Aberration (n) – Something that differs from the norm.

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| **Synonym** | Oddity; Peculiarity |
| **Sentence** | His low-test scores were an aberration.  The amount of money we raised this year was an aberration. I doubt it will be that high again. |

Confidant (n) – A person entrusted with secrets.

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| **Synonym** | Crony; Close consultant |
| **Sentence** | Shortly after we met, he became my chief confidant.  The CEO had a confidant on every floor of the building. |

Predilection (n) – A preference or inclination.

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| **Synonym** | Fondness; Proclivity |
| **Sentence** | James has a predilection for eating all his food with ketchup. |

Quaint (adj.) – Charmingly old fashioned.

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| **Synonym** | Whimsical; Fanciful |
| **Sentence** | His mother lived in a quaint, little home in the country. |

Refurbish (v) – To restore or clean up

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| **Synonym** | Repair; Recondition |
| **Sentence** | He refurbished the couch to a like new status.  I bought a refurbished computer for very cheap. |

Taciturn (n) – Not inclined to talk.

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| **Synonym** | Antisocial; Laconic |
| **Sentence** | Though she never stops talking, her brother is quite taciturn. |

Umbrage (n) – Resentment or taking offense.

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| **Synonym** | Resentment; offense |
| **Sentence** | He called me a coward and I took umbrage at the insult. |

Zenith (n) – The highest point or culminating point.

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| **Synonym** | Pinnacle; climax |
| **Sentence** | The singer’s first song proved to be the zenith of his career. |

Rife (adj) – Abundant. Filled with.

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| **Synonym** | Plentiful; Replete |
| **Sentence** | The student’s writing was rife with spelling errors.  The study of early medicine was rife with superstition. |

Haughty (adj) – Proud; arrogant

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| **Synonym** | Snobbish; conceited |
| **Sentence** | The superstars haughty dismissal of his fans caused people to start to dislike him. |