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41. inculcate

- Definition: (v.) to cause (something) to be learned by (someone) by repeating it again and again
- Sentence: Toy companies pay good money to *inculcate* children by repeating commercials during children's shows.

42. infrastructure

- Definition: (n.) the underlying foundation or basic framework (as of a system or organization)
 - Sentence: The politician promised *infrastructure* improvements to bridges and roads.
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43. interpolate

-Definition: (v.) **a**: to alter or corrupt (as a text) by inserting new or foreign matter

b: to insert (words) into a text or into a conversation

-Sentence: Unnecessary illustrations were *interpolated* throughout the text.

44. irony

-Definition: (n.) 1: the use of words that mean the opposite of what you really think especially in order to be funny 2: a situation that is strange or funny because things happen in a way that seems to be the opposite of what you expected

-Sentence: The freshman didn't pick up on the *irony* in my tone and thought I was saying something I didn't mean.

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45. jejune

- Definition: (adj.) devoid of significance or interest; dull
- Sentence: The movie premiered to *jejune* reviews.

46. kinetic


- Definition: (adj.) of or relating to the motion of material bodies and the forces and energy associated therewith
 - Sentence: Her *kinetic* energy propelled her to the floor after she tripped over the ball.
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47. kowtow

- Definition: (v.) to agree too easily or eagerly to do what someone else wants you to do; to obey someone with power in a way that seems weak
- Sentence: The stern dictator beheaded the man for refusing to *kowtow* to him.

48. Laissez faire

- Definition: (n.) a doctrine opposing governmental interference in economic affairs beyond the minimum necessary for the maintenance of peace and property rights
 - Sentence: Small business owners may be happier when the government maintains a *laissez faire* policy and stays out of their affairs.
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49. lexicon

- Definition: (n.) the vocabulary of a language, an individual speaker or group of speakers, or a subject
- Sentence: Increasing your vocabulary will improve your personal *lexicon*.

50. loquacious

- Definition: (adj.) given to fluent or excessive talking; wordy
- Sentence: The *loquacious* student missed many instructions due to her talking.