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81. soliloquy

- Definition: (n.) a long, usually serious speech that a character in a play makes to an audience and that reveals the character's thoughts
- Sentence: Hamlet makes some of the best *soliloquies* in the history of EVER!

82. subjugate

- Definition: (v.) to bring under control and governance as a subject; conquer; to make submissive; subdue
 - Sentence: The invaders *subjugated* the natives.
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83. suffragist

-Definition: (n.) one who advocates extension of suffrage especially to women (MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT SUFFRAGE IS!)

-Sentence: Susan B. Anthony was one of the most famous *suffragists*.

84. supercilious

-Definition: (adj.) coolly and patronizingly haughty; thinking one is better than others
-Sentence: Her *supercilious* attitude caused her to miss out on many friends.




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85. tautology

- Definition: (n.) needless repetition of an idea, statement, or word
- Sentence: Saying "The Sahara is a very dry desert" is a *tautology*.

86. taxonomy


- Definition: (n.) the study of the general principles of scientific classification
 - Sentence: The biologist studied the *taxonomy* of various plants.
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87. tectonic

- Definition: (adj.) geology : of or relating to changes in the structure of the Earth's surface; having a large and important effect
- Sentence: There has been a *tectonic* shift in voting habits.

88. tempestuous

- Definition: (adj.) of, relating to, or resembling a tempest; turbulent, stormy; full of strong emotions
 - Sentence: Order was restored to the court after the judge put a stop to the defendant's *tempestuous* outburst.
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89. thermodynamics

- Definition: (n.) a science that deals with the action of heat and related forms of energy
- Sentence: His study of *thermodynamics* left him reconsidering his decision to major in engineering.

90. totalitarian

- Definition: (adj.) of or relating to centralized control by an autocratic leader or hierarchy; authoritarian, dictatorial
 - Sentence: The *totalitarian* regime left few decisions to be made by the people.
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