

Words to Describe Diction

abstract	learned
academic	loaded
ambiguous	lyrical
biting	melodious
bombastic	monosyllabic
brusque	nostalgic
cacophonous	obscene
casual	obscure
caustic	offensive
concrete	ordinary
colloquial	ornate
colorful	passionate
common	patriotic
connotative	pedantic
cultured	picturesque
crisp	plain
curt	poetic
denotative	political
detached	polysyllabic
divisive	precise
emotional	pretentious
esoteric	provincial
euphemistic	romantic
euphonious	scholarly
everyday	sentimental
exact	shocking
fanciful	sincere
flowery	slang
figurative	subdued
folksy	symbolic
formal	tame
grandiose	technical
idiomatic	trite
inflammatory	unifying
inflated	uppity
informal	vague
insincere	vulgar
jargon	

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