50 WORDS WORTH KNOWING

The Princeton Review’s **Hit Parade** is an exclusive list of the most frequently tested words.

1. ADEPT: very skilled; proficient

2. ADVOCATE: to speak or write in favor of

3. AESTHETIC: having to do with the appreciation of beauty

4. AMICABLE: characterized by or showing goodwill; friendly

5. ARDENT: having, expressive of, or characterized by intense feeling

6. ASSERTIVE: confidently aggressive or self-assured; positive

7. AUSPICIOUS: favorable; promising

8. AUTONOMY: independence or freedom

9. BENEVOLENT: characterized by or expressing goodwill or kindly feelings

10. BENIGN: having a kindly disposition; gracious

11. CANDOR: sincerity; openness

12. CANDID: frank; outspoken; open and sincere

13. CATHARTIC: cleaning; cleansing; purifying

14. COLLOBORATION: the act or process of collaborating

15. COMPELLING: having a powerful or irresistible effect

16. COMPREHENSIVE: broad or complete in scope or content

17. CONTEMPORARY: current; modern; of the present time period

18. DILIGENT: marked by painstaking effort; hardworking

19. DISTINGUISH: to mark off as different

20. DOMESTIC: of or pertaining to the home, the household, household affairs or the family

21. ECCENTRIC: deviating from customary behavior

22. ECLECTIC: made up of a variety of sources and styles

23. EMPIRICAL: derived from or guided by experience or experiment

24. EVOKE: to call up or produce

25. FERVENT: having or showing great warmth or intensity of spirit

26. GREGARIOUS: fond of the company of others; sociable

27. IDEALIZE: to consider perfect

28. IDENTITY: the condition of being oneself or itself

29. IMPARTIAL: not partial or biased; fair; just

30. IMPROVISE: to compose and perform or deliver without previous preparation

31. INNOVATIVE: introducing something new

32. INTUITION: direct perception of truth

33. LAUDATORY: giving praise

34. LANGUID: lacking in vigor or vitality; slack or slow

35. MAVERICK: one who resists adherence to a group

36. MITIGATE: to lessen in force or intensity

37. NARRATIVE: a story or account of events, experiences

38. NOTION: a general understanding

39. NOVEL: strikingly new or unusual

40. OPTIMIST: one who expects a positive outcome

41. PROFOUND: of deep meaning

42. PROSPERITY: good fortune

43. RESILIENT: springing back; rebounding

44. SERENE: calm; peaceful or tranquil

45. SPONTANEOUS: coming from a sudden impulse or tendency

46. TENACIOUS: persistent; stubborn or obstinate

47. THERAPEUTIC: having to do with the curing of disease or injury

48. VALIDATE: substantiate; confirm

49. VIVID: strikingly bright or intense

50. VITALITY: exuberant physical strength or mental vigor