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Vocabulary Word Meanings: From Sublime, Subtle to Sententious

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Sublime

adj- of very special quality; noble

Also used as: Sublimely (adv)

Her paintings are simple, yet sublime.

Subtle

adj- hard to see or understand; elusive

Also used as: Subtly- adv; subtlety- noun

The editor's changes were so subtle even the author didn't notice

Symmetry

noun- balance; having a similar appearance on all sides

Also used as: Symmetrical- adj

Rockets need to be symmetrical in order to fly.

Salubrious

adj- promoting health

Also used as: Salubrity- noun

For some people, a day of sailing can have a most salubrious effect.

Sanguine

adj- optimistic; cheerful

Also used as: Sanguineness- noun; sanguinely- adv

Her sanguine outlook was contagious and soon everyone was feeling hopeful.

Sardonic

adj- humorous, but humor tinged with sarcasm or disdain; cynical

Also used as: Sardonic- noun

The movie had a sardonic tone that while funny was also depressing.

Salutary

adj- promoting health or having some beneficial effect

Salubrious

The salutary qualities of garlic have been known for centuries.

Scrupulous

adj- very thorough; or doing what is right and ethical

Also used as: Scrupulousness- noun; scrupulously- adv

Rachel was scrupulous in her search thoroughly examining every book on the subject.

Sectarian

adj limited to the beliefs of a small group such as a religious sect; narrow in scope

Also used as: Sect- noun

Terry had big questions and needed to break free of the sectarian views of her childhood.

Seditious

adj- trying to stir up a revolt against an authority figure

Also used as: Sedition- noun; seditiously- adv

Before and during the revolution many citizens were imprisoned for seditious activity.

Sententious

adj- short and to the point; terse

Also used as: Sententiousness- noun; sententiously- adv

The memo was thoughtlessly sententious offering no explanation.

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