Inquisitive (adj.) – Curious; Inquiring.

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| **Synonym** | Wondering |
| **Sentence** | The inquisitive boy had hundreds of questions for his parents. |

Trepidation (noun) – Fear; apprehension

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| **Synonym** | Dread |
| **Sentence** | A feeling of trepidation came over the room following the announcement.  |

Posthumous (adj.) – Occurring, awarded, or appearing after the death of the creator.

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| **Synonym** | Post-death. |
| **Sentence** | The author received his award posthumously. (adv) |

Engender (verb) – To create; To call forth.

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| **Synonym** | Produce; Inspire within |
| **Sentence** | Their phone conversation engendered negative feelings in both parties. |

Volition (noun) – By conscious choice/will.

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| **Synonym** | Deliberate intention. Voluntarily. |
| **Sentence** | They chose to leave of their own volition. |

Philanthropy (noun) – Love of mankind; donating to charity.

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| **Synonym** | Generosity. Benevolence. |
| **Sentence** | The millionaire’s philanthropy saved the town. |

Guile (noun) – Cunning or duplicity.

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| **Synonym** | Craftiness; Deception |
| **Sentence** | He used all his guile to escape from the prison cell. |

Complacent (adj.) – Smug; Content to a fault.

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| **Synonym** | Self-satisfied  |
| **Sentence** | After winning ten games in a row, the team became complacent, and immediately lost. |

Propriety (noun) – Properness; good manners; appropriate behavior.

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| **Synonym** | Decorum; Respectable behavior. |
| **Sentence** | They questioned the propriety of certain decisions the president had made. For the sake of propriety, he immediately returned the rsvp card from the wedding invitation. |

Hedonistic (adjective) – Pleasure seeking; indulgence.

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| **Synonym** | Self-indulgent |
| **Sentence** | His hedonistic behavior got him kicked out of college. |