*TFA* List 1

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1. Harmattan noun =a dry, dusty wind that blows from the Sahara to the Atlantic coast of Africa during the cool months

2. Improvident adj =lacking foresight or thrift

3. Kite noun =a bird of the hawk family

4. Kola noun =an African tree whose nuts contain caffeine and yield a flavorful extract

5. Cowries noun =brightly colored glossy mollusk shells used as money in parts of Africa and Asia

6. Oracle noun =a person or place believed to reveal messages from a god or spirit

7. Imperious adj =overbearing; arrogant; domineering

8. Emissary noun =a person sent on a mission

9. Interim noun =a period of time between; meantime

10. Tendrils noun =the threadlike parts of climbing plants

11. Abomination noun =something hateful and disgusting

12. Cassava noun (kah SAW va) =a tropical plant with edible, starchy roots

13. Sisal noun (SIGh sl) =a tropical plant whose leaves produce a fiber used in making rope

14. Luxuriant adj =flowing abundantly; lush; teeming

15. Tubers noun =the thick, fleshy parts of underground stems, such as potatoes.

16. Brusqueness noun =curtness; rough and abrupt in manner

17. Atone v =to make amends

18. Exacting adj =demanding; difficult

19. Poignant adj = emotionally moving

20. Calabashes noun =the dried, hollow shells of a tropical gourd-like fruit, used for bowls or cups

21. Foo-foo noun =an African food made from boiled and mashed yam, cassava, or plantain

22. Pottage noun =think soup or stew of vegetables with or without meat

23. Grandees noun =people of high rank

Feign verb =to pretend

Entrails noun =inner organs; intestines; gut

Tentative adj =hesitant; uncertain

Kindred adj =if the same ancestry

Harbinger noun =a person or thing that announces what will follow

Plantains noun =a coarse, starchy fruit from a banana-type tree, served as a cooked vegetable

Raffia-palm noun =a palm tree whose leave yield a fiber used in making baskets, hates, etc.

Coiffure noun =hairdo

Amiss adj =wrong faulty improper

Agility noun = quickness and ease of movement

Pandemonium noun =wild disorder, noise or confusion

Esoteric adj =intended for a chosen few

Approbation noun =approval

Saltpeter noun =potassium nitrate, a colorless crystal used in medicines, fertilizers, preservatives and gun powder

Voluble adj =talkative

Eloquent adj =graceful and persuasive in speech or writing

Insipient adj. =just beginning to exist or come to notice

Tether verb = tie

Lamentation noun =an expression of grief, as by weeping and wailing

Tremulous adj =trembling; quivering

Brandishing noun =the act of waving or shaking something in a menacing or excited manner

Guttural adj. =harsh; rasping; referring to a sound produced in the throat.

Diffuse verb =spread widely

Affirmation noun =the act of saying yes

Ominous adj =threatening; sinister; resembling an evil omen

Derisive adj =expressing ridicule, mockery or scorn

Callow adj =lacking adult sophistication; immature

Devoid adj =lacking; empty of

Fetishes noun =objects believed to have magical power

Impudent adj. =incautious; unwise

Miscreant adj. =criminal; wicked; monstrous; unbelieving or heretical

Caste noun =a restrictive an exclusive social or occupational class or group

Adherents noun =believers; followers

Emanation noun =Something that comes forth from a source

Debar verb =to exclude from some right or privilege; to prohibit or prevent

Irreparable adj =unable to be repaired

Resilient adj =able to bounce back or recover quickly

Buoyant adj =cheerful lighthearted

Dispensation noun =a system especially a religious one

Amulets noun =objects worn for magical protection; charms

Imminent adj = likely to happen soon; impending

Discordant adj =not in harmony; clashing

Sonorous adj. =having a full, deep, rich sound

Warder noun =guard; a warden

Pacification noun =achieving or restoring peace; the act of neutralizing people in occupied area