

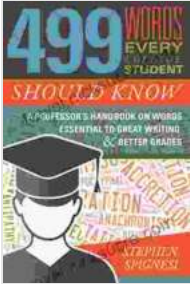
499 Words Every College Student Should Know: The Essential Vocabulary for Success

1. **Abrogate:** to repeal or abolish a law or treaty
2. **Abstruse:** difficult to understand because of obscurity or complexity
3. **Accost:** to approach someone aggressively or rudely
4. **Acquiesce:** to agree or comply without protest
5. **Adjudicate:** to settle a dispute or controversy
6. **Adumbrate:** to hint at or foreshadow
7. **Aegis:** protection or support
8. **Alienate:** to estrange or make someone hostile
9. **Altruism:** unselfish concern for the welfare of others
10. **Ambiguous:** having multiple or uncertain meanings
11. **Amoral:** lacking a sense of right or wrong
12. **Anathema:** something that is considered hateful or detestable
13. **Antipathy:** a strong dislike or aversion
14. **Antiquated:** outdated or obsolete
15. **Apocryphal:** of doubtful authenticity or truth
16. **Apotheosis:** the highest point or culmination
17. **Apprehend:** to arrest or seize
18. **Apropos:** relevant or appropriate

19. **Arbitrary:** based on whim or caprice
20. **Archetype:** an original model or pattern
21. **Arduous:** requiring great effort or labor
22. **Artful:** skillful or cunning
23. **Ascetic:** practicing severe self-discipline
24. **Aspire:** to have a strong desire or ambition
25. **Assiduous:** diligent or persistent
26. **Atrophy:** to waste away or deteriorate
27. **Audacious:** bold or daring
28. **Austere:** characterized by simplicity or severity
29. **Autonomous:** independent or self-governing
30. **Avant-garde:** experimental or unconventional
31. **Belligerent:** hostile or aggressive
32. **Benevolent:** kind or charitable
33. **Berate:** to criticize harshly or scold
34. **Bewilder:** to confuse or puzzle
35. **Bolster:** to support or strengthen
36. **Bombastic:** pretentious or exaggerated
37. **Boorish:** rude or uncultured
38. **Brevity:** shortness or conciseness

39. **Brobdingnagian:** gigantic
40. **Bucolic:** of or relating to the countryside
41. **Byzantine:** complex or intricate
42. **Cacophony:** harsh or discordant sound
43. **Cajole:** to persuade or coax
44. **Callous:** indifferent to the feelings of others
45. **Capricious:** whimsical or unpredictable
46. **Castigate:** to criticize severely
47. **Casuietry:** the use of clever but unsound arguments
48. **Catharsis:** a release of pent-up emotions
49. **Cavalier:** arrogant or dismissive
50. **Censure:** to criticize or blame
51. **Cerebral:** relating to the brain or intellect
52. **Chagrin:** a feeling of embarrassment or disappointment
53. **Chary:** cautious or wary
54. **Chauvinism:** extreme patriotism or nationalism
55. **Chimerical:** fantastic or imaginary
56. **Circumlocution:** roundabout way of speaking
57. **Clairvoyant:** able to see into the future
58. **Clement:** mild or merciful

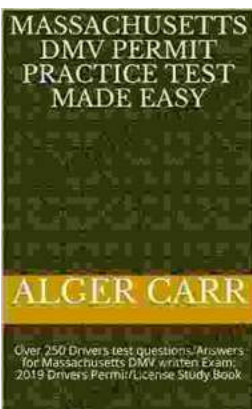
- 59. **Coalesce:** to come together or unite
- 60. **Cogent:** convincing or persuasive
- 61. **Cohesive:** united or



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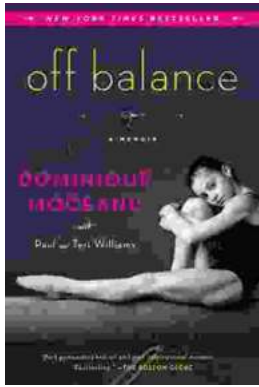
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