

UPPER LEVEL VOCABULARY LEXICON

A Alacrity *Brisk and cheerful readiness.*

B Bellicose *Demonstrating aggression and willingness to fight.*

C Capricious *Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood.*

D Dichotomy *A division or contrast between two things.*

E Ephemeral *Lasting for a very short time.*

F Fastidious *Very attentive to and concerned about accuracy.*

G Garrulous *Excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters.*

H Harangue *A lengthy and aggressive speech.*

I Inchoate *Just begun and so not fully formed or developed.*

J Juxtapose *Place close together for contrasting effect.*

K Kinetic *Relating to or resulting from motion.*

L Loquacious *Tending to talk a great deal; talkative.*

M Magnanimous *Generous or forgiving, especially toward a rival.*

N Nefarious *Wicked, villainous, or criminal.*

O Obfuscate *To render obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.*

P Paradigm *A typical example or pattern of something.*

Q Quixotic *Exceedingly idealistic; unrealistic and impractical.*

R Reticent *Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily.*

S Sycophant *A person who acts obsequiously toward someone.*

T Taciturn *Reserved or uncommunicative in speech.*

U Ubiquitous *Present, appearing, or found everywhere.*

V Vicarious *Experienced in the imagination through another.*

W Wistful *Having a feeling of vague or regretful longing.*

X Xenophobia *Dislike of or prejudice against people from other countries.*

Y Yoke *To join together; a burden or something that oppresses.*

Z Zealot *A person who is fanatical and uncompromising.*