1. Penchant (n) – a strong attraction or inclination
2. Ubiquitous (adj) – present or existing everywhere
3. Paucity (n) – an inadequate quantity or scarcity
4. Demur (v) – to object or take exception to
5. Garner (v) – to acquire as a result of effort
6. Fecund (adj) – fruitful in offspring or vegetation; intellectually productive
7. Nefarious (adj) – wicked, depraved, or devoid of moral standards
8. Jettison (v) – to cast overboard or get rid of as unnecessary
9. Moratorium (n) – a suspension of activity or an official waiting period
10. Necromancer (n) – one who claims to reveal or influence the future through magic, especially in communication with the dead
11. Shibboleth (n) – a word, expression or custom that distinguishes a particular group or persons from all others
12. Impecunious (adj) – having little or no money
13. Cynosure (n) – the center of attraction, attention or interest
14. Deign (v) – to think it appropriate or suitable to one’s dignity to do something
15. Acuity (n) – sharpness, particularly of the mind or senses
16. Esoteric (adj) – intended for or understood by only a select few
17. Coterie (n) – a circle of acquaintances; a close-knit group of people with a common interest
18. Irrefutable (adj) – impossible to disprove; beyond argument
19. Lackadaisical (adj) – lacking spirit or interest
20. Ebullient (adj) – overflowing with enthusiasm and excitement