Gerrymander (verb) – To divide unfairly or for an advantage (usually voting districts).

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| **Synonym** | Falsify; Fix contest |
| **Sentence** | The gerrymandered districts led to an unfair advantage.  He was gerrymandering the districts to obtain more votes. |

Hubris (noun) – Foolish amount of pride or arrogance.

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| **Synonym** | Audacity; conceitedness |
| **Sentence** | His failure was brought on by his hubris.  His hubris was his undoing. |

Incognito (adj/adv/noun) – Having one’s identity concealed.

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| **Synonym** | Anonymous; camouflaged. |
| **Sentence** | He was travelling incognito.  We didn’t understand why the donor chose to remain incognito. |

Inculcate (verb) – Teach/train by frequent repetition.

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| **Synonym** | Indoctrinate; instill |
| **Sentence** | They tried to inculcate the kindergarteners with knowledge on how to behave at the dinner table. |

Nomenclature (Noun) – A system of series of words used in a specific discipline or area of study.

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| **Synonym** | Jargon; lingo |
| **Sentence** | The nomenclature he had to learn for his new job was difficult for him. |

Auspicious (adj) – Favorable circumstances or good luck.

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| **Synonym** | Promising; advantageous |
| **Sentence** | His timing was auspicious  It was an auspicious turn of events. |

Hegemony (noun) – Leadership of one country or social group over another.

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| **Synonym** | Predominance; Authority |
| **Sentence** | There was a cultural and political hegemony throughout the country. |

Obsequious (adj) – Obedient, compliant or flattering, especially to gain favor.

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| **Synonym** | Flattering, Submissive |
| **Sentence** | The butler was excessively obsequious when his boss entered the room. |

Reciprocate (v) – To return the favor or give in return for something.

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| **Synonym** | Retaliate, return |
| **Sentence** | He told me he would help me out if I would later reciprocate the favor. |

Sanguine (adj) – Cheerfully optimistic.

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| **Synonym** | Positive; upbeat |
| **Sentence** | Even though things looked bad, he maintained a sanguine look on his face. |