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abstruse	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. <i>The professor's lectures were so abstruse that students tended to avoid them.</i>
allusion	The practice of making allusions. <i>A classical allusion.</i>
artful	Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness. <i>An artful choice of metaphors.</i>
complexity	A factor involved in a complicated process or situation. <i>He enjoyed the complexity of modern computers.</i>
covert	Not openly acknowledged or displayed. <i>A woman covert.</i>
crafty	Marked by skill in deception. <i>A crafty crook faked an injury to escape from prison.</i>
cunning	Showing inventiveness and skill. <i>The cunning maneuvers leading to his success.</i>
difficult	Hard to control. <i>A difficult task.</i>
esoteric	Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest. <i>A compilation of esoteric philosophical theories.</i>
esoterica	Esoteric or highly specialized subjects or publications. <i>A professor of such esoterica as angelology and comparative shamanism.</i>
furtive	Secret and sly or sordid- A.L.Guerard. <i>He stole a furtive glance at her.</i>
guile	Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception. <i>He used all his guile and guts to free himself from the muddle he was in.</i>

impalpable	Not easily comprehended. <i>How would anyone come to a decision about something so impalpable as personhood.</i>
ingenious	Showing inventiveness and skill. <i>An ingenious solution to the problem.</i>
<u>innuendo</u>	An indirect (and usually malicious) implication. <i>A constant torrent of innuendo gossip lies and half truths.</i>
<u>insidious</u>	Beguiling but harmful. <i>Insidious pleasures.</i>
<u>intangible</u>	An intangible thing. <i>Intangible business property like patents.</i>
<u>manipulative</u>	Exercising unscrupulous control or influence over a person or situation. <i>A manipulative skill.</i>
nuance	Give nuances to. <i>Without understanding the finer nuances you can't enjoy the humor.</i>
<u>obscure</u>	Make obscure or unclear. <i>I feel an obscure resentment.</i>
recondite	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. <i>Some recondite problem in historiography.</i>
<u>secretive</u>	(of a state or activity) characterized by the concealment of intentions and information. <i>A secretive smile.</i>
<u>sly</u>	Marked by skill in deception. <i>A sly sip of water.</i>
<u>subtle</u>	Capable of making fine distinctions. <i>Subtle lighting.</i>
<u>subtlety</u>	A subtle distinction, feature, or argument. <i>You had to admire the subtlety of the distinctions he drew.</i>
<u>tricky</u>	Marked by skill in deception. <i>Applying eyeliner can be a tricky business.</i>
undercurrent	A subdued emotional quality underlying an utterance; implicit meaning. <i>Racial undercurrents.</i>
<u>undertone</u>	A pale or subdued color. <i>Spoke in undertones.</i>
<u>vague</u>	Lacking clarity or distinctness. <i>Vague forms of speech have so long passed for mysteries of science.</i>

wily

Marked by skill in deception.
A **wily** old attorney.

