	insecure	overwhelmed	tense
agitated	eerie	intimidated	panicky	terrified
alarmed	embarrassed	jealous	restless	timid
anxious	fearful	jittery	scared	uncomfortable
apprehensive	frantic	jumpy	shaky	uneasy
bashful	frightened	nervous	shy	upset
dangerous	hesitant	on edge	strained	worrying
desperate	horrified			

### **Inability - Inadequacy**

anemic	disabled	incapable	powerless	unable
ashamed	exhausted	incompetent	puny	uncertain
broken	exposed	ineffective	shaken	unfit
catatonic	fragile	inept	shaky	unimportant
cowardly	frail	inferior	shivering	unqualified
crippled	harmless	insecure	sickly	unsound
defeated	helpless	meek	small	useless
defective	impotent	mummified	strengthless	vulnerable
deficient	inadequate	naughty	trivial	weak
demoralized				

### **Joy - Elation**

amused	enchanted	good	jubilant	smiling
blissful	enthusiastic	grand	magnificent	splendid
brilliant	exalted	gratified	majestic	superb
calm	excellent	great	marvelous	terrific
cheerful	excited	happy	overjoyed	thrilled
comical	exuberant	hilarious	pleasant	tremendous
contented	fantastic	humorous	pleased	triumphant
delighted	fit	inspired	proud	vivacious
ecstatic	funny	jolly	relieved	witty
elated	glad	jovial	satisfied	wonderful
elevated	glorious	joyful		

## Love - Affection - Concern

admired	conscientious	giving	mellow	reliable
adorable	considerate	good	mild	respectful
affectionate	cooperative	helpful	moral	sensitive
agreeable	cordial	honest	neighborly	sweet
altruistic	courteous	honorable	nice	sympathetic
amiable	dedicated	hospitable	obliging	tender
benevolent	devoted	humane	open	thoughtful
benign	empathetic	interested	optimistic	tolerant
brotherly	fair	just	patient	trustworthy
caring	faithful	kind	peaceful	truthful
charming	forgiving	kindly	pleasant	understanding
charitable	friendly	lenient	polite	unselfish
comforting	generous	lovable	reasonable	warm
congenial	genuine	loving	receptive	worthy

## Movement

amble	flow	pad	skim	toddle
blunder	fly	parade	skip	topple
bolt	frolic	pivot	slide	track
bounce	gallop	plod	slink	traipse
bound	glide	plunge	slither	tramp
canter	hasten	ply	slump	travel
catapult	hike	pounce	sneak	tread
charge	hobble	prance	speed	trek
clatter	hop	prowl	sprawl	trip
clump	hurdle	race	spring	tromp
coast	hurtle	ramble	sprint	trot
crawl	hurry	range	stagger	trudge
creep	hustle	roam	stalk	tumble
cruise	jog	roll	stampede	turn
dance	jump	romp	step	twirl
dart	lead	rove	stomp	twist
dash	leap	rush	straggle	undulate
dawdle	linger	sail	stretch	vault
dive	limp	sashay	stride	waddle
dodge	loaf	saunter	stroll	wade

drag	lumber	scamper	stumble	walk
drift	lunge	scoot	struggle	wallow
duel	lurch	scuff	strut	waltz
file	lurk	scurry	swagger	wander
flee	march	shake	sway	wend
flip	meander	shimmy	swept	wiggle
flit	mosey	shuffle	swerve	wobble
float	navigate	skate	swing	zip
flounder	pace	skid	tip toe	zoom

### Quantity

ample	few	lots	paucity	scarcity
abundant	heavy	many	plentiful	skimpy
chock-full	lavish	meager	plenty	sparing
copious	liberal	much	profuse	sparse
dearth	light	numerous	scads	sufficient
empty	loads	oodles	scant	well-stocked

### Sight - Appearance

adorable	crooked	fuzzy	muddy	skinny
alert	crowded	glamorous	murky	smoggy
beautiful	crystalline	gleaming	nappy	sparkling
blinding	curved	glistening	narrow	spotless
bright	cute	glowing	obtuse	square
brilliant	dark	graceful	round	steep
broad	deep	grotesque	rotund	stormy
blonde	dim	hazy	pale	straight
blushing	distinct	high	poised	strange
chubby	dull	hollow	quaint	ugly
clean	elegant	homely	shadowy	unsightly
clear	fancy	light	shady	unusual
cloudy	filthy	lithe	sheer	weird
colorful	flat	low	shiny	wide
contoured	fluffy	misty	shallow	wizened
crinkled	foggy	motionless		

## Size

ample	elfin	immense	miniature	stupendous
average	enormous	large	minute	tall
behemoth	fat	little	petite	tiny
big	giant	long	portly	towering
bulky	gigantic	mammoth	prodigious	vast
colossal	great	massive	puny	voluminous
diminutive	huge	microscopic	short	wee
dwarfed	hulking	middle-sized	small	

## Smell - Taste

acrid	fragrant	putrid	sour	sweet
antiseptic	fresh	ripe	spicy	tangy
bitter	juicy	rotten	stale	tart
choking	medicinal	salty	sticky	tasty
clean	nutty	savory	strong	tasteless
delicious	peppery	smoky	stuffy	

## Sound

babble	coo / cooing	hoarse	quack	thunderous
bang	crack	hoot	quiet	tick
bark	crackle	howl	raspy	tinkle
bawl	crash	hullabaloo	resonant	toll
bay	creak	hum	roar	toot
beat	croak	hushed	rumble	tootle
bellow	crow	husky	scream / screaming	trill
blast	crying	jingle	screech	twang
bleat	deafening	loud	shriek	twitter
boom / booming	drone	melodic	shrill	voiceless
bray	drumming	meow	silent	wail
bubble	faint	mew	sizzle	warble
buzz	fanfare	moan	snap	wheeze
cackle	fizz	mumble	snarl	whine
caw	gibberish	murmur	snore	whir
chant	grating	mute	snort	whisper

chatter	groan	mutter	soft	whistle
chime	growl	neigh	splash	yap
chirp	grumble	noisy	squall	yell
clangor	grunt	patter	squeak	yelp
clank	gurgle	peal	squeal	zap
clash	harsh	peep	thrum	zip
clatter	high-pitched	pop	thud	
click	hiss	purr / purring	thump	

### Time

ancient	daylight	late	outdated	sunrise
annual	decade	lengthy	periodic	sunset
brief	dusk	long	punctual	swift
brisk	early	modern	quick	tardy
centuries	eons	moments	rapid	twilight
continual	evening	noon	short	whirlwind
crawling	fast	noonday	slowly	years
dawn	flash	old	speedy	yearly
daybreak	intermittent	old-fashioned	sporadic	young

### Touch

boiling	dirty	grubby	shaggy	stinging
breezy	dry	hard	sharp	tender
bumpy	dusty	hot	silky	tight
chilly	filthy	icy	slick	uneven
cold	fluffy	loose	slimy	waxen
cool	flaky	melted	slippery	wet
creepy	fluttering	plastic	slushy	wooden
crisp	frosty	prickly	smooth	yielding
cuddly	fuzzy	rainy	soft	
curly	goeey	rough	solid	
damp	greasy	sandpapery	sticky	