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| Surreptitious | Kept secret, esp. because it would not be approved of |
| Veto | a forbidding of something by a person in authority |
| Transfiguration | a great change of form or appearance; especially : a change that beautifies, glorifies, or makes more spiritual |
| Disingenuous | Not showing innocent or childlike simplicity or straightforwardness |
| Exacerbate | to make more violent, bitter, or severe |
| Veritable | being in fact the thing named and not false, unreal, or imaginary —often used to stress the aptness of a metaphor ‘veritable genius’ |
| Exonerate | to relieve of a responsibility, obligation, or hardship |
| Typify | to represent in typical fashion : to constitute a typical mark or instance of <realism…that typified his earlier work |
| Verbatim | in the exact words : word for word quoted the speech |
| Placate | soothe or mollify especially by concessions : appease |