

Module G Advanced Vocabulary

Word	Replaces	Example
adequate / inadequate (adj)	ok / not okay	That solution is inadequate and will not solve the problem.
compelling (adj)	strong	There is compelling evidence that...
concrete (adj)	real	There will be a concrete threat to our safety if...
controversial (adj)	-----	Raising the voting age is a controversial idea.
courageous (adj)	brave	My mother is a very courageous woman.
crucial / monumental / vital / essential (adj)	important	This election is a monumental moment in history. It is vital that you continue the experiment.
detrimental (adj)	harmful	The experience was detrimental to my development.
divisive (adj)	cause disagreement	The decision to install cameras in school is divisive and will result in unrest.
exhilarating (adj)	exciting	The roller coaster was an exhilarating experience.
exquisite (adj)	great	The view was exquisite .
fascinating (adj)	interesting	The lecture was fascinating .
immense / vast / tremendous (adj)	huge / a lot	Cutting funds will create a tremendous amount of harm.
incomparable (adj)	unique	The view was incomparable to any I had seen before.
invaluable (adj)	worthwhile	The lesson provided me with invaluable information.
obsolete (adj)	outdated	Pay phones are obsolete , as everyone now has cell phones.
persuasive (adj)	convincing	Her argument for requiring uniforms was very persuasive .
proficient (adj)	skilled	Many students at this school are proficient English speakers.
aspect (n)	thing	One aspect to consider is...
drawback (n)	disadvantage	Excessive exercise has many drawbacks .
principle (n)	idea	We must adhere to the principle of fairness.
conundrum (n)	problem	These conflicting issues have created a conundrum .
indignation (n)	anger	This decision will result in indignation .
authorize / permit (v)	allow	If the school authorizes the use of cameras...
incite / inspire / foster (v)	cause	This new law will incite indignation and distrust.
maintain (v)	keep	We have to maintain the peace and security at school.
prone to (v)	likely to	Those that sleep well are prone to be less tired by day.
refute (v)	to disprove	This statistic has been refuted by countless other studies.
shield (v)	protect	This law will shield children from danger.

