



**A**

**aberration**

deviation from what is normal or right

Usage: It is an *aberration* if it rains in December

**abeyance**

temporary inactivity or cessation

Usage: For the time being, the plans to build a new house have been kept in *abeyance*

**abominate**

to dislike strongly

Usage: Rahul *abominates* snakes

Synonyms: **abhor, loathe, detest, execrate**

**abjure**

to renounce under oath, give up, reject

Usage: The king *abjured* all his luxuries in favor of a simple lifestyle

**aboriginal (aborigine)**

native or indigenous

Usage: The tribals are the *aborigines* of this land

**abrade (abrasive, abrasion)**

to scrape off, irritating in manner or tone (abrasive)

Usage: His *abrasive* remarks were not approved of by his elders

Synonyms: **graze, chafe**

**abrogate**

to abolish (by formal means)

Usage: The offending paragraphs were *abrogated* from the article

Synonyms: **annul, repeal, rescind**

**repudiate**

to reject as having no authority, to disown, to refuse to acknowledge

Usage: After the fight in the family, the father *repudiated* his own son

**risque**

daringly close to indecency

Usage: *risque* jokes

**rudimentary**

in an undeveloped form

Usage: After birth, many organs are still in *rudimentary* condition

**rueful**

sorrowful, apologetic

Usage: to be *rueful* about one's behaviour and apologize

**S**

**sacrilegious**

not having respect for something sacred

Usage: The demolition of the prayer hall was a *sacrilegious* act

**sagacious**

having sound judgment, wise

Usage: Only a *sagacious* person can take such mature decisions

Synonyms: **astute, sapient, judicious**

**salacious**

grossly indecent or obscene

Usage: a *salacious* act that causes embarrassment

Synonyms: **scurrilous**