

ADVANCED LEXICON

A Typographic Reference for Sophisticated Vocabulary

Aa Acumen /ə'kju: .mən/

The ability to make good judgments and quick decisions.

Bb Bellicose /'bel .ɪ .kəʊs/

Demonstrating aggression and willingness to fight.

Cc Chicanery /ʃɪ'keɪ .nər .i/

The use of trickery to achieve a political or legal purpose.

Dd Didactic /daɪ'dæk .tɪk/

Intended to teach, particularly in having moral instruction.

Ee Ephemeral /ɪ'fem .ər .əl/

Lasting for a very short time; transitory.

Ff Fastidious /fæs'tɪd .i .əs/

Very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail.

Gg Garrulous /'gær .əl .əs/

Excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters.

Hh Hubris /'hju: .brɪs/

Excessive pride or dangerous self-confidence.

Ii Ineffable /ɪn'ef .ə .bəl/

Too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words.

Jj Juxtapose / ,dʒʌk.stə'pəʊz/

Place close together for contrasting effect.

Kk Knell /neɪ/

The sound of a bell, especially when rung for a death or funeral.

Ll Loquacious /lə'kwɛɪ.ʃəs/

Tending to talk a great deal; talkative.

Mm Mellifluous /me'li:f.lu.əs/

Sweet or musical; pleasant to hear.

Nn Nadir /'neɪ.dɪər/

The lowest point in the fortunes of a person or organization.

Oo Obsequious /əb'si:.kwɪ.əs/

Obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.

Pp Paucity /'pɔ:.sə.ti/

The presence of something only in small or insufficient quantities.

Qq Quixotic /kwɪk'sɒt.ɪk/

Exceedingly idealistic; unrealistic and impractical.

Rr Reticent /'ret.ɪ.sənt/

Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily.

Ss Sycophant /'sɪk.ə.fənt/

A person who acts obsequiously toward someone important.

Tt Tenuous / 'ten.ju.əs/

Very weak or slight; insubstantial.

Uu Ubiquitous /ju: 'bɪk.wɪ.təs/

Present, appearing, or found everywhere.

Vv Vicissitude /vɪ 'sɪs.ɪ.tju:d/

A change of circumstances or fortune, typically unpleasant.

Ww Winsome / 'wɪn.səm/

Attractive or appealing in appearance or character.

Xx Xenophobia / ,zen.ə 'fəʊ.bi.ə/

Dislike of or prejudice against people from other countries.

Yy Yoke /jəʊk/

A burden or something that binds or enslaves.

Zz Zealot / 'zel.ət/

A person who is fanatical and uncompromising in their ideals.