

College Words 4

1. **milieu** - surroundings, setting, environment

*Example: The ***milieu*** of the library is usually quiet.

2. **instigate** - to urge, provoke, or incite to some action or course, encouraging someone else's action and usually suggesting dubious or underhanded intent

*Example: There has been an increase in the amount of violence ***instigated*** by gangs.

3. **dubious** - doubtful, rousing suspicion; questionable; shady.

*Example: That ***dubious*** person has stolen from the store before.

4. **epiphany** - a sudden insight to a puzzling problem

*Example: A few years ago, I had an ***epiphany*** that helped me think of an answer.

5. **apropos**- appropriate to, fitting, applicable, relevant.

*Example: It's ***apropos*** that I am wearing a Star Wars outfit on Star Wars Day May the 4th.

6. **ironic** - strange or funny because something (such as a situation) is different from what you expected. strange or funny because it's unexpected

*Example: It's ***ironic*** that he got a ticket for speeding since he teaches students how to drive.

7. **typical** - usually, normally, having the distinctive qualities of a particular type of person or thing.

*Example: It is ***typical*** for that student to be late to school because he is always late for everything.

8. **beeline** - a straight line between two places.

*Example: When you return from the bathroom, make a ***beeline*** to your seat.

9. **commodity** - a useful or valuable thing, such as water or time.

*Example: "Water is a precious ***commodity***."

10. **quiver** - tremble or shake with a slight rapid motion, as in a vibration.

*Example: Whisper means your voicebox doesn't **quiver**.

11. **infractions**- violations or infringements; the act itself is very minor so the resulting penalty is minor. infringements

*Examples of **infractions** include parking overtime, speeding, and tailgating.