Vindictive (adj) – Seeking revenge

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| **Synonym** | Revengeful, spiteful |
| **Sentence** | I was feeling vindictive, so I filed a lawsuit. |

Explicit (adj) – Clearly/directly expressed

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| **Synonym** | Specific/obvious |
| **Sentence** | There was explicit violence in the film.  The instructions were explicit. |

Exhaustive (adj) – Thorough. Complete.

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| **Synonym** | All-inclusive |
| **Sentence** | The university performed many exhaustive studies.  The medical book was exhaustive |

Elicit (verb) – To bring out/call forth

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| **Synonym** | Draw out |
| **Sentence** | He tried to elicit the sympathy of the jury. |

Definitive (adj.) – Conclusive. The last word.

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| **Synonym** | Authoritative |
| **Sentence** | It was the definitive biography on Lincoln.  It was a definitive victory. |

Collusion (noun) – Secret cooperation, usually with intent to fraud.

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| **Synonym** | Conspiracy |
| **Sentence** | There was collusion among the baseball owners. |

Benefactor (noun) – One who provides help, especially financial donations.

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| **Synonym** | Donor |
| **Sentence** | The same benefactor is paying for the research |

Pivotal (adj.) – Crucial

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| **Synonym** | Important |
| **Sentence** | It was the most pivotal game of the year.  The idea proved pivotal to our success. |

Succinct (adj) – Straight to the point.

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| **Synonym** | Brief |
| **Sentence** | His explanation was succinct.  We were told to keep our essay succinct. |

Volatile (adj.) – Highly unstable

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| **Synonym** | Erratic; explosive |
| **Sentence** | The crowd became volatile after the bad call.  The situation in the middle east is highly volatile. |