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25. facetious

- Definition: (adj.) not meant to be taken seriously or literally: a facetious remark; amusing; humorous.
- Sentence: I often make *facetious* remarks when speaking to sophomores.

26. fatuous

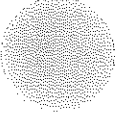
- Definition: (adj.) foolish or inane, especially in an unconscious, complacent manner; silly.
 - Sentence: I do so because I need to mimic their usual *fatuous* behavior.
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27. feckless

- Definition: (adj) ineffective, in competent, futile
- Sentence: His father's *feckless* attempts to repair the leaky plumbing left standing water in the kitchen.

28. fiduciary


- Definition: (n) a person to whom property or power is entrusted for the benefit of another
 - Sentence: When Grandma couldn't do it for herself anymore, we took over her *fiduciary* responsibilities and paid her bills.
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29. **filibuster**

- Definition: (n.) the use of irregular or obstructive tactics by a member of a legislative assembly to prevent the adoption of a measure generally favored or to force a decision against the will of the majority.
- Sentence: The politician engaged in a *filibuster* that lasted over a week.

30. **gamete**

- Definition: (n.) a mature sexual reproductive cell, as a sperm or egg, that unites with another cell to form a new organism.
 - Sentence: A normal human cell contains 46 chromosomes, so a normal human *gamete* contains 23 chromosomes.
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31. gauche

- Definition: (adj.) lacking social grace, sensitivity, or acuteness; awkward; crude; tactless:
- Sentence: My relatives' exquisite manners always make me feel *gauche*.

32. gerrymander

- Definition: (n.) the dividing of a state, county, etc., into election districts so as to give one political party a majority in many districts while concentrating the voting strength of the other party into as few districts as possible.
 - Sentence: It has been alleged that the redistricting of congressional boundaries in Kentucky was an act of *gerrymandering*.
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