Relegate (verb) – To Banish

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| **Synonym** | Send away/reduce rank |
| **Sentence** | After his mistake, he was relegated to the small office.  The coach had to relegate the player to the sidelines. |

Solvent (adj) – Not bankrupt. Able to pay bills.

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| **Synonym** | Financially sound |
| **Sentence** | He didn’t want to be a millionaire; he just wanted to remain solvent.  His business was solvent. |

Belabor (verb) – Go over repeatedly.

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| **Synonym** | Dwell on/repeat |
| **Sentence** | There is no need to belabor the point.  He kept belaboring the obvious. |

Lampoon (verb) – Mock

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| **Synonym** | Parody/spoof/satire |
| **Sentence** | The students lampooned the principal.  Many comedians are popular only because they lampoon other people. |

Malleable (adj.) – Easy to shape/influence

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| **Synonym** | Impressionable/Transformable |
| **Sentence** | Modeling clay is very malleable.  The freshman was malleable; he could be convinced to do anything. |

Novel (adj) – New/original

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| **Synonym** | Unique/innovative |
| **Sentence** | There was nothing novel about the movie.  He had a novel approach to homework. He didn’t do it. |

Paltry (adj) – Insignificant/Worthless

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| **Synonym** | Minor/inconsequential |
| **Sentence** | His efforts were paltry.  He paid a paltry fee to get in. |

Forego (verb) – To do without

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| **Synonym** | Waive/forfeit |
| **Sentence** | We had eaten a lot, so we decided to forego dessert. |

Docile (adj) – Easy to control/teach

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| **Synonym** | Submissive/obedient |
| **Sentence** | The docile students completed all their work  The raccoons appeared docile but were almost impossible to control |

Cryptic (adj.) – Mysterious/mystifying

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| **Synonym** | Secret/hidden meaning |
| **Sentence** | The statement he made seemed cryptic.  There was cryptic writing on the wall. |