Abet – to help, especially with a crime

Abound – to have many of

Balk – to block or prevent

Beacon – something, especially a light, that warns or guides

Berserk – out of control, raging

Braggart – someone who boasts about themselves

Cache – a safe, hidden supply

Celestial – having to do with the sky or the heavens

Chasten – to punish or correct

Civil – polite

Clarification – act of making clear

Coherent – holding together

Confiscate – to take something away

Data – information, especially in a computer

Dawdle – to move slowly or hold back

Despondent – very sad, despairing, hopeless

Detract – to belittle, to take away from

Embezzle – to steal something entrusted to your care

Encore – additional performance called for by the audience

Encounter – to meet, especially unexpectedly

Epic – heroic, grand

Etymology – study of word origins

Evade – to avoid or escape from

Heartrending – causing grief or sorrow

Leisurely – at a slow, comfortable pace

Lethargic – sluggish

Malady – ailment, disease

Mellow – calm

Nomadic – traveling from place to place, without a permanent home

Pantomime – performance with elaborate gestures but no words

Pessimism – state of expecting the worst

Piecemeal – done bit by bit or in pieces

Precaution – protective action done in advance

Prose – spoken or written language that isn’t poetry

Prosecute – to pursue or attack, especially a crime in a court of law

Puncture – small hole or to make a small hole

Quest – a search to achieve a certain goal

Random – without order or reason

Retaliate – to strike back against something done to you

Rant – to complain at length