abase  lower; degrade; humiliate; make humble; make (oneself) lose self-respect
 Ramsey  embarrass
 abash  subside or moderate
 abbreviate  shorten
 abdicate  renounce; give up (position, right, or responsibility)
 aberrant  abnormal or deviant
 aberration  deviation from the normal; mental disorder
 abet  assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage
 abeyance  suspended action
 abjure  renounce upon oath
 ablation  washing
 abnegation  renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation
 abolish  cancel; put an end to
 abominate  loathe; hate
 abominable  detestable; extremely unpleasant
 aboriginal  being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native; indigenous; N. aborigine
 abortive  unsuccessful; fruitless
 abrasive  rubbing away; tending to grind down
 abridge  condense or shorten
 abrogate  abolish
 abscission  cutting off; separation
 abscond  depart secretly and hide
 absolute  complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/ruler; CF. absolutism
 absolve  pardon (an offense)
 abstain  refrain; withhold from participation; intentionally not use one’s vote; 기권하다
 abstemious  sparing in eating and drinking; temperate
 abstinence  restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF. abstention: act of abstaining from vote
 abstract  theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational
 representational  (of a style of art) showing things as they actually appear in real life
 absurd  obscure; profound; difficult to understand
 abusive  coarsely insulting; physically harmful
 abut  border upon; adjoin
 abyssal  bottomless
 abyss  enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit
 academic  related to a school; not practical or directly useful
 accede  agree
 accelerate  move faster
 accessible  easy to approach; obtainable
 accessory  additional object; useful but not essential thing
 acclaim  applaud; praise; greet with great approval; announce with great approval; Ex. The new drug has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N: strong expression of approval and praise
 acclimate  adjust to climate or environment; adapt
 acclivity  sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity
 accolade  award of merit; strong praise and approval
 merit  good quality deserving praise; merits: aspect of character or behavior deserving approval or disapproval; Ex. judge each plan on its own merits; V: deserve; earn
 demerit  fault; bad quality
 earn  gain for the performance of service or labor; gain (something that one deserves); deserve
 accommodate  oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodative; CF. accommodating: helpful and obliging
 accomplice  partner in crime
 accord  agreement
 accost  approach and speak first to a person
 accouter  equip; N. accoutrement
 accretion  growth or increase in size by gradual addition; growth; increase; increase by natural growth; Ex. towers and other accretions of the castle; V. accrete
 accrue  come to one as a gain; accumulate over time; come about by addition; Ex. benefits that accrue from scientific research; Ex. interest accruing in a bank account; N. accrual
 acerbity  bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic: bitter; acrid (in taste, manner, or tone)
 bitter  having a sharp biting taste; 심하게: causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter wind/sorrow/tears
 biting  sharply painful to the body or mind; Ex. biting wind/remarks
 acetic  vinegar
 acidulous  slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic
 acknowledge  recognize; admit
 acme  peak; pinnacle; highest point
 acoustics  science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in
 acquiesce  assent; agree passively; comply without protest
**acquittal** deliverance from a charge; V. acquit: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner

**acrid** bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent

**acrimonious** stinging; caustic; bitter in words or manner; N. acrimony: bitter ill-natured animosity in speech or behavior

**acrophobia** fear of heights

**actuarial** calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics

**actuary** someone who advises insurance companies

**actuate** motivate; activate; cause to act

**acuity** sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)

**acumen** mental keenness; sharpness of judgment; ability to judge quickly and well; Ex. business acumen

**acute** (of the senses) sharp; quickly perceptive; keen; penetrating; brief and severe; Ex. acute sense of smell/analysis/pain

**adage** wise saying; proverb

**adage** adage; someone or something well known for notoriety; ADJ. proverbial: of a proverb; widely known; ADV. proverbially

**adamant** hard; inflexible

**adapt** make or become suitable for a specific use; alter; modify; adjust; N. adaptation: act of adapting; composition recast into a new form; Ex. The play is an adaption of a short novel.

**addendum** addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)

**addiction** compulsive habitual need

**addle** make or become confused; muddle; drive crazy; become rotten (egg)

**address** direct a speech to; speak to; deal with or discuss; direct one’s efforts or attention to; make with a destination; N: formal speech

**adhere** stick fast; be a devout follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty

**adherent** supporter; follower

**adjacent** adjoining; neighboring; close by

**adjourn** suspend until a later time; move from one place to another

**adjunct** something attached to but holding an inferior position

**adjuration** solemn urging; V. adjure: entreat earnestly; enjoin solemnly

**adjudicant** staff officer assisting the commander; assistant

**admonish** warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove

**adore** love deeply and respect highly

**adorn** decorate

**adroit** skillful (in using mind or hand)
adulation  flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved
adulterate  make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted(contaminated) substances
advent  arrival
adventitious  accidental; casual; happening by chance
adversary  opponent; enemy
adverse  going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile
adversity  great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event
advertising  refer
advocacy  support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something
advocate  speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for
aegis  shield; protection; defense
aerie(aery,eyrie,eyry)  nest of a large bird of prey
aesthetic  artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful (of a person or building); CF. aesthete; CF. aesthetics
affable  easily approachable; easy to talk to; warmly friendly
affected  artificial; pretended
affidavit  written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)
affiliation  joining; associating with
affinity  feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages
affirmation  positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath; V. affirm; ADJ. affirmative; CF. affirmative action: positive discrimination
affliction  state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V. afflict: inflict grievous suffering on
affluence  abundance; wealth
affront  insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect; V: insult or hurt the feelings intentionally
agape  openmouthed
agenda  items of business at a meeting
agglomeration  collection; heap; V. agglomerate: gather into a rounded mass; N. agglomerate: jumbled mass; heap
aggrandize  make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement
aggregate  sum; total; ADJ. V: gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars
aghast  filled with great surprise or fear; horrified
agility  nimbleness; ability to move quickly
agitape  stir up; disturb
agnostic  one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality
agog  highly excited; intensely curious
agrarian  pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform
alacrity  cheerful promptness without reluctance
alchemy  medieval chemistry
alcove  nook; recess
alias  an assumed name esp. by a criminal (usually to mislead people); ADV. alias
alienate  make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of
alimentary  supplying nourishment
alimony  payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce
allay  calm; pacify
allege  state without proof
allegiance  loyalty
allegory  story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable
alleviate  relieve (pain)
alliteration  repetition of beginning sound in poetry
allocate  assign; set apart for a particular purpose
alocate  set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose
earmark  set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose
siren  apparatus for making sounds; womanlike creature
alluvial  pertaining to soil deposits left by running water
aloof  apart; not open in one’s relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.
alight  upward; high up in the air
altercation  noisy quarrel
altruistic  unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism
amalgamate  (of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body
amalgam  combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth
amass  collect (gradually, in a very large amount)
amazon  female warrior
ambidextrous  capable of using either hand with equal ease
**ambience** environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding; Ex. ambient temperature

**ambiguous** unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation

**ambivalence** the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes or opinions

**amble** walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly

♠ **ambrosia** food of the gods

♥ **nectar** drink of the gods; sweet liquid collected by bees

**ambulatory** able to walk

**ameliorate** improve

**amenable** obedient; compliant; readily managed; responsive; willing to be led; answerable or accountable legally; responsible; able to be tested by; Ex. amenable to sensible suggestions; Ex. He is very amenable; Ex. amenable to the usual tests

**amend** correct; change; generally for the better
☐ amoral nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong

☐ amiable agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly

☐ amicable peaceful; politely friendly; not quarrelsome; Ex. amicable settlement

♠ amiss wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.

☐ amity friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations

☐ amnesia loss of memory

☐ amnesty pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)

☐ amoral nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong

☐ amorous moved by sexual love; loving; of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances

☐ amorphous formless; lacking shape or definition

☐ amphibian able to live both on land and in water; N.

☐ amphitheater oval building with tiers of seats; CF. arena

♠ ample enough; abundant; spacious; large in size; Ex. ample opportunity/garden; N. amplitude: quality of being ample; abundance; largeness of space

☐ amplify increase in size or effect; expand; broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger; Ex. amplify one’s remarks with a graph

♠ amputate cut off part of body; prune (a limb)

♠ amok(amuck) in a state of rage; Ex. run amok

♠ amulet charm; talisman; an object worn believed to protect against evil, bad luck

☐ anachronism an error involving time in a story; something or someone misplaced in time; ADJ. anachronistic

♠ analgesic causing insensitivity to pain; N.

♥ analgesia condition of being unable to feel pain

☐ analogous comparable; similar

☐ analogy similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things

☐ anarchist person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority

☐ anarchy absence of governing body; state of disorder

♠ anathema solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse; V. anathematize

☐ ancestry family descent; ADJ. ancestral

☐ anchor secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage

☐ ancillary serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary; N.

☐ anecdote short story of an amusing or interesting event

☐ anemia condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic

☐ anesthetic substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness; N. anesthesia

☐ anguish acute pain; extreme suffering

☐ angular sharp-cornered; having an angle; not rounded (body); bony; lean; gaunt; stiff in manner

☐ animadversion critical remark; V. animadvert: comment critically with disapproval

☐ animated lively; spirited

☐ animosity active enmity

♠ animus hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition

☐ annals records arranged in yearly parts; history

☐ anneal reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)

☐ annex attach; add to a large thing; take possession of; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force); N: building added to a large one

☐ annihilate destroy

☐ annotate comment; make explanatory notes

☐ annuity yearly allowance

☐ annul make void

♥ elope run away secretly with the intention of getting married

♠ anodyne drug that relieves pain or trouble; 진통제; opiate; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement

☐ anoint consecrate; put oil on (in a religious ceremony)

☐ anomalous abnormal; irregular

☐ anomaly irregularity

☐ anonymity state of being nameless; anonymity; ADJ. anonymous

☐ antagonism hostility; active opposition; V. antagonize: cause to become an enemy; N. antagonist: person who is opposed to another; opponent; adversary; principal character in opposition to the protagonist

♥ protagonist leader or noticeable supporter of an idea; chief character in a play or story

☐ antecedent precede

☐ antecedents preceding events that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background

☐ antediluvian antiquated; extremely ancient

♠ anthem song of praise or patriotism; Ex. national anthem

♠ anthology book of literary selections by various authors; CF. omnibus

☐ anthropoid manlike; resembling a human being; N.

☐ anthropologist student of the history and science of mankind

☐ anthropomorphic having human form or characteristics

☐ anticlimax letdown in thought or emotion; something unexciting, ordinary, or disappointing coming after something important or exciting
antidote remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles

antipathy aversion; dislike or opposition

antiquated obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated

antique made in an earlier period and usu. valuable; N: object that was made in an earlier period and that is rare or valuable

antiquity quality of being very old; ancient times; 고대

antiseptic substance that prevents infection in a wound; ADJ.

antithesis contrast; direct opposite of or to; ADJ. antithetic or antithetical

antler bony growth on the head of a deer

anvil iron block used in hammering out metals

apathy lack of caring; indifference; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Ex. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; ADJ. apathetic

ape imitate or mimic (a person’s behavior or manner)

aperture opening; hole; adjustable opening in a camera that limits the amount of light

apex tip; summit; climax; highest point

aphasia loss of speech due to injury or illness

aphorism pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic

apiary a place where bees are kept

hive box for bees; V: cause to go in a hive

apiculture bee-keeping

apist person who keeps bees

aplomb poise; composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence

poise good judgment with composure; balance; V: place in a carefully balanced position

apocalyptic prophetic; pertaining to revelations especially of disaster; N. apocalypse

apocryphal (of a story) widely believed but untrue

apogee highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP. perigee

apolitical having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs

apologist one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia

apoplexy stroke; loss of consciousness caused by too much blood in the brain

apostate one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs; N. apostasy

apotocary druggist; pharmacist
apotegm (apophthegm) pithy, compact saying
apotheosis elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something
apall dismay; shock deeply
apparition ghost; phantom
appease pacify or soothe; Ex. appease a crying baby; N. appeasement
appellation name; title
append attach
application diligent attention; diligence; V. apply oneself
apposite appropriate; fitting
appraise estimate value of; N. appraisal
appreciate be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of; ADJ. appreciable: enough to be felt; Ex. appreciable difference
apprehend arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive; N. apprehension
apprehensive fearful; discerning
apprise inform
approbation approval
appropriate acquire; take possession of for one's own use without permission; set aside for a particular purpose; allocate; CF. misappropriate
appurtenances subordinate possessions; something added to a more important thing
apropos with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.
aptitude fitness; talent
aquiline curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex. aquiline nose
arable fit for growing crops; Ex. arable land
arbiter person with power to decide a matter in dispute; judge who is in a position of make influential judgments; Ex. supreme arbiter of fashion in beachwear
arbitrary unreasonable or capricious; random; tyrannical; Ex. arbitrary ruler
arbitrate act as judge (at the request of both sides)
arboretum place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited
arboreal of or living in trees
arcade a covered passageway usually lined with shops
arcane esoteric; secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated; Ex. arcane ritual; Ex. arcane process closed to the uninitiated listener
archaeology study of artifacts and relics of early mankind
archaic antiquated; no longer used; belonging to the past; N.
archetype prototype; primitive pattern
archipelago group of closely located islands
archives public records; place where public records are kept
ardor heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent
arduous hard; strenuous; Ex. arduous work
argot slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people
aria operatic solo; a song sung by one person in an opera or oratorio
arid (of land) dry; barren; unproductive
aristocracy hereditary nobility; privileged class; government by nobility; N. aristocrat
armada fleet of warships
aromatic fragrant; having a sweet smell; N. aroma: strong pleasant smell
arraign charge in court; indict
array marshal; draw up in order; arrange in order; clothe splendidly; adorn; N: fine clothes; ordered group; Ex. in battle array
arrears being in debt; money that should have been paid; work that should have been done
arrhythmic lacking rhythm or regularity; N. arrhythmia
arrogance pride; haughtiness; ADJ. arrogant: unpleasantly self-important (with a strong confidence in one's own importance and a lack of respect for other people)
arroyo gully; narrow channel formed by rainwater
artery blood-vessel; CF. vein
articulate effective; distinct; expressing ideas clearly; having clear sounds; having joints; Ex. articulate speech; V: express thoughts and feeling clearly; pronounce clearly; unite by joints
arsenal storage place for military equipment
artifacts object made by human beings, either handmade or mass-produced
artifice deception; trickery
artisan a manually skilled worker
artless without guile; open and honest
ascendancy controlling influence; position of controlling influence; CF. in the ascendancy
ascertain find out for certain; make certain
ascetic practicing self-denial; avoiding physical pleasures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism
ascertain refer; attribute; assign
aseptic preventing infection; having a cleansing effect
ashen ash-colored; deadly pale
asinine stupid; Ex. asinine remarks
askance with a sideways or indirect look (with disapproval or distrust); Ex. look askance at
askew crookedly; slanted; at an angle
asperity sharpness; roughness; severity (of temper or weather); Ex. asperities of a Russian winter

aspersion slanderous remark; Ex. cast aspersions on

aspirant seeker after position or status

aspire seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the leadership

assail assault

assay analyze (to discover what materials are present); evaluate (soil or ore)

assert agree; accept; N. assessment

assert state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful action); Ex. assert one’s independence

assiduous diligent

assimilate absorb; take (food) into the body and digest it; understand (knowledge) completely and be able to use properly; cause to become homogeneous (the people of a country or race in the way of behaving or thinking)

assuage make less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)

assumption something taken for granted; the taking over or taking possession of; Ex. her assumption of power; V. assume

regent a person who governs in place of a ruler who is ill, absent, or still a child; ADJ. Ex. the Prince regent

assurance firm statement that something is certainly true; promise or pledge; certainty; confidence in one’s own ability; self-confidence; Ex. In spite of all his assurances, he did not come back; Ex. assurance of his loyalty; Ex. The teacher lacked assurance in front of his class; V. assure; tell firmly with confidence; ensure; make (something) certain to happen; make (someone) feel sure; give confidence to; ADJ. assured: self-assured; confident in one’s own ability; showing certainty

asteroid small planet

astigmatism eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP. stigmatism
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♠ astral relating to the stars

☐ astringent binding; causing contraction (stopping bleeding); harsh or severe; stringent; Ex. astringent criticism

☐ astronomical enormously large or extensive

☐ astute wise; shrewd; keen; seeing quickly something that is to one’s advantage

♠ asunder into parts; apart; V. sunder

☐ asylum place of refuge or shelter; protection (religious or political)

☐ asymmetric not identical on both sides of a dividing central line

♠ atavism resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; reversion to an earlier type; throwback; ADJ. atavistic

☐ atheistic denying the existence of God; N. atheism

☐ atone make amends for; pay for; Ex. atone for

☐ atrocity brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious

☐ atrophy wasting away; V: weaken and lose flesh and muscle (through lack of blood or lack of use)

☐ attentive alert and watchful; listening carefully; paying attention; considerate; thoughtful; politely helpful; Ex. attentive audience; Ex. He was attentive to the old lady; N. attentions: act of courtesy and consideration

☐ attenuate make thin; weaken

☐ attest testify; bear witness

☐ attribute essential quality; V: ascribe; explain

☐ attrition rubbing away by friction; gradual decrease in numbers or strength; reduction in the work force without firing employees; wearing away of opposition by means of harassment; Ex. a war of attrition

♠ atypical not normal; not typical

☐ audacious daring; bold; N. audacity

☐ audit examination of accounts of a business; official examination; V.

☐ augment increase; add to

♠ augury omen; prophecy; sign of coming events; V. augur: predict; foretell; be a sign of (something in future)

☐ august impressive; majestic

♠ aureole sun’s corona; halo; bright circle of light

♠ auroral pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. aurora australis

☐ auspicious favoring success; giving signs of future success; CF. auspices

☐ austere forbiddingly stern; ascetic; without comfort or enjoyment; severely simple and unfurnished; Ex. a monk’s austere life; Ex. austere grandeur of the cathedral; N. austerity

☐ authenticate prove genuine

☐ authoritative having the weight of authority; regarded as providing knowledge that can be trusted; reliable; peremptory and dictatorial; Ex. authoritative dictionary/manner; CF. definitive

☐ autocratic having absolute unchecked power; dictatorial; N. autocrat, autocracy

☐ automaton mechanism that imitates actions of humans; machine that works by itself

☐ autonomous self-governing; N. autonomy

☐ autopsy examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.

☐ auxiliary offering or providing help; additional or subsidiary; N: helper; assistant

☐ avalanche great mass of falling snow and ice

☐avarice greediness for wealth

☐ avenge take vengeance for something or on behalf of someone; Ex. They avenged his death by burning the village; Ex. He swore to avenge his brother; Ex. They avenged themselves on their enemy.

☐ aver state confidently; declare as true

☐ averse reluctant; disinclined; not liking or opposed; Ex. averse to cats / doing the house work

☐ aversion firm dislike

☐ avert prevent; avoid; turn away (eyes or thought); Ex. An accident was averted by his quick thinking; Ex. She averted her eyes from the terrible sight.

☐ aviary enclosure for birds; large cage

♠ avid greedy; extremely eager for; Ex. avid learner; N. avidity

☐ avocation secondary or minor occupation

☐ avow declare openly; N. avowal

☐ avuncular of or like an uncle

☐ awe solemn wonder; feeling of respect mixed with wonder and fear; V: fill with awe; ADJ. awesome

♥ awful terrible; very bad

♠ awl pointed tool used for piercing

♠ awry distorted; crooked; bent; Ex. Our plans have gone awry.

☐ axiom self-evident truth requiring no proof

♠ azure sky blue

♠ babble chatter idly or foolishly; make continuous sounds like water running gently over rounded stone; N.

♠ bacchanalian drunken

♥ bacchanal noisy party with a lot of drinking

♥ Bacchanalia the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus

♠ badger pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N: a kind of mountain animal
badinage  teasing conversation; banter; joking talk

baffle  frustrate; perplex

bait  harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other lure used to catch fish or trap animals

baleful  evil; malignant in intent or effect; deadly; having a malign influence; portending evil; ominous; threatening; Ex. baleful look

balk  stop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil; stop or get in the way of; frustrate

ballast  heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast

balm  something that relieves pain; oily liquid with a pleasant smell from trees

pang  sudden sharp feeling of pain

balmy  soft and mild (of air); fragrant

banal  hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd

bandy  discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words) heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words with

bane  poison; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous

bantering  joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N.V. banter

barb  sharp projection from fishhook, arrow, or other object; openly cutting remark
bard poet
barefaced shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; unconcealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie
unregenerate making no attempt to change one’s bad practices
baroque highly ornate
barrage barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex. a barrage of criticism
barrister counselor-at-law or lawyer in the higher court of law; CF. bar
solicitor lawyer in the lower court of law
barterer trader; V. barter: trade; exchange good for other goods rather than money
bask luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth
luxuriate take pleasure in great comfort
bastion stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism
bale let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF. abate
bauble trinket; cheap jewel; trifle
bawdy indecent; obscene; about sex in a rude funny way; CF. bawd
beatific giving or showing bliss; blissful
bliss complete happiness; ADJ. blissful
beatitude blessedness; state of great happiness
mystic of hidden meaning and spiritual power; Ex. mystic ceremonies; N. CF. mysticism
bedizen dress with vulgar finery
finery beautiful clothes for a special occasion
bedraggle wet thoroughly; ADJ. bedraggled: draggled
beeline direct quick route
befuddle confuse thoroughly
fuddle make stupid or confused as with alcholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused
beget father; become the father of; produce; give rise to
begrule envy; give or allow unwillingly; grudge; Ex. We shouldn’t begrudge him his success.
grudge deep feeling of dislike; Ex. grudge fight; V.
beguile deceive; mislead or delude; cheat; pass time pleasantly; charm or attract; Ex. beguiling smile
behemoth huge creature; something of monstrous size or power
beholden obligated; indebted; owing thanks; obliged or indebted from gratitude
behoove(behove) be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary; Ex. It behooves one to do.
belabor harp on; dwell on tediously; explain or go over excessively or to a ridiculous degree; assail verbally; beat severely; attack physically
belated delayed
beleaguer besiege or attack (with an army); harass; beset
belie contradict; give a false impression; disguise; Ex. The poor sales belied our high hopes; Ex. Her smile betrays her true feeling of displeasure.
belittle disparage; depreciate
bellicose warlike
belligerent quarrelsome
bemoan lament; moan for; express sorrow or disapproval of
bemused confused; lost in thought; preoccupied
benediction blessing
benefactor gift giver; patron; person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose
beneficent kindly; doing good
beneficial helpful; useful; advantageous
beneficiary person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will
benefit advantage; anything that brings help, advantage, or profit; money provided by the government to the people; fund-raising public entertainment; Ex. unemployment benefit; V. receive benefits; be beneficial to; give benefits
benevolent generous; charitable; having a wish to do good
benign kindly; favorable; not malignant (disease); Ex. benign tumor
benison blessing
bent determined; Ex. bent on advancing in the business; N. natural talent or inclination
bequeath leave to someone by means of a will; hand down in his will; N. bequest
berate scold strongly
bereavement state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved; state of being bereaved or bereft
bereaved deprived of (someone beloved through death)
bereft deprived of (something valuable); lacking
berserk mad with violent anger; frenzied; madly excited
beseech beg; plead with
beset harass or trouble from all directions; hem in
hem surround tightly so that movement is impossible; Ex. hem in; N.
besiege surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually
besmirch soil; defile; make dirty
bestial beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel
bestow confer
betoken signify; indicate; be a sign of
token outward sign; Ex. a token of our gratitude
betray be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly); Ex. Her trembling hands betray her anxiety.
betroth become engaged to marry
bevy large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets
bicameral two-chambered as a legislative body
bicker quarrel
biennial every two years
bifurcated divided into two branches; forked
bigotry stubborn intolerance
bigot one who is intolerant (in matters of religion or politics)
intolerant not willing to accept ways of thinking different from one’s own; CF. tolerant; CF. tolerate
belligerent suffering from indigestion; sick from having too much bile; irritable; easily irritated
bilk swindle; cheat
billowing swelling out in waves; surging
billow large wave of water; a great swell or surge (of smoke); V: surge, swell, roll in billows
swell long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V.
surge powerful movement of or like a wave; V.
bivouac temporary encampment; camp without tents; V.
bizarre fantastic; violently contrasting; noticeably odd; strikingly unconventional
blanch bleach; whiten; make white or pale
bland soothing or mild (food); agreeable; causing no trouble or offence
blandishment flattery
blare loud or harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light
screech unpleasant high sharp sound; shriek; V.
dazzle make blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder
blasé bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored
blasphemy irreverence; sacrilege; cursing; bad language about God or holy things; V: blaspem; ADJ: blasphemous; CF: sacrilege
blatant extremely (offensively) obvious; loudly offensive; Ex. blatant lie; N. blatancy
bleak cold or cheerless; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing
blighted suffering from a disease; destroyed
blight plant disease; V: infect with blight; ruin; destroy
blithe gay; joyous
bloated (unpleasantly) swollen or puffed as with water or air
blowhard talkative boaster; braggart
bludgeon club; heavy-headed weapon; V.
bluff pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff; ADJ: rough but good-natured
blunder error; stupid mistake
blurt utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement
bluster blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptily; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; CF. breeze, gust, gale
bully one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.
bode foreshadow; portend
bogus counterfeit; not authentic; intentionally false; Ex. bogus interview
bohemian unconventional (in an artistic way)
boisterous violent; rough; noisy
bolster support; reinforce
bolt door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric; large roll of cloth; V: dash or dart off; fasten (a door); gobble down
gobble eat very quickly
dart move or throw suddenly and quickly
grace kind in a generous way (to someone less important)
bourgeois middle class; selfishly materialistic; too interested in material possessions
bovine cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm
bow darts expurgate; CF. Thomas Bowdler
brackish somewhat saline
braggadocio boasting
brag boast
braggart boaster; bragger
brandish wave around (a weapon); flourish
bravado swagger; assumed air of defiance; false show of bravery
swagger walk or behave with an over-confident manner
brawn human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness
brawny muscular; having well-developed muscles
sturdy strong and firm (in the body)
brazen insolent; without shame; bold; Ex. brazen lie; V: face with bold self-assurance or with unshamed confidence
brawl noisy quarrel
breach breaking of contract or duty; fissure or gap; opening; V.
breath width; extent
brevity conciseness; shortness of duration
brindled tawny or grayish with streaks or spots (of animals)
tawny brownish yellow
bristling rising like bristles; showing irritation
bristle short stiff hair; V: (hair or fur) stand up stiffly
brittle hard but easily broken; difficult; unstable; Ex. brittle situation
broach introduce as a subject; moot; open up
brocade rich, figured(patterned) fabric
brochure pamphlet
brooch ornamental clasp; pin
clasp hold firmly within arms
brook tolerate; endure; Ex. brook no interference; N: small stream
browbeat bully; intimidate
browse graze; feed on growing grass; skim or glance at casually
graze (of an animal) feed on growing grass; cause (an animal) to feed on grass; scrape (esp. the skin) or touch lightly in passing; brush; Ex. We can’t graze the cattle till summer; N: surface wound
skim read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid
brunt main impact or shock (of an attack or blow); Ex. brunt of the argument
brusque blunt; abrupt; curt; not wanting to waste time being nice
buccaneer pirate
bucolic rustic; pastoral
buffet strike forcefully; slap; batter; knock out; N: table with food set out for people to server themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that’s been set
slap hit quickly with the flat part of the hand; N. CF. smack
buffoonery clowning
buffoon stupid person; clown
clown act stupidly; play the fool; N.
bugaboo bugbear; object of baseless terror
bullion gold and silver in the form of bars
bulwark strong wall built for defense; earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends
bungle mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior
botch mismanage; blow
buoyant able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market
bureaucracy  overregulated administrative system marked by red tape; ADJ. bureaucratic

burgeon  grow rapidly; grow forth; send out buds; Ex. burgeoning computer industry; CF. bludgeon

burlesque  give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly

burnish  make shiny by rubbing; polish

buttress  support; prop up; N. stationary structure to support wall; Ex. flying buttress

prop  support placed under or against something; V.

buxom  full-bosomed; plump; jolly

plump  pleasantly fat; nicely rounded

cabal  small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

cache  hiding place; V.

cacophonous  discordant; inharmonious; N. cacophony: unpleasant mixture of loud sounds

cadaver  corpse; dead human body

cadaverous  like a corpse; pale

cadence  rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sounds); beat; regular beat of sound; rhythm

cajole  persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle

coax  persuade by flattery

calamity  disaster; misery

calculated  deliberately planned; likely

caldron  large kettle

caliber  ability; quality; diameter of the inside of a round cylinder; Ex. work of very high caliber

calligraphy  beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

calous  hardened; unfeeling; without sympathy for the sufferings of others; unkind

callus  area of thick hard skin

callow  youthful; immature; inexperienced

calorific  heat-producing; N. calorie

calumny  malicious misrepresentation; slander

camaraderie  good-fellowship; CF. comrade

cameo  shell or jewel carved in relief; star’s special appearance in a minor role in a film

canard  unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report

candor  frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid

canine  related to dogs; doglike

canker  any ulcerous sore; ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer

ulcer  sore place appearing on the skin inside or outside the body; Ex. stomach ulcer; ADJ. ulcerous; V. ulcerate

canny  shrewd in money matters; thrifty

cant  insincere speech or expression of piety; jargon of thieves; special words used by a particular group of people
canto division of a long poem
canvass determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region) to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.
capacious spacious
capacity mental or physical ability; role; position or duty; ability to accommodate; Ex. in my capacity as president
capillary having a very fine bore; resembling a hair; fine and slender; Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hair-like tube; CF. capillarity
icapitate surrender; give up all resistance
caprice whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause
capricious unpredictable; fickle
caption title; chapter heading; text under illustration
captious faultfinding; too critical
carafe glass water bottle; decanter
carapace shell covering the back (of a turtle, tortoise, crab, etc.)
caraf (karat) unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold
carcinogenic causing cancer; N. carcinogen
cardinal chief; most important; N: priest; cardinal number: number that shows quantity rather than order
cardiologist doctor specializing in ailments of the heart
careen lurch; sway from side to side; move with irregular swinging movement; stagger
career rush wildly; go at full speed
carry swing from side to side; influence (someone) to change one’s opinion; N.
caricature distortion; burlesque
carillon a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played

carnage destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals
carnal fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body

carnivorous meat-eating; N. carnivore; CF. herbivore
carousel drunken revel; V. carouse
carpet petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble

carrion rotting flesh of a dead body; CF. vulture
cartographer map-maker
cascade small waterfall
caste one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society; social stratification; prestige

castigation punishment; severe criticism or disapproval

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casual serious or fatal accident; person killed or wounded in an accident or battle

casual happening by chance; irregular; occasional; informal; showing or feeling little interest; Ex. casual reader/labor/remark
cataclysm deluge; upheaval; earthquake; violent and sudden event or change
catalyst agent which brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged; CF. catalysis
catapult slingshot; hurling machine; V: fire from catapult

catapult throw forcefully; shout out violently
cataract great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight)
catastrophe calamity; disaster
catcall shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V.
catechism book for religious instruction in question-and-answer form; religious instruction by question and answer; V. catechize

categorical without exceptions; made without any doubt in mind; unqualified; absolute

catch reach a necessary standard; limit the meaning of something stated
catharsis purging or cleansing of any passage of the body; purging and weakening of strong emotions as a result of experiencing a dramatic work of art
cathartic purgative; medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ.
catholic (of likings and interests) universal; general; broad; including many different parts; wide-ranging liberal; Ex. catholic opinions/tastes
caucus private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF. the Caucus club of Boston
caulk (calk) make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)
causal implying a cause-and-effect relationship; N. causality

cautic burning; corrosive; able to burn by chemical action; sarcastically biting; (of remarks) intended to hurt; bitter; harmful; OP. harmless

cauterize burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection
cavalcade procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry

cavalier casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight
cavil quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily

cede yield (title or territory) to (esp. after losing a war); surrender formally; N. cession


celerity speed; rapidity


celestial heavenly
hereafter  life after death

afterlife  life after death; later part of one’s life

celibate  abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy

censor  (in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.

censour  blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N: severe criticism; strong disapproval

centaur  mythical figure, half man and half horse

centigrade  denoting a widely used temperature scale (basically same as Celsius)

centrifugal  radiating; departing from the center

centrifuge  machine that separates substances by whirling them

centripetal  tending toward the center

centurion  Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)

cerebral  pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF. cerebrum

cerebration  thought; working of the brain

ceremonious  marked by formality; extremely formal and polite; CF. ceremony: conventional social courtesy

unceremonious  not done politely without due formalities

certitude  certainty

cessation  stoppage

cession  yielding to another; ceding

chafe  warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.

chaff  worthless products of an endeavor; husk(outer seed cover) separated from grain; Ex. separate the wheat from the chaff

chaffing  bantering; joking

chagrin  annoyance and disappointment; vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride)

chalice  goblet; consecrated cup

chameleon  lizard that changes color in different situations
champion support militantly; fight for; N: person who fights for or supports strongly (a principle, movement, person, etc.)

championship position of champion; defense or support; competition held to determine a champion

chaotic in utter disorder

charisma divine gift; great popular charm or appeal; magnetism

charlatan quack; pretender to knowledge (esp. in medicine)

charious cautious; unwilling to take risks; sparing or restrained about giving; OP: bold

chase ornament a metal surface by indenting; follow rapidly to catch

chasm abyss; very deep crack

chassis framework and working parts of an automobile; framework to which components are attached

chaste morally pure; virginal; abstaining from illicit sexual acts; modest; simple (of a style of writing); not highly decorated; austere

chasten discipline; punish in order to correct; CF. castigate

chastise punish as by beating; criticize severely

chauvinist blindly devoted patriot; zealous adherent of a group, cause, or sex; ADJ. chauvinistic; CF. chauvinism; Nicolas Chauvin

check stop motion; curb or restrain

checkered(chequered) marked by great changes in fortune; with many changes of fortune; CF. checked: having a pattern of squares

cherubic angelic; innocent-looking; N. cherub; CF. seraph: winged angel of the highest order

chicanery trickery; deception

chide scold; rebuke (someone who has done wrong)

chimerical fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; N. chimera: unreal fancy; fire-breathing female creature

chisel swindle or cheat; N: wedgelike tool for cutting

chip lose a small piece from the surface or edge; N: small piece broken off something; CF. French fry; Potato chip/crisp

chivalrous courteous; faithful; brave; N. chivalry

choleric hot-tempered; bad-tempered; irritable; easily angered; CF. cholera

choreography art of representing dances in written symbols; arrangement of dances

chore daily domestic task (such as cleaning, cooking, and shopping); unpleasant task

chortle chuckle with delight; N.

chuckle laugh quietly

chronic long established as a disease

chronicle report; record (in chronological order)

churlish boorish; rude; N. churl: boor; yahoo

ciliated having minute hairs; CF. cilium; CF. cilia: eyelash

cipher nonentity; worthless person or thing; zero; secret code; V.
circle small ring; band of gold, silver, jewel, etc. (worn on the head, arms, or neck as decoration)

circuitous roundabout

circuit closed circular line around an area; circumference; regularly repeated journey from place to place

circumlocution indirect or roundabout expression (by using an unnecessarily large number of words esp. when trying to avoid answering a difficult question directly)

circle limit; confine; draw a line around

circumpect prudent; cautious; acting after careful thought

circumvent outwit; defeat by behaving more cleverly; outsmart; baffles; avoid; get around

cistern reservoir or water tank
citadel fortress
cite quote; commend; Ex. cited for bravery in an official record

civil having to do with citizens; not military or religious; courteous and polite; Ex. married in a civil ceremony; Ex. civil strife/disorder/law; N. civility; CF. civic

clarion shrill, trumpetlike sound; sound of repeated clanging

clamor loud continuous noise; continuous demand or complaint made by a large number of people; V: make a clamor; express (a demand) continually and loudly; ADJ. clamorous

clandestine secret

clairvoyant having foresight; fortuneteller; N. clairvoyance

hindsight understanding the nature of an event after it has actually happened

clamber climb by crawling with difficulties; scramble

clamor loud continual noise; clamor

clothed having minute hairs; eye-lash

clavicle collarbone

clerical secret

scramble disorderly fight between two or more people
cleave  split or sever; cling to; remain faithful to; N. cleavage; ADJ. cloven

cleft  N. split

clemency  disposition to be lenient in deciding punishments; mildness as of the weather; ADJ. clement

cliché  phrase dulled in meaning by repetition; platitude; ADJ. clichéd

bromide  platitude; chemical compound used to calm excitement

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clientele  body of customers

climactic  relating to the highest point; N. climax; CF. climatic

clime  climate

clique  small exclusive group of people

cloister  monastery or convent

cloying  distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental; V. cloy: become unpleasant through too much sweetness or excess

cogulate  congeal; thicken; clot; N. coagulant

cloth  half-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V.

pudding  hot sweet dish

coalesce  combine; fuse; N. coalescence

coalition  partnership; league; union of separate political parties

coda  concluding section of a musical or literary composition

coddle  treat gently; indulge excessively; pamper; mollycoddle; baby; cook in water just below boiling point; Ex. coddled eggs

codicil  supplement to the body of a will; later addition to a will

codify  arrange (laws or rules) as a code; classify; N. code: system of words used instead of ordinary writing; collection of laws, rules, established social customs

cognition  having to do with knowing or perceiving related to the mental processes; N. cognition: the mental process of knowing

cognition  knowledge; ADJ. cognizant; having knowledge; aware

cohabit  live together
collaborate work together; cooperate reasonably with the enemy

a collage work of art put together from fragments

v scrap small bit or fragment; discarded waste material; fight; Ex. a scrap of paper/cloth; V: break into parts for disposal; discard as worthless; fight; quarrel

v scraps leftover food

v scrappy quarrelsome

v collate examine and compare in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order (the sheets of a book before they are bound)

collateral security given for loan; ADJ: secondary; descended from the same person but through different sons or daughters

a collation a light meal; collating

colloquial pertaining to conversational or common speech; informal; N. colloquialism: colloquial expression

colloquy informal discussion; conversation

collusion conspiring in a fraudulent scheme to cheat or deceive others; V. collude

colossal huge

colossus gigantic statue; person or thing of great size or importance

a comatose in a coma; extremely sleepy

c coma deep prolonged unconsciousness caused by disease, poison, or a severe blow

c combustible easily burned; N. CF. combustion

c comely attractive; agreeable; having a pleasing appearance

c homely not good-looking; unattractive

c comestible something fit to be eaten

a comeuppance deserts; well-deserved punishment or misfortune; rebuke

c deserts what someone deserves

c comity courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations

c commandeer take (private property) for military use without needing permission or giving payment; draft for military purposes

c draft first rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; conscript

c draught current of air (through a room or to a fire); act of pulling roads; act of swallowing liquid or amount of liquid swallowed at a time

a commemorative remembering; honoring the memory of; Ex. commemorative stamp

c commemorate honor the memory of; serve as a memorial to; Ex. commemorate the 100th anniversary/those who died in the war

v commensurate equal in extent; of the same size

v commiserate feel or express pity or sympathy for

commodious spacious and comfortable

a communal held in common; public; of a group of people; of a commune

c commune small (often rural) community whose members share work and income; V: exchange thoughts or feelings; Ex. commune with nature

v compact agreement; contract; ADJ: tightly packed; firm; brief; concise; Ex. compact statement

v compatible harmonious; in harmony with; able to exist together

v compelling overpowering; irresistible in effect; holding one’s attention; that compels one to do something; Ex. a compelling adventure story; V. compel

c compulsion compelling; strong desire that is difficult to control; irresistible impulse

v compulsory obligatory; that must be done

v compulsive resulting from compulsion

v compendium brief, comprehensive summary; ADJ. compendious

v compensatory making up for; repaying

v compilation listing of information in tabular or book form; compiling

v compile assemble; gather; accumulate; make (a report or a book) from facts and information found in various places; Ex. compile a dictionary

v complacency self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ. complacent

v smug self-satisfied; complacent

a complaisant trying to please; obliging; willing to please others

v complement complete; consummate; make perfect; N.

v complementary serving to complete something

v compliance conformity in fulfilling requirements; readiness to yield; disposition to yield to others; V. comply

v compliant ready acting in accordance with a rule, order, or the wishes or others; yielding; conforming to requirements

v complicity participation; involvement (in a questionable act or a crime)

v component element; ingredient

a comport bear one’s self; behave; Ex. comport oneself; N. comportment

c deport send out of the country; behave; N. deportation, deportment

v bearing deportment; connection

v composure mental calmness

v compound combine; produce by combining; increase; make worse by adding to or increasing; exacerbate; Ex. compound an error; ADJ: consisting of two or more parts; N: combination of two or more parts; area enclosed by a wall containing a group of buildings; Ex. factory compound; CF. complex
□ comprehensive broad; including a lot or everything; thorough; inclusive

♥ comprehend include; understand

□ compress force into less space; squeeze; contract; put into fewer words; N: thick mass of cloth pressed to part of the body to stop bleeding or swelling, reduce fever, etc.

□ comprise include; consist of

♠ compromise adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of; put into danger, disrepute, or a dishonorable position; Ex. compromise one’s principle; N.

□ compute remorse; strong uneasiness caused by guilt

♥ reckon count; calculate; regard as; think; suppose

□ concatenate link as in a chain

□ concave hollow; curved inwards; OP. convex

□ concede admit; acknowledge as being true (often reluctantly); yield; grant; Ex. concede a goal

□ conceit vanity or self-love; too high opinion of one’s own value; extravagant metaphor (in poetry)

♥ vain full of self-admiration; conceited; without result; unsuccessful; N. vanity

□ concentric having a common center

□ conception beginning; forming of an idea; fertilization; V. conceive: form an idea in the mind; devise; become pregnant; CF. inception

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♥ confide tell in confidence (to a person one trusts); be confident about

♥ confidence self-assurance; calm unworried feeling based on a strong belief in one’s abilities; strong belief in the ability of a person or plan; trust or faith in a person or thing; something confided; secret; Ex. confidence in your ability; Ex. I’m telling you this in confidence; Ex. exchange confidences about their boyfriends; ADJ. confident

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□ congenial pleasant; friendly; in agreement with one’s tastes and nature; Ex. congenial weather

□ congenital existing at birth

□ condign adequate; (of punishment) severe and well-deserved

□ condiments seasonings; spices

□ condol express condolences; N. condolence: sympathy for someone who has experienced great sorrow

□ condone overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse

□ conducive helpful; contributive; V. conduct; Ex. conduct to/towards

□ conduit aqueduct; passageway for fluids

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conglomerate mass of material sticking together

conglomerate corporation made up of several different companies in diversified fields; mass of various material gathered together; rock consisting of small stones held together by clay; V.

congruence correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship; CF. congruity

congruent in agreement; harmonious; corresponding; coinciding exactly; CF. congruous

conifer pine tree (usu. evergreen); cone-bearing tree; ADJ. coniferous; CF. deciduous; CF. evergreen

conjugal pertaining to marriage

conjure cause to appear by magic; summon (a devil or a spirit) by magical power; practice magic (esp. by very quick movement of the hands); evoke; conjure up: bring into the mind; Ex. The magician conjured a rabbit out of his hat.

connivance pretense of ignorance of something wrong; assistance; permission to offend; V. connive: feign ignorance of something wrong; cooperate secretly in an illegal action; conspire

connoisseur person competent to act as a judge of art, etc. (whose judgments are respected); a lover of an art

connotation suggested or implied meaning of an expression; V. connote

connubial pertaining to marriage or the matrimonial state

matrimony state of being married

patrimony property inherited from a father

consanguinity kinship; relationship by birth

consanguineous having a common ancestor

conscientious scrupulous; through and careful; Ex. conscientious worker

conscript draftee; person forced into military service; V.

consecrate dedicate; sanctify; declare as sacred; Ex. consecrate one’s life to helping the poor

consensus general agreement; opinion reached by a group

consequential self-important; significant; consequent; following as a result; Ex. consequential air; CF. subsequent

conservatory school of the fine arts (especially music or drama); glass-enclosed area; CF. conservancy

consign send to a person or place for sale; deliver officially; entrust; put into the care of another; set apart (for a special purpose); N. consignment; CF. consignor, consignee

consistency absence of contradictions; uniformity; degree of thickness or firmness; Ex. consistency of thick cream; CF. viscous

console lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort; allay the sorrow of; N. consolation

consolidation unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger; V. consolidate: merge; strengthen

consonance harmony; agreement

consonant harmonious; in agreement; N.

consort associate with; keep company; N: husband or wife (or a ruler)

conspiracy treacherous plot; secret plan against the law (by two or more people)

conspire take part in a conspiracy; (of events) work together; combine; Ex. Events conspired to produce great difficulties.

consternation great shock; dismay

constituent supporter; voter; member of a constituency; component

constituency voters represented by an elected official; district so represented; group of supporters (or constituents)

constitution constituting; system of laws; composition of something; physical makeup or structure of a person; Ex. men with strong constitutions

constraint restraint; compulsion; repression of feelings; reticence; V. constrain: hold back; restrain; compel; oblige; confine forcibly; imprison

construe explain; interpret; Ex. construe her silence as meaning that she agreed; CF. misconstrue

consummate complete; V.

contagion infection (by contact); ADJ. contagious; CF. infectious: that can be passed by infection in the air

drastic strong; violent and severe; Ex. drastic changes/measures

contaminate pollute

contempt scorn; disdain; ADJ. contemptuous; CF. contemptible

contend struggle; compete; assert earnestly; state strongly

contention assertion; claim; thesis; struggling; competition

thesis opinion put forward and supported by reasoned arguments

boost lift by pushing up from below; increase; raise; N: push upward; increase

contentious quarrelsome; controversial; likely to cause arguments

contest dispute; argue about the rightness of; compete for; try to win; Ex. contest the election results; Ex. contest a seat in Parliament; N.

context writings preceding and following the passage quoted; circumstance in which an event occurs

contiguous adjacent to; touching upon

continence self-restraint; sexual chastity; sexual abstinence; voluntary control over bladder and bowel functions; ADJ. continent
contingent dependent on something uncertain or in the future; conditional; happening by chance; accidental; N: a group of soldiers, ships to a larger force; CF. contingency: future event that may or may not occur; possibility; Ex. prepare for every contingency
contortions twistings; distortions; V. contort: twist violently out of shape; CF. contortionist
contraband illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.
contravene contradict; oppose; violate (a rule, law, or custom); N. contravention
contrite penitent; repentant; N. contrition
contrived unnatural and forced; artificial; not spontaneous; Ex. The ending was rather contrived.
contrive invent or fabricate in a clever way (by improvisation); manage; Ex. contrive to attract his attention
contrivance something contrived; machine or apparatus; clever deceitful plan; scheme
controvert oppose with arguments; attempt to refute; contradict; ADJ. controversial; N. controversy
contrumacious stubborn and disobedient; resisting authority (esp. disobedient to an order made by a court)
contusion bruise
bruise injure without breaking the skin; N.
conundrum riddle; difficult problem
convene come together; assemble; call to meet; Ex. convene the council
convention social or moral custom; established practice; formal meeting; international agreement
conventional ordinary; typical; not nuclear; Ex. conventional weapons
converge approach; tend to meet; come together
conversant familiar with; having knowledge of
converse opposite; ADJ.
convert one who has adopted a different religion or opinion; V: change into another form; (persuade to) adopt a particular religion or belief
convex curving outward
conveyance vehicle; transfer; act of conveying; Ex. public conveyance
conviction judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief
convivial pleasantly merry; festive; joyous; gay; characterized by joviality; jovial
convoke call together; Ex. convoke Parliament; N. convocation
convoluted coiled around; twisted; involved; complicated; intricate; complex; N. convolution: twist; one of the convex folds of the surface of the brain
convulsion violent uncontrollable shaking movement (caused by illness); V. convulse; ADJ. convulsive
copious plentiful
coquette flirt; flirtatious woman; woman who tries to attract the admiration of men without sincere feelings; V.
flirt behave in a way that attracts (sexual) attention; deal triflingly with; N: one (or woman) given to flirting; ADJ. flirtatious
cordial warmly friendly; gracious; heartfelt; Ex. cordial welcome
cordon extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress; (어깨에서 겨드랑 밑으로 걸치는) 장식 라인; V.
cornice projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars); 치마 장식
cornucopia horn (or horn-shaped container) overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance; horn of plenty
corollary natural consequence (which naturally follows from something else)
corporeal bodily (rather than spiritual); of a bodily form; material; tangible
corpulent very fat; N. corpulence
corpus collection (of writings or information); Ex. the corpus of Shakespear’s works; Cf. corpse
corpsicle red or white cell in the blood
correlation mutual relationship
correlate either of the correlated things; V.
corroboration confirm; support; strengthen
corrode destroy or wear away gradually by chemical action (over a long period)
corrosive eating away by chemicals or disease; (of language) fierce
corrugated wrinkled; ridged
wrinkle small ridge on a smooth surface (face or cloth); V.
crinkle wrinkle
cosmic pertaining to the universe; vast
coterie group that meets socially; select circle; close group of people with shared interests
countenance approve; support; tolerate; Ex. countenance his rude behavior; N: face; appearance
countermand cancel; revoke (an order)
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<td>highly successful action or sudden attack; coup(s) d’état; CF. coup de grâce: deathblow or shot which kills</td>
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<td>couple</td>
<td>join; unite; OP. uncouple</td>
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<td>binding agreement between two groups or people; compact; V: enter into a covenant; promise</td>
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<td>agreement between two groups or people; something for sale at a price advantageous to the buyer; V: negotiate; trade; Ex. bargaining power</td>
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<td>secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt</td>
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<td>avaricious; desirous of (someone else’s possessions); V. covet: desire eagerly (someone else’s possessions)</td>
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<td>terrorize; intimidate</td>
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<td>shrink quivering as from fear; cringe</td>
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<td>shy (flirtatiously); showing a (pretended) lack of self-confidence; modest; coquetish; CF. job offer을 받았을 때</td>
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<td>cheat; hoodwink; swindle</td>
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<td>crabbed</td>
<td>sour; bad-tempered; peevish; difficult to read as handwriting</td>
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<td>peevish</td>
<td>bad-tempered; irritable; V. peev: make angry</td>
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<td>very unrefined; grossly insensible; crude and undiscriminating; Ex. crass behavior</td>
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<td>credulity</td>
<td>belief on slight evidence; gullibility; naïveté; ADJ. credulous</td>
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<td>creed</td>
<td>system of religious or ethical belief</td>
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<td>increase in the volume or intensity as in a musical passage; climax; CF. crescent</td>
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<td>too improbable to be believed; implausible; Ex. far-fetched story</td>
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<td>musical introduction to a long musical piece; first offer or proposal (to begin talks in the hope of reaching an agreement); Ex. overtures for peace</td>
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<td>crestfallen</td>
<td>dejected; dispirited</td>
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<td>crest</td>
<td>top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird</td>
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<td>criteria</td>
<td>standards used in judging; CF. criterion</td>
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<td>crone</td>
<td>hag; ugly old woman</td>
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<td>crotchet</td>
<td>(of someone old) eccentric; odd; whimsical; bad-tempered; N. crotchet: odd or whimsical notion</td>
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<td>crux</td>
<td>essential or main point; Ex. the crux of the problem; ADJ. crucial: of deciding importance</td>
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<td>crypt</td>
<td>secret recess or vault usually used for burial; underground room (under a church)</td>
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<td>cryptic</td>
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<td>cubicle</td>
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<td>compartment</td>
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<td>cuisine</td>
<td>style of cooking; Ex. French cuisine</td>
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<td>culinary</td>
<td>relating to cooking or kitchen</td>
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<td>cul</td>
<td>pick out from others (to kill the weakest members); reject; select; collect (information); N.</td>
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<td>culmination</td>
<td>highest point; climax; V. culminate in: reach the highest point in; end in; Ex. a series of minor clashes culminating in war</td>
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<td>deserving blame; blameworthy</td>
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<td>culprit</td>
<td>one guilty of a crime</td>
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<td>culvert</td>
<td>artificial channel for water; drain crossing under a road</td>
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<td>cumbersome</td>
<td>heavy and awkward to carry or wear; burdensome; Ex. cumbersome parcel/uniform</td>
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<td>cumulative</td>
<td>growing by addition; accumulative</td>
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<td>cupidity</td>
<td>greed (for wealth); CF. cupid; CF. Cupid</td>
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<td>curator</td>
<td>superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)</td>
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<td>curmudgeon</td>
<td>churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person</td>
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<td>cursive</td>
<td>(of writing) flowing; running; having the successive letters joined</td>
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<td>casual; hastily done with little attention to detail</td>
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<td>curt</td>
<td>shorten; reduce</td>
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<td>cynical</td>
<td>skeptical or distrustful of human motives; N. cynicism; CF. cynic: person who believes all people are motivated by selfishness</td>
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<td>object of general attention; person or thing that is a center of attention; CF. Ursa Minor</td>
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<td>dabble</td>
<td>work at in a nonserious fashion; splash around; move noisily in a liquid</td>
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<td>dais</td>
<td>raised platform for speakers or other important people</td>
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<td>daily</td>
<td>trifle with; toy with; treat without the necessary seriousness; procrastinate; waste time</td>
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<td>dank</td>
<td>damp; unpleasantly wet</td>
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<td>dapper</td>
<td>neat and trim (in appearance); (of small men) neat in appearance and quick in movements; neat; spry</td>
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<td>daub</td>
<td>smear (as with paint); cover with something sticky; Ex. daub one’s clothes with mud/paint; N: small bit of sticky substance; Ex. a daub of paint</td>
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<td>smear</td>
<td>spread or cover with a sticky substance; N: mark made by smearing</td>
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smudge  dirty mark with unclear edges made by rubbing; V.

daunt  intimidate; frighten; discourage; dishearten

dauntless  bold; fearless

dawdle  loiter; hang around; waste time doing nothing

deadlock  standstill resulting from the opposition of two unrelenting forces; stalemate

standstill  condition of no movement or activity; stop

deadpan  wooden; impassive; with no show of feeling; with an expressionless face

dearth  scarcity

débâcle  sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; complete disaster

debase  degrade; reduce in quality or value; degenerate; lower in esteem; disgrace; N. debasement

kneel  go down on one's knee(s)

debauch  corrupt morally; seduce from virtue; N. debauchery: wild behavior (with sex and alcohol)
seduce  lead away from proper conduct; entice; ADJ. seductive

debilitate  weaken (esp. through heat, hunger, illness); enfeeble

bout  match; short period of great activity; Ex. wrestling bout; bout of drinking/flu

debonair  (of men) friendly, charming, and fashionably dressed; aiming to please; CF. of good disposition

débris  rubble; wreckage; scattered remains of something broken or destroyed

debunk  expose as false, exaggerated, worthless, etc.; ridicule

debutante  young woman making formal entrance into society

début  début; first public appearance; formal presentation of a young woman to society

decadence  decay; fall to a lower level (of morality, civilization, or art); ADJ. decadent
decant  pour off gently (wine or liquid)
decapitate  behead
decelerate  slow down
deciduous falling off at a specific season or stage of growth as of leaves; Ex. deciduous tree/teeth

decimate kill (usually one out of ten or every tenth man); destroy or kill a large part of

decipher decode; CF. indecipherable

declivity downward slope

décolleté (of a dress) having a low-cut neckline; CF. décolletage: low neckline (on a dress)

decree authoritative order; edict; judgment of a court of law; V. order or judge by decree

decomposition decay; V. decompose: decay; break and separate into simple parts

decorum propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners; appropriateness of behavior or conduct

decorous proper (in behavior, conduct, or appearance)

deface mar; disfigure

defame harm someone’s reputation; malign; speak evil of; slander; N. defamation; ADJ. defamatory

default failure to act; failure to perform a task or be present; V.

defeatist resigned to defeat or failure; accepting defeat or failure as a natural outcome; N. CF. defeatism

defection desertion

defect shortcoming; V: desert (in order to join the opposite one)

defier give in respectfully; submit; delay till later; exempt temporarily; N. deferment; CF. show respect, comply with, courteous

deference courteous regard for another’s wish; courteous yielding to another’s wish or opinion (showing respect); ADJ. deferential; OP. effrontery

defiance refusal to yield; resistance; V. defy; ADJ. defiant

defile pollute; make filthy or dirty; corrupt morally; profane; desecrate; N: narrow passage or gorge through mountains

definitive most reliable; authoritative and complete; that cannot be improved; conclusive; decisive; definite; Ex. definitive decision by the supreme court

deflect turn aside; turn away from a straight course


defoliate destroy leaves; deprive of leaves (by the use of chemicals); N. defoliant

defray provide for the payment of; undertake the payment of; pay

defrock strip a priest or minister of church authority; unrobb

defrock long loose garment (worn by monks)

deft neat; skillful

defunct dead; no longer in use or existence

degenerate become worse in quality; deteriorate; ADJ: having become worse; Ex. a degenerate species; N: depraved or corrupt person

degradation humiliation; debasement; degeneration; V. degrade: debase; disgrace; degenerate; reduce (something) in worth; demote (someone); reduce in rank

dishonor disgrace; N. ADJ. dishonorable

definite exact; precise; exactness or completeness; that cannot be improved; conclusive; decisive; definite; Ex. definitive decision by the supreme court

deflect turn aside; turn away from a straight course
demotic of or pertaining to the people
demur object (because of doubts, scruples); raise an ob-
ject (showing qualms); hesitate; Ex. demur at the
idea of working on Sunday
demure (of a woman or child) grave; quiet and serious;
coy; pretending to be demure
denigrate blacken; defame
denizen (animal, person, or plant) inhabitant or resi-
dent of a particular place; regular visitor
denotation meaning; distinguishing by name; V. de-
ote: indicate; refer to directly; mean; CF. connotation
dénouement final outcome; final development of the
plot of a play or other literary work; the end of a story
when everything is explained
denounce condemn; criticize; N. denunciation
depict portray
exposé public revelation of something discreditable
deplete reduce; exhaust
deplor regret; express sorrow and severe disapproval
for something bad; Ex. deplor their violent behav-
or; ADJ. deplorable: very bad; deserving severe disap-
proval; Ex. deplorable living condition
deploy spread out (troops) in an extended though shal-
low battle line; distribute (persons or forces) systemati-
cally or strategically
battalion army unit made up of four or more companies
depose dethrone; remove from office; give a deposition;
testify
deposition testimony under oath; deposing; dethroning
depravity extreme corruption; wickedness; V. deprave
deprecate express disapproval of; deplore; protest
against; belittle; ADJ. deprecatory
depreciate lessen in value; belittle; represent as of little
value
depredation plundering; destruction
deranged insane
institute organization for a special purpose; V: establish
institution instituting; (building for the) organization;
established custom, practice, or relationship in a society;
mental hospital; Ex. institution of marriage
institutionalize make into an institution; put or confine
in an institution
derelict negligent; (of someone) neglectful of duty; (of
something) deserted by an owner; abandoned; N: aban-
doned property; homeless or vagrant person
dereliction neglect of duty; abandonment
deride ridicule; treat with contempt; make fun of; OP.
respect
derision ridicule; ADJ. derisive; CF. derisory
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derepugatory expressing a low opinion; disparaging; V. derogate: detract; disparage

♦ derogate catch sight of (something distant)

♦ desecrate profane; violate the sanctity of

♥ violate break (a law); defile; desecrate; assault sexually; Ex. violate graves

♦ desiccate dry up

♦ desolate (of a place) deserted; unpopulated; (of a person) lonely; forlorn; joyless

♦ make desolate; forsake; abandon and desert

♠ desperado reckless, desperate outlaw

♥ despise look on with scorn; regard as worthless or distasteful; ADJ. despicable: contemptible

♦ despoil plunder; sack; Ex. despoil the village

♦ despondent without hope and courage; depressed; gloomy; N. despondency: loss of hope with gloom; dejection

♦ despot tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; CF. despotism

♦ destitute extremely poor; lacking means of subsistence; utterly lacking; devoid; Ex. destitute of any experience

♥ impoverish make poor; deprive of natural strength or something important; Ex. impoverished soil

♦ desultory aimless; haphazard; digressing at random

♠ detached emotionally removed; free from emotional involvement; calm and objective; physically separate; N. detachment; CF. attachment

♥ detain keep waiting; prevent from leaving or going; N. detention

♠ determinate having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; invariable; fixed; conclusive; final

♠ determination resolve; firmness of purpose; measurement or calculation; decision

♦ deterrent something that discourages or deters

♦ detonation explosion

♦ detention explosion

♦ distraction slandering; aspersing; detracting; CF. detractor

♦ detrimental harmful; damaging; N. detriment

♦ deviate turn away from (a principle, norm); move away from an accepted standard; swerve; depart; diverge; N. deviation; Ex. deviation of the path of light by a prism

♠ deviant roundabout; erratic; deviating from the straight course; not straightforward; not completely honest; Ex. devious route

♦ devise think up; invent; plan; bequeath; N: bequest

♦ devoid empty; lacking

♠ devolve deputize; pass or be passed to others (power, work, or property); Ex. devolve on/upon/to

♥ deputize work or appoint as a deputy; N. deputy: person who has the power to take charge when the leading person is away

♦ devotee enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach

♦ devout pious; deeply religious; sincere; earnest; Ex. my devout hope

♥ religious of religion; (of a person) pious; having reverence for a deity

♦ dexterous skillful; skill in using hands or mind; N. dexterity

♦ diabolical diabolic; devilish; fiendish

♠ diadem crown

♦ dialectical relating to the art of debate; mutual or reciprocal; Ex. dialectical situation; N. dialectic: art of arriving at the truth by the exchange of logical arguments

♦ diaphanous sheer; transparent

♠ diatribe bitter scolding or denunciation; invective; abuse

♦ dichotomy division into two opposite parts; split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)

♠ dictum authoritative and weighty statement (made by a judge in court); saying; maxim; CF. obiter dictum: incidental, nonbinding remark (something said in passing)

♠ didactic (of speech or writing) intended to teach a moral lesson; teaching; instructional; N. didacticism

♠ die metal block used for shaping metal or plastic; device for stamping or impressing; mold; CF. dice

♦ diffidence shyness; lack of self-confidence; timidity; ADJ. diffident

♠ diffuse wordy; verbose; rambling; spread out (like a gas); V: spread out in all directions; disperse; N. diffusion; CF. suffuse

♦ digression wandering away from the subject; V. digress

♦ dilapidated falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined because of neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N. dilapidation

♦ dilate expand; dilate on/upon: speak or write at length on (a subject)

♦ dilatory delaying; tending to delay

♦ dilemma situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives

♠ dilettante aimless follower of an art or a field of knowledge (not taking it seriously); amateur; dabbler; CF. de-light

♦ diligence steadiness of effort; persistent hard work

♦ dilute make (a liquid) less concentrated; reduce in strength; Ex. dilute the influence of the president

♦ diminution lessening; reduction in size; V. diminish

♦ din continued loud noise; V: make a din; instill by wearying repetition
weary  tired after long work; V.
dinghy  small boat (often ship’s boat)
maroon  leave helpless on a deserted island or coast; ADJ. red brown
dingy  (of things and place) dirty and dull; Ex. dingy street/curtain
dull  (of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; boring; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V.
dint  means; effort; Ex. by dint of hard work
diorama  life-size, three-dimensional scene from nature or history; three-dimensional scene with modeled figures against a painted background
dire  warning of disaster; disastrous; (of needs and dangers) very great; urgent; Ex. dire prediction/need of food
dirge  funeral song; slow mournful piece of music (sung over a dead person)
disapprove  correct a false impression; undeceive; free from a wrong belief
disaffected  disloyal; lacking loyalty; V. disaffection: cause to lose affection or loyalty
disapproval  disapproval; condemnation
disarray  state of disorder; a disorderly or untidy state; Ex. with her clothes in disarray
disavow  denial; disclaiming; repudiating; disowning; V. disavow; CF. disclaim
disband  dissolve; disperse; (of a group) break up and separate; Ex. The club has disbanded.
disburse  pay out (as from a fund); N. disbursement; CF. purse
discernible  distinguishable; perceive; Ex. discernible improvement
discerning  mentally quick and observant; having insight; perceptive; able to make good judgments; V. discern: perceive

disclaim  disown; renounce claim to; deny; CF. disclaimer

disclose  reveal; N. disclosure
discomfited  decomposed; confused
decompose  disturb the composure of; confuse
disconcert  confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb
disconsolate  hopelessly sad (at the loss of something)
discrepant  lack of consistency or agreement as between facts; difference; Ex. discrepancy between two descriptions
discrete  separate; unconnected
discretion  prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances; freedom of action or judgment; ADJ. discreet; CF. discretionary
discriminating  able to see differences; discerning; prejudiced; N. discrimination
discriminate  distinguish; make distinctions on the basis of preference
brisk  quick and active; marked by liveliness and vigor
discursive  (of a person or writing) digressing; rambling (without any clear plan)
disdain  treat with scorn or contempt
disembark  debark; go ashore (from a ship); unload cargo from a ship; CF. embark
disenfranchise  disfranchise; deprive of a civil right; OP. enfranchise
disengage  uncouple; separate; disconnect; stop fighting; OP. engage
disfigure  mar the appearance of; spoil
disgorge  surrender something (stolen); eject; vomit; OP. gorge
disgruntle  make discontented
dislodge ♠
disjunction

mantle ♠
dismantle ♡
disjointed

disjunction act or state of separation; disunity; CF. disjoint: disconnect; disjoin

dislocate remove (forcibly); force out of a position; Ex. dislocate the food caught in his throat; CF. lodge

dismantle take apart; disassemble

mantle loose sleeveless outer garment; cloak; something that covers or envelops; the layer of the earth between the crust and the core

crust hard outer covering (as of earth or snow)

disinter dig up; unearth; OP. inter

maneuver (manoeuver) strategic military or naval movement (done for training purposes); carefully planned process; stratagem; V. carry out a military maneuver; use maneuvers in gaining an end

disparate basically different; impossible to compare; unrelated

disparity difference; condition of inequality; OP. parity

dispassionate calm; impartial; not influenced by personal feelings

dispatch speediness; prompt execution; message sent with all due speed; V. send to a specified destination; finish promptly; kill

dispel scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

dispense distribute; prepare and give out (medicines); N. dispensation: dispensing; religious system; official exemption from an obligation or a rule

disperse scatter; Ex. disperse the cloud/crowd

dispirited lacking in spirit

disport amuse; Ex. disport oneself; CF. divert

disputatious argumentative; fond of argument

disquietude uneasiness; anxiety; V. disquiet: make anxious

disquisition formal systematic inquiry; explanation of the results of a formal inquiry; long formal speech or written report

□ dishearten discourage

◆ disheveled untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel

◆ disinclination unwillingness

◆ disingenuous not naive; not candid; sophisticated; worldly wise; OP. ingenuous

◆ disinter dig up; unearth; OP. inter

◆ disinterested unprejudiced; free from bias and self-interest; objective

◆ disjointed disconnected; lacking coherence; V. disjoint: disconnect; disjoin

◆ dissection analysis; cutting apart in order to examine

◆ dissemble disguise; hide the real nature of; pretend

◆ disseminate distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)

◆ dissent disagree

◆ dissertation formal essay; treatise

◆ dissident dissenting (with an opinion, a group, or a government); rebellious; N.

◆ dissimulate pretend; conceal by feigning; dissemble

◆ dissipate squander; waste foolishly; scatter

◆ dissolution disintegration; reduction to a liquid form; looseness in morals; sensual indulgence; debauchery; ADJ. dissolute: lacking in moral restraint; leading an immoral life

◆ reduce diminish; bring to a weaker or more difficult condition; demote; lower in rank; separate into components by analysis; Ex. reduced to the ranks; Ex. reduce the house to rubble; N. reduction

◆ dissuade persuade not to do; discourage; N. dissuasion

◆ dissonance discord

◆ distant reserved or aloof; cold in manner; Ex. distant greeting; ADV. distantly

◆ distend expand; swell out

◆ distill refine (a liquid by evaporating and subsequent condensation); concentrate; separate the most important parts from; Ex. distill fresh water from sea water; CF. brew

◆ distinction honor; excellence; difference; contrast; discrimination; Ex. graduated with distinction; Ex. a writer of real distinction

◆ distinct clearly different; clearly noticed

◆ distinctive clearly different from others of the same kind

◆ distort twist out of shape; give a false account of; misrepresent; N. distortion

◆ distraint absentminded; distracted

◆ distraught upset; distracted by anxiety; very anxious and troubled almost to the point of madness; Ex. distraught with grief/worry

◆ distract take (one’s attention) off something; upset emotionally; make anxious; ADJ. distracted

◆ diurnal daily; occurring during the daytime

◆ diva operatic singer; prima donna

◆ diverge vary; go in different directions from the same point; ADJ. divergent: differing; deviating

◆ diverse differing in some characteristics (from each other); various; N. diversity: variety; dissimilitude; lack of resemblance

◆ diversion act of turning aside; pastime; V. divert: turn aside from a course; distract; amuse

◆ divest strip (as of clothes); deprive (as of rights); dispose; N. divestiture(divestment)

◆ divine perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresee the future; foretell; dowsed; ADJ. N. divination
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dumbfound (dumfound)   astonish (making dumb); ADJ. dumbfounded, dumfounded, dumbstruck

dupe   someone easily fooled or deceived; V: deceive

duplicity   double-dealing; hypocrisy; being dishonest and deceitful; ADJ. duplicitous
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<td>forcible restraint, especially unlawfully; coercion by threat; illegal coercion; Ex. a promise made under duress</td>
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<td>dutiful</td>
<td>(of people or their behavior) respectful; obedient (filled with a sense of duty)</td>
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<td>dwindle</td>
<td>shrink; reduce gradually</td>
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<td>dynamic</td>
<td>energetic; vigorously active</td>
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<td>dyspeptic</td>
<td>suffering from indigestion; N. dyspepsia: indigestion; difficulty in digesting food</td>
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<td>dys-</td>
<td>abnormal; impaired</td>
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<td>dysentery</td>
<td>inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract</td>
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<td>earthy</td>
<td>unrefined; coarse; of earth; Ex. earthy remarks; OP. ethereal</td>
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<td>earthly</td>
<td>of this earth; terrestrial; worldly; not divine; possible; Ex. no earthly reason</td>
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<td>ebb</td>
<td>(of the tide) recede; lessen; diminish; N. OP. flow: rise of tide</td>
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<td>showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm; boiling; N. ebullience; N. ebullication: state of boiling</td>
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<td>eccentricity</td>
<td>oddity; idiosyncrasy</td>
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<td>ecclesiastic</td>
<td>ecclesiastical; pertaining to the church; N: minister; priest; cleric; clergyman</td>
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<td>chapel</td>
<td>small church (in a prison, college, or hospital)</td>
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<td>chaplain</td>
<td>clergyman attached to a chapel</td>
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<td>padre</td>
<td>chaplain (in the armed forces)</td>
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<td>eclectic</td>
<td>selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources; selecting individual elements from a variety of sources; N. eclecticism</td>
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<td>selective</td>
<td>careful in choosing; having an effect only on certain things; not general; Ex. eclectic weed killer</td>
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<td>eclipse</td>
<td>darken; extinguish; outshine; surpass; cause an eclipse</td>
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<td>elliptic</td>
<td>path of the sun and the planets</td>
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<td>ecologist</td>
<td>person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment; person concerned with the detrimental effects of human civilization on the environment; CF. ecology</td>
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<td>ecosystem</td>
<td>ecological community together with its environment</td>
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<td>economy</td>
<td>efficiency or conciseness in using something; thrifty management of resources</td>
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<td>ecstasy</td>
<td>rapture; very strong feeling of joy and happiness; any overpowering emotion; ADJ. ecstatic: causing or experiencing ecstasy</td>
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<td>great joy and delight; ecstasy; ADJ. rapturous</td>
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<td>eddy</td>
<td>swirling current of water, air, etc.; V.</td>
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<td>edict</td>
<td>decree (especially one issued by a sovereign); official command</td>
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<td>sovereign</td>
<td>ruler in a monarchy; ADJ: (of a country) independent and self-governing; having supreme power; supreme; excellent</td>
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<td>sovereignty</td>
<td>complete independence and self-government (of a country); supremacy of authority; power to govern</td>
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<td>edify</td>
<td>instruct; correct morally</td>
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<td>edifice</td>
<td>building (of imposing size)</td>
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<td>eerie</td>
<td>weird; causing fear because strange</td>
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<td>efface</td>
<td>rub out; remove the surface of</td>
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<td>effectual</td>
<td>able to produce a desired effect; valid</td>
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<td>effective</td>
<td>effectual; producing a strong response; striking; in operation; in effect; Ex. effective speech/photograph</td>
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<td>effectuate</td>
<td>effect; produce; achieve; Ex. effectuate a reconciliation</td>
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<td>effeminate</td>
<td>having womanly traits</td>
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<td>emasculate</td>
<td>weaken; castrate</td>
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<td>castrate</td>
<td>remove the sex organs (of a male animal or person)</td>
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<td>effervesce</td>
<td>inner excitement or exuberance; showing high spirits; emitting bubbles forming inside; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation; ADJ. effervescent; V. effervesce</td>
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<td>effete</td>
<td>having lost one’s original power; barren; worn out; exhausted</td>
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<td>efficacious</td>
<td>power to produce desired effect; ADJ. efficacious: effectual</td>
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<td>effigy</td>
<td>dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex. burn an effigy of the President</td>
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<td>dummy</td>
<td>imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy</td>
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<td>effluvium</td>
<td>noxious(harmful) smell</td>
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<td>effrontery</td>
<td>rudeness without any sense of shame; shameless boldness; presumptuousness; nerve; cheek</td>
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<td>effulgent</td>
<td>shining brightly; brilliant</td>
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<td>effusion</td>
<td>pouring forth; unrestrained outpouring of feeling; V. effuse: pour out; ADJ. effusive: pouring forth; gushing</td>
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<td>gush</td>
<td>(of liquid) pour out in large quantities from a hole; make an excessive display of feeling (without true feeling); Ex. Blood gushed from the wound.</td>
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<td>egoism</td>
<td>excessive interest in one’s self; belief that one should be interested in one’s self rather than in others; selfishness; ADJ. egoistic, egoistical</td>
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<td>ego</td>
<td>one’s opinion of oneself; self-esteem</td>
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egotistical; excessively self-centered (egocentric); self-important; conceited
gotism tendency to speak or write of oneself excessively; conceit; self-importance
gregious notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking
egress exit; opening for going out; act of going out; OP.
ejaculation exclamation; abrupt ejection (to discharge sperm); V. ejaculate
ejelation addition of details; intricacy
elated filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed; in high spirits; joyful and proud; Ex. elated crowd; V. elate; N. elation
elation

elegy poem or song expressing lamentation (for the dead); ADJ. elegiacal, elegiac
elicit draw out fact or information (by discussion or from someone)
elixir cure-all; panacea; something invigorating
elliptical elliptic; oval; of an ellipse; containing an ellipsis; ambiguous either purposely or because key words have been left out
eloquence expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influenced
elucidate explain; make clear; clarify; enlighten; CF. lucid
elucentive not frank; baffling; hard to grasp, catch, or understand; V. elude: escape from, escape the understanding or grasp of; Ex. elude the hunter; Ex. His name eludes me.
elusional relating to paradise; blissful
elysian relating to paradise; blissful

embrace hug; clasp with the arms; adopt or espouse; accept readily; encircle; include; Ex. embrace the cause/socialism; Ex. all-embracing; CF. brace; CF. bracelet
encircle surround
embrace decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embellish
embroil throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF. imbroglio
embryonic undeveloped; rudimentary; N. embryo: organism in the early stage of development
emend correct (usually a text); N. emendation: correction of errors; improvement
emetic substance causing vomiting; ADJ.
eminent rising above others; high; lofty; distinguished; Ex. eminent position
emissary agent (sent on a mission to represent another); messenger
emollient soothing or softening remedy (for the skin); ADJ.
emolument salary; payment for an office; compensation
empathy ability to identify with another’s feelings, ideas, etc.; identification with and understanding of another’s feelings; V. empathize; CF. sympathy
empathy for the suffering of others; ADJ. compassionate
emulate imitate; rival; try to equal or excel (through imitation)
emulated in love; Ex. enamored of his own beauty; V. enamor: inspire with love
encipher encode; convert a message into code; put into cipher
enclave territory enclosed within an alien land
encomiastic praising; eulogistic; N. encomium: very high praise; eulogy
encompass surround; include; Ex. His activities encompass publishing and computers.
enforcement gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable time; V. encroach: take another’s possessions or right gradually or stealthily; intrude; Ex. encroach on/upon
encumber burden; N. encumbrance

endearment fond word or act; expression of affection

endear make beloved; Ex. endear her to everyone; ADJ. dear: loved; cherished; high-priced

endemic prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country; peculiar to a particular region or people; CF. pandemic

endorse approve; support; write one’s signature on the back of; N. endorsement; CF. dorsal

endue provide with some quality; endow

enduring lasting; surviving; V. endure: bear (pain or suffering) for a long time; remain alive (in spite of difficulties); last; survive

energize invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active

enervate weaken; take away energy from

enfranchise admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote); CF. franchise

engage attract; employ; hire; pledge oneself; confront; fight; enter into confliction; interlock; lock together; participate; N. engagement: agreement to marry; arrangement to meet someone or to do something; battle

engaging charming; attractive

engaged employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict

engender cause; produce; give rise to

engross occupy fully; absorb

enhance occupy fully; absorb

enigma puzzle; mystery; ADJ. enigmatic: obscure; puzzling

puzzle baffle or confuse by a difficult problem; ponder over a problem in an effort to solve; clarify or solve by reasoning; Ex. puzzle out the answer; N.

enjoin command; order; forbid

enmity ill will; hatred; hostility

ennui boredom; listlessness and dissatisfaction resulting from lack of interest; CF. annoy

enormity hugeness (in a bad sense); excessive wickedness; Ex. enormity of the crime; ADJ. enormous

enrapture please intensely; fill with rapture and delight

ensconce settle comfortably; place comfortably (in a secure place)

ensue follow (as a result)

entail make necessary; require; necessitate; involve; limit the inheritance of (property) to a specified succession of heirs; Ex. entail A on/upon B

enterprising full of initiative; showing enterprise

enterprise willingness to take new ventures; initiative; business organization; plan (that is difficult or daring); Ex. their latest enterprise to sail round the world in a small boat

enthrall capture; enslave; captivate; hold the complete attention of (as if magic); hold spellbound

enticce lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt

mischief behavior (of children) causing trouble with no serious harm; damage; harm; Ex. mischief to the crops; ADJ. mischievous: causing mischief; playfully troublesome

entity real being

entomology study of insects

entrance put under a spell (condition caused by magical power); carry away (fill with strong feeling) with emotion; put into a trance; fill with delight

trance hypnotic state; ecstatic state; detachment from one’s physical surrounding (as in contemplation or day-dreaming); CF. transition

hypnosis induced sleeping state; ADJ. hypnotic; V. hypnotize

entreat plead; ask earnestly

entree(entrée) entrance; a way in; right to enter; main dish of a meal; Ex. entree into the exclusive circle

entrepreneur businessperson (who assumes the risk of a business venture); contractor; ADJ. entrepreneurial

enumerate list; mention one by one

enunciate announce; proclaim; utter or speak, especially distinctly; pronounce clearly; articulate; Ex. This theory was first enunciated by him.

environ enclose; surround; N. environs: surrounding area (as of a city)

eon(aeon) long period of time; an age; longest division of geologic time containing two or more eras

epaulet(epaulette) ornament worn on the shoulder (of a uniform, etc.)

fringe decorative edge of hanging threads; edge

ephemeral short-lived; fleeting

fleet fast; rapid; N. ADJ. fleeting: passing quickly; ephemeral

epic long heroic poem, novel, or similar work of art (celebrating the feats of a hero); ADJ: (of stories or events) resembling an epic; grand

epicure connoisseur of food and drink; gourmet; ADJ. epicurean; CF. Epicurus

Epicurean believing that pleasure is good and suffering is bad and should be avoided; N.

epigram witty thought or saying, usually short

epilogue short speech at conclusion of dramatic work

episcopic (of a story or play) loosely connected; made up of separate and loosely connected parts; N. episode: incident in the course of an experience

epistemologist philosopher who studies the nature of knowledge; N. epistemology

epitaph inscription in memory of a dead person (as on a tombstone)
epithet word or phrase characteristically used to
describe a person or thing; descriptive phrase to charac-
terize a person (often contemptuous)
epitome perfect example or embodiment; brief sum-
mmary; Ex. epitome of good manners; V. epitomize: make
an epitome of; be an epitome of; embody
epoch period of time
equable tranquil; of even calm temper; (of temperature)
steady; uniform
equanimity calmness of temperament; composure
equestrian rider on horseback; ADJ.
equivalent balance of opposing forces; balance of the
mind; equanimity
equine resembling a horse; Ex. equine face
equinox period of equal days and nights; the beginning
of spring and autumn; Ex. vernal/autumnal equinox;
ADJ. equinoctial
equipoise balance; balancing force; equilibrium
equitable fair; impartial; OP. inequitable
equity fairness; justice; OP. inequity
equivocal (of words or statements) ambiguous; inten-
tionally misleading; (of behavior) questionable; OP. un-
equivocal
equivocate use equivocal language to deceive people;
lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivoca-
tion
erode eat away; wear away gradually by abrasion; Ex.
The sea erodes the rocks.
erotic pertaining to passionate love or sexual love
erant wandering (esp. in search of adventure); straying
from proper moral standards; Ex. knight-errant
erratic odd; irregular in movement or behavior; unpre-
dictable
erroneous mistaken; wrong; incorrect
erudite (of a person or book) learned; full of learning;
scholarly; N. erudition
scholarly full of learning; erudite; like a scholar; Ex.
scholarly journal
escapade prank; flighty conduct; reckless adventure
that disobeys rules
prank mischievous trick
flighty (esp. of a woman’s behavior) capricious; often
changing, esp. from one lover to another; impulsive
eschew avoid habitually; Ex. eschew alcoholic drinks
esoteric hard to understand; known only to the chosen
few, esp. initiates; N. esoterica
espionage spying
espouse adopt; support (an idea or aim); marry; N. es-
pousal
esteem respect; value; judge; N.
estimable (of a person) worthy of esteem; admirable;
deserving esteem; possible to estimate
inestimable impossible to estimate; (apprec) invalu-
able; of immeasurable worth
estranged separated; alienated; V. estrange: alienate
(people in a family); N. estrangement
ethereal like a spirit or fairy; unearthly light; heavenly;
unusually refined; Ex. She has an ethereal beauty; CF.
ether: upper air
airy of air; high in the air; lofty; immaterial; unreal
ethnic relating to races
ethnology study of humankind; study of the different
races of human beings; CF. anthropology
ethos underlying character of a culture, group, etc.;
character or ideas peculiar to a specific person, group,
or culture; Ex. the company ethos
etymology study of word parts; study of the origins of
words
eugenic pertaining to the improvement of race; N. eu-
genics: study of hereditary improvement of the human
race
eulogistic praising; full of eulogy
eulogy: expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone’s death; V. eulogize

euphemi sm: mild expression in place of an unpleasant one; ADJ. euphemistic

euphony: sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious

euphoria: feeling of exaggerated or un-founded (ungrounded; baseless) well-being; feeling of great happiness or well-being (when unreasonable); ADJ. euphoric

euthanasia: mercy killing

evanescence: fleeting; vanishing; soon disappearing; V. evanesce

evasive: not frank; trying to hide the truth; eluding; evading; V. evade: avoid (a duty or responsibility) or escape from by deceit

evince: show clearly

evenhanded: impartial; fair

evocative: tending to call up (emotions, memories)
evoke: call forth (memory or feeling); Ex. That old film evoked memories of my childhood; N. evocation

evese: female sheep

ram: male sheep; V. strike or drive against with a heavy impact

exacerbate: worsen; aggravate; embitter

emitter: make bitter; fill with painful or bitter feelings; make sad and angry; Ex. He was embittered by many disappointments.

exacting: extremely demanding; Ex. exacting standard of safety

exact: demand and obtain by force; Ex. exact a promise from him; N. exaction

exalt: raise in rank or dignity; praise highly; inspire; Ex. exalt the imagination; ADJ. exalted; N. exaltation

exasperate: vex; annoy or make angry (by testing the patience)

exceptional: objectionable; likely to cause dislike; offensive; CF: unexceptionable: entirely acceptable

except: exclude; N. exception: objection; exclusion; ADJ. exceptional: unusual; of unusually high quality

excerpt: selected passage (written or musical) taken from a longer work; V.

exchequer: treasury; Ex. Chancellor of the exchequer

chancellor: legal official of high rank; CF. chancellery(chancellors): position of a chancellor

treasure: keep as precious; cherish

excise: cut away; cut out; N: government tax on good produced and used inside a country; N. excision

exclaim: cry out suddenly; N. exclamation; ADJ. exclamationary

excoriate: scold with biting harshness; censure strongly; strip the skin off

exempt: not subject to a duty or obligation; free from a duty; V.

exertion: effort; expenditure of much physical work; V. exert oneself: make a great effort

exhale: breathe out; OP. inhale

exasperating: invigorating and refreshing; cheering; V. exhilarate: make cheerful and excited; Ex. exhilarated by the ride in the sports car

exhort: urge (by strong argument or advice); Ex. The general exhorted his men to fight bravely; N. exhortation

urge: drive or force forward (by causing impulses); drive to take action; impel; entreat earnestly; Ex. urge horses; N: impulse that prompts action

urgent: compelling immediate action; pressing; persistent; importunate; Ex. urgent in his demands

exhume: dig out of the ground; remove from a grave

coroner: public official who investigates any death thought to be of other than natural causes

exigency: urgent situation; ADJ. exigent

exiguous: small in amount; minute

existential: pertaining to existence; pertaining to the philosophy of existentialism

exodus: departure (of a large number of people)

exonerate: acquit; exculpate; free from blame or guilt

exorbitant: (of costs or demands) excessive; exceeding reasonable bounds

exorcise: drive out evil spirits

exotic: not native; from another part of the world; strange; intriguingly unusual; Ex. exotic flower/dress
◆ intrigue make secret plans; plot; arouse the curiosity of; N: secret scheme; plot; secret love affair

◆ expansive (of a person) outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size

◆ outgoing sociable; eager to mix socially with others

◆ expatiate talk at length; speak or write in detail

□ expatriate exile; someone who has withdrawn from his native land; V: exile; banish; leave one’s country

□ expedient suitable (for a particular purpose although not necessarily morally correct); practical; politic(prudent); N: something expedient

□ expedite hasten; make go faster

★ expediteous done with speed; quick; N: expedition

□ expenditure payment or expense; expending; something expended; output; Ex. receipt for the expenditure; Ex. expenditure of all the energy

□ expertise specialized knowledge (in a particular field); expert skill

□ expiate make amends for (a sin)

◆ expletive meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word

◆ swear vow; promise; use profane oaths; use offensive words

◆ swear-word word considered offensive; Ex. “bloody”

◆ oath solemn promise; blasphemous use of sacred words to express strong feelings; swear-word; Ex. “For Christ’s sake”

□ explicate explain in detail; interpret; clarify; CF. explicable

□ explicit totally clear; definite; outspoken

□ exploit brave and successful act; deed or action, particularly a brave deed; CF. crossing the Atlantic ocean

□ exploit make use of, sometimes unjustly; N: exploitation

□ expository explanatory; serving to explain; N: exposition; explaining; exhibition

◆ expostulation protest; remonstrance; reasoning with someone to correct or dissuade; V: expostulate

□ exposure risk, particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying something open; Ex. exposure of governmental corruption

□ expound explain

◆ expropriate take possession of (often for public use and without payment)

◆ expunge cancel; remove a word or name (from a book or list); erase

□ expurgate clean; remove offensive parts of a book

□ extant (of something written or painted) still in existence

□ extemporaneous not planned; impromptu; extempore

◆ extenuate weaken; mitigate; lessen the seriousness of (bad behavior)
♠ dissension disagreement of opinions causing strife within a group
♠ factious inclined to form factions; causing dissension
♠ factitious artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears
♠ factotum handyman; person who does all kinds of work; CF: do everything
□ faculty mental or bodily powers; teaching staff
fallacious  false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument
fallible  liable to err
falsify  make (something written) false by changing
fallow  (of land) plowed but not sowed (to improve the quality); uncultivated
sow  plant or scatter seed
falter  hesitate; weaken in purpose or action; walk or move unsteadily through weakness; N.
stumble  trip and almost fall; proceed unsteadily; act falteringly; N.
fanaticism  excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause; N. fanatic; ADJ. fanatic
fancied  imagined; unreal
fancier  breeder or dealer of animals; one who has a special interest, as for raising specific plant or animal
fanciful  whimsical; visionary; imaginary; produced by imagination; Ex. fanciful scheme
fancy  imagination (of a whimsical or fantastic nature); capricious liking; V: imagine; be fond of; ADJ. decorative; elaborate
fanfare  call by bugles or trumpets; showy display; spectacular public display
farce  broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening; ADJ. farcical
fastidious  difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky
fetish  object believed to have spiritual powers; CF. fetishism
fetter  shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot
fetal  producing many young, fruits, or seeds; (of land) producing good crops; V. fertilize
fruitful  producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance
feign  pretend
feint  trick; shift; sham blow; feigned attack to draw away defensive action; V.
shift  change position or place; exchange (one thing) for another; change in direction or position; Ex. shift the stolen goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of such a group
felicitous  (of a word or remark) apt; suitably expressed; well chosen
felicity  happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.); quality of being felicitous
felon  person convicted of a grave crime; CF. felony: serious crime
feral  (of an animal) not domestic; wild
ferment  agitation; commotion (noisy and excited activity); unrest (of a political kind); V. produce by fermentation; undergo fermentation; cause (a state of trouble)
fermentation  chemical reaction that splits complex organic compounds; unrest; agitation
ferret  drive or hunt out of hiding; hunt with ferrets; drive out (as from a hiding place); expel; uncover or discover by searching; Ex. ferret out the secret; N. small fierce animal which catches rats and rabbits by going into their holes
fervent  ardent; zealous; hot
fervid  ardent; zealous; hot
impassioned  (of speech) filled with passion; fervent
fervor  glowing ardor; intensity of feeling; quality of being fervent or fervid; zeal; intense heat
fester  rankle; produce irritation or resentment; (of a cut or wound) generate pus or rot; Ex. His insult festered in my mind for days.
fermentation  chemical reaction that splits complex organic compounds; unrest; agitation
ferre(fête)  honor at a festival; celebrate or honor with a feast; N. (outdoor) festival or feast; CF. feast
fetid(foetid)  malodorous; foul
foul  very bad or disagreeable; very dirty; Ex. foul smell/flavor/temper/language/air/deed/weather/means; N. act against the rules; V. make or become foul; commit a foul
fetish(fetich)  object believed to have spiritual powers; object of excessive attention or reverence; CF. fetishism
fetter  shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot
fiasco total failure; CF. bottle
fiat command; arbitrary order; Ex. presidential fiat; CF. let it be done
fickle changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless
fictitious imaginary; non-existent; purposely invented to deceive; untrue; Ex. fictitious name/boyfriend; CF. fictional
fidelity loyalty; accuracy
figment invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination
figurative not literal but metaphorical; using a figure (impression) of speech
figure written symbols; number; amount represented in numbers; outline or silhouette of a thing or human body; person (well-known); impression; diagram; pattern; group in a dance; Ex. figure of speech; V. calculate with numbers; adorn with figures; appear; consider; Ex. My name did not figure in the list.
figurine small ornamental statuette (very small statue)
filch steal (things of small value)
filial pertaining to or befitting a son or daughter; Ex. filial respect
filibuster block legislation or prevent action in a law-making body by making very slow long speeches; N; freebooter
freebooter pirate or plunderer who makes war in order to grow rich
bust piece of sculpture showing a person’s head, shoulders, and upper chest; V: break up; arrest; Ex. crime-buster
filigree delicate ornamental lace-like metalwork
lace cord used to draw and tie together two opposite edges (as of a shoe); delicate fabric made of fine threads; V: draw together by tying a lace
filing particle removed by a file
finale conclusion; concluding part
finesse delicate skill; V: handle with finesse
finicky too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food
fussy fastidious; finicky; easily upset
fuss trouble or worry over trifles; make nervous; pay too much attention to; N: needless concern or worry (about a trivial thing); anxious nervous condition; display of attention; Ex. make a fuss over the baby
finite limited
firebrand piece of burning wood; hothead; troublemaker; person who stirs up trouble
hothead person who does things too quickly without thinking; ADJ. hotheaded
fissure crevice; crack
fitful spasmodic; intermittent; irregular
fit sudden outburst of an illness or feeling; convulsion caused by epilepsy
flaccid flabby; lacking firmness; weak; Ex. flaccid muscles
limp walk lamely; ADJ: lacking firmness; weak
flag droop; grow feeble; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ. flagging; CF. unflagging
drop bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.
flagrant conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous
outrage act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; ADJ. outrageous: offensive
flail beat with or as if with a flail; move wildly; thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; toss about; N: threshing tool consisting of a stick swinging from the end of a long handle
thresh beat (cereal plants) with a machine or flail to separate the grains from the straw
toss throw lightly; move or lift (the head) with a sudden motion; flip (a coin) to decide something
flair talent
flamboyant ornate; highly elaborate; richly colored; ostentatious; showy; CF. flame
flaunt display ostentatiously; Ex. “Honey, if you’ve got it, flaunt it!”
flay strip off skin; plunder; remove the skin from; criticize harshly
fleck spot; mark with flecks; N: small mark or spot
fledgling (fledgeling) inexperienced; N: young bird that has acquired wing feathers and is learning to fly; inexperienced person
fleeve wool coat of a sheep; V: shear the fleece from; rob by a trick; swindle; plunder
shear remove (fleece or hair) by cutting; remove the hair or fleece from; cut with or as if with shears; N: shears; pair of scissors
trickster person who cheats people
flick light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex. flick the switch
flicker burn unsteadily or fitfully; move wafting; N: flickering movement or light; brief sensation; Ex. flicker of excitement
flutter (of a bird with large wings) wave (the wings) lightly, rapidly, and irregularly; vibrate rapidly or erratically; fly by waving quickly; flutter; N.
flinch hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger.
♠ flippant lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy
♥ flip send (something) spinning, often into the air, by striking with a light quick blow; turn over; Ex. flip over
♠ fit fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower
♠ floe flat mass of floating ice
♥ flora plants of a region or era
♥ florescence condition or period of flowering
♥ florid ruddy; (of a complexion) reddish; flowery; very ornate; CF. rose
♥ flush redden; blush; flow suddenly and abundantly; wash out by a rapid brief flow of water; N: reddish tinge; blush; brief rush; rush of strong feeling; Ex. flush of pride; ADJ: having surfaces in the same plane; even; blushing
♥ blush become red in the face (from embarrassment or shame); become red or rosy; N.
♥ tinge give a slight degree of a color or quality to; N: slight degree of a color or quality; Ex. tinged with grey/jealousy
♥ tint slight degree of color; V: give a tint to
♥ flowery full of flowers; full of ornate expressions
♠ flotsam drifting wreckage
♥ jetsam things thrown from a ship (to lighten the ship)
♠ flounder struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter (as in water, mud, snow, etc.); proceed in confusion
♥ thrash beat with a whip or flail; defeat utterly; talk about thoroughly in order to find the answer; move wildly or violently; Ex. The fishes thrashed about in the net.
♥ flourish grow well; prosper; make sweeping gestures; wave; brandish; Ex. The trees flourished in the sun.
N: showy movement or gesture; embellishment or ornamentation (esp. in handwriting)
♠ flout reject; mock; show contempt for; scorn; Ex. flout the rules
♥ curb chain or strap used with a bit to restrain a horse; something that checks; V: check; restrain
♥ fluctuate waver; shift; rise and fall as if in waves; change or vary irregularly
♥ fluency smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent
♠ flute unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune; accidental stroke of good luck; ADJ. fluky
♠ fluster confuse; make nervous and confused; N.
♠ fluted having vertical parallel grooves (as in a pillar); V. flute: make long parallel inward curves in; N. flute: long rounded groove incised on the shaft of a column
♥ groove long narrow channel made in a surface to guide the movement of something; Ex. groove of the record
♥ stammer speak with involuntarily pauses or repetitions
♠ flux flowing; series of changes; fluctuation; Ex. in a state of flux
♠ fodder coarse food for cattle, horses, etc.; feed for livestock; CF. food
♦ foible small weakness of character; slight fault; CF. feeble
♥ foil contrast; one that by contrast enhances the distinctive characteristics of another
♠ foil defeat; frustrate; prevent from being successful; thwart; CF. fail
♠ foist insert improperly; impose upon another by coercion; palm off; pass off as genuine or worthy; CF. fist
♥ palm conceal in the palm of the hand; palm off; pass off; Ex. palm off some bad oranges onto the lady/the painting as a real Renoir
♥ pass off present falsely; represent falsely to be
♠ foliage masses of leaves; CF. defoliate
♠ foment stir up; incite; instigate; promote the growth of (something evil or unpleasant)
♥ foolhardy rash; reckless; foolishly daring
♥ foppish vain about dress and appearance; N. fop: man who takes too much interest in his clothes and appearance
♠ forcast raid; sudden raid or military advance; V.
♠ forborneance patience; forgiveness; V. forbear: refrain from (in a generous and forgiving way); be patient; Ex. forbear to send him to prison
♠ ford place where a river can be crossed on foot; V.
♠ forebears(forbears) ancestors
♦ foreboding premonition of evil; feeling of coming evil; V. forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)
♠ forensic suitable to debate or courts of law; of or used in legal proceedings and the tracking of criminals; Ex. forensic science/medicine
♥ forum public square of an ancient Roman city; public place for open discussion; court of law
♦ foreshadow give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend; prefigure
♥ prefigure be a sign of; foreshadow
♥ forerunner predecessor; one that comes before and indicates the approach of another
♦ foresight ability to foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future
♦ forestall prevent by taking action in advance
♥ nuptial of marriage or the wedding ceremony; N; nuptials; wedding ceremony
♥ forfeit something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N. forfeiture
**forge** counterfeit; reproduce fraudulently; form by heating in a forge and hammering into shape; move with a sudden increase of speed or power; Ex. forged ahead in the last two years; N: furnace where metals are heated

**forno** (foro) give up; do without

**forlorn** sad and lonely; wretched; desolate

**formality** ceremonious quality; ceremonious adherence to rules; something done just for form's sake; Ex. mere formality

**formidable** menacing; arousing fear; threatening; difficult to defeat; Ex. formidable foe/question

**menace** threat; V: threaten

**forsake** desert; abandon; renounce

**forswear** renounce under oath; abandon; make a solemn promise to give up; CF. abjure

**forfeť** strong point or special talent in a person's character

**forthright** straightforward; direct; frank

**forthcoming** happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming.

**fortitude** bravery; courage; strength of mind

**forbuitous** accidental; by chance; N. fortuity

**foster** rear; bring up (for a certain period only); encourage; promote the development of (feelings or ideas); Ex. help foster friendly relations; ADJ: giving parental care although not related by blood; Ex. foster parents

**founder** fail completely; sink; CF. flounder

**founder** person who establishes (an organization or business)

**fracas** brawl (noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; melee

**fractious** unruly; peevish; cranky; bad-tempered; Ex. fractious horse

**fumble** weak; N. frailty

**franchise** right or privilege granted by authority; right to vote; license to sell a product in a particular territory

**frantic** wild; distraught as from fear or worry; Ex. frantic with fear

**frustrate** thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose

**frugality** thrift; economy; ADJ. frugal: practicing economy; costing little; inexpensive

**fruit** bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization; Ex. come to/be brought to fruition

**frustrate** thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose

**fugitive** fleeting or transitory; lasting only a short time; roving (wandering); running away or fleeing as from the law; N: one who flees; Ex. fugitives at large

**fulcrum** support on which a lever rests or pivots

**fulminate** thunder; explode; issue a severe denunciation

**fulsome** disgustingly excessive; offensively flattering; Ex. fulsome praise/expressions of admire

**functional** official (who performs a particular function)

**functionalism** made for practical use only (without decoration); functioning; Ex. functional modern furniture; CF. functionalism

**fundamental** basic; primary; essential

**funereal** sad; solemn; suitable for a funeral

**fury** frenzy; great anger and excitement; CF. fury

**furtive** stealthy; quiet and secret (trying to escape notice); sneaky; Ex. furtive glance

**sneak** move, give, or take in a quiet, stealthy way; N: one who sneaks; ADJ. sneaky

**underhand** (underhanded) done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)
♥ sly  clever in deceiving; secretive; not telling one’s intentions
♠ fusillade  simultaneous firing or outburst (of missiles, questions, etc.)
□ fusion  union; coalition; V. fuse
□ futile  useless; hopeless; ineffectual
♠ gadfly  animal-biting fly; irritating person
♠ gaffe  social blunder
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- **gainsay** deny
- **gait** manner of walking or running; speed
- **galaxy** large isolated system of stars, such as the Milky Way; collection of brilliant personalities
- **gale** windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughters, tears); Ex. gale of laughter
- **gall** bitterness of feeling; nerve; effrontery; 닫힘(bile); CF. gall bladder
- **gall** annoy; exasperate; chafe; N. skin sore caused by rubbing (as on the skin of a horse); exasperation
- **galleon** large three-masted sailing ship
- **galley** low ship with sails (rowed along by slaves)
- **clipper** sailing vessel built for great speed
- **pinnacle** small boat
- **clip** cut off with shears; fasten; N. something clipped off (as a short extract from film); clasp or fastener
- **galvanize** stimulate or shock by an electric current; stimulate by shock; shock into action; stir up; coat with rust-resistant zinc by using electricity
- **galvanic** of the production of electricity by the action of an acid on a metal; having the effect of an electric shock; Ex. galvanic cell; galvanic effect; CF. Luigi Galvani
- **gambit** opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed; action made to produce a future advantage
- **ploy** stratagem to gain an advantage; tactic; Ex. management ploy
- **gambol** romp; skip about; leap about playfully; frolic; N.
- **romp** play or frolic boisterously; gambol; N.
- **zest** outer skin of an orange used for giving a special taste to food; spice; interest; flavor; spirited enjoyment; Ex. add a certain zest to the affair; Ex. zest for life
- **gamely** in a spirited manner; with courage; Ex. fight gamely against a superior boxer; ADJ. game
- **gamut** entire range
- **gape** open widely; open the mouth wide; stare wonderingly with the mouth open; CF. agape
- **garbled** mixed up; jumbled; distorted; V. garble: mix up or distort (a message) to such an extent as to make misleading or unintelligible
- **jumble** mix in a confused way
- **gargantuan** huge; enormous; gigantic; CF. the hero of Gargantua and Pantagruel
- **gargoyle** waterspout carved in grotesque figures on a building
- **garish** overbright in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy
- **trim** make neat or tidy by clipping; reduce by removing what is unnecessary; ornament; decorate (round the edges); Ex. trim the cost; Ex. jacket trimmed with fur; N. ADJ. tidy; in good order
- **garner** gather; store up; amass
- **garnish** decorate; add a garnish to; decorate (food or drink) with small items such as lemon slices; N.
- **garrulous** loquacious; wordy; talkative; N. garrulity
- **gastronomy** art and science of preparing and serving good food; CF. gastronome
- **gauche** clumsy (in social behavior); coarse and uncouth
- **gaudy** flashy; showy
- **flashy** showy; gaudy; giving a momentary brilliance
- **gild** cover with a thin layer of gold
- **gaunt** lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; barren
- **gavel** hammerlike tool; mallet(wooden hammer) used by a presiding officer or an auctioneer; V.
- **bid** command; utter (a greeting); offer as a price; N. offer of a price; amount offered; earnest effort to gain something; Ex. bid for freedom
- **gawk** stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe
- **gazette** official periodical publication; newspaper
- **genealogy** record of descent; lineage; ancestry; study of ancestry
- **generality** vague statement; general statement which is not detailed; quality of being general; greater part; most; Ex. generality of people
- **generate** cause; produce; create
- **generic** characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus
- **genus** division of animals or plants, below a family and above a species
- **germane** pertinent; bearing upon(having connection with) the case at hand; appropriate
- **gentility** those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteel
- **gentle** kindly; soft; mild; of good family
- **gentle** kind or sort of animal or plant
- **gentility** those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteel
- **breed** produce young; rear; bring up; produce (an undesirable condition); N. kind or sort of animal or plant
- **crossbreed** hybridize; N. hybrid; CF. interbreed; CF. inbreed
- **well-bred** of good upbringing; well-mannered and refined
- **gentility** those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteel
germ  earliest form of an organism; seed or bud; something that may develop into something larger or more important; microbe

germinate  cause to sprout; sprout

sprout  begin to grow; give off shoots or buds; N: new growth on a plant; shoot

shoot  new growth from a plant

gerontocracy  government ruled by old people

gerontology  study of the sociological phenomena associated with old age

gerrymander  change voting district lines in order to favor a political party; N. CF. Elbridge Gerry + (sala)mander

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germ layer  closest layer of cells of an organism; N: outermost layer of a plant including the epidermis

gestate  evolve as in prenatal growth; N: gestation: period of development from conception until birth

natal  connected with birth; CF. prenatal; CF. postnatal

gesticulation  motion; gesture; V. gesticulate: make gestures (while speaking)
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ghastly  horrible; terrifying; resembling ghosts; CF. aghast

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gibberish  nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk or writing; babbling

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gibe  mock; make jeering remarks; N: jeering remarks
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giddy  light-hearted; not serious; frivolous; dizzy; causing dizziness; Ex. giddy youth; Ex. giddy climb/height

gingerly  very carefully; ADJ.
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girth  distance around something; circumference

gist  essence; main point; substance

glacial  like a glacier; of an ice age; extremely cold; Ex. glacial epoch; CF. iceberg

glaring  (of something bad) highly conspicuous; harshly bright; shining intensely and blindingly

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glare  shine intensely and blindingly; stare fixedly and angrily; N.
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glaze  cover with a thin and shiny surface; apply a glaze to; N: thin, smooth, shiny coating (as for pottery); Ex. unglazed pottery

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glean  gather leavings; gather grain left behind by reapers; gather bit by bit (facts or information) often with difficulty

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glib  fluent (with insincerity or superficiality); facile; slick

slick  make smooth or glossy; N: smooth surface; Ex. oil slick; ADJ. smooth; glossy; deftly executed; adroit; glib

sleek  smooth and shining (as from good health); V.

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glimmer  shine erratically; twinkle; N: dim or unsteady light; faint indication; Ex. glimmer of hope

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glitter  shine brightly with flashing points of light; Ex. glittering diamond ring; N: sparkling light; attractiveness; glamor; Ex. glitter of the sun on the waves

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gloss over  explain away with the intention of deceiving or hiding faults

gloss  brief explanation note or translation of a difficult expression; V.

glossary  brief explanation of words used in the text

glossy  smooth and shining; N. gloss: shiny brightness on a surface; superficially attractive appearance; Ex. gloss of good manners

mat  not shiny; matte; having a dull finish; N: flat piece of material used as a floor covering; V.

finish  surface texture; completeness of execution

finished  properly made and complete; Ex. finished product/performance

glament  scowl; glare; look or stare angrily

scowl  frown angrily; N: angry frown

glutton  someone who eats too much; ADJ. gluttonous: given to gluttony; greedy; CF. gluttony: habit of eating too much

gnarled  twisted

gnarl  protruding knot on a tree; V.

gnome  dwarf; underground spirit who guards treasure hoards

goad  urge on; drive with a goad; cause (someone) to do something by continued annoyance; Ex. They goaded him into doing it by saying he was a coward; N: sharp-pointed stick for driving cattle; stimulus; CF. annoy continually

gorge  narrow canyon; steep rocky cleft; ravine (made by a stream which runs through it)

gorge  stuff oneself (with food); glut; CF. gorgeous: dazzlingly beautiful

gory  bloody; N: gore: blood (from a wound)

shudder  shake uncontrollably; tremble; V.

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sleek  smooth and shining (as from good health); V.

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gouge  tear out; cut out (as if with a gouge); Ex. gouge his eyes out; N: chisel for cutting out hollow areas in wood

gouge  overcharge (with high price); extort from; Ex. gouge the public; CF. usury

gourmand  epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink

gourmet  connoisseur of food and drink; epicure

graduated  arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.)

graduate  arrange into categories or grades; divide into marked intervals (for use in measurement); Ex. graduated ruler

granary  storehouse for grain

grandeur  impressiveness; stateliness; majesty

stately  formal; ceremonious; grand in style or size; majestic

grandiloquent  (of a person or speech) using high sounding or important-sounding language; pompous; bombastic

grandiose  affectedly grand; pretentious; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated; impressive; great in size or scope; grand; Ex. grandiose ideas

high-flown  highly pretentious or inflated

matinée  (dramatic or musical performance given in the afternoon)

graphic  pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described

vivid  (of light or color) bright and distinct; evoking life-like mental images; Ex. vivid red hair/description

graphite  black form of carbon used in lead pencils

grapple  wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar

grate  make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred by rubbing against a rough surface; Ex. grated cheese; N: framework of metal bars to hold fuel in a fireplace

gratify  please; satisfy; Ex. gratify a desire

gratis  free; without charge; ADJ.

gratuitous  given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for; done without good reason; Ex. gratuitous comment

gratuity  tip

gravity  seriousness; ADJ. grave

gregarious  sociable; (of an animal) tending to form a group

grievance  cause of complaint; complaint

grill  question severely; cook on a grill; broil; N: cooking surface of parallel metal bars

broil  cook by direct heat; N.

grimm  causing great fear; unrelenting; determined in spite of fear; Ex. grim smile

grimace  facial distortion to show feeling such as pain, disgust, etc; V.

grisly  ghastly; horrifying; Ex. grisly remains of the bodies

groom  man employed to take care of horses; V: make neat and trim; clean and brush (an animal)

grotesque  fantastic; comically hideous; strange and unnatural (causing fear or amusement)

hideous  repulsive to the sight; ugly; repugnant; Ex. hideous face/scream

grotto  small cavern

grouse  complaint; fuss; grumble; grouch; N: plump chickenlike game bird

grumble  complaint; mutter discontentedly; grouch; N.

mutter  utter (complaining words) indistinctly in low tones

rumble  make or move with a deep rolling sound (as thunder or stomach)

grovel  crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate; behave in a servile manner

grudging  unwilling; reluctant; stingy(giving reluctantly)

gruel  thin liquid porridge

porridge  soft food made by boiling oatmeal

oatmeal  crushed oats used for making porridge

grueling  exhausting; Ex. grueling marathon race

gruesome  grisly; horrible

gruff  rough-mannered; (of a voice) rough; hoarse

grunt  utter a deep guttural sound (as a pig does); N.

guffaw  boisterous laughter; V.

guile  deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning; Ex. persuade her by guile

cunning  clever in deceiving; sly; N: cleverness in deceiving; deceit

guileless  without deceit

guise  outward appearance; costume; Ex. in a new guise

gull  trick; deceive; hoodwink; N: person who is easily tricked; dupe

gullible  easily deceived

gustatory  affecting or relating to the sense of taste

gusto  eager enjoyment; zest; enthusiasm

gusty  windy

gust  strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster

guy  cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied; CF. guide

topple  become unsteady and fall down

overthrow  topple; N.

overturn  turn over; capsize; topple
capsize (of a boat) turn over

gyroscope apparatus used to maintain balance, ascertain direction, etc.

habituate accustom or familiarize; addict

hackles hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone’s hackles rise

growl low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)

hackneyed commonplace; trite

haggard wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners

haggle argue about prices (in an attempt to bargain)

halcyon calm; peaceful; Ex. halcyon days

hale healthy

hail frozen rain drop; V: salute or greet; precipitate hail

hallowed blessed; consecrated; Ex. hallowed ground; V. hallow: set apart as holy

hallucination delusion; false idea; false perception of objects with a compelling sense of their reality; objects so perceived; V. hallucinate; ADJ. hallucinatory

halting hesitant; faltering; not fluent; Ex. halting steps/voice; V. halt: proceed or act with uncertainty; falter; hesitate; waver; stop

waver move or swing back and forth; be uncertain or unsteady in decision or movement; Ex. wavering between accepting and refusing

hamper obstruct; prevent the free movement of; N: 식료품이나 의복 등을 담는 바구니

hap chance; luck

haphazard random; by chance; happening in an unplanned manner; Ex. haphazard growth of the town

hapless unfortunate; luckless

harangue long, passionate, and vehement speech; V.

harass annoy by repeated attacks

harbinger forerunner (which foreshadows what is to come)

harbor give protection (by giving food and shelter); provide a refuge for; hide; keep in mind (thoughts or feelings); Ex. harbor a grudge/criminal; N: place of shelter; refuge

habitat natural home of a plant or animal; CF. habitation

hardy (of people or animals) sturdy; robust; (of plants) able to stand inclement(stormy) weather

harping tiresome dwelling on a subject; V. harp: dwell on(think or speak a lot about) tediously

harrowing agonizing; distressing; traumatic; V. harrow: break up and level (soil) with a harrow; inflict great distress on; agonize; N: farming machine to break up the earth

harry harass, annoy, torment (by repeated attacks); raid

hatch deck opening; lid covering a deck opening; V: emerge from an egg; produce (young) from an egg

latch fastening or lock consisting of a movable bar that fits into a notch; V: close with a latch

notch V-shaped cut in a surface; V.

haughtiness pride; arrogance; ADJ. haughty

haunt (of a spirit) visit (a place); come to mind continually; visit (a place) regularly; frequent; Ex. haunted house; Ex. haunted by his last words; N: place much frequented

haven place of safety; refuge; harbor; Ex. tax haven

havoc widespread damage; disorder; chaos

hazardous dangerous

hazard venture; put in danger; risk; Ex. hazard a guess; N: possible source of danger

hazy slightly obscure; misty; unclear; N. haze: light mist or smoke; confused state of mind

headlong hasty; rash; headfirst; ADV.

headfirst moving with the head leading; headlong

headstrong willful; stubborn; unyielding; determined to have one’s own way; CF. no ‘excessive’

heckler person who verbally harasses others; V. heckle: verbally harass as with gibes (by interrupting a speaker or speech)

hedonist one who believes that pleasure is the sole aim in life; CF. hedonism: practice of living one’s life purely for pleasure

heedless not noticing; disregarding

heed pay attention to; N: close attention

hegemony dominance especially of one nation over others

heinous atrocious; wicked; hatefully bad; Ex. heinous crime

gross total; fragrant; clearly wrong; (of people’s behavior) coarse; corrupt; Ex. gross insolence/behavior; V: earn as a total amount; N: 12 dozens

helm steering wheel of a ship; position of control

herbivorous grain-eating; CF. herbivore

heresy opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion; ADJ. heretical; CF. heretic

hermetic sealed by fusion so as to be airtight; airtight

hermetic concerning alchemy or magic; obscure and mysterious; occult

sterile incapable of producing young; free from microorganism; V: sterilize

hermitage home of a hermit

herpetologist one who studies reptiles; CF. herpetology: branch of zoology that deals with reptiles and amphibians

heterodox (of beliefs) against accepted opinion; unconventional

heterogeneous dissimilar; mixed; not homogeneous; consisting of dissimilar elements or plants

hew cut to pieces with ax or sword; chop; N.
♦ **heyday** time of greatest success or power; prime

♥ **prime** period of ideal or peak condition; earliest or beginning stage; Ex. in the prime of life; Ex. prime of the year(spring); ADJ: first in importance or rank; first; V: make ready; prepare

♥ **primary** first in rank or importance; principal; earliest in time; Ex. primary stages; N. CF first

♥ **primal** first in rank or importance; being first in time; original; Ex. man's primal innocence

♥ **primate** group of mammals including humans

♦ **hiatus** gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break
hibernal  wintry; wintery; of or like winter
hibernate  sleep throughout the winter; N. hibernation
hierarchy  arrangement by rank or standing; authoritarian body divided into ranks; body of persons having authority
totem  animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex. totem pole
hieroglyphic  picture writing; ADJ.
hilarity  boisterous mirth (merriment; laughter); ADJ. hilarious: full of laughter
hindmost  furthest behind; farthest to the rear
wage  begin and continue (a war)
hindrance  block; obstacle; V. hinder
hinterlands  back country; inner part of a country; OP. foreland
hireling  one who serves for hire (usually used contemptuously); one who works solely for compensation; Ex. hireling politician
hirsute  hairy; having a lot of hair
histrionic  theatrical; excessively dramatic or emotional; affected; of actors or acting; N. histrionics: histrionic behavior
historic  important in history; Ex. historic battle
historical  connected with history; based on events in history (whether regarded as important or not)
hoard  stockpile; accumulate for future use; N: supply stored for future use
hoary  white with age
hoax  trick which makes someone take action; practical joke; Ex. hoax mail; V.
holocaust  destruction by fire; CF. burnt whole; CF. Holocaust
holster  leather pistol case (that hangs on a belt around the waist)
home  honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to
homeostasis  tendency of a system or organism to maintain relative stability or internal equilibrium; CF. homeo-: constant; Ex. homeotherm
homespun  domestic; made at home; spun or woven at home; simple and ordinary; Ex. homespun philosophy
spin  rotate swiftly; make (thread) by twisting (cotton, wool, etc.); N.
homely  sermon; tedious moralizing lecture; serious warning; ADJ. homiletic
homogeneous  of the same kind; uniform in composition throughout
hone  sharpen (a tool); N: whetstone for sharpening a tool
hoodwink  deceive; delude
horde  crowd; swarm
swarm  large group of insects moving in a mass; crowd of people or animals; V: move in a crowd or mass
hortatory  encouraging; exhortive; marked by exhortation; CF. exhort
horticultural  pertaining to cultivation of gardens; N. horticulture: science or art of cultivating fruits, vegetables, or ornamental plants; CF. agriculture: science or art of farming or growing crops
hostility  unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ. hostile
hovel  shack; small wretched house
hut  crude dwelling; shack
shack  crude cabin
shelter  small roofed structure for storage and shelter; V: pour forth; lose by natural process; repel without allowing penetration; radiate; cast; Ex. shed tears/light/water/skin/leaves
hover  hang about; (of birds or aircraft) stay in the air in one place; (of people) stay around one place; waver; be in an uncertain state
hubbub  confused uproar; loud noise; din
hubris  arrogance; excessive self-conceit
hue  color; aspect; Ex. opinions of every hue
huckster  trickery; swindler
humble  of low rank or position; modest; having a low opinion of oneself and a high opinion of others; unassuming; not proud; V. humiliate: make humble; cause to feel ashamed or to lose the respect of others
hummock  small hill; hillock
humus  substance or rich soil formed by decaying vegetable matter; CF. soil
humid  damp; N. humidity
humility  humbleness of spirit
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humanitarian  one devoted to the promotion of human welfare; CF. humanism
humdrum  dull; monotonous
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rabies disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)

hygiene science and practice of the promotion and preservation of health; ADJ. hygienic: showing careful attention to cleanliness (to prevent disease); Ex. hygienic condition

hyperbole exaggeration; overstatement; ADJ. hyperbolic: of hyperbole; of a hyperbola

hypocritical excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)

hypochondriac person unduly worried about his health; worrier without cause about illness; ADJ. CF. hypochondria: neurosis that one is or is becoming ill; CF. abdomen

hypocritical pretending to be virtuous; deceiving; N. hypocrisy: profession of beliefs one does not possess; CF. hypocrite

hypothetical based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N. hypothesis

ichthyology study of fish; CF. ichthyo-: fish

icon(ikon) religious image; idol; image or representation

iconoclastic attacking cherished traditions; N. iconoclast: one who attacks traditional ideas; one who destroys sacred images

ideology system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture

idiom expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its individual words; distinctive style (of expression); Ex. idiom of the modern popular music; ADJ. idiomatic

idosyncrasy individual trait usually odd in nature; behavioral peculiarity; eccentricity; attitude, behavior, or opinion peculiar to a person; anything highly individual or eccentric; ADJ. idiosyncratic

idolatry worship of idols; excessive admiration or devotion; ADJ. idolatrous

idyllic charmingly carefree; simple and happy; Ex. idyllic scene

idyll(idyl) short poem idealizing rural life; simple happy period of life (in the country); scene from such a time; Ex. idyll of two young lovers

igneous produced by fire; of fire; volcanic; (of rocks) formed from lava; Ex. igneous meteorite

ignite kindle; light; catch fire or set fire to

ignoble unworthy; not noble; dishonorable; Ex. ignoble deed

ignominious deep disgrace; shame or dishonor; ADJ. ignominious; Ex. ignominious defeat

illicit illegal

illimitable infinite; limitless

illuminating brighten; clear up or make understandable; enlighten; enable to understand; Ex. illuminating remarks

illusion misleading vision or visual image; false idea or belief; CF. delusion
immaculate  spotless; flawless; absolutely clean

tenant  one that pays rent to use property owned by another

tenancy  possession of land or building by rent; period of a tenant’s occupancy

imminent  impending; near at hand

immobility  state of being immovable

immolate  offer or kill as a sacrifice (by fire)

immune  resistant to; free or exempt from; N. immunity

impalpable  imperceptible; not easily understood; in-tangible; OP: palpable: tangible; easily perceptible

impale  pierce (with a sharp point); Ex. impaled by the spear

impassable  not able to be traveled or crossed

impasse  predicament(dangerous condition) from which there is no escape; situation allowing for no further progress

impartial  not biased; fair; N. impartiality

impassive  without feeling; expressionless; imper-turbable; stoical; Ex. impassive face

impale  pierce (with a sharp point); Ex. impaled by the spear

impair  injure; hurt; damage

implication  something hinted at or suggested; imply-
ing; implicating

implement  put into effect; enforce; carry out; supply with tools; Ex. implement the plan/suggestion; N: tool or instrument

implicate  incriminate; involve incriminatingly; show to be involved (in a crime); Ex. implicate someone in the crime

imperceptible  unnoticeable; impossible to perceive; undetectable

imperative  like an emperor; related to an empire; CF. imperialism

imperil  put in danger

imperious  domineering; too commanding; haughty; CF. imperial/emperor

impermeable  impervious; not permitting passage through its substance; impossible to permeate

impertinent  insolent; rude; not pertinent; N. imperti-

imputable  unshakably calm; placid

impartial  not biased; fair; N. impartiality

impolitic  not wise; not expedient; not politic

implausible  unlikely (to be true); unbelievable; Ex. implausible alibi

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implicit  suggest a meaning not expressed; signify

imponderable  weightless; that cannot undergo precise evaluation; CF. pound

import  significance; importance; meaning

significant  expressing a meaning; important; Ex. sig-nificant smile; N. significance: importance; meaning; V. signify: denote; mean; signal; make known; matter; be significant

importunate  urging; always demanding; trouble-

importune  assuming a false identity; masquerade; CF. impostor
♥ masquerade  wear a mask or disguise; pretend; N: costume party or ball at which masks are worn; pretense; disguise

□ impotent  weak; ineffective; lacking in physical strength or power

♥ crave  desire; want intensely

♠ impprecation  curse; swearword

♠ impregnable  invulnerable; impossible to capture or enter by force; Ex. impregnable fort/argument; CF. take

♥ impregnate  make pregnant; fill thoroughly; saturate

□ impromptu  without previous preparation; off the cuff (end of a sleeve); on the spur of the moment

□ impurity  improveness; unsuitableness

□ improvident  lacking caution; not prudent; injudicious

□ impudence  impertinence; insolence

♠ impugn  dispute or contradict (often in an insulting way); attack as false or questionable; challenge; gainsay; CF. fight

♠ impuissance  powerlessness; feebleness

□ impunity  freedom from punishment or harm; CF. punish

♠ impute  attribute; ascribe; charge; N. imputation

□ inadvertently  unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly

♥ oversee  watch over and direct; supervise; N. oversight: unintentional failure to notice or do something; supervision

□ inalienable  not to be taken away; nontransferable; Ex. inalienable rights

♠ inane  silly; senseless; Ex. inane remarks; N. insanity

□ inanimate  lifeless; not animate

♠ inarticulate  speechless; producing indistinct speech; not articulate; not expressing oneself clearly

♥ speechless  unable for the moment to speak (because of strong feeling); Ex. speechless with anger

□ inaugurate  begin formally; install in office; induct into office by a formal ceremony; N. inauguration; ADJ. inaugural

♠ incandescent  strikingly bright; shining with intense heat; emitting visible light when heated; Ex. incandescent light bulb; CF. candle

♠ incantation  singing or chanting of magic spells; magical formula; (the saying of) words used in magic; CF. enchant

♥ chant  tune(melody) in which a number of words are sung on the same note; V: sing (a chant); utter (a slogan) in the manner of a chant

♥ charm  quality of pleasing; amulet; action or formula thought to have magical power; spell; V: attract; cast a spell on; bewitch

♥ bewitch  cast a spell over; captivate completely

♥ recite  repeat aloud (something learned); describe; Ex. recite his complaints; N. recitation

♥ recital  act of reciting publicly; detailed account; performance of music or dance (by a solo performer)

♠ incapacitate  disable; N. incapacity: lack of capacity

□ incarcerate  imprison

□ incarnate  endowed with flesh; invested with bodily form; personified; Ex. devil incarnate; V: give bodily form to; embody

□ incarnation  act of assuming a human body and human nature; one who personifies something; personification; Ex. previous incarnation/reincarnation

♥ personify  represent (an inanimate object) as a person; be the embodiment or perfect example of; Ex. She is evil/patience personified; N. personification

□ incendiary  arsonist; ADJ: causing fire; of arson; Ex. incendiary bomb

□ incense  enrage; infuriate (make furious); make extremely angry; outrage; N: aromatic substance burned to produce a pleasant odor

□ incentive  spur; motive; something which encourages one to greater activity

□ inception  start; beginning

□ incessant  uninterrupted; unceasing
incrédulity tendency to disbelief

incriminate accuse of or implicate in a crime; serve as evidence against; cause to seem or make guilty of a crime; Ex. incriminating evidence

incrustation hard coating or crust; V. incrust: encrust; cover with a crust

incubate hatch; warm (eggs) with the body to promote hatching; maintain at optimal environment conditions for development; be holding in one’s body an infection which is going to develop into a disease; N. incubation; CF. incubation: disease

inasmuch as since; owing to the fact that

incubus burden; very worrying problem; mental care; nightmare; male devil; CF. succubus

inculcate teach (ideas or principles); instill

incumbent obligatory; imposed as an obligation; currently holding an office; N: person who holds an office

insert bring upon oneself

incursion temporary invasion; CF. excursion: short journey

inroad hostile invasion; advance that lessens the quantity or difficulty of something; Ex. The long illness made serious inroads on his savings; CF. raid

indefatigable tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired

indelible not able to be erased

indemnify make secure against damage or loss; compensate for damage or loss; CF. make uninjured

indentation notch; deep recess; V. indent; CF. tooth

indenture bind as servant or apprentice to master; bind by indenture; N: contract binding one party into the service of another for a specified time (as between an apprentice and his master)

indeterminate uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite

indicative suggestive; implying; serving to indicate

indices signs; indications; Ex. indices of a student’s potential; CF. index: something that reveals or indicates; sign; Ex. cost-of-living index

indict charge; N. indictment

indifferent unmoved or unconcerned by; having no interest in; mediocre; neither good nor bad

indignity of having to say that in front of them. humiliating or degrading treatment; Ex. I suffered the indignity of having to say that in front of them.

indigent poverty

indigenous native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World

indigent poor; destitute

indignation anger at an injustice; Ex. righteous indignation; ADJ. ignignant

righteous morally upright; just

rightful legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

indignity treatment or situation that causes shame or loss of dignity, respect; offensive or insulting treatment; humiliating or degrading treatment; Ex. I suffered the indignity of having to say that in front of them.

indiscriminate choosing at random; confused; not based on careful distinctions

indisputable too certain to be disputed; beyond doubt
\textbf{indissoluble} permanent; impossible to dissolve or disintegrate
\textbf{indite} write; compose
\textbf{indolent} lazy
\textbf{indomitable} unconquerable; unyielding
\textbf{indubitable} unable to be doubted; which cannot be doubted; unquestionable
\textbf{induce} persuade; lead to do something; bring about; N. inducement
\textbf{inductive} pertaining to induction or proceeding from the specific to the general
\textbf{induct} place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N. induction: inducting; process of deriving general principles from particular facts
\textbf{indulgent} humoring; yielding; lenient; showing indulgence
\textbf{indulge} yield to; gratify; allow oneself a special pleasure; Ex. indulge one’s every whim/a child/in a big cigarette; N. indulgence
\textbf{humor} indulge; comply with the wishes of; N. quality that makes something amusing; state of mind; mood; Ex. in a bad humor; Ex. out of humor
\textbf{industrious} diligent; hard-working; N. industry
\textbf{inebriated} habitually intoxicated; drunk; N. inebriety
\textbf{inebriate} make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person
\textbf{intoxicate} make drunk; stimulate or excite; Ex. intoxicated by all the money he might win
\textbf{ineffable} unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Ex. ineffable name/joy
\textbf{ineffactual} not effective; not having a desired effect; weak
\textbf{inevitable} unavoidable
\textbf{infamous} notoriously bad; notorious; well known for being bad; Ex. infamous behavior; N. infamy: infamous act; evil fame or reputation
\textbf{infantile} childish; infantlike
\textbf{inflict} deduct; conclude; N. inference
\textbf{infer} deduce; conclude; N. inference
\textbf{infamed} unbeliever (with respect to a particular religion)
\textbf{infarct} pass into or through; penetrate or enter (an organization) sneakily; Ex. infiltrate the troops into enemy territory; CF. infiltrator
\textbf{penetrate} enter into; pierce; permeate; see through; grasp the inner significance of; understand
\textbf{infinitesimal} very small
\textbf{infirmary} weakness
\textbf{inflated} exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with air or gas)
\textbf{influence} flowing into
\textbf{infraction} violation (of a rule or regulation); breach
infringe  violate (a law); encroach (the right of another person)

ingenious  marked by inventive skill; clever; resourceful; N. ingenuity

resourceful  clever and imaginative (in dealing with difficult situations); N. resource, resourcefulness

ingenuous  naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid

ingrate  ungrateful person (not expressing thanks)

ingratiating  become popular with; bring (oneself) in favor of another; Ex. ingratiate himself with the boss

inherent  firmly established by nature or habit; intrinsic

inhibit  restrain; prohibit; retard or prevent; N. inhibition

inhibited  of a person) unable to express what one really feels

uninhibited  having no inhibitions; free in behavior and feelings

inimical  (of someone) unfriendly; hostile; (of something) harmful; detrimental; CF. enemy

inimitable  matchless; not able to be imitated

iniquitous  wicked; immoral; unrighteous; N. iniquity; Ex. den of iniquity

initiate  begin; originate; receive into a group; introduce to a new field or activity; Ex. initiate someone into the mysteries of a secret religion; N: one who has been initiated

injurious  harmful; causing injury

inkling  hint; slight indication

innate  inborn

innocuous  harmless

innovation  change; something newly introduced; introduction of something new; V. innovate: begin or introduce (something new); be creative; ADJ. innovative

innuendo  indirect or subtle (derogatory) hint; insinuation; Ex. sexual innuendo

inopportune  untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly chosen

inordinate  beyond reasonable limits; unrestrained; excessive; Ex. inordinate demands

inquisitor  questioner (especially harsh); investigator; person making an inquisition

inquisitive  eager for knowledge; unduly curious

insalubrious  unwholesome; not healthful; Ex. insalubrious place

healthy  conducive to good health; Ex. healthful mountain air

wholesome  conducive to mental or physical health; healthful

insatiable  not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite

inscrutable  difficult to understand; impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious

insensate  without feeling; lacking sense; foolish

insensible  not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite

insolent  without feeling; lacking sense; foolish

insolence  without feeling; lacking sense; foolish

insolvent  bankrupt; lacking money to pay; N. insolvency

insula  wakefulness; inability to sleep

insouciant  without concern or care; unconcerned; indifferent

instigate  start; urge; provoke; incite; Ex. instigate a search/querrel

insubordination  disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. insubordinate

insubstantial  lacking substance; insignificant; frail; inmaterial

insularity  narrow-mindedness; isolation; ADJ. insular: of an island; isolated; narrow-minded; CF. peninsula

insuperable  insurmountable; unbeatable; Ex. insuperable difficulties

odds  chances; probability; disagreement; Ex. The odds are that it will rain. Ex. at odds with

insurgent  rebellious; N.

insurmountable  overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable

insurrection  rebellion; uprising

intangible  not able to be perceived by touch; vague

integral  complete; necessary for completeness; Ex. integral part

integrate  make whole; combine; make into one unit

integrity  honesty; uprightness; wholeness; state of being whole and undivided; completeness
упрят (sitting or standing) straight up; honest; moral

интеллект higher mental powers; person of great intellectual ability

интеллигенция intellectuals; members of the educated elite (often used derogatorily)

интегр бу́ря; N. интермент

саремент place for burying the dead

интедикт prohibit; forbid; N.

интерим meantime; Ex. in the interim; ADJ. taking place during an interim; Ex. interim paper

интроопер intruder; one who interferes

интерминable endless

интермитент periodic; on and off; stopping and starting at intervals

интребомине mutually destructive

интролопате insert between

интреррегнум period between two successive reigns or governments

интеграте question closely; cross-examine; cross-question

интревене come between; interfere; Ex. intervened to prevent a fight; N. intervention

интимате hint; suggest; imply; ADJ: marked by close relationship; familiar; private; personal; Ex. intimate knowledge/thoughts in the diary; N: close friend or confidant; CF. intimacy

интимато frighten; N. intimidation

интрактабе unruly; difficult to manage; Ex. intractable problem/child

интрансигене refusal of any compromise; stubbornness; ADJ. intransigent: uncompromising

интредип fearless

интрибушен essential; inherent; built-in

интропатективе looking within oneself; N. introspection: self-examination

интроvert one who is introspective or inclined to think more about oneself; ADJ. introverted

интррутюde put or force in without being asked; trespass; enter as an uninvited person; Ex. intrude one’s own opinion into the report; CF. thrust in

интутюдия immediate insight; power of knowing without reasoning; ADJ. intuitive; V. intuit: know by intuition

инундате flood; overflow; submerge; cover completely; Ex. inundated with work

саровольм (of water) cover completely; defeat completely by much greater force; Ex. overwhelmed by grief

саровольм place under water; dip; go under water; cover completely (as with water); Ex. submerged in work

саровольм surround and swallow up
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- inveterate deep-rooted; habitual; CF. grow old
- invincible unconquerable
- inviolable secure from corruption, attack, or violation (or profanation); unassailable; Ex. inviolable oath/rights; N. inviolability
- invocation prayer for help (used in invoking); calling upon as a reference or support; act of invoking
- invoke call and bring into use (a right or law); call on/upon (a higher power or god) for help; ask for; beg for; conjure (a spirit); Ex. invoke the veto power; Ex. invoke one’s advisor/God
- invulnerable incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure
- iota very small quantity
- irascible irritable; easily angered
- irate angry; CF. ire: anger; wrath
- iridescent exhibiting rainbowlike colors; Ex. iridescent oil slick; N. iridescence
- irksome annoying; tedious; V. irk: annoy
- ironic expressing irony; occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner
- irony hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean; use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning
- irreconcilable impossible to reconcile; incompatible; not able to be resolved
- irrefutable indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable
- irrelevant not applicable; unrelated
- irremediable incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy
- irreparable not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair
- irrepressible unable to be restrained or held back; impossible to hold back
- irreprouachable beyond reproach; blameless; impeccable; Ex. irreproachable conduct
- irresolute uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N. irresolution
- indecisive marked by indecision; inconclusive; Ex. indecisive battle
- indecision irresolution; inability to make up one’s mind
- irretrievable impossible to recover or regain; CF. retrieve
- irreverence lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent
- irrevocable unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke
- isotope varying from of an element
- isthmus narrow neck of land connecting two larger bodies of land
- itinerant wandering; traveling from place to place (to perform work); Ex. itinerant preacher
- itinerary plan of a trip; record of a trip
- jabber chatter rapidly or unintelligibly
- jab poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows
- jaded tired or uninterested by surfeit; fatigued; surfeited; worn out; wearied; Ex. jaded appetite
- jaundiced yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs; Ex. with a jaundiced eye
- jaundice medical condition in which the skin, the white part of the eyes, etc. turn yellow; V. affect with jaundice; affect with prejudice, envy, or hostility; bias
- jaunt trip; short journey
- jaunty cheerful and pleased with life; lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree; dapper in appearance; Ex. jaunty person/hat
- jeopardize endanger; imperil; put at risk; N. jeopardy: danger
- jettison throw overboard (from a ship or plane)
- jibe agree; be in harmony with; gibe
- jingoist extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist; N. jingoism: extreme nationalism
- jocose given to (having a tendency of) joking
- jocular said or done in jest or playfully; marked by joking
- jest playful remark or act; V. act or speak playfully
- jocund merry
- jollity gaiety; cheerfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry; gay
- jostle shove; bump; push against (someone) rather roughly; Ex. jostled by the crowds
- shove push forward; push roughly; Ex. pushing and shoving to get on the bus; N.
- bump hit or knock against with force; N.
- jovial good-natured; merry; cheerful
- jubilation rejoicing; great joy
- judicious sound on judgment; wise
- juggernaut irresistible crushing force; overwhelming advancing force that crushes everything in its path
- jug pitcher; container for holding liquids
- juncture crisis; point in time; joining point; joint; act of joining
- junket trip especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense
- junta group of persons joined in political intrigue; cabal; group of military officers ruling a country after seizing power (by force)
jurisprudence  science of law
jurisdiction  right and power to apply the law; authority
juridical  of the law and its administration; CF. judicial: of courts of law; CF. judiciary
juxtapose  place side by side; CF. next
kaleidoscope  tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass, etc. produce interesting symmetrical effects; series of changing events; Ex. kaleidoscope of European history; CF. beautiful
ken  range of knowledge; Ex. beyond one’s ken
kernel  central or vital part; core; whole seed (as of corn)
killjoy  grouch; spoilsport; one who intentionally spoils the pleasure of others
grouch  bad-tempered complaint; person who keeps complaining; V: complain; grumble
spoilsport  one who spoils the pleasure of others
kindle  start a fire; ignite; inspire; arouse
kindred  related; belonging to the same group; similar in nature or character; Ex. kindred languages; N: relative; kin; kinship
kinetic  producing motion; of motion
kismet  fate; destiny; Ex. Kismet is the Arabic word for fate.
kleptomaniac  person who has a compulsive desire to steal
knave  untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel; jack; N. knavery
knead  mix; work dough; mix and work into a uniform mass (with the hands); Ex. knead dough
knell  tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V.
toll  sound (a large bell) slowly at regular intervals; N: sound of a bell; fixed tax or charge
curfew  regulation requiring all people to leave the streets at stated times; signal (as a bell) announcing the hour of a curfew
knit  contract into wrinkles; grow together; join together closely; make (a fabric or garment) by interwining yarn or thread; Ex. knit the brow; Ex. The bones should knit together in a few weeks.
crochet  make (a piece of needlwork) by looping thread with a hooked needle; N. CF. crotchet
knoll  little round hill; hillock
knotty  intricate; difficult; tangled; CF. knot
kudos  honor; glory; acclaim or praise for exceptional achievement
entourage  group of attendants; retinue; CF. surround
labile  likely to change; unstable; Ex. emotionally labile; N. lability
laborious  demanding much work or care; tedious
labyrinth  maze
laceration  torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound
rip  tear or be torn quickly and violently; Ex. The sail ripped under the force of the wind; N.
rag  scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance
lachrymose  producing tears; tearful
lackadaisical  lacking interest or effort; lacking purpose or zest; lazy; halfhearted; languid
halfhearted  exhibiting little interest or enthusiasm
lackluster  lacking luster(shine; gloss); dull
laconic  brief and to the point; using few words; terse
laggard  slow; sluggish; N: one who lags; straggler
lag  move or develop more slowly; straggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N.
straggle  stray or fall behind (a main group); spread out in a scattered group; Ex. straggling marathon racer; Ex. straggling branch
lagoon

lament

layman

lampoon

lancet

languid

lank

languish

languor

lap

largess

enliven

leaven

lax

lavish

lassitude

lust

lascivious

lewd

lexicographer

lexicon

liability

levy

levee

lethargic

lethargy

lethargic

license

lien

limber
limbo region near heaven or hell where certain souls are kept; prison (slang); Ex. Purgatory and Limbo

abode dwelling place; home

abide dwell; abide by: comply with; put up with; tolerate; Ex. abide by the rules; Ex. I can’t abide rude people.

limn draw; outline; describe; CF. line

limpid crystal clear

lineage descent; ancestry

lineaments features especially of the face; distinctive shape or contour of the face; CF. line

feature distinctive part of the faces (as the eyes or mouth); features: overall appearance of the face; prominent or distinctive quality; prominent article; film; V: make prominent

linger loiter or dawdle; be slow in leaving; delay going; continue or persist; be slow to disappear; Ex. The smell lingered for days.

persist continue in existence; last; continue in a course of action in spite of opposition; Ex. persist in/with something; ADJ. persistent

linguistic pertaining to language

lionize treat (a person) as a celebrity

liquidate settle accounts; pay off (a debt); clear up; eliminate; kill or abolish

list tilt (as of a ship); lean over (to one side)

listless lacking in spirit or energy; languid

litany supplicatory prayer; prayer in which the priest calls out and the people replies in the same words

lithe flexible; supple; CF. limber

willowy flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow

litigation lawsuit; N. litigant: one party in a lawsuit; V. litigate

litotes understatement for emphasis; Ex. “not bad (=pretty good)”

understate state with less truth than seems warranted by the facts; Ex. He understated the seriousness of the crime; N. understatement; OP. overstate

livid lead-colored; black and blue (as from a bruise); ashen; enraged; extremely angry

loath reluctant; unwilling; disinclined; Ex. Romeo and Juliet were both loath for him to go.

loath detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell

lode metal-bearing vein (long deposit of an ore)

lofty very high

loft room or space under the roof; attic

log record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities; section of a trunk; V.

loiter hang about/around; stand idly about; linger

loll lounge about

lounge stand, sit, or lie in a lazy, relaxed way
♠ lout clumsy person; ADJ. loutish; CF. from countrysides

♠ low moo; make the sound of a cow

♥ lubricate apply a lubricant to; N. lubricant: substance that reduces friction

□ lucid easily understood; clear; intelligible; N. lucidity

□ lucrative profitable; producing wealth

♠ lucre money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre

♥ filth dirty matter; ADJ. filthy

♠ ludicrous laughable; ridiculous; trifling

♠ lugubrious mournful; sorrowful

♠ lull moment of calm; period of reduced activity; Ex. a lull in the rain; V. cause to become less active; cause to sleep or rest; Ex. lull the opponents into a false sense of security; CF. lullaby

♠ lumber move heavily or clumsily; Ex. The bear lumbered through the woods; N: timber

♠ lumen unit of light energy (one candle’s worth)

♠ luminary celebrity (in a specific field); dignitary; object that gives light (as a celestial body)

♥ dignitary person of high rank or position

♠ luminous shining (esp. in the dark); issuing light; Ex. luminous paint/road signs

□ lunatic pertaining to the moon

♥ lurid wild; sensational; graphic; gruesome; horrible; Ex. lurid details of the murder

♠ lurk stealthily lie in waiting; sneak; exist unperceived

♥ slink move furtively; ADJ. slinky: stealthy; furtive; sneaky (as in ambush)

♠ luscious pleasing to taste or smell; delicious

♠ luster shine; gloss (of a polished surface)

♠ lustrous shining; brilliant; Ex. lustrous hair

♠ luxuriant abundant; growing healthily and in large amounts; excessively ornate; rich and splendid; fertile; Ex. luxuriant forests/prose; CF. luxurious, luxuriant

♠ macabre gruesome; grisly; ghastly; CF. of death

♥ morgue mortuary; place where bodies are kept before burial or cremation

♥ cremate incinerate (a corpse); N. crematory, crematorium

♠ mace ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority; clublike medieval weapon

♠ macerate soften by soaking in liquid; waste away; Ex. macerate powdered wood to make paper

♠ Machiavellian crafty; double-dealing; of the political doctrine of Machiavelli, which holds that craft and deceit are justified in pursuing political power

♠ machinations evil schemes or plots; schemes or plots to achieve an evil end; V. machinate

♠ maculated spotted; stained; CF. immaculate

♠ madrigal pastoral song; song for several singers without instruments

♠ maelstrom violent whirlpool; violent or turbulent situation; CF. stream

♠ magisterial authoritative; imperious; commanding; of a magistrate; Ex. magisterial study of Roman law; Ex. magisterial manner

♥ magistrate official with power to administer the law

□ magnanimity generosity; ADJ. magnanimous: generous

♠ magnate person of prominence or influence; powerful or influential person (in business or industry); Ex. oil magnate

□ magniloquent boastful; pompous

□ magnitude greatness (in size or extent); extent

♠ maim mutilate; injure lastingly; disable; cripple; Ex. maimed for life

♥ mangle tear or cut to pieces; mutilate or disfigure; Ex. badly mangled bodies

□ maladroit clumsy; not skillful; awkward; bungling

□ malady illness

♠ malaise uneasiness; vague feeling of ill health (without any particular pain or appearance of disease)

♠ malapropism comic misuse of a word; CF. Mrs. Malaprop

♥ malapropos inappropriate; ADV.

□ malcontent person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs; discontented person; ADJ: discontented

□ malediction curse

□ malefactor evildoer; criminal

♥ maleficient doing evil; N. maleficence

□ malevolent wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence

♠ malfeasance wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)

□ malicious hateful; spiteful; expressing malice; N. malice: desire to harm others; spite

□ malign speak evil of; bad-mouth(criticize spitefully); defame; ADJ: harmful; Ex. malign influence

□ malignant tending to cause death; highly injurious; aggressively malevolent; Ex. malignant tumor

□ malingering one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malingering: feign illness to avoid work

♠ malleable (of a metal) capable of being shaped by pounding(beating); pliable; (of someone) impressionable(easily influenced); easily controlled; tractable

□ malodorous foul-smelling

♥ compost mixture of decaying organic matter used as fertilizer; V: put or make compost

□ mammal vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young
vertebrate  having a backbone or spinal column; N: group of animals having a segmented spinal column

suckle  give or take milk at the breast or udder

nurse  suckle; take care of (as a nurse); bear in mind; Ex. nursing mother; Ex. nurse a hope/grudge against someone

mammoth  gigantic; enormous

manacle  restrain; handcuff; N.

mandate  order; charge; authoritative command; power to govern another country; power to given to a government; region under administration; V: give a mandate to; place under a mandate; Ex. mandated territory

mandatory  obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate

mangy  shabby; wretched; suffering from mange; of bad appearance

mange  skin disease (esp. of domestic animals) marked by loss of hair

maniacal  raging mad; insane; N. maniac: insane person; CF. mania: disorder of the mind; intense enthusiasm

manifest  evident; visible; obvious; V: show plainly

manifestation  outward demonstration; manifesting; indication of the presence of something; Ex. manifestation of his pronounced musical bent

pronounced  distinct; very noticeable; Ex. pronounced limp

manifesto  public declaration of principles; statement of policy

manifold  many in number or kind; numerous; varied

manipulate  operate with one’s hands; control or play upon (people, forces, etc.) artfully; maneuver; Ex. how to manipulate publicity and men; ADJ. manipulative

mannered  affected; not natural; Ex. mannered way of speech

mannerism  distinctive behavioral trait; affected style in art (according to a set of styles)

manumit  emancipate; free from slavery or bondage

marital  pertaining to marriage

maritime  bordering on(adjacent to) the sea; nautical; of the ships or the sea; Ex. Maritime Provinces

marked  noticeable; targeted for vengeance or attack; Ex. marked improvement/man

marred  damaged; disfigured; V. mar: spoil; disfigure

marshal  put in order; guide ceremoniously to the correct place; Ex. marshal the children into the museum; N: military officer; official

enlist  (cause to) join the armed forces; obtain (help, sympathy, or support)

marsupial  one of a family of mammals that nurse their offspring in a pouch(pocket of skin or leather); CF. kangaroo, opossum, wombat

martial  warlike; of war; Ex. martial art/law

cadet  student at a military school

martinet  strict disciplinarian; person who demands total obedience to rules and orders; CF. Jean Martinet

martyr  one who voluntarily suffers death for his or her religion or cause; great sufferer; Ex. martyr to his rheumatism

masochist  person who enjoys his own pain; CF. masochism

masticate  chew

materialism  preoccupation with physical comforts and things; excessive regard for worldly concerns (rather than spiritual matters)

maternal  motherly; N. maternity: motherhood

matriarch  woman who rules a family or larger social group

matriculate  enroll (in college or graduate school); CF. matrix

matrix  point of origin; array of numbers or algebraic symbols; mold or die; Ex. the matrix of Western civilization

maudlin  effusively sentimental

sentimental  swayed by sentiment; appealing to the sentiments

maul  handle roughly; batter; injure by beating; Ex. mauled by his overexcited fans; N: heavy long-handled hammer
mAusoleum monument; large stately tomb; CF. Mausolos
mAuve pale purple
mAverick rebel; nonconformist (in a group)
Mawkish mushy(sentimental) and gushy; icky-sticky sentimental
\begin{itemize}
\item Maxim proverb; truth pithily stated
\item Mayhem injury to body; crime of willfully maiming or crippling a person; violent disorder; Ex. mayhem in the zoo; CF. maim
\item Meager scanty; inadequate
\item Mealymouthed indirect in speech (when something unpleasant must be said); hypocritical; evasive
\item Meander wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly
\item Meddlesome interfering; V. meddle: interfere
\item Mediate settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate a cease-fire
\item Medium element that is a creature’s natural environment; nutrient setting in which microorganisms are cultivated; appropriate occupation or means of expression; channel of communication; compromise; middle position between extremes; intervening substance through which something else is transmitted
\item Medley mixture
\item Meek submissive; patient and long-suffering
\item Megalomania mania for doing grandiose things; mental disorder characterized by delusions of wealth, power, or importance
\item Melancholy gloomy; morose; blue; N. ADJ. melancholic; CF. melancholia
\item Blue gloomy; depressed
\item Melee fight
\item Mellifluous (of words or a voice) sweetly or smoothly flowing; melodious; having a pleasant tune
\item Memento token; reminder of the past; keepsake; Ex. memento of your visit
\item Memorialize commemorate
\item Memorial something, such as a monument or holiday, intended to honor the memory of a person or event; ADJ: commemorative
\item Menagerie collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo
\item Mendacious lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity
\item Mendicant beggar; ADJ: living as a beggar
\item Alms money or goods given to the poor
\item Menial suitable for servants; lowly; mean; N: someone who does menial work (esp. servant in a house)
\item Mentor counselor; teacher
\item Mercantile concerning trade or merchants
\item Mercenary motivated solely by money or gain; N.
\item Mercurial capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex. mercurial temper; CF. mood
\item Quicksilver mercury
\item Meretricious flashy; tawdry; attractive on the surface but of no real value; Ex. meretricious argument/jewel; CF. prostitute
\item Vulgar of the common people; deficient in refinement; not refined; coarse; Ex. vulgar display of wealth; N. vulgarism: vulgarity; crudely indecent word; CF. vulgarian: vulgar person; boor; lout
\item Merger combination (of two business corporations); act of merging
\item Mesmerize hypnotize; N. mesmerism; CF. Franz Mesmer
\item Metallurgical pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores; N. metallurgy: science that deals with extracting metals from ores
\item Metamorphosis change of form; Ex. metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly; V. metamorphose: change by metamorphosis
\item Metaphor implied comparison; CF. simile
\item Soar rise or fly high in the air; Ex. The rocket soared into the sky.
\item Metaphysical pertaining to speculative philosophy; of metaphysics; N. metaphysics: branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality
\item Mete measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment
\item Meteoric like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Ex. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor
\item Methodical systematic; N. method: systematic method of procedure
\item Meticulous excessively careful (with great attention to detail); painstaking; scrupulous
\item Metropolis large city
\item Mettle courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ: mettlesome
\item Miasma swamp gas; heavy vaporous atmosphere often emanating from decaying matter; pervasive corrupting influence; noxious atmosphere or influence
\item Swamp wetland; marsh; V: flood; overwhelm; drench in with liquid
\item Microcosm small representative world; world in miniature; Ex. microcosm of English society
\item Miniature small model; small painting; ADJ: small
migrant changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N: one that migrates
migratory wandering; V. migrate: move from one region and settle in another; move periodically from one region to another
milieu social environment; means of expression; Ex. feel out of one’s milieu; Ex. His proper milieu is watercolor.
militant combative; bellicose; N.
militate work against; Ex. militate against the chances of promotion; CF. serve as a soldier
militia army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers
millennium thousand-year period (as in the New Testament); hoped-for period of happiness and prosperity
mimicry imitation
mime pantomime(act without dialogue); mimicry; mimer; V: mimic; pantomime
minatory menacing; threatening
mincing affectedly dainty(delicate); V. mince: cut (esp. meat) into very small pieces; walk with exaggerated primness; walk in an unnatural way, taking little short steps; Ex. The actor minced across the stage; CF. mince-meat; CF. mincer
dainty delicate; delicately beautiful; fastidious; not easy to please; Ex. dainty movement/dress
exquisite delicate; very finely made; extremely beautiful; Ex. exquisite piece of jewelry
choice delicate; of very fine quality
minion servile dependent; obsequious follower
minuscule(extremely small)
minute extremely small; CF. minutes: official record of the proceedings at a meeting
minutiae petty or trivial details; CF. minutia
mirage unreal reflection; optical illusion
mire entangle; stick in swampy ground; stick or sink in mire; N: bog; deep mud; Ex. sucked deeper into the mire
mirth merriment; laughter
misadventure mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure
misanthrope one who hates mankind; misanthropist
vile despicable; unpleasant; disgusting; Ex. vile slander
misapprehension error; misunderstanding; V. misapprehend
miscellany mixture of writings on various subjects; collection of various items
miscellaneous made up of a variety of parts
mischance ill luck
misconstrue interpret incorrectly; misinterpret; misjudge
miscounst mer
misogamy  hatred of marriage
misogynist  hater of woman; CF. misogyny
missile  object to be thrown or projected
missive  letter; written statement; CF. sent
mite  very small object or insect-like creature; small coin
mitigate  appease; moderate; make or become less in force or intensity
mnemonic  pertaining to memory; assisting the memory; N: device, such as a formula or rhyme, used as a mnemonic aid
mobile  movable; not fixed; N. mobility
mock  ridicule; deride; imitate often in derision
mode  prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life
modicum  limited quantity; small amount; Ex. He does not have a modicum of sense; CF. moderate
modish  fashionable; conforming to the current fashion
modulate  tone down in intensity; change the intensity or tone of; regulate; change from one musical key to another; Ex. modulate from E to G
mogul  powerful person; Ex. oil moguls; CF. Mogul, Moghul; CF. Mongolian
molecule  the smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance that has all the properties of that substance
mollify  soothe an angry person
mollycoddle  pamper; coddle; baby; indulge excessively
molt(moult)  periodically shed or cast off hairs or feathers (for replacement by a new growth)
molten  melted; Ex. molten lava
momentous  very important; N. moment; CF. momentary
momentum  quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus; moving force
monarchy  government under a single ruler
monastic  related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns
monetary  pertaining to money
monochromatic  having only one color
monochrome  painting in only one color; ADJ.
monogram  design composed of one or more initials of a name; V.
monograph  scholarly composed of one or more initials of a name; V.
monolithic  solidly uniform; unchangeable; unyielding; N. monolith: large block of stone
monotheism  belief in one God
monotony  sameness leading to boredom; monotonousness; ADJ. monotonous; CF. monotone

monumental  massive; impressively large; built as a monument
moodiness  fits of depression or gloom; ADJ. moody: given to changeable moods; subject to periods of depression; gloomy CF. mood: state of mind or emotion
moratorium  legal delay of payment or action; Ex. declare moratorium on the building of new houses
morbid  given to unwholesome or unhealthy thought; moody: characteristic of disease; Ex. morbid curiosity; N. morbidity; CF. disease
mordant  biting; sarcastic; sting; (apprec.) incisive; cutting; Ex. mordant pen/wit
mores  conventions; moral standards; moral customs
moribund  dying; at the point of death; CF. death
morose  ill-humored; sullen; sullenly melancholy
mortician  undertaker; CF. death
undertaker  funeral director; one whose business is to arrange burials
mortify  humiliate by embarrassing excessively; shame; punish the flesh; discipline (one’s body) by self-denial; Ex. mortified by her blunder; Ex. mortify the flesh; CF. cause to die
mosaic  picture made of small colorful inlaid tiles; ADJ.
mote  small speck (esp. of dust)

スペック  small piece or mark; Ex. speck of dust in the eye
motif  theme; recurrent thematic element in a musical or literary work; single or repeated pattern; figure
motility  ability to move spontaneously; ADJ. motile: moving spontaneously
motley  multi-colored (as of a garment worn by a jester); mixed; heterogeneous; CF. jester: one who jests (as a paid fool at medieval courts)
motto  brief statement used to express a principle
mottled  blotched in coloring; spotted; Ex. mottled face; V. mottle: mark with blotches of different colors

blotch  spot; blot; CF. blot+botch
blemish  mar; spoil the beauty or perfection of; N: flaw or defect (that spoils perfection); Ex. blemishes in the crystal; CF. unblemished
mountebank  charlatan; boastful pretender
peddle  travel about selling (wares); CF. foot
muddle  confuse; mix up confusedly; N: state of confusion
muggy  (of weather) warm and damp
mulk  defraud a person of something; swindle; Ex. mulct the boy of his legacy
multifarious  varied; greatly diversified; Ex. multifarious activities
multiform  having many forms
multilingual  having many languages; fluent in several languages
**multiplicity** state of being numerous or multiple; large number; Ex. multiplicity of details; ADJ. multiple: of more than one element

**mundane** worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday; of the ordinary; Ex. mundane existence; CF. world

**munificent** very generous in giving; Ex. munificent benefactor; N. munificence

**mural** wall painting

**murky** dark and gloomy; thick with fog; vague; Ex. murky night/fog; N. murk: partial or complete darkness; gloom

**muse** ponder at length; N: source of inspiration (esp. of a poet)

**musky** having the odor of musk; N. musk: odorous substance secreted by an Asian deer

**muster** gather; assemble (troops); Ex. muster up one’s strength for the ordeal; N.

**musty** stale (in odor or taste); spoiled by age; CF. moist

**mutability** ability to change in form; fickleness; ADJ. mutable: able to change; fickle; CF. mutate; CF. mutant

**muted** silent; muffled; toned down; Ex. muted traffic noise

**mute** silent; without speech; not pronounced; unable to speak; N: one who is incapable of speech; V: soften the sound, color, shade of

**mutilate** maim; injure lastingly; deprive of a limb or an essential part

**mutinous** unruly; rebellious; Ex. mutinous teenagers; N. mutiny: open rebellion; CF. mutineer

**myopic** nearsighted; lacking foresight; N. myopia

**myriad** very large number; ADJ. CF. ten thousand

**nadir** lowest point; point on the celestial sphere diametrically opposite the zenith

**naiveté(naivity)** quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility; ADJ. naive(naïve): ingenious; lacking worldliness; simple; credulous

**narcissist** conceited person; N. narcissism; CF. narcissus

**narrative** related to telling a story; N: narrated account; story; V. narrate: tell (a story); CF. narration

**nascent** incipient; coming into being or existence; Ex. nascent ability in music
natation: swimming

natty: neatly or smartly dressed; dapper; smart; Ex. natty dresser

smart: intelligent; quick and energetic; fashionable; Ex. smart pace/restaurant; V: cause or feel a sharp pain; N: smarting pain

nauseate: cause to become sick; fill with disgust; fill nausea

nausea: feeling of sickness and desire to vomit; disgust; CF. seasickness

nauseous: causing nausea; feeling nausea

nautical: pertaining to ships or navigation

navigable: (of a body of water) wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; (of a ship or aircraft) able to be steered

nebulous: vague; hazy; cloudy; of a nebula; Ex. nebulous proposal

nebula: diffuse mass of interstellar dust or gas; galaxy

necromancy: black magic; sorcery; dealings with the dead; art that professes to communicate with the spirits of the dead so as to predict the future; CF. necromancer; CF. necro-+division; CF. necro-: death; Ex. necropolis

nefarious: very wicked

negate: cancel out; nullify; cause to have no effect; deny; N. negation

negligence: neglect; failure to take reasonable care; ADJ. negligent: neglectful; lax; not taking enough care

negligible: so small, trifling, or unimportant as to be easily disregarded

nemesis: someone seeking revenge; source of downfall or ruin; CF. Nemesis

neologism: new or newly coined word or phrase

neophyte: recent convert; new member of a religious group; beginner; CF. plant

nepotism: favoritism (to a relative); CF. nephew

favoritism: display of partiality toward a favored person

nether: lower; Ex. nether garments/regions

nettle: irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettlesome

nexus: connection

nib: beak(bill); pen point

nicety: precision; accuracy; minute distinction or difference; Ex. to a nicety: exactly; precisely; Ex. distinguish between niceties

niggardly: meanly stingy; parsimonious; N. niggard: stingy person

niggle: spend too much time on minor points (esp. when finding fault); find fault; Ex. niggle over details; ADJ. niggling

nihilist: one who considers traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless; absolute skeptic; revolutionary terrorist; CF. nihilism: belief that nothing has meaning or value; belief that destruction of existing political or social institutions is necessary for future improvement

nip: snip off; stop something’s growth or development; bite; make numb with cold; Ex. nip the plan; Ex. A guard dog nipped the postman; Ex. fingers nipped by the extreme chill

snip: short quick cut with scissors; V: cut with scissors

pinch: squeeze between the thumb and a finger, or other fingers; Ex. I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn’t dreaming. N: amount that can be held between the thumb and a finger

nirvana: in Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in which the individual loses himself in the attainment of an impersonal beatitude

impersonal: not being a person; not showing personal feelings; Ex. impersonal force/manner/organization

nocturnal: done or active at night; Ex. nocturnal animals/raids; CF. nocturne

noisome: foul smelling; very unpleasant; unwholesome

nomadic: wandering; N. nomad: tribe who migrates from place to place

nomenclature: terminology(system of specialized words); system of names or naming things

nominal: in name only; of a name; trifling; (of a sum of money) very small; CF. nominate: propose as a candidate; appoint

nonchalance: indifference; lack of concern; composure; ADJ. nonchalant: unconcerned; cool; indifferent; Ex. nonchalant attitude to his debts

noncommittal: neutral; refusing commitment to a particular opinion; unpledged; undecided

nondescript: undistinctive; ordinary; ordinary-looking; Ex. nondescript fellow in a crowd

nonentity: person of no importance; nonexistence

nonplus: put at a loss; bring to a halt by confusion; perplex; CF. no more

nostalgia: homesickness; longing for the past; Ex. nostalgia for the clothes of 1920s; ADJ. nostalgic

nostrum: questionable medicine; quack medicine; CF. our (remedy)

notable: conspicuous; worthy of note; remarkable; important; distinguished; noted

notoriety: disrepute; ill fame

nova: star that suddenly becomes much brighter and then returns to its original brightness

novelty: something new; newness; ADJ. novel: new; original

novice: beginner

noxious: harmful; CF. obnoxious

nuance: shade of slight difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction
shade slight difference in degree; nuance; degree of color; Ex. shades of meaning/grey

gradation series of gradual stages; degree in such a progression

nubile marriageable; of marriageable age; CF. connubial

nugatory worthless; futile

nullify make invalid; make null; invalidate

numismatist person who collects coins; N. numismatics: study or collection of money, coins, and medals

nuptial related to marriage or the wedding ceremony; N. nuptials: wedding ceremony

nurture nourish; feed; educate; rear; care for while it is growing or developing; foster; cultivate; N: something that nourishes; rearing

nutrient nourishing substance; ADJ: providing nourishment

nutrition process of nourishing or being nourished; CF. malnutrition

nutritious providing nourishment

nourish provide with food necessary for life and growth

nourishment something that nourishes; food

oaf stupid awkward person; CF. elf

obdurate stubborn; refusing to change one’s belief

obeisance bow (to show respect and obedience)

obelisk tall column tapering (becoming gradually narrower toward the end) and ending in a pyramid

obese excessively fat; N. obesity

obfuscate confuse; muddle; cause confusion; make needlessly complex; make so confused as to be difficult to understand

obligatory binding; required; compulsory; V. oblige: constrain; make grateful; do a favor; accommodate

oblique indirect; slanting (deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line); Ex. oblique reference

obliterate destroy completely; wipe out; Ex. obliterate the village

oblivion obscurity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness

oblivious inattentive or unmindful; unaware; wholly absorbed; forgetful (having the habit of forgetting)

obloquy slander; disgrace; infamy

obnoxious offensive; disagreeable; Ex. obnoxious smell

obscurer dark; vague; unclear; not well known; Ex. obscure meaning/village; V: darken; cover; make unclear; Ex. obscure the moon/meaning

obssequious slavishly attentive; servile; full of servile compliance; sycophantic

slavish of or like a slave; servile; showing no originality; copied very closely; Ex. slavish devotion/copy of the original

obsequy funeral ceremony

obsessive related to thinking about something constantly; of an obsession; preoccupying; N. obsession: compulsive preoccupation with a fixed idea; compulsive idea; V. obsess: preoccupy the mind of excessively

obsidian black volcanic rock

scion detached plant shoot used in grafting; descendant
obstreperous
stubborn; hard to control or treat; Ex. obstinate cough; N. obstinacy
obstinate
obstetrician
physician specializing in delivery (assisting in giving birth) of babies; N. obstetrics; CF. midwife
obstetrician
obsolete
outmoded; no longer used
odium
hatefulness; Ex. odium detestation; quality of being odious; hateful; disgrace arising from shameful conduct; ADJ. opprobrious: expressing contempt; shameful or infamous
odious
arousing strong dislike; hateful; vile
odoriferous
giving off an odor
odorous
having an odor
odyssey
long, eventful, adventurous journey
offensive
attacking; insulting; distasteful; V. offend: violate; hurt the feelings of; N. offense: offending; violating of a moral or social code; crime; attack; Ex. first offense
offhand
casual; done without prior thought or preparation
officious
meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services; overly eager in offering unwanted services or advices; Ex. officious bellboy
pushy
disagreeably aggressive
ogle
look at amorously; make eyes at; Ex. old men ogling young girls
olfactory
concerning the sense of smell
oligarchy
government by a privileged few
ominous
threatening; of an evil omen
threat
sign or warning (of coming danger); Ex. threat of rain; V: express a threat; give warning of (something bad); Ex. The cloud threatens rain.
omnipotent
all-powerful; having unlimited power
omnipotent
omnipresent
universally present; ubiquitous
omniscient
all-knowing
omnivorous
eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything
onerous
burdensome
ordinance  decree; authoritative order
ordination  ceremony conferring holy orders; ceremony of ordaining a priest
orgy  wild drunken revelry; unrestrained indulgence in an activity; Ex. orgy of shopping
orient  get one’s bearings; adjust; make familiar with a situation; orientate
orientation  act of finding oneself in society; orienting
orifice  mouthlike opening; small opening (esp. to a cavern or passage of the body); CF. mouth
ornate  excessively or elaborately decorated
ornament  scientific student of birds; N. ornithology: scientific study of birds
orthodox  traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine
orthography  correct spelling; CF. ortho-: straight; correct; Ex. orthodontics
oscillate  vibrate pendulumlike; waver
osseous  made of bone; bony
ossify  change or harden into bone; become hard and unchanging in one’s ideas
ostensible  apparent; appearing as such; professed (pretended); pretended; Ex. ostensible purpose of the expedition
apparent  evident; easily seen or understood; appearing as such; Ex. apparent improvement
ostentatious  showy; trying to attract attention; pretentious; N. ostentation: showy display
ostracize  banish from a group; exclude from public favor; ban; Ex. His friends ostracized him. N. ostracism
blackball  vote against (an applicant); ostracize; N: negative vote
oust  expel; drive out; force out; N. ouster: ousting
outlandish  bizarre; peculiar; unconventional
outmoded  no longer in fashion or use; no longer stylish; old-fashioned
outskirts  fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston
outspoken  candid; blunt
blunt  having a dull edge; abrupt and frank in speech or manner; brusque; V: make or become blunt
outstrip  outrun; surpass; outdo
outwit  outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly
ovation  enthusiastic applause
overbearing  bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing manner/importance; V. overbear: dominate
overt  open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert
overweening  arrogant; presumptuous
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▲ overwrought nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF. wrought: made or done
❤ hysteria excessive or uncontrollable excitement; N. hyster: person suffering from hysteria; CF. hysteric: attack of hysteria
□ ovoid egg-shaped; CF. ovum; CF. ovulate
□ pachyderm thick-skinned animal
□ pacifist one opposed to force; antimilitarist; ADJ. N. pacifism: opposition to war as a means of resolving disputes
□ pacify soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue; bring peace to
▲ paean song of praise or joy; Ex. paeans celebrating the victory
▲ painstaking taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and through
▲ palatable agreeable; pleasing to the taste
▲ palate roof of the mouth; sense of the taste
▲ palatial of or suitable for a palace; magnificent
▲ paleontology study of prehistoric life or fossils; CF. paleo-: ancient or prehistoric; Ex. paleography: study of ancient written documents
□ palette board on which painter mixes pigments(coloring matters)
▲ palimpsest parchment or piece of writing material used for second time after original writing has been erased
❤ parchment writing material made from the skin of a sheep or goat
▲ pall become boring; grow tiresome
▲ pallet small poor bed; Ex. straw pallet
▲ palliate ease pain (without curing); make less severe or offensive (a crime or illness)
▲ pallid pale; wan; Ex. pallid complexion
□ palpable tangible; (of something bad) easily perceptible; obvious; Ex. palpable blunder
▲ palpitate throb; beat rapidly; flutter; tremble; Ex. Her heart began to palpitate.
❤ throb (of a heart or machine) beat rapidly or violently; N. Ex. hearthrob: heartbeat; sweetheart
▲ paltry insignificant; petty; trifling; contemptible; Ex. paltry sum; CF. trash
▲ pan criticize harshly
□ panacea cure-all; remedy for all diseases
▲ panache flair; manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache; CF. 잔아래로 천을 뺏어내는 습치
□ pandemic widespread; affecting the majority of people; N: pandemic disease; CF. all people
□ pandemonium wild tumult(commotion); wild noisy disorder; CF. Paradise Lost
▲ paradox something apparently contradictory in nature (that may nonetheless be true); statement that looks false but is actually correct
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□ paragon model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue
□ parallelism state of being parallel; similarity; analogy
❤ parallel similar; analogous; corresponding; N: parallel line; person or thing that is parallel (to another); similarity; Ex. know of no parallel to the case; Ex. without parallel; V: be similar to; make parallel; Ex. Your experience parallels mine; CF. unparalleled
▲ parameter limit; independent variable; Ex. parameters of the problem; Ex. within the parameters of the budget
□ paramount foremost in importance; supreme; CF. para-: beyond; above; Ex. paranormal
□ paramour illicit lover
❤ inamorata woman whom a man loves
□ paranoia psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N: ADJ. paranoid, paranoiac
□ paraphernalia equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity; personal belongings; Ex. photographic paraphernalia; ADJ: married woman’s property exclusive of her dowry
❤ dowry money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage
□ paraphrase restate a passage in one’s own words while retaining thought of author; N: restatement of a text in other words
□ parasite animal or plant living on another; toady; syco-phant; CF. para-: beside
❤ infest inhabit in numbers large enough to be harmful; Ex. Mice infested the house; Ex. shark-infested waters
▲ parched extremely dry; very thirsty; V: parch: make or become extremely dry (by exposure to heat)
▲ pariah social outcast; Ex. Mariah the pariah
❤ outcast one that has been excluded from a society; ADJ.
□ parity equality; close resemblance; CF. disparate
▲ parlance language; manner of speaking; idiom; Ex. in legal/common parlance
parley conference (between opponents); CF. speak
parochial narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes
parish area in the care of a single priest and served by one main church
outlook point of view; view from a particular place; expectation for the future; prospect; Ex. outlook on life; Ex. pleasing outlook; Ex. weather outlook
parody humorous imitation; spoof; takeoff; travesty; V.
spoof parody
takeoff burlesque; act of leaving the ground
paroxysm fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outburst
parquet floor made of wood strips inlaid in a mosaic like matter; CF. strip: long narrow piece
parry ward off a blow; deflect; Ex. He parried the unwelcome question very skillfully; N. CF. 막는다는 개념이 아님
ward administrative division of a city; division in a hospital or prison; incompetent person placed under the protection of a guardian; V: guard; ward off: avert
parsimony stinginess; excessive frugality; ADJ. parsimonious
partial incomplete; favoring one side over another; having a liking for something
partiality state of being partial; inclination; favorable bias; special fondness; preference
partisan one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party (with dislike of any others); N: strong supporter of a party; guerrilla
parvenu upstart; newly rich person
partition divide into parts
passé old-fashioned; past the prime
passive not active; acted upon; receiving an action without acting in return; accepting without resistance
pastiche imitation of another’s style in musical composition or in writing; work of art openly imitating the works of other artists
pastoral rural; of rural life; idyllic; of a pastor
patent obvious; easily seen; open for the public to read; of or protected by a patent; Ex. patent to everyone; N.
pathetic causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching
touching causing a feeling of pity or sympathy; pathetic; V. touch: cause to feel pity or sympathy; ADJ. touched
pathological pertaining to disease; N. pathology: study of disease
pathos tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings; Ex. pathos that runs through the novel
patina green crust on old bronze works or copper; tone slowly taken by varnished painting
varnish paint used to coat a surface with a glossy film; glossy coating produced by using this substance; Ex. nail varnish; V.
patois local or provincial dialect
patriarch father and ruler of a family or tribe
patrician noble; aristocratic; N: person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF. plebian
patronize support; act superior toward; treat in a condescending manner; be a customer of; N. patron: one that supports; regular customer; N. patronage; CF. boycott
paucity scarcity; dearth
pauper very poor person
peccadillo slight offense or fault; CF. sin
swipe hit with a sweeping motion; N.

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pecuniary pertaining to money
pedagogue teacher; CF. child leader
pedagogy teaching; art of education
pedant scholar who overemphasizes book learning, trivial details of learning, or technicalities
pedantic bookish; showing off learning; marked by an excessive ostentatious concern for book learning; N. pedantry
bookish fond of books and reading
studious given to diligent study
pedestrian ordinary; dull; unimaginative(lacking in imagination); going on foot; Ex. pedestrian prose; N.
precinct division of a city for election or police purposes; precincts: space that surrounds a building; Ex. precincts of the college
pedigree ancestry; lineage
pediatrician physician specializing in children’s diseases; N. pediatrics
peerless having no equal; incomparable
peer one who has equal standing with another; nobleman; V: look intently; N. peerage; CF. peersess
pejorative (of a word or phrase) suggesting that someone is of little value; negative in connotation; having a belittling effect; Ex. Many women now considers “housewife” a pejorative expression, because it patronized them.
pell-mell in confusion; disorderly; Ex. dash pell-mell
pellucid transparent; limpid(crystal clear); clear in meaning; easy to understand
penance self-imposed punishment for sin; Ex. do penance for one’s sins; CF. penitent
penchant strong inclination; strong liking (esp. for something that is disapproved of by other people); Ex. penchant for fast cars
pendant(pendent) hanging down from something; pending; N: ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)
pending not yet decided or settled; impending; Ex. pending decision; PREP . while awaiting; until; Ex. delay the decision pending his return
pendulous hanging; suspended
suspend cause to stop for a period; interrupt; hold in abeyance; defer; hang from above; exclude for a period from a position; Ex. suspended state; Ex. suspend judgment; Ex. suspended from the team; N. suspension
suspense state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty
penitent repentant; N.
pensive dreamily or deeply thoughtful; sadly thoughtful; thoughtful with a hint of sadness; contemplative; CF. think over
penumbra partial shadow (in an eclipse); CF. almost shadow
penury extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy
peon landless agricultural worker; bond servant; menial worker; N.peonage
perceptive insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception
percussion striking one object against another sharply; Ex. percussion instrument; N: striking together of two bodies; sound caused by percussion
perdition damnation; complete ruin; hell
damn condemn; criticize severely; condemn to everlasting punishment; doom; bring to ruin; N. damnation
doom condemnation to a severe penalty; ruin; fate (esp. a tragic or ruinous one); V.
peregrination journey; V. peregrinate
peremptory demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock
perennial something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring
perfidious treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery
perforate pierce; put a hole through
perfunctory done routinely and with little care; superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; Ex. perfunctory kiss
perigee point of moon’s orbit when it is nearest the earth; CF. apogee
perimeter outer boundary; length of the outer boundary; circumference
bound leap or spring; limit or confine; constitute the limit of; Ex. bounded by Canada; N: leap or jumping; boundary; ADJ: certain; having a duty to do something (legally or morally); confined by bonds; Ex. We are bound to be late; Ex. I am bound to say my opinion; CF. bounce, rebound
peripatetic walking about from place to place (to work); moving; Ex. peripatetic school of philosophy
peripheral of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex. peripheral nerve/interest
periphery outside edge especially of a round surface; perimeter; Ex. periphery of the town
perjury false testimony while under oath; V. perjure oneself: testify falsely under oath
permeable that can be permeated; penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through; V. permeate: spread or flow throughout; charge
pernicious very harmful; deadly; very destructive; Ex. pernicious effect/anemia
peroration conclusion of an oration; perforating; V. perforate: conclude a speech; speak at great length
perpetrate commit an offense; do (something wrong)
perpetual everlasting
perpetuate make perpetual; make something last for a long time; preserve from extinction; N. perpetuity
perquisite(perk) any gain above stipulated salary; Ex. perquisites such as free meals and a car

personable attractive (in personality or appearance)

perspicacious (of someone) having insight; penetrating; astute

perspicuity clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity

perspicuous (of something) plainly expressed; easy to understand; Ex. perspicuous comments

pert (esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; trim; jaunty; Ex. pert young miss/hat

forward presumptuous or bold

pertinacious holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn; persistent

pertinent suitable; to the point; relevant

perturb disturb greatly

peruse read through with care; N. perusal

pervasive spread throughout; V. pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate

perverse purposely continuing to do something wrong; stubbornly wrongheaded; perverted; directed away from what is right; wicked and unacceptable; Ex. perverse satisfaction; Ex. Hannibal Lecter in a perverse mood; N. perversity

perversion corruption; turning from right to wrong

pervert corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural

wrongheaded stubbornly wrong

pessimism belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess; tendency to take the gloomiest possible view of a situation; ADJ. pessimistic

pestilential(pestilent) causing plague; tending to cause death; baneful; N. pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)

pestle tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar

mortar vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle

mash crush into mash; convert into mash; N: mixture of ground grain and nutrients fed to livestock and fowl

petrify turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze

petty trivial; unimportant; very small; small-minded; petty-minded

petulant touchy; peevish; ill-tempered

phalanx formation of infantry carrying overlapping shields and long spears; group of men packed together (for attack or defense)

pharisaical pertaining to the Pharisees, who paid scrupulous attention to tradition; self-righteous; hypocritical

pharisee Pharisee: member of an ancient Jewish group that emphasized strict observance of the Mosaic law (considering themselves very holy); hypocritical self-righteous person

self-righteous sure of one’s own righteousness; moralistic

phenomena observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation; SG. phenomenon: observable fact; very unusual person, thing, or event; marvel; wonder; CF. phemonemons; ADJ. phenomenal: very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Ex. phenomenal strength

philanderer faithless lover; flirt
philanthropist lover of mankind; doer of good; N. philanthropy
philatelist stamp-collector; N. philately: stamp collecting
philistine narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain; uncultured person who is indifferent to artistic and cultural values; member of an ancient people in Palestine; OP: aesthete
philology study of language or words
phlegmatic calm and unexcitable; not easily disturbed; CF. phlegm: sticky mucus produced in the respiratory tract
phobia morbid fear
phoenix symbol of immortality or rebirth; Ex. phoenix rising from its ashes
phylum major classification, second to kingdom, of plants and animals; category ranking below a kingdom and above a class; division
physiognomy face (as showing the character and the mind); art of judging human character from facial features
physiological pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms; N. physiology
piebald of different colors; mottled; spotted in different colors (esp. in black and white); Ex. piebald horse; CF. pie+bald
piecemeal one part at a time; gradually; in stages; Ex. read a novel piecemeal
pied piebald; variegated(many-colored); multicolored
piety devoutness; reverence for God; ADJ. pious
pigment coloring matter (usually powder to be mixed with water or oil)
pillage plunder
pillory punish by placing in a wooden frame or pillory; subject or expose to criticism and ridicule; N.
pine long for; yearn; languish from longing or grief; decline
pinion restrain or immobilize by binding the wings or legs; N: bird’s wing
pinnacle peak; highest point; acme; Ex. pinnacle of fame
pious devout; religious; N. piety
piquant pleasantly tart-tasting; spicy; pleasantly stimulating; Ex. piquant situation when my old enemy asked for my help
p tart sharp to the taste; acid-tasting; caustic; sarcastic; Ex. tart apple/reply
sour having a sharp or acid taste; acid; tart; bad-tempered; V.
pique irritation; resentment from wounded pride (eg. loss in a contest); V: provoke; arouse; annoy; cause to feel resentment; Ex. pique her curiosity
piscatorial pertaining to fishing; CF. Pisces
pitfall hidden danger; concealed trap
beware be cautious (of)
pith core or marrow; spongelike substance in the center of stems; essence; substance
marrow soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells
pithy concise and meaningful; substantial; meaty
pittance small amount (of money); small allowance or wage
pivotal of a pivot; central; critical; crucial
placate pacify; bring peace to; conciliate; appease
placebo harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill
tablet small round piece of medicine; flat piece of stone or metal bearing an inscription; Ex. stone tablet on the wall
placid peaceful; calm; Ex. placid child/lake
plagiarize steal another’s ideas or writings and pass them off as one’s own; Ex. ideas plagiarized from my article; N. plagiarism; CF. kidnap
plaintive expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song
plait braid; interwine; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex. plaited hair; N: braided length as of hair or fabric; CF. pigtail, ponytail
plasticity ability to be molded; ADJ. plastic: capable of being shaped or molded; Ex. plastic material such as clay
platitude trite remark; commonplace statement; ADJ. platitude
commonplace ordinary; N: something ordinary or common; trite remark
commonwealth nation governed by the people; republic; people of a nation
platonic purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire
plaudit praise; enthusiastic approval; round(succession or series) of applause; ADJ. plauditory; CF. applaud
plausible conceivably true; having a show of truth but open to doubt; specious
plebeian common; vulgar; pertaining to the common people; N: common people in ancient Rome; CF. patrician
plebiscite direct vote by the entire electorate (on an important issue)
referendum direct vote by all the people
plenary (of power) complete; full; fully attended by all qualified members; Ex. plenary power
plenitude abundance; plenty; great amount; completeness; fullness; CF. plenary, plenty
plethora excess; overabundance; Ex. a plethora of excuses
pliable flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable
pliant flexible; easily influenced
plight difficult condition; condition or state (esp. a bad state or condition); predicament
♣ pluck courage; V: pull off or out; pull out the hair or feathers of; ADJ. plucky: courageous; brave
♣ plumage feathers of a bird;
¤ plume feather, esp. large or showy one; something that rises into the air (like the shape of a feather); Ex. plume of smoke: 뿔뿔한 구름
♣ plumb exactly vertical; N: weight on the end of a line; V: examine very carefully or critically in order to understand; measure depth (by sounding); Ex. plumb the depth of
¤ plumber one who installs and repairs pipes and plumbing(pipes)
♣ plummet fall sharply; fall straight down; Ex. Stock prices plummeted.
¤ plutocracy society ruled by the wealthy
¤ podiatrist doctor who treats ailments of the feet; chiropodist; N. podiatrics
¤ podium pedestal; raised platform
camp group sharing a common cause or opinion
camp pollinate split into opposite extremes or camps
camp polarity state of having two opposite qualities
camp polar of a pole; characterized by opposite extremes; Ex. polar opposites
camp postulate self-evident truth; something assumed without proof; V: assume the truth of (as a basis of an argument)
camp postulate quality of being deeply moving; keenness of emotion; ADJ. poignant: touching; deeply moving; (of sorrow, grief, etc.) painful; keenly distressing to the mind; Ex. poignant memory/anxiety; CF. prick
♣ polarize split into opposite extremes or camps
camp political prude; prudish; well judged; expedient; well devised
camp potential powerful; convincing; persuasive; greatly influential
camp potable suitable for drinking; drinkable
camp potable expressing possibility; latent; N: capacity for growth
¤ potter potter potpourri heterogeneous mixture; medley; mixture of dried flower petals a pot (to give a pleasant smell to a room)
camp poultice soothing application applied to sore and inflamed portions of the body
camp practicable feasible
camp practical based on experience; of or acquired through practice (rather than theory); useful; Ex. practical man
camp pragmatic practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with practical worth or impact of something; Ex. pragmatic test of the skill
camp pragmatist practical person; N. pragmatism: pragmatic way of dealing with things
camp prance move about in a spirited manner (proudly and confidently)
camp prate talk idly; speak foolishly; boast idly
camp prattle talk idly; babble; N. CF. prate
¤ idle not working; not employed or busy; lazy; without purpose; useless; lacking substance; baseless; not based on truth; Ex. idle worker; Ex. talk idly; V.

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♣ precarious unsafe; lacking in stability; uncertain; risky;
   Ex. precarious living

□ precedent something preceding in time which may be
    used as an authority or guide for future action; V. pre-
    cede; CF. unprecedented

□ precedent preceding (in time, rank, etc.)
precipitant | brink | precipice
precipitate | predispose | predilection
predetermine | predecessor | precursor
precise | précis | precipitous
predator | predacious | prehensile
predator | predacious | prey
precipitous | steep; overhastily; precipitate
precept | practical rule guiding conduct; Ex. mother’s precept
precipice | cliff; dangerous position; Ex. on the edge of the precipice
brink | edge (at the top of a cliff); Ex. on the brink of the Grand Canyon
precipitate | hurl downward; throw headlong; hasten; cause to happen sooner; condense and fall as rain or snow; cause (a solid substance) to be separated from a solution; ADJ. hasty; rash; premature; sudden
precipitous | steep; overhastily; precipitate
precise | exact
preclude | make impossible; prevent; exclude; eliminate
preclude | take for granted; assume; act overconfidently; taking liberties
preclude | make susceptible to; Ex. predispose people to certain cancer; N. predisposition
preclude | former occupant of a post
preclude | determine in advance; predestine; settle or decide beforehand; influence markedly
predicament | difficult situation; tricky or dangerous situation; dilemma
predilection | preference; partiality
predispose | give an inclination toward (in advance); preference; partiality
predispose | advanced in development; N. precocity
predetermine | forerunner; predecessor
predetermine | predatory animal or bird; predatory person; creature that seizes and devours another animal; person who robs or exploits others; ADJ. predatory: living by preying on other organisms; plundering; N. predation
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predetermine | make impossible; prevent; exclude; eliminate
predetermine | first; appropriate for oneself before others; supplant; take the place of; displace; Ex. preempt any attempts; ADJ. preemptive
preempt | prevent in advance; head off (forestall); forestall by acting first; appropriate for oneself before others; supplant; take the place of; displace; Ex. preempt any attempts; ADJ. preemptive
preempt | take for granted; assume; act overconfidently; taking liberties
preempt | feign; pretend to: claim to possess; make pretensions to; Ex. I don’t pretend to much expertise; N. pretense
pretext | excuse
prevail | be widespread; triumph over; gain victory; prevail on: persuade; induce; Ex. Justice has prevailed; Ex. prevail on someone to do something
prevail | widespread; generally accepted
prevail | lie; hide the truth (by equivocating)
prey | target of a hunt; victim; V: hunt and eat as prey; victimize; Ex. Cats prey on mice.
prim | proper to the point of affectation; very precise and formal; exceedingly proper
primogeniture | seniority by birth; state of being the first-born child; right of the eldest child (to inherit the entire property of one or both parents)
primordial | existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary
primp | groom oneself with care; adorn oneself
pristine | unspoiled; remaining in a pure state; characteristic of earlier times; primitive; Ex. an old book in pristine condition
privilege | lack of the basic necessities or comforts of life; hardship; want; CF. deprive
premonition | forewarning; presentiment; foreboding
premonitory | serving to warn
preponderance | superiority of power, quantity, etc.; V. preponderate: be greater in power, weight, or importance; ADJ. preponderant
preponderate | absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous
prerogative | privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask beforehand
presage | foretell; be a warning or sign of; N: premonition; foreboding; omen
prescience | ability to foretell the future; knowledge of actions before they occur; ADJ. prescient
prescience | premonition; foreboding; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear
prestige | respect or admiration; impression produced by achievements or reputation; ADJ. causing admiration; ADJ. prestigious: having prestige
presumptuous | going beyond what is right; excessively forward; arrogant; taking liberties
pretend | take for granted; assume; act overconfidently; taking liberties; presume on/upon: take unfair advantage of (someone’s kindness or connection); N. presumption
pretentious | ostentatious; showy; pompous; making unjustified claims; overambitious; Ex. pretentious films that claim to be art
pretentious | pretentious; claiming (without foundation); Ex. I make no pretensions to skill as an artist
preternatural | beyond what is normal in nature; supernatural; Ex. preternatural strength/forces
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privity secret; hidden; not public; made a participant in something secret; Ex. privy chamber government; Ex. be privy to a discussion; CF. private

probe explore with a probe or tools; investigate; N: slender instrument used to explore a wound or body cavity; device designed to investigate an unknown region; thorough investigation; Ex. space probe

procrastinate postpone; delay or put off

procurement obtaining; V. procure: obtain by effort; obtain (a prostitute) for another

prod poke (with a pointed object); stir up; urge; goad to action; N: pointed object used to prod; prodding

prodigal wasteful; reckless with money; profuse; Ex. a mind prodigal of ideas; N. prodigality

prodigious enormous; marvelous; extraordinary; Ex. prodigious amount/memory

prodigy highly gifted child; person with exceptional talents; marvel; wonder

profane violate; desecrate (something holy); treat unworthyly; be profane for; ADJ: secular; nonreligious; irreverent for holy things

profligate wasteful (of money); dissipated; wildly immoral; dissolve; N: profligate person; N. profligacy

profound deep; not superficial; complete; Ex. profound thinker/remark/silence/deafness; N. profundity

profusion great amount; plenty; overabundance; excess; lavish expenditure; Ex. profusion of choices; ADJ. profuse: plentiful; copious; giving or given abundantly; extravagant

progenitor ancestor

progeny children; offspring; descendants

prognosis forecasted course of a disease; prediction; CF. prognostic

prognosticate predict (according to present indications)

prohibitive so high as to prohibit purchase or use; tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; prohibiting; inclined to prevent or forbid; Ex. prohibitive tax

projectile missile; fired or thrown object (such as stone or bullet)

proletarian member of the working class; blue collar guy; N. proletariat: working class (who have to work for wages)

proliferate grow rapidly (in numbers); spread; multiply; N. proliferation

prolific producing offspring or fruit in abundance; fertile; fecund; abundantly fruitful; producing abundant works; Ex. prolific writer

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problematic causing a problem; open to doubt; doubtful; unsettled; questionable; Ex. Whether the arena will ever be completed is problematic.

prominence emphasis; natural tendency (esp. towards something bad)

promote advance in rank; advance; help to flourish; advocate; help actively in forming; publicize or popularize; Ex. Milk promotes health; Ex. promote a match/bill; Ex. promote a new product

prompt cause; urge; provoke; provide a cue (for an actor); ADJ: done without delay; done at the right time; punctual; on time; N: reminder or cue

cue word or signal (as in a play to prompt another actor’s speech or entrance); reminder or hint; V: give a cue to

promulgate announce; proclaim a doctrine or law; make known by official publication

prone inclined to; likely to (suffer); prostrate; lying with the front downward; Ex. prone to disease/make mistakes; Ex. accident-prone

propagate increase in number by producing young; multiply; spread; Ex. Most plants propagate by seed; Ex. newspaper propagating their ideas

propellant (propellent) substance which propels or drives forward (such as an explosive charge or a rocket fuel)

propensity natural inclination

prophetic of a prophet or prophecy; having to do with predicting the future; N. prophecy; V. prophesy; N. prophet

prophylactic used to prevent disease; N: something prophylactic; condom; N. prophylaxis: prevention of disease

propinquity nearness (in space or relationship); proximity; kinship

propitiate appease; conciliate; make peaceful; ADJ. propitiatory
propitious favorable; auspicious; advantageous; fortunate; Ex. propitious day/sign
horoscope diagram of the positions of stars at a given moment (eg. of a person’s birth) used by astrologers
proponent supporter; backer; opposite of opponent
profound put forth for consideration or analysis; set forth; Ex. expound a problem/theory
propriety fitness; quality of being proper; correct conduct; conformity to prevailing customs and usages; CF. proprietor, proprietary
usage act or manner of using; accepted practice; way in which words are actually used
propulsive driving forward; N. propulsion
proscribe prohibit; ostracize; banish; outlaw
outlaw fugitive from the law (excluded from legal protection); V: declare (someone) to be an outlaw; deprive of the protection of the law; declare illegal; Ex. Drinking has been outlawed.
proselytize (induce someone to) convert to a religion or belief; N. proselyte: new convert to a doctrine or religion
prosody art of versification; study of the metrical structure of verse
metrical metric; written in the form of poetry; Ex. metrical translation of Homer
meter arrangement of words in the form of poetry (by accentual rhythm)
prosperity good fortune and financial success; physical well-being
prosper become successful (esp. financially); thrive; grow well; Ex. children prospering under his care
prosperous successful; rich; affluent; well-to-do; well-off
prostrate stretch out full on ground; make prostrate; enervate; Ex. prostrating illness; ADJ: lying face down; having lost all strength
protein able to take on many forms; versatile; CF. Proteus: sea god to change his shape at will
protégé person receiving protection and support from a patron
protocol diplomatic etiquette; ceremony and etiquette observed by diplomats; first copy of a treaty before its ratification; Ex. Protocol demands that the queen meet him at the airport.
prototype original work used as a model by others
protract prolong; lengthen in time; draw out
protrude stick out; jut; project; Ex. protruding teeth
protuberance protrusion; swelling; bulge

bulge protruding part; swelling of a surface; Ex. The apple made a bulge in his pocket; V: swell outward; protrude
provenance place of origin; origin or source of something; Ex. Gunpowder is of Chinese provenance; CF. come
provender dry food for livestock; fodder
providing for future needs; displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies; OP. improvident
providence quality of being provident; divine care; god’s care; Providence: god; Ex. It seemed like providence that the doctor happened to be there; ADJ. providential: of divine providence; fortunate
provincial pertaining to a province; limited in outlook; narrow; unsophisticated
provisional tentative; temporary
proviso stipulation; condition in an agreement; provision
provision act of providing; something provided; preparatory measure; provisions: necessary supplies (esp. food); stipulation; condition in an agreement; Ex. According to the provisions of the agreement
provocative arousing anger or sexual interest; annoying; Ex. provocative in tight jeans; V: provoke: incite to anger; cause (an unpleasant action or feeling); N. provocation
prowess extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle
proximity nearness; ADJ. proximate
proxy authorized agent; authority to act for another
prudery excessively modest or proper person (who is easily shocked by improper things, esp. of a sexual nature); N. prudery; ADJ. prudish: excessively concerned with propriety
prudent cautious; careful; prudential
prune cut away; trim
prurient having or causing lustful desires and thoughts; arousing immediate sexual desire
pry inquire impertinently (someone else’s private affairs); use leverage to raise or open something; prize; N. pries: tool for prying
prize pry; move with a lever; value highly; esteem; Ex. his most prized possession; N: something captured during war-time (esp. an enemy ship)
pseudonym pen name; fictitious name assumed by an author; ADJ. pseudonymous
psychic of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers
psychopath pertaining to mental derangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder
psychosis mental disorder; ADJ. N. psychotic
psychosomatic of the influence of the mind on the body (esp. with respect to disease)

pterodactyl extinct flying reptile; CF. wing+finger

puerile childish; immature; CF. puer: boy

pugilist boxer; CF. pugilism: boxing

pugnacity combattiveness; disposition to fight; ADJ. pugnacious: (of people) belligerent; combative in nature

puissant powerful; strong; potent; N. puissance: power

pulchritude beauty; comeliness; ADJ. pulchritudinous

pulmonary pertaining to the lungs

pulsate throb; beat regularly; vibrate regularly

pulse rhythmical throbbing of arteries; brief sudden change in a normally constant quantity; V: pulsate

pulverize crush or grind into very small particles

pummel pommel; beat or pound with fists

punctilious minutely attentive (perhaps too much so) to fine points; stressing niceties of conduct or form; N. punctilio, punctiliousness: careful attention payed to every small exact detail

pundit authority on a subject; expert; learned person

pungent stinging; acrid; sharp in taste or smell; (of speech or writing) caustic; N. pungency

punitive punishing; Ex. punitive measures

puny tiny; weak; insignificant

purchase secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing

purgatory place of spiritual expiation; temporary state or place in which the souls must expiate their sins

purge remove or get rid of something or someone unwanted; eliminate; free from blame or guilt; cleanse or purify (esp. of sin, guilt, or defilement); N.

purport intention; purpose; meaning; V: claim; profess; Ex. order which purports to be signed by the general

purported alleged; claimed; reputed or rumored; Ex. purported Satanists

rooster cock; adult male chicken

rabble mob; noisy crowd

purse pucker; contract (lips) into wrinkles; N: wallet

pucker gather into wrinkles or folds; N: wrinkle or fold

purveyor furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer; V. purvey: supply (eg. food); furnish; CF. provide

pusillanimous cowardly; lacking courage; fainthearted

putative supposed; reputed; generally regarded as such; Ex. putative father of the child

putrid decayed and foul-smelling; foul; rotten; decayed; N. putridity

putrefy make or become putrid; N. putrefaction

putrescent becoming putrid; putrefying

gangrene decay of body tissue caused by insufficient blood supply (usually following injury); ADJ. gangrenous

pyromaniac person with an insane desire to set things on fire

quack charlatan; impostor

quadruped four-footed animal; ADJ. CF. biped

quaff drink with zest; drink with relish (zest; hearty enjoyment); CF. sip

quagmire bog; marsh; soft, wet, boggy land; predicament; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself

bog soft wet land; V: hinder or be hindered; Ex. bogged down in the mud

quail cower; shrink back in fear; lose heart

quaint odd in an old-fashioned way; odd; old-fashioned; picturesque

qualified limited; restricted; V. qualify: limit the meaning of; modify

qualms uneasy feelings; misgivings; uneasy fears especially about matters of conscience; Ex. I have no qualms about giving this assignment to Helen.

quandary dilemma; state of uncertainty; Ex. She is in a quandary about whether to go.

quarantine isolation of a person, place, or ship to prevent spread of infection; V: isolate in quarantine

quarry person or animal of pursuit; victim; object of a hunt; prey

quarry dig into (to get stone); N: mine; 채석장

bank heap; piled-up mass; embankment; lateral tilting (as of an aircraft in turning); V: pile up; protect with a bank; tilt in turning
quay

quash crush; suppress; squash; subdue; annul; Ex. quash a rebellion/the decision of the low court

squash crush; squash; suppress

quay dock; wharf; pier; landing place (for boats)

quash suppress; put an end to; put down forcibly; extinguish; quiet; Ex. “Army Quells Rebellion” in newspaper; CF. kill

quell suppress; put an end to; put down forcibly; extinguish; quiet; Ex. feel a little uneasy

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raisins raisin

rasp rasp; scrape

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rationale fundamental reason or principle (on which a system or principle is based); fundamental reason or justification; grounds for an action

rationalize make rational; devise false reasons for (one’s behavior); offer an excuse; give a plausible reason for an action in place of a true, less admirable one; N. rationalization

rational (of a person) having reason; (of ideas) based on reason; logical

ration fixed portion; V: distribute as rations

raucous (of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts

ravage devastate; plunder; despoil; Ex. crops ravaged by storms

ravine narrow valley with steep sides; gorge; CF. gully, canyon

raze destroy completely; Ex. raze the city to the ground

reactionary strongly opposed to social or political change; opposing progress; politically ultraconservative; N. OP. radical

reinstate restore to a previous condition or position

realm kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility

reaper one who harvests grain; Ex. the Grim Reaper; V. reap: cut and gather (crop); harvest a crop

rebate return of part of a payment; discount; V.

rebuff reject bluntly; snub; beat back; Ex. She rebuffed his invitation; N.

snub ignore or behave coldly toward; Ex. I made a suggestion but she snubbed me; N.

rebuke scold harshly; criticize severely

rebus representation of words in the form of pictures or symbols; puzzle in which pictures or letters stand for words; Ex. “R U 18” is a rebus for “Are you 18”.

rebuttal refutation; response with contrary evidence; V. rebut: refute; disprove

recalcitrant disobedient or resisting authority even after being punished; obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly; Ex. recalcitrant child

recant disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error; Ex. recant one’s faith/a statement

recapitulate summarize

recast reconstruct (a sentence, story, statue, etc.); fashion again

fashion give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay

receptive quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal

recession withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity

recess pause; temporary cessation; alcove; secret inner place; Ex. parliament in recess; V. CF. recessive

recidivist habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N. recidivist

recipient receiver

reciprocal mutual; given and received in return; exchangeable; interacting; Ex. reciprocal trade agreement

reciprocate do or give something in return; repay in kind; give or take mutually; move backwards and forwards; Ex. reciprocate his invitation by inviting him; N. reciprocity: reciprocal relationship; mutual interchange of advantages between two groups; Ex. reciprocity in trading rights

rebut: refute; disprove

reconciliation make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one’s political principles with one’s religious beliefs

recondite abstruse; not easily understood; profound; secret

reconnaissance survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter: make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)

recount narrate or tell (a story); count over again

recourse resorting to help when in trouble; Ex. without recourse to

resort turn to for help; Ex. resort to violence; N.

makeshift temporary expedient or substitute (in the case of urgent need); Ex. makeshift shelter

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recrimination  countercharges; V. recriminate
rectify  set right; correct; CF. rect-: right
rectitude  moral correctness; moral uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment
recumbent  reclining; lying down completely or in part
recline  lie down
recuperate  recover; return to health; regain; Ex. recuperate losses
recurrent  occurring again and again
herald messenger; sign of something to come; V: announce; proclaim; Ex. unheralded researcher

rent tear made by rending; rip; split

reparable capable of being repaired

reparation compensation (for loss or wrong); amends; Ex. make reparation for the damage; CF. repair

repartee quick clever reply

repast meal; feast; banquet

repeal revoke; annul

repel drive away; disgust; Ex. repel the attack/moisture; Ex. repelled by the dirty room; CF. repulsion

repellent driving away; disgusting; offensive; repulsive; unattractive; N.

repercussion rebound; reaction; reverberation; Ex. serious repercussion

repertoire list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present; CF. repertory

repine fret; complain; be annoyed; Ex. repine over the undone work

replenish fill up again

replete fully filled; filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed; abundantly supplied; Ex. report replete with errors

memoir memoirs; autobiography; biography

brim uppermost edge of a cup; projecting rim (as on a hat); Ex. The glass was full to the brim; V: be full to the brim

replica copy

replicate reproduce; duplicate

repository storehouse

repose resting; state of being at rest; calmness; V: lie at rest; relax; put or place; Ex. repose our hopes in a single man

reprehensible deserving blame; blameworthy; V. reprehend: blame

repress hold back (the natural expression of); restrain; crush; oppress; Ex. repressed child; Ex. repress a laugh/rebellion

retrieval postponement or cancelation of a punishment; temporary stay; V: postpone or cancel the punishment of

reprimand reprove severely; rebuke; N.

reprisal retaliation

reprise musical repetition; repeating of a piece of music; repeat performance; recurrent action; Ex. reprise in the finale; Ex. constant reprises

reproach blame (not angrily but sadly); express disapproval or disappointment; N. ADJ. reproachful

reprobate morally disapproved person; person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency; CF. disapproved by God?

reprobation severe disapproval; CF. approbation

reprove censure; rebuke; N. reproof

repudiate disown; disavow; deny

repugnance disgust; strong dislike; loathing; ADJ. repugnant: arousing disgust; repulsive

repulsion distaste; disgust; act of driving back; ADJ. repulsive: causing disgust; tending to drive away; V. repel (not ‘repulse’)

repulse reject with rudeness or coldness (an offer or friendship); drive back (an enemy attack); CF. repulse ≠ cause repulsion

reputable respectable; having a good reputation

reputed supposed; Ex. reputed father of the child; V. repute: consider; N. repute: reputation; esteem

requiem mass for the dead; dirge

mass Christian religious ceremony; CF. Mass: ceremony of the Eucharist

requisite necessary requirement; something required; ADJ: required; necessary

requisition formal demand or request; Ex. requisition for more computing equipment; V.

requisite make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. requittal
rescind  repeal; annul; cancel (a law, decision, or agreement)
resentment  indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about
reserve  self-control; self-restraint; formal but distant manner; reticence; Ex. without reserve: freely and openly; ADJ. reserved: shy and uncommunicative
residue  remainder; balance
residual  remaining; left over; of a residue; N: residue
resignation  patiently submissiveness; statement that one is quitting a job; ADJ. resigned: acquiescent
resign  give up (a position, right, or claim); submit ( oneself) passively
resilient  elastic; having the power of springing back; able to recover quickly (as from misfortune)
elastic  able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N: elastic material
resolution  determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose
resolve  determination; resolution; firmness of purpose
resolve  decide; settle; solve; separate; make a determined decision; N. resolution
resonant  (of a sound) echoing; resounding(sounding loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice; N. resonance
resound  (of a place) be filled with sound; (of a sound) sound loudly; sound back; echo; Ex. hall resounded with laughter
respiration  breathing; exhalation; ADJ. respiratory
respite  time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; reprieve
resplendent  brilliant; splendid in appearance; dazzling; glorious
responsiveness  state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc.; ADJ. responsive: readily reacting; Ex. responsive to treatment
restitution  returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury
restive  impatiently restless (induced by external coercion or restriction); restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control; Ex. restive horses because of wolves; CF. not a general synonym for ‘restless’
restraint  moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction
resumption  taking up again; recommencement; V. resume: begin or take up again; take or occupy again; Ex. Kindly resume your seats.
resurge  rise again; flow to and fro; N. resurgence; ADJ. resurgent: (of ideas or beliefs) experiencing revival; surging again
resurrect  revive; bring back to life or consciousness; Ex. resuscitate the drowned child
retain  keep; maintain possession of; employ (esp. a lawyer or advisor); N. retainer: servant; fee paid to retain an advisor
retali ate  repay in kind (usually for bad treatment); V. retaliate
retentive  holding; able to retain things (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory
reticent  inclined to retain (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory
retribution  deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back
retrieve  recover; put right; find and bring in; regain; Ex. retrieve the situation
retroactive  taking effect before its enactment (as a law) or imposition (as a tax); (of a law) having effect on the past as well as the future
enact  make (a bill) into law
reverence  respectful; worshipful; V. reverence: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect
reverend  deserving reverence; N: priest
reverie  daydream; abstracted musing
revert  relapse; backslide; turn back to; return to the former owner; N. reversion
repeal  cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable
revulsion  sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture
rhap soidize  speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner; Ex. rhapsodize over the beauty of the scenery
Kindly resume your seats.
rhapsody  excessively enthusiastic expression of feeling; musical composition of irregular form (as if made up as one plays it)

rhetoric  art of effective communication; art of using language effectively and persuasively; style of speaking or writing; grandiloquent language; Ex. political rhetoric; ADJ. rhetorical; CF. rhetorical question: question to which no answer is expected as “Who knows it?”

ribald  marked by vulgar lewd humor; wanton; profane; N. ribaldry: ribald language or joke

diddle  pierce with holes; permeate or spread throughout; Ex. The gunman riddled the car with bullets; Ex. The whole report is riddled with errors; N. large sieve (separating earth from stone)

rider  amendment or clause added to a legislative bill

rife  (of something bad) widespread; abundant; current

rift  narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds; OP. reconciliation

rig  fix or manipulate; manipulate dishonestly for personal gain; Ex. rig the election

rivel  arrangement of masts and sails; V: equip (a ship) with rigging; ADJ. rigging: ropes that hold up a ship’s sails

rigid  hard and unyielding; stiff and unyielding; fixed in behavior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex. rigid rule

rigor  severity; Ex. rigors of the Russian winter

riveting  holding one’s attention; absorbing; engrossing

rivet  metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V: fasten with a rivet; engross

rivulet  small stream; CF. rill; rivulet; river

robust  strong; vigorous

rococo  ornate; highly decorated; N. CF. 18th century

roil  make liquids murky by stirring up sediment; disturb

roseate  rosy; optimistic; Ex. roseate views

roster  list (of names)

rostrum  raised platform for speech-making; pulpit

rubbish  fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)
sadistic inclined to cruelty; N. sadism: delight in cruelty

d saga Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative

d sagacious wise; perceptive; shrewd; having insight; N. sagacity

d sage person celebrated for wisdom; wise person; ADJ: wise

d salacious lascivious; lustful; Ex. salacious monk

d salient prominent; projecting beyond a line; conspicuous; Ex. salient features

d saline salty

d sallow (of the skin) yellowish and unhealthy-looking; sickly in color; Ex. sallow complexion due to jaundice

d salubrious healthful; conducive to health or well-being; socially desirable; Ex. salubrious area; CF. health

d salutary tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF. health

d salvage rescue (goods or property) from loss; N: saving; property saved

d sanctimonious displaying ostentatious or hypocritical devouness; N. sanctimony: hypocritical piety

d sanction approve; ratify; N: permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance

d sanctuary place of refuge; shelter; shrine; holy place; Ex. The outlaw was granted sanctuary in the church.

d sanguinary bloody; with much bloodshed

d sanguine optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red

d sap diminish; weaken; undermine the foundations of (a fortification); Ex. The element kryptonite sapped his strength.

d sarcasm cutting ironic remark; scornful remarks; sting

d sardonic sardonic; scornfully mocking; disdainful; sarcastic; cynical; Ex. sardonic smile

d sartorial pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex. a man of great sartorial elegance; CF. sartor: tailor

d sate satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy

doze sleep lightly; nap

d satellite small body revolving around a larger one

d satiate satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); sate; N. satiety: condition of being satiated

d satire form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack human vice and folly

d satirical using satire; mocking

d saturate soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity

d scavenge hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N. scavenger: one who scavenges; animal that feeds on refuse and carries

do scab scab

d scanty meager; insufficient

d scapegoat someone who bears the blame for others; whipping boy; CF. escape+goat

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"saturnine" morose; gloomy; Ex. Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance.
d satyr half-human, half-bestial being in the court of Dionysus (resembling a goat), portrayed as wanton (unrestrained) and cunning; lecher; CF. faun; CF. goat: lecherous man

d saunter stroll (go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.
d savant scholar; learned person; CF. savoir: know

d savor enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality

d savory pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex. savory reputation

"scabbard" case for a sword blade; sheath

d scad a great quantity; Ex. scads of clothes

d scaffold temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution

"scale" climb up; ascend; remove or come off in scales; N: flake of epidermis; ascending or descending series of musical tones

do scanty meager; insufficient

d scribe someone who bears the blame for others; whipping boy; CF. escape+goat

d scavenge hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N. scavenger: one who scavenges; animal that feeds on refuse and carries

"scheme" systematic plan; plot; clever dishonest plan; orderly arrangement of elements; Ex. health insurance scheme; Ex. a scheme to escape taxes; Ex. a color scheme; Ex. a story with no scheme; V: contrive a scheme

do schism division into factions (esp. within a religious body); split

d scintilla trace; minute amount; shred; least bit; Ex. There is not a scintilla of truth; CF. spark

"scintillate" sparkle; flash; be animated; be full of life; Ex. scintillating conversation

d scoff laugh (at); mock; ridicule; Ex. scoff at their threats

d scotch stamp out (put an end to); thwart; hinder; Ex. scotch the rumor; CF. cut; CF. 활동을 줄이는 의미

"score" number of points; written form of a musical composition; reason; group of 20; notch or incision; Ex. full/vocal score; Ex. Don’t worry on that score; V: mark with lines or notches; Ex. score the paper to make it easy to fold
stamp step on heavily (so as to crush or extinguish); put an end to; imprint or impress with a mark, design, or seal; shape with a die; characterize; Ex. machine stamping out car bodies; Ex. newspaper stamping him as a liar; N. stamping; implement used to stamp; impression stamped; mark; Ex. Her remarks bear the stamp of truth.

scourge lash; whip (formerly used for punishment); source of severe punishment; V. whip; afflict

scruple hesitate for ethical reasons; fret about; Ex. She did not scruple to read his diary; N: uneasy feeling arising from conscience; conscience

scrupulous conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrupulous worker

scrutinize examine closely and critically; N. scrutiny

scuffle struggle confusedly; move off in a confused hurry; N. CF. scuffling twins?

shuffle mix together; jumble; move (something) from one place to another; slide (the feet) along the ground while walking; Ex. shuffle papers from one pile to another; N.

scurilous abusive; obscene; indecent; Ex. scurrilous remark

scurry move hastily; hurry; move briskly

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scurryy contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin C

scuttle sink (a ship) by cutting holes in the hull; scrap; discard; N: small hatch in a ship’s deck or hull

hull husk; dry outer covering of a seed; frame or body of a ship

seamy sordid; base; filthy; unwholesome; Ex. seamy side of city life

base contemptible; morally bad; inferior in value or quality; Ex. base motives/conduct; Ex. base metal such as iron

sear burn the surface of; char or burn; brand; parch; cause (a plant) to wither

char make or become black by burning; reduce or be reduced to carbon or charcoal (black substance made by burning wood) by incomplete combustion

scorch sear; N.

brand trademark; mark burned on the hide of an animal; mark burned into the flesh of criminals; mark of disgrace; V: mark with a brand; give a lasting bad name; stigmatize; Ex. The press branded him a liar.

hide skin of an animal

seasoned experienced

season enhance the flavor of by adding a spice, etc.; inure; harden; N. seasoning: something used in seasoning

seasonal of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employment

seasonable occurring at the proper time or season; opportune; Ex. seasonable intervention in the dispute

secession withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from membership

seclusion isolation; solitude; V. seclude: set apart from others; isolate

secrete conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism; CF. secretive

sect separate religious body; faction; group of people with common beliefs within a larger group

sectarian of a sect; narrow-minded; parochial; N: member of a sect; narrow-minded person

denomination religious group; unit in a system; name or designation; CF. denominator: common trait or characteristic

secular worldly; not pertaining to church matters or religion; temporal

sedate composed (with no excitement); grave; V: administer a sedative to; CF. sedative

sedentary requiring sitting; done while sitting; not moving from one place to another; settled; Ex. sedentary job/population

sedition conduct or language inciting rebellion; rebellion; resistance to authority; insubordination; ADJ. seditious

sedulous diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N. sedulity

seedy run-down; decrepit; disreputable; having many seeds; Ex. seedy downtown hotel

run-down (of a place) dilapidated; in a bad condition; (of a person) weak or exhausted

seemly (of behavior) proper; appropriate

seep pass slowly through small openings; ooze; trickle; N. seepage

seethe be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.

seine net; net for catching fish

sew seaming; sewn

semblance outward appearance; guise; Ex. We called in the troops to bring a/some semblance of order to the city.

semen seed; sperm; N. semen

seminary school for training future ministers; secondary school, especially for young women

senility old age; feeblemindedness of old age; ADJ. senile: resulting from old age; showing the weakness of body or mind from old age; Ex. senile dementia

feebleminded deficient in intelligence; very stupid

sensitization process of being made sensitive or acutely responsive to an external agent or substance; V. sensitize: make or become sensitive

sensual devoted to the pleasures of the sense; carnal; voluptuous; Ex. sensual woman/curves/lips
voluptuous  sensual; of or giving sensual pleasure; indulging in sensual pleasures; Ex. voluptuous lines; Ex. voluptuous life of the Romans; N. voluptuary: voluptuous person

sensuous  giving pleasure to the senses; pertaining to the physical senses; operating through the senses; sensuous feeling of soft velvet on the skin

sententious  pithy; terse; concise; aphoristic

sentient  capable of sensation and conscious; aware; sensitive; Ex. sentient creature; N. sentience

sentinel  sentry; lookout

lookout  act of keeping watch; high place commanding a wide view; person who keeps watch

septic  of or causing sepsis; putrid; producing putrefaction; N. sepsis: poisoning of part of the body (producing pus)

sepulcher  tomb; V: place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral
sequester  isolate; segregate; seclude; retire from public life
sere  sear; parched; dry
serendipity  gift for finding valuable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck; CF. The Three Princes of Serendip
serenity  calmness; placidity; ADJ. serene
serpentine  winding; twisting; of or like a serpent; Ex. serpentine course of the river; N. serpent: snake
serrated  having a sawtoothed edge; Ex. serrated leaf
servile  slavish; cringing; N. servility
servitude  slavery; compulsory labor imposed as a punishment
sever  separate; cut off (a part) from a whole; break up (a relationship); N. severance; CF. severance pay: extra pay given an employee upon leaving a position
severity  harshness; intensity; sternness; austerity; ADJ. severe: harsh; strict; extremely violent or intense
sextant  navigation tool used to determine a ship’s latitude and longitude (by measuring the altitudes of stars)
shackle  chain; fetter; confine with shackles; N.
sham  pretend; feign; ADJ: not genuine; fake; Ex. sham jewelry; N: something that is not what it appears; impostor; pretense; Ex. The agreement was a sham.
shambles  (place or scene of) complete disorder or ruin; wreck; mess; Ex. After the hurricane, the coast was a shambles.
shard  fragment generally of broken pottery (glass, clay bowl, or cup)
shaving  very thin piece, usually of wood (cut from a surface with a sharp blade)
plane  carpenter’s tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat
sheaf  bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together
sheathe  place into a case; insert into or provide with a sheath; Ex. He sheathed his dagger; N. sheath: case for a blade
sheath  flavored dessert ice
shimmer  shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex. The moonlight shimmered on the water; N.
shirk  avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malingering
shoddy  made of inferior material; sham; not genuine; inferior; dishonest; Ex. shoddy goods/trick
shrew  scolding woman; very small mouselike animal
shrewd  clever; astute
shun  keep away from; avoid deliberately; Ex. She has been shunned by her neighbors.
shunt  move (a railway train) from one track to another; turn aside; divert; sidetrack; Ex. shunt traffic around an accident; N.
sidereal  relating to stars; Ex. sidereal day
silt  sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor or by a bend in a river)
simian  monkeylike; N: ape or monkey
simile  comparison of one thing with another, using the word like or as
simper  smirk; smile in a silly way; smile affectedly
simulate  feign; imitate
sinecure  well-paid position with little responsibility; CF. sine cure: without care; CF. San Serif
sinewy  (of meat) tough; strong and firm; muscular; N. sinew: tendon; strong cord connecting a muscle to a bone
singular  being only one; individual; unique; extraordinary; odd; Ex. Ex. singular beauty/behavior
sinister  evil; ominous
sinuous  twisting; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest
skeptic  sceptic; doubter; person who suspends judgment until he has examined the evidence supporting a point of view; ADJ. skeptical; N. skepticism; scepticism
skiff  small light sailboat or rowboat
skim  provide or use scantily; live very economically; Ex. skimp on necessities; ADJ. skimpy: inadequate in amount; scanty; stingy; niggardly
skinflint  miser; stingy person
skirmish  minor fight; minor battle in war; V.
skittish  inconstant; capricious; frivolous; not serious; Ex. charming but skittish young woman; CF. skit
skullduggery  dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skullduggery in the election
skulk  move furtively and secretly; Ex. He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city.
slacken  slow up; loosen; make or become slack
slack  moving slowly; sluggish; inactive; (of a rope) loose; negligent; lax; Ex. slack season; Ex. slack in one’s work; N. V.
slag  glassy residue from smelting metal; dross; waste matter
slander  defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements; V. ADJ. slanderous
slapdash hasty and careless; haphazard; sloppy (carelessly done)

sleazy shabby and dirty; flimsy; insubstantial; Ex. sleazy back-street hotel/fabric

sleeper one that achieves unexpected success; something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable

sleight dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks

slew large quantity or number; Ex. slew of errands left

slight insult to one’s dignity; snub; V: treat as if of small importance; insult; snub; ADJ. small in size; of small importance

slipshod slovenly; careless; sloppy; untidy; shabby; Ex. slipshod work

slither slip or slide

sloth slow moving tree-dwelling mammal; laziness; ADJ. slothful: lazy; indolent

slough (of a snake) shed or cast off (dead outer skin); N: outer layer that is shed

slowerly untidy; careless in work habits; slipshod; N. sloven: one who is habitually untidy or careless

sledge large sled drawn by work animals

sleigh large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice

sluggard lazy person

sluggish lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug: nail with no shell

sluice artificial channel for directing or controlling the flow of water (with a gate to regulate the flow)

slur slander; insult to one’s character or reputation; V.

slur pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble

smattering slight knowledge; small scattered number or amount; Ex. smattering of German

smelt melt (ore) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ores changing their chemical composition

smirk conceited smile; offensively self-satisfied smile (often at someone else’s misfortune); V.

smolder smoulder; burn slowly without flame; be liable to break out at any moment; exist in a suppressed state; Ex. smoldering anger

snicker half-stifled (suppressed) laugh; V.

snivel complain or whine tearfully; run at the nose; snuffle; Ex. Don’t come back sniveling to me.

snuffle sniffle; sniff repeatedly (in order to keep liquid from running out of the nose)

sobriety moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness

sober serious; solemn; not drunken; abstemious or temperate; V: make or become sober

sodden thoroughly soaked; dull or stupid as if from drink

sojourn temporary stay; V: stay for a time

solace comfort in sorrow or trouble; consolation; V: comfort or console in time of sorrow or trouble

solder repair or make whole by using a metal alloy; N: metal alloy (usually tin and lead) used in the molten state to join metallic parts

solecism nonstandard grammatical construction; construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically; violation of social etiquette

solemnity seriousness; gravity

solicit entreat; request earnestly; seek to obtain; Ex. solicit votes; CF. solicitor: one who solicits; chief law officer

solicitous anxious; worried; concerned; eager; Ex. solicitous to do something; N. solicitude

soliloquy talking to oneself (esp. in a play); CF. monologue: soliloquy; long speech by one person (often monopolizing a conversation)

solitude state of being alone; seclusion; ADJ. solitary: existing or living alone (esp. by choice); remote or secluded; single; sole; Ex. solitary life/inn; Ex. no solitary piece of proof

solstice point or time at which the sun is farthest from the equator

soluble able to be dissolved in a liquid; able to be worked out or solved

solvent able to pay all debts; N. solvency

solvent substance that dissolves another; ADJ: capable of dissolving another substance

somatic pertaining to the body; bodily; physical
♠ somber dark; gloomy; melancholy; depressing; CF. shadow

□ somnambulist sleepwalker; V. somnambulate; N. somnambulism

♠ somnolent half asleep; drowsy; N. somnolence

♠ sonorous resonant; producing a full deep sound; producing sound

♥ sonic of sound or its speed in air; CF. subsonic, supersonic

♥ sonnet 14-line poetic verse form with a fixed rhyme pattern

□ sophist teacher of philosophy; quibbler; employer of fallacious reasoning; N. sophism: plausible but fallacious argument

□ sophisticated worldly wise and urbane; refined; complex; N. sophistication; V. sophisticate

□ sophistry seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning; sophism

♠ sophomoric immature; half-baked; like a sophomore

♠ soporific sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness; drowsy

♠ sordid filthy; foul; base; vile; Ex. sordid bed/story

♠ spangle small shiny metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation

□ sparse not thick; thinly scattered; scanty

♠ spartan without attention to comfort; lacking luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined; Ex. spartan living condition/life

♠ spasmodic fitful; periodic; of or like a spasm; N. spasm: sudden involuntary muscular contraction; sudden burst of energy or emotion

♠ spat squabble; minor dispute; minor quarrel

♠ spate sudden flood or rush; Ex. spate of accidents

□ spatial relating to space

♠ spatula broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing

□ spawn lay eggs (in large numbers); produce offspring (in large numbers); N: eggs of aquatic animals

□ specious seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often intentionally)

□ spectral ghostly; N. specter: spectre; ghost; phantom

□ spectrum colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism; broad and continuous range; Ex. whole spectrum of modern thoughts

♠ spendthrift someone who wastes money; CF. thrift: accumulated wealth

♠ sphinx-like enigmatic; mysterious

♠ splice join together end to end to make one continuous length; fasten together; unite; Ex. splice two strips of tape; N.

□ spontaneity lack of premeditation; naturalness; freedom from constraint; ADJ. spontaneous: self-generated; unpremeditated; happening without being planned

♠ spoonerism accidental transposition of sounds in successive words; Ex. “Let me sew you to your sheet” for “Let me show you to your seat”; CF. William Spooner

♥ transpose reverse the order or position of

□ sporadic occurring irregularly; intermittent

♠ sportive playful; frolicsome; merry; CF. sport: play or frolic; CF. sportsmanlike

♠ spruce neat and trim in appearance; smart; Ex. Be spruce for your job interview; V.

♠ spry (esp. of older people) vigorously active; nimble

♥ nimble quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind

♠ spurious false; counterfeit; forged; illogical; Ex. spurious arguments

♠ spurn reject disdainfully; scorn; Ex. She spurned all offers of help.

♠ squabble minor quarrel; bickering; V: engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children

♠ squalor condition of being squalid; filthy; degradation; dirty neglected state; ADJ. squalid: dirty; sordid; morally repulsive; Ex. squalid story

□ squander waste; spend foolishly

♠ squat short and thick; stocky; Ex. ugly squat tower; V. N.

♠ staccato played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt sharp sound; Ex. staccato applause

♥ legato (of music) played smoothly

□ stagnant (of water) not flowing (often bad-smelling); motionless; stale; not developing; inactive; dull; Ex. stagnant industrial output

♠ staid serious and sedate; sober; Ex. staid during the funeral ceremony

□ stalemate deadlock; situation in which further action is blocked

♠ stalwart physically strong; brawny; steadfast; strong in mind or determination; Ex. stalwart supporter; N: stalwart follower

□ stamina power of endurance; strength; staying power

♠ stanch stop or check flow of blood; Ex. stanch the gushing wound

♠ stanza division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)

□ static having no motion; unchanging; lacking development; N. stasis: stable state

□ statute law enacted by the legislature

□ statutory created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit

♠ steadfast steadily loyal; unswerving; steady

□ stealth action of moving secretly or unseen; slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ. stealthy

♠ steep soak; saturate; Ex. steep the fabric in the dye bath; ADJ. precipitous
stilted

stigma

suffocate

smother

stifle

stickler

stem from

stereotype

stentorian

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□ subliminal below the threshold of conscious perception; Ex. subliminal advertisement
□ submissive willing to obey orders; yielding; timid
□ subordinate occupying a lower rank; inferior; submissive; N. V: put in a lower rank or class
• suborn persuade to act unlawfully (especially to commit perjury); N. subornation
• subpoena writ (written command issued by a court) summoning a witness to appear in court; V: summon with a subpoena
□ subsequent following in time or order; later
□ subservient behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious; subordinate; N. subservience
□ subside sink to a lower level; settle down; sink to the bottom (as a sediment); descend; grow quiet; become less; moderate; abate
□ subsidiary serving to assist; subordinate; secondary; of a subsidy; N.
□ subsidy direct financial aid by government, etc.; V. subsidize: assist with a subsidy
□ subsistence existence; means of subsisting; means of support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist; maintain life (at a meager level)
□ substantial of substance; material; solid; essential or fundamental; ample; considerable; well-to-do; wealthy
□ substantiate support (a claim) with evidence; establish with evidence; verify
• substantive substantial; essential; pertaining to the substance; substantial; considerable; Ex. substantive issues

• subsume include (as a member of a group); encompass
• subterfuge stratagem (deceptive scheme); pretense; evasion; Ex. resort to a harmless subterfuge
□ subtlety perceptiveness; ingenuity; delicacy; ADJ. subtle: delicate; so slight as to be difficult to detect; able to make fine distinctions; clever; Ex. subtle mind/differences in meaning
□ subversive tending to overthrow or ruin; V. subvert: overthrow completely (an established system); destroy completely; CF. undermine?
□ succor assist (someone in difficulty); aid; comfort; N.
• succulent juicy; full of juice or sap; full of richness; N: succulent plant such as a cactus
□ succumb yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex. succumb to the illness
• suffragist advocate of the extension of voting rights (for women); CF. suffrage
• suffuse spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks.
• sully defile; soil; tarnish; Ex. sully one’s hands in menial labor
• tarnish make or become dull or discolored; N.

□ sultry (of weather) hot; sweltering; sensual; voluptuous
□ summation act of finding the total; summing-up; summary (esp. one given by the judge at the end of a trial)
• sumptuous grand suggesting great expense; lavish; rich; Ex. sumptuous feast
• sunder separate; part; CF. asunder
• sundry miscellaneous; various; several; N. sundries: small miscellaneous items
• superannuated retired or disqualified because of age; outmoded; obsolete
□ supercilious haughty; arrogant; condescending; patronizing; CF. eyebrow, cilium
• supererogatory superfluous; more than needed or demanded
□ superficial of the surface; not deep; shallow; not thorough; trivial; Ex. superficial analysis/knowledge
□ superfluous excessive; overabundant; unnecessary; N. superfluity
□ superimpose place over something else
• supernumerary person or thing excess of what is necessary; extra; ADJ: additional to the usual or necessary number
□ supersede replace; cause to be set aside; make obsolete; N. supersession
• supine lying on back; passive; inactive; Ex. The defeated pugilist lay supine; Ex. supine acceptance of the decision
□ supplant take the place of unfairly; usurp; replace
□ supple flexible; limber; pliant
□ suppliant entreating; beseeching; N.
□ supplicate petition humbly; pray to grant a favor
• supplicant one who supplicates; ADJ.
□ supposition assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V. suppose
• supposititious assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical
□ suppress put an end to forcibly; subdue; stifle; overwhelm; inhibit the expression of; check; prevent from being published or made public; Ex. suppress a smile; Ex. suppress the magazine/truth
• surfeit satiate; feed or supply to excess; stuff; indulge to excess in anything; N: surfeiting; excessive amount; Ex. surfeit of food
• surly bad-tempered; rude; cross
• cross bad-tempered; showing ill-humor; angry
□ surmise guess; N.
□ surmount overcome
□ surpass exceed
□ surreptitious done secretly; secret; furtive; sneaky; hidden
• surrogate substitute; person or thing used in place of another; Ex. surrogate mother; ADJ.
| **Surveillance** | close observation of a person (esp. one under suspicion); watching; guarding |
| **Susceptible** | impressionable; easily influenced; sensitive; having little resistance as to a disease; likely to suffer; receptive to; capable of accepting; Ex. susceptible to persuasion/colds; Ex. The agreement is not susceptible of alteration; N. susceptibility |
| **Sustain** | suffer (harm or loss); experience; support; prop; maintain; keep in existence; nourish (to maintain life); Ex. sustain the family/the trapped miners |
| **Sustenance** | sustaining; means of livelihood, support, food, nourishment; something that maintains life; food |
| **Suture** | stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing; V: sew together a wound |
| **Swarthy** | (of a skin or complexion) dark; dusky; Ex. swarthy Italian |
| **Swarthie** | swath; wrap around; bandage; Ex. one’s head swathed in bandages |
| **Swelter** | (of a person) suffer from oppressive heat; be oppressed by heat |
| **Swerve** | deviate; turn aside sharply from a straight course; Ex. swerve from the principle; Ex. The car swerved to the right. |
| **Swill** | drink greedily |
| **Swindler** | cheater |
| **Sybarite** | lover of luxury; person devoted to pleasure and luxury; CF. Sybaris: an ancient Greek city in Italy |
| **Sycophant** | servile flatterer; bootlicker; yes man; ADJ. sycophantic |
| **Syllogism** | logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or specious argument |
| **Sylvan** | pertaining to the woods or the country |
| **Symbiosis** | interdependent relationship (between groups, species) often mutually beneficial; ADJ. symbiotic; CF. together + life |
| **Symmetry** | arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity; ADJ. symmetrical |
| **Lopsided** | heavier or larger on one side than the other; Ex. lopsided way of walking |
| **Synchronous** | similarly timed; simultaneous with; occurring at the same time; V. synchronize |
| **Synoptic** | providing a general overview; summary; N. synopsis |
| **Synthesis** | combining parts or separate things into a whole; the whole so formed; PL. syntheses; V. synthesize |
| **Synthetic** | not natural; artificial; resulting from synthesis; Ex. synthetic fiber; N. |
| **Tact** | skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offence |
| **Tactful** | careful no to cause offence; OP. tactless |
| **Taint** | contaminate; cause to lose purity; modify with a trace of something bad; Ex. tainted reputation; N: stain; touch of decay or bad influence; CF. touch |
| **Talisman** | charm; object believed to give supernatural powers to or protect its bearer |
| **Talon** | claw of bird |
| **Tangential** | only slightly connected; not central; peripheral; digressing; showing divergence; CF. tangent |
| **Tangible** | able to be touched; real; concrete; palpable; possible to realize or understand; Ex. tangible proof |
| **Tanner** | person who turns animal hides into leather |
| **Tan** | convert (hide) into leather; make brown by exposure to the sun |
| **Tantalize** | tease; excite by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach; torture with disappointment; CF. Tantalus: Greek mythological figure |
| **Tantamount** | equivalent in effect or value; Ex. This invasion is tantamount to a declaration of war; CF. amount |
| **Tactile** | habitually silent; talking little |
| **Tact** | pertaining to the organs or sense of touch |
tantrum  fit of bad temper; fit of petulance; caprice; Ex. The child went into tantrums.

taper  very thin candle; gradual decrease in the width of a long object; V. make or become gradually narrower toward one end

tarantula  venomous spider

tarry  linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle

taut  tight; strained; tense; ready; OP. slack

tautological  needlessly repetitious; Ex. “It was visible to the eye”; N. tautology: needless repetition of the same sense; statement that is always true

tawdry  cheap and gaudy; Ex. tawdry jewelry

taxonomist  specialist in classifying (animals, etc.); CF. taxonomy: science of classification

tedium  boredom; weariness; ADJ. tedious

teetotalism  practice of abstaining totally from alcoholic drinks; N. teetotaler; ADJ. teetotal; CF. T + total

temper  boldness; nerve; rashness; Ex. temerity to ask for a pay increase after only three day’s work

temperament  characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ. temperamental: of temperament; having frequent changes of temper; Ex. temperamental dislike of sports; Ex. temperamental actress

temperate  moderate; make less severe; tone down or restrain; toughen (steel) as by alternate heating and cooling

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temperate  moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF. temperance: moderation and self-restraint; abstinence of alcoholic drinks; Ex. temperamental actress

tenacious  holding fast (as to a belief); persistent

tenacity  firmness; persistence

tendentious  promoting a particular point of view; biased; having an aim; designed to further a cause; Ex. tendentious rather than truth-seeking; CF. tend: move in a certain direction

tender  offer formally; extend; Ex. tender one’s resignation/the exact fare; N: formal offer; money; Ex. legal tender; ADJ: young and vulnerable; sensitive to the touch; sore; soft; delicate; Ex. child of tender years; Ex. tender wound

tenet  doctrine; dogma

tensile  capable of being stretched; of tension; Ex. tensile rubber

tension  stretching; condition of being stretched; mental strain; strained relationship between groups or people

- tentative not fully worked out or developed; provisional; experimental; uncertain; hesitant; not definite or positive; Ex. tentative agreement/reply

- tenuous  thin; slim; rare

- tenure  holding of an office or real estate; time during which such an office is held

- tepid  lukewarm; slightly warm; 미지근한; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter

- terminus  last stop of railroad; end

- terminal  part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; ADJ. forming an end; ending in death; fatal; Ex. terminal cancer

- terrestrial  on or relating to the earth

- terse  concise; abrupt; pithy

- tertiary  third in order or rank

- tessellated  mosaic; inlaid; Ex. tessellated pattern

- testator  maker of a will; CF. testatrix

- testy  irritable; impatient and bad-tempered; short-tempered; N. testiness

- tether  tie (an animal) with a rope or tether; N: rope

- thematic  of a theme; relating to a unifying motif or idea

- theocracy  government run by religious leaders

- theoretical  based on theory; not practical or applied; hypothetical

- therapeutic  curative; N. therapy

- thermal  pertaining to heat; producing heat; warm; N. thermal bath; N: rising current of warm air

- thespian  pertaining to drama; N: actor or actress

- drama  prose or verse composition to be performed by actors; play; exciting and unusual situation

- thrall  slave; bondage; slavery; Ex. Her beauty held him in thrall; CF. enthral

- threadbare  worn through till the threads show; shabby and poor; hackneyed; Ex. threadbare excuses

- thrifty  careful about money; economical; N. thrift

- thrive  prosper; flourish

- throns  violent anguish

- throng  crowd (of people or things); V.

- throttle  strangle; regulate the speed of with a throttle; N: valve that regulates the flow; CF. throat?

- strangler  kill by choking or suffocating; suppress

- thwart  block or hinder; baffle; frustrate

- tiller  handle used to move boat’s rudder (to steer)
**timbre** quality of a musical tone produced by a musical instrument (which distinguishes it from others of the same pitch)

**timidity** lack of self-confidence or courage

**timorous** fearful; timid; demonstrating fear

**tipple** drink (alcoholic beverages) frequently; N: alcoholic drink

**tirade** long angry denunciatory speech; diatribe; harangue; extended scolding; denunciation

**tardy** slow; sluggish; not on time; late; Ex. tardy arrival

**titanic** gigantic; N. titan

**tithe** tax of one-tenth (contributed to a church); V: pay a tithe

**titillate** tickle; excite pleasantly; Ex. not to titillate the audience but to enlighten it

**tickle** touch (the body) lightly so as to cause laughter; please

**title** name (of a book, film, etc.); mark of rank; formal appellation as of rank or office (such as Lord or General); right or claim to possession; championship; Ex. title as head of the family; Ex. title to the estate

**titter** nervous giggle; nervous laugh; V.

**titular** of a title; in name only; nominal; having the title of an office without the obligations; Ex. titular head of the company

**toady** servile flatterer; yes man; sycophant; V: be a toady to; fawn

**toga** Roman outer robe

**tome** large volume; book

**handsome** large in quantity; generous; Ex. handsome reward
transient staying for a short time; momentary; temporary; N: one that is transient

transition going from one state of action to another

transitory transient; impermanent; fleeting; N. transitoriness

translucent partly transparent

transmute transform; change; convert to something different

transparent permitting light to pass through freely; easily detected; obvious; clear; Ex. transparent lie

transpire (of a fact) become known; be revealed; happen; give off (watery waste matter) through pores

transport strong emotion; rapture; Ex. in a transport/transports of; V: move to strong emotion; enrapture

trappings outward decorations; ornaments (as an outward sign of rank)

traumatic (of an experience) deeply shocking; pertaining to an injury caused by violence; N. trauma: serious wound; emotional shock that causes lasting psychological damage

travail strenuous work; toil; painful labor; labor of childbirth

traverse go through or across

travesty copy or example of something that completely misrepresents the true nature of the real thing; comical parody or imitation; treatment aimed at making something appear ridiculous; Ex. travesty of justice; OP. paragon

treatise article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly

tremendous strength; rapture; Ex. in a tremendum

tremendous trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)

trenchant cutting; incisive; keen

tribe family of related animals (as a group); expanse of land; region of indefinite size; system of related organs; Ex. digestive tract

tribute tax levied by a ruler; payment made by one nation to another in acknowledgment of submission; mark of respect (such as praise or gift); Ex. pay tribute to

trident three-pronged spear

trifle something of little importance or value; small amount; Ex. a trifle; V: treat without seriousness; flirt

trigger set off; start
trilogy  group of three related works (connected by a shared subject but each complete in itself)
trinket  knickknack; bauble; cheap jewelry
trite  hackneyed; commonplace
trivia  trifles; unimportant matters
trough  long narrow container for feeding farm animals; lowest point (of a wave, business cycle, etc.); long narrow depression as between waves
truculence  aggressiveness; ferocity; ADJ. truculent: aggressive; pugnacious; fierce
truism  self-evident truth
truncated  cut the top off; shorten
tryst  meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet
trumid  (of a part of the body) swollen; distended; bombastic; pompous
overblown  inflated; exaggerated
tumult  commotion of a great crowd; riot; noise; uproar; ADJ. tumultuous: noisy and disorderly
tundra  rolling treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America
rolling  (of land) rising and falling in long gentle slopes; happening continuously by stages; Ex. rolling devolution of power to local governments
turbid  (of a liquid) having the sediment disturbed; muddy; thick
turbulence  state of violent agitation; ADJ. turbulent: violently agitated or disturbed
tureen  deep dish for serving soup
turgid  swollen; distended (as from liquid)
turmoil  extreme confusion; great commotion and confusion; Ex. throw the country into turmoil
turncoat  traitor
turpitude  depravity; baseness; Ex. moral turpitude
tutelage  guardianship; training; function of a tutor; instruction
tutelary  protective; pertaining to a guardianship; Ex. tutelary deities
tycoon  wealthy and powerful businessperson; wealthy leader; magnate; Ex. business tycoon
typhoon  tropical hurricane or cyclone
tyranny  oppression; cruel government; ADJ. tyrannical: of a tyrant or tyranny; despotic; V. tyrannize: treat tyrannically; oppress
tyro  beginner; novice
ubiquitous  being everywhere; omnipresent; N. ubiquity
wade  walk through a substance, such as water, that impedes movement
ulterior  intentionally hidden; beyond what is evident; situated beyond; unstated and often questionable; Ex. ulterior motive

ultimate  final; not susceptible to further analysis; fundamental; Ex. The sun is the ultimate source of energy.

eventual  happening at last as a result; Ex. eventual victory

ultimatum  last demand; last warning; last statement of conditions that must be met; Ex. They have ignored our ultimatum.

umbrage  resentment; anger; sense of injury or insult; Ex. take umbrage at his rudeness

unaccountable  unexplicable; impossible to account for; unreasonable or mysterious

unanimity  complete agreement; ADJ. unanimous

unassailable  not open to attack; impregnable; not subject to question

unassuaged  unsatisfied; not soothed

unassuming  modest; Ex. the champion’s unassuming manner

unbridled  violent; uncontrolled; Ex. unbridled rage/greed

bridle  harness fitted about a horse’s head (used to restrain); curb; check; V: put a bridle on; control or restrain; show anger

uncanny  strange; mysterious; Ex. uncanny knack

unconscionable  unscrupulous; not guided by conscience; excessive; beyond reason; Ex. unconscionable demand

uncouth  boorish; clumsy in speech or behavior; outlandish

unction  the act of anointing with oil; Ex. extreme unction

unctuous  oily; bland; insincerely suave

underlying  lying below; fundamental

undermine  weaken gradually; sap; dig a mine beneath

underscore  underline; emphasize

undulating  moving with a wavelike motion; V. undulate; CF. und: wave

unearth  dig up; discover (facts) by careful searching; Ex. He unearthed some secrets about her; OP. conceal

uneartlily  not earthly; supernatural; weird; ghostly

weird  eerie; strange; unnatural

unequivocal  plain; clear; obvious

unerringly  infallibly; ADJ. unerring: making no mistakes

unexceptionable  entirely acceptable; not offering any basis for criticism

unfaltering  steadfast; firm; not changing

unfeigned  genuine; real

unfetter  liberate; free from chains; V. unfetter

hostage  person who is kept as a prisoner by an enemy so that the other side will do what the enemy demands

unfledged  immature; not having the feathers necessary to fly; CF. fledgling

unfrock  defrock; strip a priest or minister of church authority

disbar  make (a lawyer) leave the bar or the legal profession

debar  bar; forbid; exclude; Ex. debarred from jury services

bar  railing in a courtroom; legal profession; vertical line dividing a staff into equal measures; Ex. prisoner at the bar; V: shut in or out with bars; forbid; exclude; CF. barrister

bastard  illegitimate child

ungainly  (of someone) awkward in movement; clumsy; (of something) unwieldy; Ex. ungaily dancer/instrument

unguent  ointment

uniformity  sameness; monotony; ADJ. uniform: the same all over

unilateral  one-sided; involving or affecting only one side; Ex. unilateral declaration

unimpeachable  that cannot be impeached; beyond doubt or question; blameless and exemplary

uninhibited  unrepressed; free in behavior and feelings

unintimating  unfrightening

unique  without an equal; single in kind

unison  unity of pitch (in musical performance); complete accord; Ex. The choir sang in unison.

choir  group of people who sing together (esp. during religious services); place for choir

universal  characterizing or affecting all; general; present everywhere; of the universe; cosmic; Ex. universal agreement; Ex. a subject of universal interest

unkempt  disheveled; uncared for in appearance; not combed; CF. comb

unmitigated  (of something bad) not moderated; unrelied or immoderate; without qualification; absolute; Ex. unmitigated disaster

unobtrusive  inconspicuous; not blatant

unprecedented  having no previous example; novel; unparalleled

unprepossessing  unattractive

prepossessing  attractive; CF. preoccupying?

unravel  disentangle; solve

unrequited  not requited; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love

unruly  disobedient; lawless; difficult to control
unsavory  distasteful; disagreeable; morally offensive; Ex. unsavory activity/reputation

unscathed  unharmed; Ex. escape the accident unscathed

unseemly  unbecoming; not proper in behavior; indecent; Ex. leave with unseemly haste

unsightly  ugly; unpleasant to look at

unsullied  untarnished; CF. sully

untenable  (of a position, esp. in an argument) indefensible; not able to be maintained

untoward  unexpected and adverse; unfortunate or unlucky; Ex. untoward encounter

unwarranted  unjustified; having no justification; groundless; baseless; undeserved

unwieldy  awkward (to carry or move); cumbersome; unmanageable

unwitting  not knowing; unaware; unintentional; Ex. She was their unwitting accomplice; Ex. unwitting insult; CF. wit: know

unwonted  unaccustomed; unusual; Ex. He arrived with unwonted punctuality.

upbraid  reprimand; severely scold

upshot  outcome; final result

urbane  suave; refined in manner; elegant

urchin  mischievous child (usually a boy); CF. urchin: hedgehog; CF. porcupine: pig with spikes; CF. sea urchin

ursine  bearlike; pertaining to a bear

usurp  seize another’s power or rank (without legal authority); supplant; appropriate; N. usurpation; CF. take for one’s own use

usury  lending money at illegal high rates of interest

utopia  ideal place, state, or society; ADJ. utopian

Shangri-la  imaginary remote paradise on earth; CF. Lost Horizon

uxorious  excessively submissive or devoted to one’s wife; CF. uxor: wife

vacillate  waver (in opinion); fluctuate; sway to and fro; N. vacillation

vacuous  empty; lacking in ideas; inane; stupid; Ex. vacuous expression; N. vacuity

vagabond  wanderer (without a permanent home); tramp

tramp  walk with a heavy step; travel on foot; N: vagrant; one who travels aimlessly about; long walk; sound of heavy walking

tread  walk; trample; N: grooved face of a tire; horizontal part of a step

vagary  capricious happening; caprice; whim; CF. wander

vagrant  wandering from place to place; roving; stray; moving in a random fashion; Ex. vagrant thoughts; N. vagrancy

vanguard  forerunners; foremost position of an army; advance forces; foremost position in a trend or movement; CF. rearguard

valedictory  pertaining to farewell; N: farewell address (esp. at graduation exercises)

valediction  saying farewell; expression of leave-taking

leave-taking  farewell or departure

valid  logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; effective; Ex. valid reasoning/passport

sound  in good condition; showing good judgment or good sense; thorough; complete; Ex. sound mind/investment/training

validate  make valid; confirm; ratify

valor  bravery; ADJ. valiant: possessing valor; brave

vampire  ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living

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avantgarde  group of artists whose work is based on the newest ideas and methods; CF. vanguard

vantage  position giving an advantage (such as a strategic point); CF. vantagepoint

vapid  lacking liveliness; dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless; Ex. vapid lecture

variegated  (esp. of a flower or leaf) many-colored

variegated  change the appearance of (by marking with different colors)

vassal  in feudalism, one who held land of a superior lord; subordinate or dependent

vaunted  boasted; bragged; highly publicized; V. vaunt: boast; brag

veer  change in direction; swerve

vegetate  live in a monotonous way (without interests or activity); CF. vegetation: plants of an area; CF. vegetarian; CF. vegan

vehement  forceful; intensely emotional; with marked vigor; strong; N. vehemence
velocity  speed

venal  capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF. vernal

vendetta  blood feud (esp. between two families); CF. Nina Williams

vendor  seller

veneer  thin surface layer (of good quality wood, glued to a base of inferior material); cover; surface show; façade; V.

venerable  deserving high respect; commanding respect; CF. command: deserve and get

venerate  revere; treat with great respect

venial  (of a fault or sin) forgivable; trivial

venison  meat of a deer; CF. cow: beef; CF. pig: pork, ham, bacon; CF. calf: veal; CF. sheep: mutton; CF. lamb

venom  poison (of an animal); hatred; Ex. remarks full of venom; ADJ. venomous

vent  small opening; outlet (as of fumes or a gas); express (esp. small opening); Ex. release or discharge through a vent; express (esp. unfairly); utter; Ex. He vented his wrath on his family.

ventilate  admit fresh air into to replace stale air

ventral  abdominal

ventriloquist  someone who can make his or her voice seem to come from another person or thing (without moving lips or jaws); N. ventriloquism, ventriloquy

venture  risk; expose to risk; dare; undertake a risk; N. risk; expose to risk; dare; undertake a risk; N.

brave  face courageously; Ex. brave the storm

venturesome  (of a person) bold; adventurous; daring; (of an action) risky

venue  location; place (of a crime, trial, gathering, etc.); CF. come

veracious  (of a person) truthful

veracity  truthfulness; adherence to the truth

verbalize  put into words; ADJ. verbal: of words; spoken rather than written; oral; of a verb

verbatim  word for word; in the same words; repeating the actual words exactly

verbiage  pompous array of words; too many unnecessary words; wordiness

verbose  wordy; N. verbosity

verdant  green; covered with green plants or grass; lush in vegetation; Ex. verdant meadows

lush  (of a plant or grass) growing very well

verdigris  green coating or patina on copper which has been exposed to the weather

verge  border; edge, rim, or margin; Ex. on the verge of: very near to; V. border on

verisimilar  having the appearance of truth or reality; probable or likely to be true; plausible

verisimilitude  appearance of truth; quality of appearing to be true or real; likelihood; Ex. verisimilitude of her performance as Lady Macbeth

veritable  being truly so; real or genuine; actual; not false or imaginary

verity  quality of being true; lasting truth or principle; Ex. the verity of his testimony; Ex. one of the eternal verities

vernacular  living language (as compared to the official language); language spoken in a country or region; natural style; Ex. lapse into the vernacular

vernal  pertaining to spring

versatile  having many talents; capable of working in many fields; having many uses or functions; N. versatility

vertex  summit; highest point; PL. vertices

vertigo  severe dizziness; giddiness

verse  enthusiasm (as in artistic performance or composition); liveliness; vigor

vestige  trace; remains; Ex. vestiges of some ancient religion

veto  vested power to reject a bill; exercise of this right; V: prevent or forbid by exercising the power of veto

vex  annoy; distress

viable  capable of maintaining life; feasible; practical or workable; Ex. viable scheme

viand  food; CF. live

vicarious  experienced as if one were taking part in the experience of another; done by a deputy for other people; acting as a substitute; Ex. vicarious thrill at the movies; Ex. the vicarious sufferings of Christ

vicar  parish priest; representative

vicissitude  change (esp. from good to bad); change of fortune; CF. the last emperor of China

victuals  food; provisions; V. victual: provide with food

victimize  victimize; denounce; upbraid; condemn; Ex. vicimize one's enemy; Ex. vicitimizing one's self

victimizer  one who does harm to another; Ex. vicimizer of the state

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vindicate  clear from blame; free from blame or accusation (with supporting proof); exonerate; substantiate; justify or support; avenge; Ex. vindicate one’s client; Ex. vindicate one’s claim; CF. vindicator

vindictive  disposed to revenge; vengeful; out for revenge; spiteful; intended to cause harm; malicious; Ex. vindictive streak
vintner  wine merchant; winemaker; seller of wine

viper  poisonous snake

virile  manly; having masculine spirit or strength; full of strength

virtual  in essence; existing in essence though not in actual form; for practical purposes; Ex. virtual ruler/space

virtue  goodness; moral excellence; good quality; advantage; Ex. by virtue of; Ex. make a virtue of necessity

virtuoso  highly skilled artist (esp. in music); Ex. piano virtuoso

virulent  (of a disease or poison) extremely harmful or poisonous; (of a feeling) hostile; bitter; N. virulence; CF. virus; CF. venom

virus  disease communicator

visage  face; appearance

visceral  felt in one’s inner organs; N. viscera: internal body organs; CF. eviscerate

viscid  adhesive; gluey

viscous  (of a liquid) thick and sticky; gluey; viscid; CF. consistency

vise  vice; tool for holding work in place; clamping device

visionary  produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical; showing foresight; N: one having foresight; one given to speculative impractical ideas

vision  eyesight; foresight; mental image produced by the imagination; experience of seeing the supernatural

vital  full of life; animated; vibrant and lively; critical; of great importance; necessary to stay alive; of life; breathing; N. vitality; V. vitalize

vibrant  full of vigor or energy; vibrating

vitiate  spoil the effect of; make inoperative; corrupt morally

vitreous  of glass; pertaining to or resembling glass; V. vitrify: change into glass; CF. petrify

vitriolic  causing sharp pain to the mind; caustic; corrosive; sarcastic; of vitriol; N. vitriol: sulphuric acid (which burns flesh deeply); bitterly abusive expression; caustic expression; CF. glass

vituperative  abusive; scolding; V. vituperate: berate; scold; rail against abusively

vivacious  lively or animated; sprightly

sprightly  lively

vivisection  act of dissecting living animals

vixen  female fox; ill-tempered woman; CF. shrew

vociferous  clamorous; noisy; V. vociferate: cry out loudly (when complaining)

vogue  popular fashion; Ex. Jeans became the vogue.
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<td>volition</td>
<td>act of using one's will; act of making a conscious choice; Ex. She selected this dress of her own volition.</td>
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<td>volley</td>
<td>simultaneous discharge of a number of shots; V.</td>
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<td>having great volume (as of a garment or container); bulky; large</td>
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<td>bulk</td>
<td>size or volume (esp. when very large); main part; Ex. The bulk of the work has already been done; ADJ. bulky: having great size</td>
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<td>religion practiced chiefly in Haiti</td>
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<td>ravenous; eating large quantities of food; exceedingly eager; insatiable; Ex. voracious animal/reader</td>
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<td>vortex</td>
<td>whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predication into which one is inexorably plunged</td>
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<td>grant condescendingly; guarantee; Ex. vouchsafe your fair return on your investment</td>
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<td>give a personal guarantee; Ex. I can vouch for his integrity; N. voucher</td>
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<td>Peeping Tom; person who derives sexual gratification from observing the sexual acts of others</td>
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<td>vulnerable</td>
<td>susceptible to wounds or attack; N. vulnerability</td>
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<td>like a fox; crafty</td>
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<td>carrion-eating birds</td>
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<td>vying</td>
<td>contending; CF. vie</td>
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<td>waffle</td>
<td>speak equivocally about an issue; N.</td>
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<td>move gently (in air or in seas) by wind or waves; Ex. leaves wafting past the window</td>
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<td>humorous; mischievous; tricky</td>
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<td>shake repeatedly from side to side; Ex. The dog wagged its tail; N: humorous person; wit</td>
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<td>homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays</td>
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<td>waive</td>
<td>give up temporarily; yield; N. waiver: waiving a right or claim; document that waives a right or claim</td>
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<td>trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before; Ex. hunger followed in the wake of the war</td>
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<td>roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury</td>
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<td>wan</td>
<td>having a pale or sickly color; pallid</td>
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<td>wanderlust</td>
<td>strong longing to travel</td>
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<td>wane</td>
<td>decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.</td>
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<td>achieve by cleverness or trick; wiggle out; fake; Ex. She tried to wangle an invitation to the party.</td>
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<td>wriggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions</td>
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<td>fake</td>
<td>not genuine; N: one that is not genuine; impostor; sham; V: counterfeit; Ex. fake the results of the experiment/the signature</td>
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<td>unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; unchaste; sexually improper; promiscuous; Ex. wanton spending/killing; CF. having no just cause</td>
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<td>(of a bird) sing; babble; N.</td>
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<td>twist out of shape; N.</td>
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<td>justification; written order that serves as authorization (esp. a judicial writ); Ex. search/death warrant; V: justify; guarantee</td>
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<td>warranty</td>
<td>guarantee; assurance by seller</td>
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<td>warren</td>
<td>tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live</td>
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<td>wary</td>
<td>very cautious; watchful</td>
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<td>wastrel</td>
<td>waster; profligate</td>
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<td>wax</td>
<td>increase gradually (as the moon); grow</td>
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<td>waylay</td>
<td>ambush; lie in wait for and attack</td>
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<td>act of lying in wait to attack by surprise; sudden attack made from a concealed position; Ex. lie in ambush; V.</td>
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<td>wean</td>
<td>accustom a baby not to nurse; accustom (the young of a mammal) to take nourishment other than by suckling; give up a cherished activity; cause to gradually leave (an interest or habit); Ex. wean oneself from cigarettes</td>
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<td>pass safely through (a storm or difficult period); endure the effects of weather or other forces</td>
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<td>raised mark from a beating or whipping</td>
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<td>confusion; turmoil; confused mass; bewildering jumble; Ex. welter of data</td>
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<td>wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.</td>
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<td>deceive, persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her</td>
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<td>young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.</td>
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<td>whet</td>
<td>sharpen; stimulate; Ex. whet someone’s appetite</td>
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<td>puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); short-lasting smell; hint; Ex. whiff of perfume/scandal</td>
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<td>whimsical</td>
<td>capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange</td>
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<td>whim</td>
<td>sudden capricious idea; fancy</td>
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<td>whim; tendency to behave amusingly strangely; Ex. story full of whimsy</td>
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<td>neigh like a horse; CF. neigh: make the sound which horses make</td>
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<td>whirn</td>
<td>small amount; smallest speck; Ex. not a whit of</td>
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pare  cut away the outer covering or skin of (with a knife); trim; Ex. pare apples/expenses

whorl  ring of leaves around stem; ring; circular arrangement; Ex. whorls on the fingers

willful  wilful; intentional; headstrong

wilt  loose freshness; droop

wily  crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile: deceitful stratagem

wince  move back suddenly; shrink back; flinch; Ex. She winced as she touched the cold body.

start  move suddenly or involuntarily; Ex. start at the sight of a snake

windfall  fallen fruit; unexpected lucky event

winnow  sift; separate the chaff from grain by blowing; separate good parts from bad; CF. wind

sift  put through a sieve to separate fine from coarse particles; sort or examine carefully

winsome  charming (in a childlike way); agreeable; gracious; engaging

wispy  thin; slight; barely discernible

wisp  small bunch (of hair); faint streak (of smoke)

wistful  sadly thoughtful (because of desires or memories); sadly pensive; vaguely longing

withdrawn  introverted; retiring; remote

remote  distant in manner; aloof

wither  (of a plant) dry up from loss of moisture; lose freshness; shrivel; decay

shrive  make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)

withhold  refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax

writ  written command issued by a court (telling someone to do or not to do something)

writhe  twist in coils; contort in pain

wry  (esp. of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure)

xenophobia  fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe

yen  strong desire; longing; urge; Ex. yen for travel

yeoman  man or farmer owning small estate; middle-class farmer

yield  amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V: produce; give in; surrender

yoke  join together; unite; N. crossbar used to joining two draft animals

yokel  rustic; country bumpkin

yore  time long past; Ex. in the days of yore

zany  comic; crazy; N: clown; comical person (given to outlandish behavior)

zeal  eager enthusiasm (to a cause or ideal); ADJ. zealous

zealot  one who is zealous; fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal

zenith  point directly overhead in the sky; summit; acme; highest point

zeephyr  gentle breeze; west wind

wrath  anger; fury

wreak  inflict; Ex. wreak one’s vengeance on

wrench  twist; pull; strain; Ex. He wrenched the gun out of her hands.

wrest  obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp

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