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Harvard cognitive scientist who writes about the mind and language with crystalline clarity while never shying from the precisely right polysyllabic word.

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Power Words used by Steven Pinker

#	Word	Definition / Example
2	cognition	n. the mental act or process by which knowledge is acquired or processed; the result of this process "Language is a biological adaptation for cognition."
3	computational	n. the act or process of computing "The brain operates on computational principles."
4	entropy	n. a thermodynamic measure of the amount of energy unavailable for useful work in a system undergoing change a measure of the degree of disorder in a substance or a system "Life is a struggle against the tide of entropy."
5	paradigm	n. a pattern; example; or model an overall concept accepted by most people in an intellectual community; as those in one of the natural sciences; because of its effectiveness in explaining a complex process; idea; or set of dataGram. an example of "A shift in the scientific paradigm is rare but vital."

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