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**Abruptly**  (uhbruhptlee) *adverb*  Quickly and without warning.

**Aloof**  (uhloof) *adjective, adverb*  
1. Unwilling to become involved with other people or events.  
2. To be distant or not friendly.

**Anguished**  (aNGgwihsht) *adjective, verb*  anguish is a feeling of great physical or mental pain. The look on Lennie’s face would show the mental pain he feels at the thought of George leaving him.

**Apprehensive**  (aprihhEHnsihv) *adjective*  anxious or in fear or dread of possible evil or harm.

**Averted**  (uhvurtuhd)  
1: to turn away;  
2: to keep from happening

**Bemused**  (bihmyoozd) *adjective, verb*  Cause to be confused emotionally.

**Bewildered**  (bihwihldurd) *adjective, verb*  confused; filled with uncertainty.

**Brusquely**  (bruhsklee) *adverb*  In a blunt direct manner.

**Calculating**  (kalkyuhlaytihNG) *adjective*  careful, thinking as if to figure something out

**Contemplated**  (kontuhmplaytihd) *verb*  To contemplate something is to think about it. Lennie is thinking about running away.

**Contemptuously**  (kuhntEHmpchwuhslee) *adjective,adverb*  Without respect; in a disdainful manner.  
"she spoke of him contemptuously"

**Contorted**  (kuhntawrtuhd) *adjective, verb*  Twist and press out of shape.

**Cowering**  (kouurihNG)  
1. Crouch or curl up.  
2. Shrinking or flinching in fear.

**Craftily**  
skilled in or marked by underhandedness, deviousness, or deception

**Dejectedly**  *adverb*  sadly or in a depressed manner
Derision  (durihzhuhn) noun  the use of ridicule or scorn to show contempt

Derogatory  (duroguhtawree) adjective  Expressive of low opinion. "derogatory comments"

Disengage  (dihsihngayj) verb  Release from something that holds fast, connects, or entangles. "I want to disengage myself from his influence" "disengage the gears"

Dusky  adjective  1. Lighted by or as if by twilight.  2. half dark, as when night is coming

Elaborate  (ihlabruht) adjective  Having many details; complicated. "an elaborate lace pattern"

Euchre  (yookur)  A card game similar to ecarte; each player is dealt 5 cards and the player making trump must take 3 tricks to win a hand.

Fawning  (fawnihNG)  Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery.

Gingham  (gihNGuhm) noun  A clothing fabric in a plaid weave

Gravity  (gravuhtee) noun  1. A manner that is serious and solemn.  2. A solemn and dignified feeling.

Haunches  noun  The hindquarter of a human or animal

Hovered  (huhvurd)  1. Be undecided about something; waver between conflicting positions or courses of action.  2. Move to and fro.

Indignation  (ihndihgnayshuhn) noun  A feeling of righteous anger.

Jeering  (jeerihNG)  Making fun of; laughing at; mocking; ridiculing.

Mauled  (mawld)  Injure badly by beating.

Meager  (meegur) adjective  Small amount or quality or extent; barely adequate.

Mimicking  (mihmihkhihNG) verb  Imitate (a person, a manner, etc.), especially for satirical effect.
Monotonous  (muhnotuhnuhs) adjective   1. Sounded or spoken in a tone unvarying in pitch.  "the owl's faint monotonous hooting"  2. boring because it's all the same

Mottled  (motuhld) adjective   Mark with spots or blotches of different color or shades of color as if stained.

Ominously  (omuhnuhslee) adverb   Menacing; threatening; ominous black clouds; ominous rumblings of discontent.

Periscope  (pEHruhskohp) noun   An optical instrument that provides a view of an otherwise obstructed field.

Persuasive  (purswaysihv) adjective   Capable of convincing by reason, appeal, entreaty, or debate to a new position or course of action. "a persuasive argument"

Pugnacious  (puhgnashihs) adjective   1. Tough and callous by virtue of experience. 2. Ready and able to resort to force or violence.

Receptive  (rihsEHptihv) adjective   1. Ready or willing to receive favorably. "receptive to the proposals"  2. Open to new ideas or suggestions.

Recumbent   adjective   Lying down; in a position of comfort or rest.

Reprehensible  (rEHprihhEHnsuhbuhl) adjective   deserving blame or punishment; worthy of blame

Sarcastically  (sorkastihklee) adverb   In an ironical manner expressing one thing and meaning the opposite.

Scornful  (skawrnfuhl) adjective   1. To treat someone as if they are not as good as you are.  2. Expressing extreme dislike and anger.

Scourges  (skurjihz)   Something causes misery or death.

Scuddesed   verb   to move swiftly; move away quickly

Skeptically  (skEHptihkuhlee)   To be skeptical is doubt or question something. George is doubting that the bunk house, and especially his mattress, is really clean

Subsided  (suhbsiiddihd) verb   Wear off or die down.  "The pain subsided"
**Sulkily** 1. Gloomy, dark, or depressing; such as weather 2. In a pouting or sad manner.

**Sullenly**  sad; in a depressing and gloomy way

**Tart** (tort) *noun, adjective* a woman of loose morals; one who is prone to be sexually unfaithful.

**Writhed**  *adjective, verb* to twist, as in pain, struggle, or embarrassment