

AMBIVALENCE = conflict of ideas or attitudes; uncertainty

AXIOMATIC = obvious or self-evident

AVANT-GARDE = experimental, liberal, innovative, pioneering, hip, state-of-the-art

COGENT(argument)=(a) rationally persuasive (argument)

CONUNDRUM = a confusing or difficult problem or question, a dilemma

CUMULATIVE = increasing (the cumulative effect of...)

DISCONCERTING = disturbing, upsetting or confusing

GALVANIZE = stimulate

IMMUTABLE = unchanging or unchangeable (the immutable truth, an immutable fact)

IMPLACABLE = unable to be stopped, relentless (the implacable advance of technology)

INFINITESIMAL=so small it cannot be measured (the infinitesimal effect of...)

MODICUM = a small quantity of a particular thing, especially something desirable or valuable (there may be a modicum of truth in this statement)

MYRIAD = of an indefinitely great number, innumerable (a myriad of reasons)

PANACEA = cure-all, magic elixir (there seems to be no panacea for...)

PRESCIENCE = advance knowledge of things

PROCLIVITY = natural tendency, disposition

QUID PRO QUO = something given for something taken (there is a quid pro quo in everything)

QUIXOTIC = pursuing a seemingly unreachable or ambitious goal, idealistic, utopian, impractical (a quixotic vision/view/attitude towards...)

SALUTARY = useful, of value or benefit to something or someone

SALIENT = prominent, important (most salient solution)

SUBSTANTIATE = provide evidence/proof (to substantiate the claim that...)

PLETHORA = an abundance, wide variety, excess

TANTAMOUNT = equivalent in significance or effect, though not identical (this is tantamount to...)

VERISIMILITUDE = plausibility, realism