

# Hit Parade

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## ADEPT

Very skilled; proficient

## ADVOCATE

To speak or write in favor of

## AESTHETIC

Having to do with the appreciation of beauty

## AMICABLE

Characterized by or showing goodwill; friendly

## ARDENT

Having, expressive of, or characterized by intense feeling

## ASSERTIVE

Confidently aggressive or self-assured; positive

## AUSPICIOUS

Favorable; promising

## AUTONOMY

Independence or freedom

## BENEVOLENT

Expressing goodwill or kindly feelings

## BENIGN

Having a kindly disposition; gracious

## CANDID

Frank; outspoken; open and sincere

## CANDOR

Sincerity; openness

## CATHARTIC

Cleansing; purifying

## COLLABORATION

The act or process of working together

## COMPELLING

Overpowering

## COMPREHENSIVE

Broad or complete in scope or content

## CONTEMPORARY

Current; modern; from the same time

## DILIGENT

Marked by painstaking effort; hardworking

## DISTINGUISH

To mark off as different

## DOMESTIC

Of or pertaining to the home, the household, household affairs or the family

## ECCENTRIC

Deviating from recognized or customary practice; an odd character

## ECLECTIC

Made up of a variety of sources and styles

## EMPIRICAL

Derived from or guided by experience or experiment

## EVOKE

To call up or produce

## FERVENT

Having or showing great warmth or intensity of spirit

## GREGARIOUS

Fond of the company of others; sociable

## IDEALIZE

To consider perfect

## IDENTITY

The condition of being oneself

## IMPARTIAL

Not partial or biased; fair; just

## IMPROVISE

To compose and deliver without previous preparation

## INNOVATIVE

Introducing something new

## INTUITION

Direct perception of truth

## LANGUID

Lacking in vigor or vitality; slack or slow

## LAUDATORY

Giving praise

## MAVERICK

One who resists adherence to a group; goes his or her own way

## MITIGATE

To lessen in force or intensity

## NARRATIVE

A story or account of events; experiences

## NOTION

A general understanding

## NOVEL

Strikingly new or unusual

## OPTIMIST

One who expects a positive outcome

## PROFOUND

Of deep meaning

## PROSPERITY

Good fortune

## RESILIENT

Springing back; rebounding

## SERENE

Calm; peaceful or tranquil

## SPONTANEITY

Being spontaneous; acting impulsively

## TENACIOUS

Persistent; stubborn or obstinate

## THERAPEUTIC

Having to do with the curing of disease or injury

## VALIDATE

Substantiate; confirm

## VITALITY

Exuberant physical strength or mental vigor

## VIVID

Strikingly bright or intense

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