Assessed on September 27. Be prepared to identify them by definition, as well as in the context of a sentence.

Definitions from Merriam-Webster online.

1. **Abject** (adjective) ab-ject \ˈab-jeekt\  
   : extremely bad or severe : very humble : feeling or showing shame : very weak : lacking courage or strength  
   : sunk to or existing in a low state; showing resignation or hopelessness

2. **Bombastic** (adjective) bom-bas-tic \ˈbäm-ˈbas-tik\  
   : marked by or given to bombast : pompous, overblown : high sounding : high-flown : inflated : pretentious

3. **Chagrined** (noun, adjective) cha-grin \ˈsha-ɡrin\  
   : a feeling of being frustrated or annoyed because of failure or disappointment : a keen feeling of mental unease

4. **Circumspect** (adjective) cir-cum-spect \ˈsar-kam-ˌspekt\  
   : thinking carefully about possible risks before doing or saying something

5. **Derisive** (adjective) de-ri-sive \ˈdi-ˈri-siv, -ziv; -ˈri-ziv, -ˈri-siv\  
   : expressing or causing derision (ridicule or scorn) : mocking or jeering in a contemptuous manner

6. **Dogmatic** (adjective) dog-mat-ic \ˈdög-ˌma-tik, däg-\  
   : expressing personal opinions or beliefs as if they are certainly correct and cannot be doubted : marked by fervent partisanship for a person, a cause, or an ideal : ardently active

7. **Edifying** (verb, adjective) ed-i-fy \ˈe-da-ˌfi\  
   : to teach (someone) in a way that improves the mind or character: providing moral or intellectual instruction: instructive

8. **Effervescent** (adjective) ef-fer-ves-cent \ˈe-far-ˌves\-\ˌsan-t\  
   : to show liveliness or exhilaration

9. **Erudite** (adjective) er-u-dite \ˈer-ə-ˌdīt, ˈer-ya-\  
   : having or showing knowledge that is learned by studying : characterized by great knowledge : scholarly or learned

10. **Esoteric** (adjective) es-o-ter-ic \ˈes-ə-ˈter-ik, ˈe-te-rəˌtik\  
    : only taught to or understood by members of a special group : hard to understand : limited to a small number of people

11. **Frenetic** (adjective) fre-net-ic \ˈfrē-ˌnet-ik\  
    : filled with excitement, activity, or confusion : wild or frantic

12. **Haughty** (adjective) haugh-ty \ˈhō-ˌtē, ˈhä-\  
    : having or showing the insulting attitude of people who think that they are better, smarter, or more important than other people

13. **Insolent** (adjective) in-so-lent \ˈin(t)-sə-ˌlant\  
    : rude or impolite : having or showing a lack of respect for other people : showing a rude or arrogant lack of respect: saucy : pert

14. **Lachrymose** (adjective) lach-ry-mose \ˈlach-rəˌmōs\  
    : tending to cause tears : tending to cry often

15. **Laconic** (adjective) la-con-ic \ˈlə-ˈkā-nik\  
    : using few words in speech or writing

16. **Pedantic** (adjective) pe-dan-tic \ˈpē-ˌdan-tik\  
    : of, relating to, or being a pedant (see pedant) : narrowly, stodgily, and often ostentatiously learned : overly concerned with book learning

17. **Sententious** (adjective) sen-men-tious \ˈsen-ˈten(t)-shənz\  
    : having or expressing strong opinions about what people should and should not do

18. **Strident** (adjective) strin-dent \ˈstrī-dənt\  
    : sounding harsh and unpleasant : expressing opinions or criticism in a very forceful and often annoying or unpleasant way : insistent, and discordant sound : commanding attention by a loud or obtrusive quality

19. **Whimsical** (adjective) whim-si-cal \ˈhwim-zə-ˌkal, ˈwim-\  
    : unusual in a playful or amusing way : not serious : capricious : playful in an odd and light-hearted way

20. **Zealous** (adjective) zeal-ous \ˈze-ləs\  
    : feeling or showing strong and energetic support for a person, cause, etc. : filled with zeal: marked by fervent partisanship for a person, a cause, or an ideal; ardently active