abase: lower; degrade; humiliate; make humble; make (oneself) lose self-respect

abash: embarrass

abate: 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

abhor: detest; hate

abject: (of a condition) wretched; as low as possible; lacking pride; very humble; showing lack of self-respect; Ex. abject apology

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

abscend: depart secretly and hide

absolute: complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/ruler; CF. abso-

absole:
pardon (an offense)

☐ abstain :
refrain; withhold from participation; intentionally not use one's vote; 가입하지

☐ 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

☐ abstruse :
obscure; profound; difficult to understand

☐ abusive :
coarsely insulting; physically harmful

♠ abut :
border upon; adjoin

☐ abysmal :
bottomless

☐ abyss :
enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit

☐ academic :
related to a school; not practical or directly useful

☐ accede :
agree

☐ accelerate :
mover 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.

- **accoutre**: equip; accouterment

- **accretion**: growth or increase in size by gradual addition; 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)

- ** acidic**: vinegary

- **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

- **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; acridly 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

- **acquiesce**: assent; agree passively; comply without protest

- **acquisition**: N. acquisition
| **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 adaptation 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 |
| **adept** | expert at; very skilled |
| **adhere** | stick fast; be a devoted follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty |
| **adherent** | supporter; follower |
| **adjacent** | adjoining; neighboring; close by |
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| **ajdoin** | be next to |
| **adjourn** | suspend until a later time; move from one place to another |
| **adjunct** | something attached to but holding an inferior position |
| **admonish** | warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove |
| **adore** | love deeply and respect highly |
| **adorn** | decorate |
| **adroit** | skilled (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 |
| **adjuration** | solemn urging; V. adjure: entreat earnestly; enjoin solemnly |
| **adjutant** | staff officer assisting the commander; assistant |
| **adjoin** | be next to |
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| **addendum** | addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book) |
great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event

advert:

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:

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 of intentionally

agape:

openmouthed

agenda:

items of business at a meeting

agglomeration:

collection; heap; V. agglomerate: gather into a rounded mass; N. aggolmeate: 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

agitate:

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

♥ earmark:

set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose

☐ alloy:

mixture as of metals; something added that lowers in value or purity; V: mix; make less pure; lower in value or quality; spoil; CF. unalloyed: not in mixture with other metals; pure; complete; unqualified; Ex. unalloyed happiness

☐ allude:

refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference

☐ allure:

enticing; attract; tempt

♥ 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.

♠ aloft:

upward; high up in the air

☐ altercation:

noisy quarrel

☐ altruistic:

unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselshless concern for the welfare of others; unselshlesseness; OP. egotism

♠ 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

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:
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; /k94 /k1b /k04 /k3a /k9f /k78 /k5d /k6a; opiate; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement

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

anomalous: abnormal; irregular

anomaly: irregularity

anonymity: state of being nameless; anonymousness; 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

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 humankind

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
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; [k93 /ka6/k40 /k2f]

□ 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

♠ aphasia: loss of speech due to injury or illness

♠ aprophism: 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

♥ apiculturist: 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

♠ apoplectic: stroke; loss of consciousness caused by too much blood in the brain

♠ apostate:
act as judge (at the request of both sides)

♠ arboretum :
place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited

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♥ 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

□ arch- :
chief; first; Ex. archbishop

♠ archipelago :
group of closely located islands

♠ archives :
public records; place where public records are kept

□ ardor :
heat; passion; real; 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 :
change 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 impor-
tance and a lack of respect for other people)

♠ arroyo :
gully; narrow channel formed by rainwater

♥ artery :
blood-vessel; CF. vein
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 hand-made 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 ascendant

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

ascrile:
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

crookedly, slanting; 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)

assent:
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:
mak less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)

assumption:

increase; add to

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

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

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; severly simple and unornamented; Ex. a monk’s austere life; Ex. austere grandeur of the cathedral; N. austerity

authenticate : prove genuine

authoritarian : subordinating the individual to the state; completely dominating another’s will; Ex. authoritarian regime/father

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/dining 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 : enclosures 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 :
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 silly 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 item 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; cliché

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

bate : 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

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 alcoholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused

beget : father; become the father of; produce; give rise to

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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
besiege: surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually
besmirch: soil; defile; make dirty
besmirch: divided into two branches; forked
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
bilious: 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: blasphem; ADJ: blasphemous; CF: sacrilege

♠ blatant:

extremely (offensively) obvious; loudly offensive; Ex. blatant lie; N: blatanty

♠ bleak:

cold or dreary; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing

♠ blighted:

suffering from a disease; destroyed

♥ blight:

plant disease; V: infect with blight; ruin; destroy

♠ blithe(blithesome):

gay; joyous

♠ bloated:

(uneventfully) swollen or puffed as with water or air

♠ blowhard:

talkative braggart

♠ bludgeon:

club; heavy-headed weapon; V:

♠ bluff:

pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff; ADJ: rough but good-natured

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□ blunder:

error; stupid mistake

♠ blurt:

utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement

♠ bluster:

blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptyly; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; CF: broune, 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

dart: move or throw suddenly and quickly

gobble: eat very quickly

bombardment: attack (as with missiles or bombs); V: bombarded

bombastic: pompous; using inflated language

bombast: grandiloquent; pompous speech

boon: blessing; benefit; something very helpful

boor: rude, insensitive person

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bourgeois: middle class; selfishly materialistic; too interested in material possessions

bovine: cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm

bowdlerize: expurgate; CF: Thomas Bowdler

brackish: somewhat saline

braggadocio: boasting

brag: boast

braggart: booster; bragger

bountiful: generous; graciously generous; showing bounty

gracious: kind in a generous way (to someone less important)

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boorish: rude; insensitive
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; staleness
♥ 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:

breaching of contract or duty; fissure or gap; opening; V.
♠ breadth:

width; extent
♠ brevity:

consciousness; shortness of duration
♠ brindled:

tawny or grayish with streaks or spots (of animals)
♥ tawny:

brownish yellow
♠ bristling:

read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid
♠ brunt:

short stiff hair; V: (hair or fur) stand up stiffly
♠ bristle:

hard but easily broken; difficult; unstable; Ex. brittle situation
♠ brittle:

introduce as a subject, moot; open up
♠ broach:

rich, figured or patterned fabric
♠ brocade:

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; 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
♥ graze:

(of an animal) feed on growing grass; skim or glance at casually
♥ skim:
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 serve 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:
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; 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:
dissonant, inharmonious; N. cacophony: unpleasant mixture of loud sounds

♥ botch:
mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior

♠ 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 (cauldron) :

large kettle

♠ caliber :

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

☐ calligraphy :

beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

♠ callous :

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; dislikable

♠ canker :

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

♥ ulcer :

some 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

☐ cantankerous :

ill-tempered; irritable

♠ cantata :

story set to music to be sung by a chorus (shorter than an oratorio)

♠ canter :
slow gallop; V. CF. trot

canto:
division of a long poem

canvass:
determine or ask 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 lumen; resembling a hair; fine and slender; Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hairlike tube; CF. capillarity
capitulate:
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.)
carbohydrate:
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
sway:
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:
fleshy; sensual; concerning the desires of the body
carnivorous:
meat-eating; N. carnivore; CF. herbivore
carousel:
drunken revel; V. carouse
carping: 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

casualty: 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: sling-shot; hurling machine; V: fire from catapult

hurl: throw forcefully; shout out violently

cataract: great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight)

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 of Boston

caulk(calk): make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)

causal: implying a cause-and-effect relationship; N: causality

catcall: shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V: catcall

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

qualify: 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.

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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

♠ censorious:
severely critical

♠ censure:
blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N. censure; 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:
lending 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
chafe: yielding to another; ceding
chaff: warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing, N.
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)
chary: 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:
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understanding the nature of an event after it has actually happened

ampling by crawling with difficulties; scramble  
clamber:

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  
clamor:

secret  
chaperon:

older person who accompanies and supervises a young unmarried woman  
clandestine:

loud resounding noise; sound of repeated clanging  
clangor:

striker (tongue) of a bell  
clapper:

strike the palms of the hands together with a sudden explosive sound; come together suddenly with a sharp sound; put or send promptly; Ex.: clap the thief in jail; N: clapping; loud or explosive sound; CF: applause  
clap:

shrill, trumpetlike sound; kind of trumpet used in former times  
clarion:

fear of being locked in  
claustrophobia:

great influence (especially political or social); hard blow with fist  
cloying:

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

clot:

la-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V: coagulate, thicken; clot; N: coagulant  
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

coercion: use of force to get someone to object; compelling; V. coerce

cog: tooth projecting from a wheel

cogent: convincing

cogitate: think over; ponder

cognate: having a common origin; related linguistically; allied by blood; similar or akin in nature; Ex. cognate languages; N.

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

cognizance: knowledge; ADJ. cognizant; having knowledge; aware

cohabit: live together

cohere: stick together

cohesion: tendency to keep together

cohorts: group of people who share some common quality; armed band; a group of between 300 and 600 soldiers under one commander (in the ancient Rome)
coiffure: hairstyle

coin: make coins; invent or fabricate (a word or phrase); N. coinage: word or phrase recently invented

coincidence: the chance occurrence, at the same time, of two or more seemingly connected events; V. coincide: happen at the same time; be in agreement; C/F. coincident; C/F. coincidental

colander: utensil with perforated bottom used for straining

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collaborate: work together; cooperate treasonably with the enemy

collage: work of art put together from fragments
**scrap**:
A 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

**scrapes**:
Leftover food

**scappy**:
Quarrelsome

**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

**collation**:
A light meal; collating

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

**colloquy**:
Informal discussion; conversation

**collision**:
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

**comatose**:
In a coma; extremely sleepy

**coma**:
Deep prolonged unconsciousness caused by disease, poison, or a severe blow

**combustible**:
Easily burned; N. Cf. combustion

**comely**:
Attractive, agreeable; having a pleasing appearance

**homely**:
Not good-looking; unattractive

**comestible**:
Something fit to be eaten

**comeuppance**:
Deserts; well-earned punishment or misfortune; rebuke

**deserts**:
What someone deserves

**comity**:
Courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations

**commandeer**:
Take (private property) for military use without needing permission or giving payment; draft for military purposes

**draft**:
First rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; conscript

**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

**comemorative**:
Remembering; honoring the memory of; Ex. commemorative stamp

**commemorate**:
Honor the memory of; serve as a memorial to; Ex. commemorate the 100th anniversary/those who died in the war
commensurate: equal in extent; of the same size

commiserate: feel or express pity or sympathy for

commodious: spacious and comfortable

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

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

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

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

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

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

compulsory: obligatory; that must be done

compulsive: resulting from compulsion

compendium: brief, comprehensive summary; ADJ: compendious

compensatory: making up for; repaying

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

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

complacency: self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ: complacent

smug: self-satisfied; complacent

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

complement: complete; consummate; make perfect; N.

complementary: serving to complete something

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

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

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

component: element; ingredient

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

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

bearing:

composure:

moral calmness

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; dispute, or a dishonorable position; Ex. compromise one's principle; N.

compunction:

remorse; strong uneasiness caused by guilt

compute:

reckon; calculate

reckon:

count; calculate; regard as; think; suppress

concatenate:

link as in a chain

concave:

hollow; curved inwards; CF: 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

concerted:

mutually agreed on; done together by agreement; Ex. concerted effort; CF: in concert: working together

concession:

an act of yielding; conceding; something conceded; point, right, etc. given unwillingly; privilege of maintaining a business in a certain place; Ex. oil concessions in the North sea; CF: concessionnaire

conciliatory:

reconciling; soothing; V: conciliate: reconcile; soothe; win the friendly feelings (by removing anger)

concise:

brief and compact

conclave:

private secret meeting

conclusive:

decisive; ending all debate
prepare by mixing or combining; make up in concert; devise (something false) so as to deceive; Ex. concoct an elaborate excuse for being late; N. concoction

concomitant:
that which accompanies; Ex. Deafness is a frequent concomitant of old age; ADJ: existing or happening together with something else

concord:
harmony; accord

concordat:
formal agreement

concur:
agree; coincide; happen at the same time

concurrent:
happening at the same time; in agreement

condescend:
(iderg.) bestow courtesies with a superior air; descend to the level of one considered inferior

condign:
adequate; (of punishment) severe and well deserved

condiments:
seasonings; spices

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

condone:
overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse

conducive:
helpful; contributive; V. conduce; Ex. conduce to/towards

conduit:
aqueduct; passageway for fluids

confidant (confidante):
trusted friend (to whom one tells one's secret)

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

confidence:
self-assurance; calm unshaken 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. confidant

confidential:
spoken or written in secret; trusted with private matters; Ex. confidential secretary

confinement:
shut in an enclosed space; restrict; keep within limits; N. confinement

confiscate:
seize; take possession of (private property) by official order (usu. as a punishment); commandeer

conflagration:
great fire

confluence:
flowing together; the place where two rivers flow together; crowd; gathering together

conformity:
harmony; agreement with established rules or customs; similarity; Ex. behave in conformity with; V. conform: be similar; act in agreement; comply; Ex. conform to the rule; CF. conformance

conformist:
person who uncritically conforms to the customs of a group; OP. nonconformist: one who does not conform to accepted beliefs of norms

confound:
confuse; puzzle

congeal:
freeze; coagulate

congenial:
pleasant; friendly; in agreement with one's tastes and nature; Ex. congenial weather
congenital: existing at birth

conglomeration: 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

conjecture: surmise; guess; V.

conjugal: pertaining to marriage

conjuré: 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. conivence: feign ignorance of a wrong; cooperate secretly in an illegal action; conspire

connisseur: 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; thorough 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; Es. 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; Es. man with strong constitutions

constraint

restraint; compulsion; repression of feelings; reticence; V: constrain: hold back; restrain; compel; oblige; confine forcibly; imprison
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<td>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</td>
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<td>illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.</td>
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<td>contradict; oppose; violate (a rule, law, or custom); N: contravention</td>
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- 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; complexes; 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. (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; (여행자에게 가해질 수 있는) 장벽, 봉인

♠ cornice:
projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars); (하여지지 않는) 장식, 장식물

♠ 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:
body (rather than spiritual); of a bodily form; material; tangible

□ corpulent:
very fat; N. corpulence

♥ corpus:
collection (of writings or information); Ex. the corpus of Shakespeare’s works; Cf. corpse

♥ corpuscle:
red or white cell in the blood

□ correlation:
mutual relationship

♥ correlate:
either of the correlated things; V.

□ corroborate:
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
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)

counterpart:
thing that completes another; things very much alike; thing that has the same purpose in a different system

coup:
highly successful action or sudden attack; coup(s) d’etat; CF. coup de grace: deathblow or shot which kills

couple:
join; unite; OP. uncouple

courier:
messenger

covenant:
binding agreement between two groups or people; compact; V: enter into a covenant; promise

bargain:
agreement between two groups or people; something for sale at a price advantageous to the buyer; V: negotiate; trade; Ex. bargaining power

covert:
secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt

covetous:
avaricious; desirous of (someone else’s possessions); V: covet: desire eagerly (someone else’s possessions)

cow:
terrify; intimidate

cower:
shrink quivering as from fear; cringe

coy:
sly (bratishly); showing a pretended lack of self-confidence; modest; coquettish; CF. job offer

cozen:
cheat; hoodwink; swindle

crabbed:
sour; bad-tempered; peevish; difficult to read as handwriting

peevish:
bad-tempered; irritable; V: peeve: make angry

crass:
very unrefined; grudging; crude and undiscriminating; Ex. crass behavior

craven:
cowardly

credence:
belief

credo:
creed

credulity:
belief on slight evidence; gullibility; naiveté; ADJ. credulous

creed:
system of religious or ethical belief

crescendo:
increase in the volume or intensity as in a musical passage; climax; CF. crescent

far-fetched:
too improbable to be believed; implausible; Ex. far-fetched story

overture:
to introduce or begin an action
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

- crestfallen: dejected; dispirited

- crest: top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird

- crevice: crack; fissure

- cringe: shrink back as if in fear; cower

- criteria: standards used in judging; CF. criterion

- crone: hag; ugly old woman

- crotchety: (of someone old) eccentric; odd; whimsical; bad-tempered; N. crotchet: odd or whimsical notion

- crux: essential or main point; Ex. the crux of the problem; ADJ. crucial: of deciding importance

- crypt: secret recess or vault usually used for burial; underground room (under a church)

- cryptic: mysterious; hidden; secret

- cubicle: small chamber used for sleeping or work

- cuisine: style of cooking; Ex. French cuisine

- culinary: relating to cooking or kitchen

- cull: pick out from others (to kill the weakest members); reject; select; collect (information); N.

- culmination: highest point; climax; V. culminate in: reach the highest point in; end in; Ex. a series of minor clashes culminating in war

- culpable: deserving blame; blameworthy

- culprit: one guilty of a crime

- culvert: artificial channel for water; drain crossing under a road

- cumbersome: heavy and awkward to carry or wear; burdensome; Ex. cumbersome parcel/uniform

- cumulative: growing by addition; accumulative

- cupidity: greed (for wealth); CF. cupid; CF. Cupid

- curator: superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)

- curmudgeon: churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person

- cursive: (of writing) flowing; running; having the successive letters joined
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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

♠ debonair:
(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

♠ debutante:
young woman making formal entrance into society

♥ debut:
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:
killed (usually one out of ten or every tenth man); destroy or kill a large part of

♠ decipher:
decond; CF. indecipherable

♠ declivity:
downward slope

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

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

♥ decorous:
proper (in behavior, conduct, or appearance)

□ decoy:
lure or bait; V.

♠ decrepit:
weak and in bad condition from old age or hard use; Ex. decrepit old chair/man

♠ decry:
express strong disapproval of; condemn openly (something dangerous to the public); disparage; Ex. decry the violence of modern films

♠ deducible:
derived by reasoning; V. deduce: infer; derive by reasoning

♠ defame:
mar, disgrace

♠ decipher:
decode; CF. indecipherable

♠ declivity:
downward slope
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:
reserved to defeat or fail; accepting defeat or failure as a natural outcome; N. CF. deflation

defection:
desertion

defect:
shortcoming; V: desert (in order to join the opposite one)
defer:
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:
refused 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. defoliator
defray:
provide for the payment of; undertake the payment of; pay
harmful

\[ \square \text{deliberate : consider; ponder; ADJ: done on purpose; slow} \]

\[ \square \text{delineate : portray; depict; sketch; describe; N. delineation} \]

\[ \square \text{delirium : mental disorder marked by confusion; uncontrolled excitement; ADJ. delirious} \]

\[ \square \text{delta : flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river} \]

\[ \square \text{delude : deceive} \]

\[ \square \text{deluge : flood; rush; V.} \]

\[ \square \text{delusion : false belief; hallucination; deluding; Ex. delusions of grandeur; Ex. under the delusion that} \]

\[ \square \text{delusive : deceptive; likely to delude; misleading; raising vain hopes; Ex. delusive promises} \]

\[ \square \text{delve : dig; search deeply; investigate} \]

\[ \square \text{demagogue : person who appeals to people's prejudice; false leader of people; CF. demagoguery} \]

\[ \square \text{demean : disgrace; humiliate; debase in dignity; behave} \]

\[ \square \text{demeanor : behavior; bearing} \]

\[ \square \text{demented : insane} \]

\[ \square \text{demise : death} \]

\[ \square \text{demographic : related to population balance; N. demography: statistical study of human population} \]

\[ \square \text{demolition : destruction; V. demolish} \]

\[ \square \text{emonic(demoniacal) : fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil} \]

\[ \text{fiend : evil spirit; devil} \]

\[ \square \text{demotic : of or pertaining to the people} \]

\[ \square \text{demur : object (because of doubts, scruples); raise an objection (showing qualms); hesitate; Ex. demur at the idea of working on Sunday} \]

\[ \square \text{demure : (of a woman or child) grave; quiet and serious; coy; pretending to be demure} \]

\[ \square \text{denigrate : blacken; defame} \]

\[ \square \text{denizen : (animal, person, or plant) inhabitant or resident of a particular place; regular visitor} \]

\[ \square \text{denotation : meaning; distinguishing by name; V. denote: indicate; refer to directly; mean; CF. connotation} \]

\[ \square \text{dénouement : final outcome; final development of the plot of a play or other literary work; the end of a story when everything is explained} \]

\[ \square \text{denounce :} \]
condemn; criticize; N. denunciation

depict:
portray
exposé:
public revelation of something discreditable

deplete:
reduce; exhaust

deplore:
regret; express sorrow and severe disapproval for something bad; Ex. deplore their violent behavior; ADJ. deplorable: very bad; deserving severe disapproval; Ex. deplorable living condition

deploy:
spread out (troops) in an extended though shallow battle line; distribute (persons or forces) systematically 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:
loss in value; belittle; represent as of little value

depredation:
plundering, destruction

depredation:


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:
neglect; (of someone) neglectful of duty; (of something) deserted by an owner; abandoned; N. abandoned property; homeless or vagrant person
dereliction:
neglect of duty; abandonment

deride:
riddle; treat with contempt; make fun of; OF. respect
derision:
riddle; ADJ. derisive; CF. derisory

derivative:
unoriginal; obtained from another source; Ex. derivative prose style; N.
derivation:
deriving; origin or source of something; Ex. the derivation of the word
dermatologist:
one who studies the skin and its diseases

acne:
skin disease (on the face)
derogatory:
expressing a low opinion; disparaging; V. derogate: detract; disparage
descry: 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

desolate: make desolate; forsake; abandon and desert

desperado: reckless, desperate outlaw

desperate: having lost all hope; despairing; reckless and violent because of loss of hope or despair; undertaken as a last resort

despair: 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; inevitable; fixed; conclusive; final

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

deterrent: something that discourages or deters

detonation: explosion

detract: slandering; aspersion; 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

devious: 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
diligence : steady 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 places) dirty and dull; Ex. dingy street/curtain

dull : (of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; hazy; (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)

disabuse : correct a false impression; undeceive; free from a wrong belief

disaffected : disloyal; lacking loyalty; V. disaffect: cause to lose affection or loyalty

disapprobation : disapproval; condemnation

disarray : state of disorder; a disorderly or untidy state; Ex. with her clothes in disarray

disavowal : 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; perceivable; 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

discombobulated : decomposed; confused

decompose :
disturb the composure of; confuse

- discomfit:

frustrate; put to rout; defeat; disconcert; embarrass; perturb

- disconcert:

◆ disconcert:

confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb

- disconsolate:

hopelessly sad (at the loss of something)

- discord:

conflict; lack of harmony; dissonance (when musical notes are played)

- discordant:

not harmonious; conflicting

- discount:

disregard; regard (a story or news) as unimportant; deduct from a cost

- discourse:

serious speech, writing, or conversation; formal discussion (either written or spoken); conversation; V.

- discredit:

defame; disgrace; destroy confidence in; disbelieve; N. CF. discreditable: causing discredit; shameful

- discrepancy:

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; discriminating; perverted; 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

- dishearten:

discourage

- disheveled:

untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel

- disinclination:

unwillingness

- disingenuous:

untruthful; deceitful; false; dishonest; N. CF. disingenuously: in an untruthful or false manner
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

disjunction :

act or state of separation; disunity; CF. disjunctive: expressing a choice between two ideas; CF. conjunction; CF. conjunctive

♠ dislodge :

remove (forcibly); force out of a position; Ex. dislodge 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 coating (as of earth or snow)

♠ dismember :

cut into small parts; cut (a body) apart limb from limb

♠ dismiss :

eliminate from consideration; no longer consider; put out of court without further hearing; reject; discharge from employment; direct to leave; ADJ. dismissive; N. dismissal

disparage :

belittle

maneuver(manoeuvre) :

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

♠ 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 :

unquietude, anxiety; V. disquiet: make anxious

disquisition :

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

dissection :
analyses, cutting apart in order to examine

 locksmith, set apart, set out

 ◆ 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

 ◆ 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

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

 □ distend :
 expand; swell out
diversion: act of turning aside; pastime; V. divert: turn aside from a course; distract; amuse

divest: strip (as of clothes); deprive (as of rights); dispossess; N. divestiture(divestment)
divine: perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresee the future; foretell; dowse; ADJ. N. divination
dowse: use a divining rod to search for underground water or minerals

divulge: reveal
docile: obedient; easily managed; submissive
ferocious: fierce; violent; N. ferocity
docket: program as for trial; book where such entries are made; list of things to be done; agenda; label fixed to a package: listing contents or directions; V. describe in a docket
doctrinaire: unable to compromise about points of doctrine; dogmatic; unyielding; marked by inflexible attachment to a doctrine without regard to its practical difficulties
doctrine: teachings in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught; dogma; tenet; ADJ. doctrinal
indoctrinate: cause to accept a doctrine without questioning it; Ex. indoctrinated with mindless anti-communism
document: provide written evidence (for a claim); record with documents; N.
doddling: shaky; infirm from old age; V. dodder
dominate: rule over tyrannically

domineer: rule over tyrannically

merit: deserve; ADJ. meritorious: deserving reward or praise
doff: take off; OP. don
dogged: determined; stubborn; stubbornly persevering; tenacious; Ex. Inspector Javert's dogged pursuit of Jean Valjean
persevere: continue steadily in spite of difficulties
doggerel: poor verse
dogmatic: opinionated; holding stubbornly to one's opinion; arbitrary; doctrinal
doldrums: blues; listlessness (lack of spirit or energy); slack (inactive) period; period of stagnation; ocean area near the equator where ships cannot move because there is no wind; Ex. in the doldrums
blues: state of depression or melancholy; style of slow, mournful music (evolved from southern Black American songs)
dolorous: sorrowful, N. dolor
dolt: slow-thinking stupid person; CF. dull
domicile: home; V. ADJ. domiciled: having one's domicile; Ex. He is domiciled in Britain.
document: role-over tyrannically
control; rule; enjoy a commanding position in; overlook from a height; cf H.L.M.

♥ dominant:

exercising the most influence; high and easily seen; stronger than the other part of a system; not recessive

♠ dowdy:

untidy (of a woman or clothes); slovenly; dressed in an unattractive way; shabby; cf an unattractive woman

♥ don:

put on; cf doff

♥ outfit:

clothing or equipment for a special purpose; ex. cowboy outfit

□ dormant:

sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent

♥ dour:

sullen; gloomy; stubborn

♠ sullen:

silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark; gloomy

♥ brood:

sit on in order to hatch; think deeply or worry anxiously; N: the young of certain animals; group of young birds hatched at one time

♠ douse:

plunge into water or liquid; dip; immerse; drench; wet thoroughly; extinguish; throw water over; douse

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♠ doss:

file of documents on a subject or person; file; cf bundle of papers labeled on the back

♥ nonsense:

speech or writing with no meaning; foolish behavior or language; ex. make (a) nonsense of: spoil; cause to fail

♥ dribble:

flow or fall in drops; let saliva flow out slowly from the mouth; move a ball; N.

♥ drip:

fall or let fall in drops; shed drops; N: action or sound of falling in drops; liquid that falls in drops

♥ trickle:

flow in drops or in a thin stream; N.

♥ droll:

queer and amusing

♥ queer:

strange; eccentric; deviating from the normal

♠ drone:

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idle person who lives on other people's work; male bee  

♠ drone:
  talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee; N.

♥ murmur:
  low, indistinct, continuous sound; V. CF. mumble

♠ dross:
  waste matter; worthless impurities

□ drudgery:
  hard unpleasant work; menial work

♥ drudge:
  do drudgery; N. person who drudges

♠ dubious:
  questionable; (of something) causing doubt; (of someone) filled with doubt; N. dubiety

♠ ductile:
  malleable; pliable; (of metals) easily pulled into shape; flexible; (of someone) easily influenced or controlled

♠ dulcet:
  sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious

♠ dumbfound(dumfound):
  astonish (making dumb); ADJ. dumfounded, dumfounded, dumbstruck

♠ dupe:
  someone easily fooled or deceived; V. deceitful

♠ duplicity:
  double-dealing; hypocrisy; being dishonest and deceitful; ADJ. duplicitous

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duration:
  length of time something lasts

♠ duress:
  forcible restraint, especially unlawfully; coercion by threat; illegal coercion; Ex. a promise made under duress

♠ dutiful(duteous):
  (of people or their behavior) respectful, obedient (filled with a sense of duty)

♠ dwindle:
  shrink; reduce gradually

□ dynamic:
  energetic; vigorously active

♥ dynamo:
  generator for producing electricity; energetic person

♠ dyspeptic:
  suffering from indigestion; N. dyspepsia: indigestion; difficulty in digesting food

♥ dys-:
  abnormal; impaired

♥ dyslexia:
  word blindness; learning disorder marked by impairment of the ability to read

♥ dysentery:
  inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract

♠ earthy:
  unrefined; coarse; of earth; Ex. earthy remarks; OP. ethereal

♥ earthly:
  of this earth; terrestrial; worldly; not divine; possible; Ex. no earthly reason

♠ eccentric:
  showing excitement, overflowing with enthusiasm; boiling; N. ebullience; N. abullition: state of boiling

□ ebb:
  (of the tide) recede; lessen; diminish; N. OP. flow: rise of tide

□ ebullient:
  showing excitement, overflowing with enthusiasm; boiling; N. ebullience; N. abullition: state of boiling
eccentricity: odd, unconventional, whimsical, bizarre, not concentric

ecclesiastic: ecclesiastical; pertaining to the church; N: minister; priest; cleric; clergyman

chapel: small church (in a prison, college, or hospital)

chaplain: clergyman attached to a chapel

padre: chaplain (in the armed forces)

ecclectic: selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources; selecting individual elements from a variety of sources; N: eclecticism

selective: careful in choosing; having an effect only on certain things; not general; Ex. eclectic weed killer

eclipse: darken; extinguish; outshine; surpass; cause an eclipse

ecclesiastical: ecclesiastical

edict: decree (especially one issued by a sovereign); official command

sovereign: ruler in a monarchy; ADJ: (of a country) independent and self-governing; having supreme power; supreme; excellent

sovereignty: complete independence and self-government (of a country); supremacy of authority; power to govern

efface: rub out; remove the surface of

effectual: able to produce a desired effect; valid

effectuate: effect; produce; achieve; Ex. effectuate a reconciliation

ecologist: 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

ecosystem: ecological community together with its environment

economy: efficiency or consciousness in using something; thrifty management of resources
having womanly traits

emasculate:

weakens, castrate

castrate:

remove the sex organs (of a male animal or person)

effervescence:

inner excitement or exuberance, emitting bubbles forming inside, bubbling from fermentation or carbonation, ADJ. effervescent; V. effervesce

effete:

having lost one’s original power, barren, worn out, exhausted

efficacy:

power to produce desired effect; ADJ. efficacious: effectual

effigy:

dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex. burn an effigy of the President

dummy:

imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy

effluvium:

noxious (harmful) smell

effrontery:

rudeness without any sense of shame; shameless boldness; presumptuousness, nerve, cheek

effulgent:

shining brightly, brilliant

effusion:

pouring forth; unrestrained outpouring of feeling; V. effuse: pour out; ADJ. effusive: pouring forth; gushing

gush:

(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.

egoism:

excessive interest in one’s self; belief that one should be interested in one’s self rather than in others; selfishness; ADJ. egoistic, egotistical

ego:

one’s opinion of oneself; self-esteem

egotistical:

tendency to speak or write of oneself excessively, conceit; self-importance

egregious:

notorious, conspicuously bad or shocking

effusion:

exit; opening for going out; act of going out; OP. ingress

ejaculation:

exclamation, abrupt ejection (to discharge sperm); V. ejaculate

effect:

addition of details, intricacy

elicit:

draw out fact or information (by discussion or from someone)

elixir:

cure-all; panacea; something invigorating

elation:

filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed; in high spirits; joyful and proud; Ex. elated crowd; V. elate; N. elation

elegy:

poem or song expressing lamentation (for the dead); ADJ. elegiacal, elegiac

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ellipses:
omission of words from a text; mark used to indicate an omission (when the meaning can be understood without them); PL. ellipses

☐ elliptical :

efficient; oval; of an ellipse; containing an ellipse; ambiguous either purposely or because key words have been left out

☐ eloquence :

expression; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influenced

☐ elucidate :

explain; make clear; clarify; enlighten; CF. lucid

☐ elusive :

evasive; 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.

♠ elysian :

relating to paradise; blissful

♥ Elysium :

place or condition of bliss

☐ emaciated :

thin and wasted (from hunger or illness)

☐ emanate :

issue forth; come out

☐ emancipate :

set free; liberate

☐ embargo :

ban on commerce or other activity

☐ embark :

commence; go on board a boat; begin a journey

☐ embed(imbed) :

enclose; place in something; fix firmly in a surrounding mass

☐ embellish :

adorn; ornament; enhance as a story (by adding fictitious details)

☐ embezzlement :

taking for one's own use in violation of trust; stealing (of money placed in one's care)

♥ emblazon :

ornament richly (a shield or flag); N. emblazonment

♥ embody :

give a bodily form to; incorporate; include

♠ emboss :

produce a design in raised relief; decorate with a raised design

☐ 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

☐ embroider :

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

♥ compassion:
sympathy for the suffering of others; ADJ. compassionate

□ empirical:
based on experience

♠ emulate:
imitate, rival; try to equal or excel (through imitation)

♠ enamored:
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.

□ encroachment:
gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable time; V. encroach: take another’s possession 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
charming; attractive

♥ engaged:
employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict

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engender:
cause; produce; give rise to

□

engross:
occupy fully; absorb

□

enhance:
increase; make greater (as in value, reputation, or usefulness); improve

□

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

□

enormity:
ugliness (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)

square

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:
willingsness 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

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

□

entice:
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 daydreaming); CF. transition

♥

hypnosis:
induced sleeping state; ADJ. hypnotic; V. hypnotise

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<td>entrepreneur :</td>
<td>businessperson (who assumes the risk of a business venture); contractor; ADJ. entrepreneurial</td>
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<td>enumerate :</td>
<td>list; mention one by one</td>
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<td>announce; proclaim; utter or speak, especially distinctly; pronounce clearly; articulate; Ex. This theory was first enunciated by him.</td>
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<td>environ :</td>
<td>enclose; surround; N. environs: surrounding area (as of a city)</td>
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<td>con(aeon) :</td>
<td>long period of time; an age; longest division of geologic time containing two or more eras</td>
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<td>ornament worn on the shoulder (of a uniform, etc.)</td>
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<td>fringe :</td>
<td>decorative edge of hanging threads; edge</td>
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<td>ephemeral :</td>
<td>short-lived; fleeting</td>
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<td>fast; rapid; N. ADJ. fleeting: passing quickly; ephemeral</td>
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<td>epic :</td>
<td>long heroic poem, novel, or similar work of art (celebrating the feats of a hero); ADJ. (of stories or events) resembling an epic; grand</td>
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<td>epicure :</td>
<td>connoisseur of food and drink; gourmet; ADJ. epicurean; CF. Epicurus</td>
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<td>Epicurean :</td>
<td>balance of opposing forces; balance of the mind; equanimity</td>
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**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; intentionally misleading; (of behavior) questionable; OP. unequivocal

**equivocate**: use equivocal language to deceive people; lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivocation

**erode**: eat away; wear away gradually by abrasion; Ex. The sea erodes the rocks.

**erotic**: pertaining to passionate love or sexual love

**errant**: wandering (esp. in search of adventure); straying from proper moral standards; Ex. knight-errant

**erratic**: odd; irregular in movement or behavior; unpredictable

**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

**escape**: 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. espousal

**esteem**: respect; value; judge; N. estimable; inestimable

**estimable**: (of a person) worthy of esteem; admirable; deserving esteem; possible to estimate

**inestimable**: impossible to estimate; (approx.) invaluable; 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:
   ☀ 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. eugenics: study of hereditary improvement of the human race
   □ eulogistic:

   praising; full of eulogy
   18 ♠ eulogy:

   expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone’s death; V. eulogize
   □ euphemism:

   mild expression in place of an unpleasant one; ADJ. euphemistic
   □ euphony:

   sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious
   ♠ euphoria:

   feeling of exaggerated or unfounded (ungrounded; baseless) well-being; feeling of great happiness or well-being;
   (when unreasonable); ADJ. euphoric
   □ euthanasia:

   mercy killing
   ☐ evanescent:

   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
decent
   □ 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
   ♠ ewe:

   female sheep
   ♥ ram:

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

   worsen; aggravate; embitter
   ♥ embitter:

   make bitter; fill with painful or bitter feelings; make sad and angry; Ex. He was embittered by many disappoint-
ments.
   □ 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; exult; ADJ. exalted; N. exaltation

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

exceptionable:
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: position of a chancellor

treasure:
keep as precious; cherish

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

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

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

exculpate:
clear from blame or guilt

excruciate:
severe with biting hardness; cause strong pain; strip the skin off

execute:
put into effect; carry out; kill as a lawful punishment; N. execution

executor:
person designated to execute the terms of a will

executioner:
person administering capital punishment

executive:
person having administrative authority; one branch of government executing laws; ADJ: relating to executing

legislature:
legislating branch of government; CF. legislate: make laws

judiciary:
judicial branch of government

exegesis:
explanation, especially of biblical passages

exemplar:
serving as a model; outstanding; Ex. exemplary punishment/behavior; N. exemplar: typical example; model

exemplify:
show by example; furnish an example; serve as an example of; Ex. His pictures exemplify that sort of painting

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

exhilarating:
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excruciate:
severe with biting hardness; cause strong pain; strip the skin off
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 :
aclit, exculpate; free from blame or guilt

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

□ exorcise :
drive out evil spirits

♠ expletive :
meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word

♥ interjection :
make secret plans; plot; arouse the curiosity of; N: 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

♠ expiate :
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

♥ expeditious :
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

✿ expulsive :
make amends for (a sin)
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<td>explicate</td>
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<td>brave and successful act; deed or action, particularly a brave deed; CF. crossing the Atlantic ocean</td>
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from which it is impossible to get free; that cannot be untied; Ex. inextricable troubles; Ex. inextricable two
histories

☐ extrinsic :

external; not essential or inherent; extraneous; OP. intrinsic

☐ extrovert :

person interested mostly in external objects and actions

♥ mingle :

mix together in close association

♠ extrude :

force or push out; thrust out; shape (plastic or metal) by forcing through a die

♠ exuberance :

overflowing abundance; joyful enthusiasm; flamboyance; lavishness; ADJ. exuberant: high-spirited and lively; growing abundantly and strongly

♥ glow :

shine brightly without a flame (as of eyes or metals); show redness and heat (in the face) after hard work or because of strong feelings; N: light produced by a heated body; brilliance of a color

♠ exude :

flow out slowly; discharge (gradually); give forth; N. exudation

♥ ooze :

(of a thick liquid) pass or flow slowly; N: mud or thick liquid as at the bottom of a river

☐ exult :

rejoice

☐ fabricate :

build; lie; make up (a story) in order to deceive; Ex. fabricate the whole story; CF. fabric: underlying structure; Ex. fabric of society

♠ facade (façade) :

front or face (of building); superficial or false appearance

☐ facet :

small plane surface (of a gem/crystal); a side

♠ face :

joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous

♠ facile :

easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial; not deep; Ex. facile solution to a complex problem; Ex. facile speaker; N. facility: ability to do something easily and well; ease in doing resulting from skill or aptitude; something that facilitates an action; amenity; Ex. with great facility

☐ facilitate :

help bring about; make less difficult

☐ facsimile :

copy

♠ faction :

party; clique (within a large group); dissension

♥ 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

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☐ 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
falsey: 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

squeamish: easily shocked or sickened by unpleasant things; fastidious; Ex. A nurse should not be squeamish.

fatalism: belief that events are determined by forces or fates beyond one's control; ADJ. fatalistic; CF. fatal: causing death

fathom: comprehend; investigate; determine the depth of; N. unit of measurement for the depth of water

fathomless: too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable

fatuous: smugly and unconsciously foolish; (nau; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness

fauna: animals of a period or region; CF. flora

fawning: courting favor by cringing and flattering; V. fawn: exhibit affection as a dog; seek favor or attention by obsequiousness

court: attempt to gain; seek; woo; risk; behave so as to invite; attempt to gain the favor of by attention; Ex. court disaster

faze: disconcert; dismay; embarrass

feasible: practical; able to be carried out; practicable

febrile: feverish

fecundity: fertility; fruitfulness; ADJ. fecund: very productive of crops or young

fertile:
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; leigned attack to draw away defensive action; V.

shift :

change position or place, exchange (one thing) for another; change in direction or position; Es. shift the stolen goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of each 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

feline :

of a member of the cat family; N.

fell :

cruel; (of a disease) deadly

fell :

cut or knock down (a tree or a person); bring down (with a missile)

felon :

person convicted of a grave crime; CF. felony: serious crime

feral :

(of an animal) not domestic; wild

feral :

agitation; commotion (noisy and excited activity); unrest (of a political kind); V. produce by fermentation; undergo fermentation; cause (a state of trouble)

fermentation :

shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot

ferret :

drive or hunt out of hiding; hunt with ferrets; drive out (as from a hiding place); espe. uncover or discover by searching; Es. ferret out the secret; N. small fierce animal which catches rats and rabbits by going into their holes
fiasco: total failure; Cf. bottle

fiat: command; arbitrary order; Ex. presidential fiat; Cf. let it be done

fickle: changeable (in affections or friendships); 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)

filbert: steal (things of small value); filch, snitch

filial: pertaining to or benefiting a son or daughter; Ex. filial respect

filibuster: block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking 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. criminal bust

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 feebly; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ: flagging; CP: unflagging

♥ droop: bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.

□ flagrant: conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatantly; outrageous

□ outrage: act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; ADJ: outrag- eous; offensive

♠ flair: 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; CP: flam

♠ 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

♠ fleece: 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 off: as if with shears; N: shears; pair of scissors

♥ trickster: person who cheats people

♠ flick: light strike 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 unsoundly or lititiously; move waveringly; N: flickering movement or light; brief sensation; Ex. flicker of excitement

♥ flutter: beat (animal plants) with a machne or flail to separate the grains from the straw

♥ toss: (of a bird with large wings) wave (the wings) lightly; rapidly, and irregularly; vibrate rapidly or erratically; fly by waving quickly; flitter; N.
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<td>lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy</td>
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<td>flip</td>
<td>send (something) spinning, often into the air, by striking with a light quick blow; turn over; Ex. flip over</td>
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<td>fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower</td>
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<td>flat mass of floating ice</td>
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<td>flora</td>
<td>plants of a region or era</td>
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<td>condition or period of flowering</td>
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<td>florid</td>
<td>ruddy; (of a complexion) rosy; flowery; very ornate; CF. now</td>
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<td>flush</td>
<td>become red in the face (from embarrassment or shame); become red or rosy; N.</td>
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<td>flout</td>
<td>reject; mock; show contempt for; scorn; Ex. flout the rules</td>
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<td>curb</td>
<td>chain or strap used with a bit to restrain a horse; something that checks; V: check; restrain</td>
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<td>fluency</td>
<td>smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent</td>
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<td>fluke</td>
<td>unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune; accidental stroke of good luck; ADJ. fluky</td>
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<td>fluster</td>
<td>confuse; make nervous and confused; N.</td>
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<td>fluted</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>flowery</td>
<td>slight degree of color; V: give a tint to</td>
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groove: long narrow channel made in a surface to guide the movement of something; Ex. groove of the record

stammer: speak with involuntary 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

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 as genuine or worthy; CF. fist

pass off: present falsely; represent falsely to be

prefigure: be a sign of; foreshadow

forerunner: predecessor; one that comes before and indicates the approach of another

foolhardy: rash; reckless; foolishly daring

foppish: vain about dress and appearance; N. fop: man who takes too much interest in his clothes and appearance

foray: raid; sudden raid or military advance; V.

forbearance: 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:
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<th><strong>prevent by taking action in advance</strong></th>
<th>happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming.</th>
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<td>♥ nuptial: of marriage or the wedding ceremony; N; nuptials; wedding ceremony</td>
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<td>♥ forfeit: something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N: forfeiture</td>
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<td>♥ forge :</td>
<td>♥ 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</td>
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<td>□ forgo(forego) :</td>
<td>□ forgo(forego): give up; do without</td>
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<td>□ forlorn: sad and lonely; wretched; desolate</td>
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<td>□ formality: ceremonious-quality; ceremonious adherence to rules; something done just for form’s sake; Ex. mere formality</td>
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<td>□ formidable :</td>
<td>□ formidable: menacing; arousing fear; threatening; difficult to defeat; Ex. formidable foe/question</td>
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<td>♥ menace :</td>
<td>♥ menace: threat; V: threaten</td>
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<td>♥ forsake: desert; abandon; renounce</td>
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<td>♥ forswear :</td>
<td>♥ forswear: renounce under oath; abandon; make a solemn promise to give up; CF. abjure</td>
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<td>□ forte :</td>
<td>□ forte: strong point or special talent in a person’s character</td>
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<td>□ fortitude: bravery; courage; strength of mind</td>
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<td>♥ fortuitous :</td>
<td>♥ fortuitous: accidental; by chance; N: fortuity</td>
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<td>□ foster :</td>
<td>□ 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</td>
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<td>□ founder :</td>
<td>□ founder: person who establishes (an organization or business)</td>
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<td>□ frasas :</td>
<td>□ frasas: brawl (noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; melee</td>
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<td>□ fraticious :</td>
<td>□ fraticious: unruly; peevish; cranky; bad-tempered; Ex. fractious horse</td>
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<td>□ frail :</td>
<td>□ frail: weak; N: frail</td>
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<td>□ fraudulent :</td>
<td>□ fraudulent: cheating; deceitful; Ex. fraudulent means; N: fraud; deception; swindle</td>
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<td>□ fraught :</td>
<td>□ fraught: filled (with something unpleasant); full; Ex. fraught with danger and difficulties; CF. fraught</td>
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brawl; fight; V: wear away or unravel by rubbing; have loose threads developing; cause to become worn out (a person’s temper or nerves); CF: rub

♠ frenetic (phrenetic) :

frenzied :

madly excited; N. frenzy: violent wild excitement

♠ frenzied :

frenetic; frantic

♠ fresco :

painting on wet plaster (usually fresh)

♥ paste :

smooth viscous mixture as of flour (powder made by crushing grain) and water (used as an adhesive); V: cause to adhere by applying paste

♥ pastry :

paste of flour and water (eaten when baked)

♥ plaster :

paste that hardens to a smooth solid and is used for coating walls; V.

♠ fret :

be annoyed or vexed; Ex. fret over your poor grades; N: irritation of mind; ADJ. fretful

□ friction :

clash or conflict in opinion; rubbing against

♠ frieze :

ornamental horizontal band on a wall

□ frigid :

intensely cold; cold in manner; Ex. frigid zone

♠ fritter :

waste (time or money on unimportant things)

□ frivolous :

lacking in seriousness; flippan; self-indulgently carefree; unworthy of serious attention; relatively unimportant; trivial

ihn self-indulgence :

excessive indulgence of one’s own desires

♥ carefree :

free from worries; having no problems

♠ frolicsome :

prankish; gay; playful; merry; frisky

♥ frolic :

play and jump about happily; frisk; Ex. frolicking young lambs

♠ frond :

fern leaf; palm or banana leaf

♥ litter :

waste material thrown away (as bits of paper scattered untidily); V: cover untidily with scattered litter

♠ fructify :

bear fruit; produce fruit

□ frugality :

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

□ fruition :

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; effusively flattering. Ex. fulsome praise/expressions of admire

□ fumble:
moves the fingers and hands awkwardly (in search of something); mishandle or drop a ball that is in play; bungle; botch, spoil by mishandling; N.

♠ functionary:
official (who performs a particular function)

♥ functional:
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

♠ furor:
fruity; 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):
move, give, or take in a quiet, stealthy way; N. one who sneaks; ADJ. sneaky

♥ sly:
done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)

♠ fusillade:
simultaneous firing or outburst (of missiles, questions, etc.)

□ fusion:
union; coalition; V. fuse

♠ futile:
useless, hopeless; ineffectual

♠ gaff:
animal-biting fly; irritating person

♠ gadfly:
brushing fly; irritating person

♠ gaffe:
social blunder

♠ 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 (laughter, tears); Ex. gale of laughter

♠ gall:
bitterness of feeling; nerve; effrontery; 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

♥ pinnace:
small boat

clip:
cut off with shears, fasting; N: something clipped off (as a short extract from film); clap or fastener

galvanize:
stimulate or shock by an electric current; stimule 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:
strategem 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

gild:
flashy; showy

flashy:
shiny; gaudy; giving a momentary brilliance

garish:
overbright in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy

trim:
make neat or tidy by clipping; reduce by removing what is unnecessary; 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
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<td>particular variety of art or literature</td>
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<td>lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; haggard</td>
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<td>♠ gavel</td>
<td>hammerlike tool; mallet (wooden hammer) used by a presiding officer or an auctioneer; V.</td>
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<td>♠ bid</td>
<td>command; utter (a greeting); offer as a price; N: offer of a price; amount offered; earnest effort to gain something; Ex. bid for freedom</td>
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<td>♠ gawk</td>
<td>stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe</td>
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<td>♠ gazette</td>
<td>official periodical publication; newspaper</td>
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<td>☐ genealogy</td>
<td>record of descent; lineage; ancestry; study of ancestry</td>
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<td>☐ generality</td>
<td>vague statement; general statement which is not detailed; quality of being general; greater part; most; Ex. generality of people</td>
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<td>☐ generate</td>
<td>cause; produce; create</td>
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<td>☐ generic</td>
<td>characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus</td>
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<td>♥ genus</td>
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<td>♥ genre</td>
<td>beginning; origin</td>
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<td>well-bred; elegant; striving to convey an appearance of refinement; Ex. genteel poverty</td>
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<td>♥ breed</td>
<td>produce young; rear; bring up; produce (an undesirable condition); N: kind or sort of animal or plant</td>
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<td>hybridize; N: hybrid; CF. interbreed; CF. inbreed</td>
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<td>♠ well-bred</td>
<td>of good upbringing; well-mannered and refined</td>
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<td>☐ gentry</td>
<td>people of standing (rank or position); people of good family or high social position; class of people just below nobility</td>
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<td>♥ gentle</td>
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<td>♠ genuflect</td>
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<td>☐ germane</td>
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<td>♥ germinal</td>
<td>pertaining to a germ; creative; Ex. germinal idea</td>
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<td>♥ germ</td>
<td>earliest form of an organism; seed or bud; something that may develop into something larger or more important; microbe</td>
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<td>cause to sprout; sprout</td>
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shoot: new growth from a plant

**gerontocracy**: government ruled by old people

**gerontology**: study of the sociological phenomena associated with old age

**geriatrics**: medical treatment and care of old age

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

**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)

**ghastly**: horrible; terrifying; resembling ghosts; CF: aghast

**gibberish**: nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk or writing; babbling

**gibe**: mock; make jeering remarks; N. jeering remarks

**giddy**: light-hearted; not serious; frivolous; dizzy; causing dizziness; Ex. giddy youth; Ex. giddy climb/height

**gingerly**: very carefully; ADJ.

**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

**glare**: shine intensely and blindingly; stare fixedly and angrily; N.

**glaze**: cover with a thin and shiny surface; apply a glaze to; N. thin, smooth, shiny coating (as for pottery); Ex. unglazed pottery

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

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

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

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

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

**glamor**:
compelling charm; ADJ. glamorous

♠ goloat:

express evil satisfaction; look at or think about with evil satisfaction; view malevolently; Ex. The thief gloated over the stolen jewels.

♠ 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

♠ growler:

scowl; glare; look or stare angrily

♥ scowl:

frown angrily; N: angry frown

♠ glut:

overstock; fill beyond capacity (with food); fill to excess; N: oversupply

♠ glutinous:

stuck; viscous; glasy

□ glutton:

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

♠ gnarled:

twisted

♥ gnarl:

prominulating 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.

♠ gossamer:

sheer; very light; like cobwebs; N: soft and sheer fabric, cobweb

♥ sheer:

pale; thin and transparent; very steep

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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:
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: arranged 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(matinee): dramatic or musical performance given in the afternoon

granulate: form into grains or granules; N. granule: grain or particle

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

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

graphic: pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described

graphite: black form of carbon used in lead pencils
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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**
  - turn over; capsize; topple

- **overturn**
  - turn over; capsize; topple

- **capsize**
  - (of a boat) turn over

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

- **habituate**
  - acustom 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.: 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. waver between accepting and refusing

- **hamper**
  - obstinate; prevent the free movement of; N.: 식료품이나 가구 등을 막는 베개나
hap: chance; luck

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

hapless: unfortunate; luckless

harangue: long, passionate, and vehement speech; V.

harrass: 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.

haughty: 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.

headstrong: willful; stubborn; unyielding; determined to have one's own way; CF. no 'insensitive'

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; corpulent; 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; unorthodox; 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.

♠ hiliarity:
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:
that is, 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)

☐ homage:
honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to

♠ homeostasis:
tendency of a system or organism to maintain relative stability or internal equilibrium; CF. homoeo-: 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.

♠ homily:
sermon; didactic 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:
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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

♥ shed :
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) wait nearby; stay around one place; waver; be in an uncertain state

♠ hubbub :
confused uproar; loud noise; din

♠ hubris :
arrogance; excesive self-conceit

♠ hue :
color; aspect; Ex. opinions of every hue

♠ hue and cry :
cry; loud cry or clamor; strong protest; Ex. hue and cry against the new rule

☐ humane :
marked by kindness or consideration; kind and compassionate; humanitarian

☐ humanitarian :
one devoted to the promotion of human welfare; CF: humanism

♠ humdrum :
dull; monotonous

☐ humid :
damp; N. humidity

♠ humility :
humbleness of spirit

♥ 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

♠ hurtle :
crash; rush; move with great speed; Ex. hurtling runaway train

♠ husband :
use sparingly; conserve; save; Ex. husband one's energy; CF: householder

♠ husbandry :

frugality; thrift; economy; agriculture; farming; Ex. animal husbandry; CF. husbandman

hybrid:

mongrel; mixed breed; V. hybridize

mongrel:

plant or animal (esp. a dog) of mixed breed; ADJ.

pedigree:

line of ancestors; ancestry; lineage; ADJ. [of an animal] descended from of a chosen family; Ex. pedigree dog; CF. crane’s foot

hydrophobia:

fear of water; rabies

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

hypercritical:

excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)

hypochondriac:

person unduly worried about his health; worrier without cause about illness; ADJ. 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. ichthyos- fish
illegal
♠ illimitable : in infinite; limitless

illuminant, limitless
☐ illuminate :

illuminate:
照亮, clear up or make understandable; enlighten; enable to understand; Ex. illuminating remarks

illusion :

misleading vision or visual image; false idea or belief; Cf. delusion

illusory :

deceiving, based on illusion; causing illusion; deceptive

imbalance :

lack of balance or symmetry; disproportion

imbecility :

weakness of mind; state of being an imbecile; N. imbecile: stupid person; fool

imbibe :

drink in

imbroglio :

complicated situation (as in a play); painful or complex misunderstanding (as in a play); entanglement; confused mass (as of papers); V. embroil

imbue :

saturate (soak thoroughly); fill; Ex. imbue someone with feelings

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

immure :

imprison; shut up in confinement; Cf. wall

immutable :

unchangeable

impair :

injure; hurt; damage

impale :

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

impalpable :

imperceptible (not easily understood); intangible; OP. palpable: tangible; easily perceptible

impartial :

not biased; fair; N. impartiality

impart :

grant a share of; make known; Ex. news to impart
impassable: not able to be traveled or crossed

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

impassive: without feeling; expressionless; imperturbable; stolid; Ex. impassive face

impeach: charge (a public official) with crime in office; raise doubts about; indict; Ex. impeach a witness's credibility

impeccable: faultless

credential: evidence concerning one's authority; written proof of a person's position; Ex. The new ambassador presented his credentials to the court.

impecunious: without money

impede: hide; retard or obstruct the progress of; block

impeccious: evidence concerning one's authority; written proof of a person's position; Ex. The new ambassador presented his credentials to the court.

retard: delay (in development); ADJ. retarded: (as of a child) slower in development

impediment: hindrance; stumbling-block; speech defect preventing clear articulation; Ex. speech impediment

impel: drive or force onward; drive to take action; urge to action

impending: nearing; approaching; about to happen

impenetrable: impenetrable mystery

impenitent: not repentant

imperative: absolutely necessary; that must be done; critically important; expressing command; Ex. It is imperative that; N: something that must be done

impeccible: unnoticeable, impossible to perceive; undetectable

imperial: 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. impertinence

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

impermeable: impervious to water/criticism

imperturbable: unspeakably calm, placid

collected: composed; calm; self-possessed

imperious: impervious, incapable of being damaged or distressed; incapable of being affected (in one's opinions); Ex. imperious to water/criticism

impetuous: impetueus decision

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

- **impropriety**

- improperness; unsuitableness

- **improvident**

- thriftless; not providing for the future

- **improvise**

- compose on the spur of the moment

- **imprudent**

- lacking caution; not prudent; impudicious

- **impudence**

- impertinence; insolence

- **impugn**

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

- **impuissance**

- powerlessness; helplessness

- **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. inanity

- **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/incarnation
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: enraged; infuriate; 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
inchoate: (of desire, wish, plan) recently begun; not explicit; at the beginning of development; rudimentary; elementary; Ex. inchoate mass
incidence: rate of occurrence; particular occurrence; Ex. high incidence of infant mortality
incidental: not essential; minor; N: something incidental
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<td>lack of harmony; absurdity; ADJ. incongruous: lacking in harmony; inappropriate</td>
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<td>state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness; ADJ. inconsistent: displaying a lack of consistency; erratic; contradictory; incompatible</td>
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<td>lacking self-restraint; not continent; licentious</td>
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<td>incorporate</td>
<td>introduce something into a larger whole; include; embody; give material form to; ADJ.</td>
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<td>since; owing to the fact that</td>
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<td>incubus</td>
<td>burden; very worrying problem; mental care; nightmare; male devil; CF: succubus</td>
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<td>teach (ideas or principles); instill</td>
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<td>incumbent</td>
<td>obligatory; imposed as an obligation; currently holding an office; N. person who holds an office</td>
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<td>incur</td>
<td>bring upon oneself</td>
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<td>incursion</td>
<td>temporary invasion; CF: excursion: short journey</td>
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<td>inroad</td>
<td>hostile invasion; advance that lessens the quantity or difficulty of something; Ex. The long illness made serious inroads on his savings; CF: raid</td>
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indemnify: make secure against damage or loss; compensate for damage or loss; CF. make uninjured

indentation: notched; deep cleft; 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

indigence: poverty

indigenous: native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World

indigent: poor; destitute

indignation: anger at an injustice; Ex. righteous indignation; ADJ. indignant

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

indissoluble: permanent; impossible to dissolve or disintegrate

indite: write; compose

indolent: lazy

indomitable: unconquerable; unyielding

indubitable: unable to be doubted; which cannot be doubted; unquestionable

induce: persuade; lead to do something; bring about; N. inducement

inductive: pertaining to induction or proceeding from the specific to the general

induct: place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N. induction: inducting; process of deriving general principles from particular facts

indulgent:
humoring; yielding; lenient; showing indulgence

❤ indulge :

yield to; gratify; allow oneself a special pleasure; Ex. indulge one’s every whim/ a child/ in a big cigarette; N. indulgence

❤ 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

□ industrious :

diligent; hard-working; N. industry

♠ inebriated :

habitually intoxicated; drunk; N. inebriety

❤ inebriate :

make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person

❤ intoxicate :

make drunk; stimulate or excite; Ex. intoxicated by all the money he might win

♠ ineffable :

unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Ex. ineffable name/joy

□ ineffectual :

not effective; not having a desired effect; weak

♠ ineluctable :

irresistible; not to be escaped; unavoidable

□ inept :

unsuited; inappropriate; lacking skill; incompetent; CF. inapt: (of statements or ideas) inappropriate

□ inequity :

unfairness; ADJ. inequitable

♠ infallibility

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♠ infirmity
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<td>□ influx: flowing into</td>
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<td>□ infraction: violation (of a rule or regulation); breach</td>
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<td>□ iniquitous: wicked; immoral; unrighteous; N. iniquity; Ex. den of iniquity</td>
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<td>□ 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</td>
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<td>□ injurious: harmful; causing injury</td>
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<td>□ innate: inborn</td>
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<td>□ innocuous: harmless</td>
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<td>□ innovation: change; something newly introduced; introduction of something new; V. innovate: begin or introduce (something new); be creative; ADJ. innovative</td>
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<td>□ innuendo: indirect or subtle (derogatory) hint; insinuation; Ex. sexual innuendo</td>
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<td><strong>untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly chosen</strong></td>
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<td>♠ <em>inordinate</em> :</td>
<td>♠ <em>insinuate</em> :</td>
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<td>beyond reasonable limits; uncontrolled; excessive; Ex. inordinate demands</td>
<td>hunt, imply; suggest indirectly; creep in, introduce or insert (oneself) by artful means; Ex. insinuate himself into the host’s favor, CF ingratiating</td>
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<td>□ <em>inquisitor</em> :</td>
<td>♥ <em>creep</em> :</td>
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<td>questioner (especially harsh); investigator; person making an inquisition</td>
<td>move with body close to the ground; move stealthily or slowly; N.</td>
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<td>♥ <em>inquisitive</em> :</td>
<td>♥ <em>artful</em> :</td>
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<td>eager for knowledge; unduly curious</td>
<td>exhibiting art or skill, deceitful; cunning, CF artifice</td>
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<td>♠ <em>insalubrious</em> :</td>
<td>♠ <em>insipid</em> :</td>
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<td>unwholesome; not healthful; Ex. insalubrious place</td>
<td>lacking in flavor; lacking interest; dull; Ex. insipid food/character</td>
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<td>♥ <em>healthful</em> :</td>
<td>□ <em>insolence</em> :</td>
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<td>conductive to good health; Ex. healthful mountain air</td>
<td>impudent disrespect; haughtiness; ADJ. insolent; CF haughty + rude</td>
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<td>♥ <em>healthy</em> :</td>
<td>□ <em>insolvent</em> :</td>
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<td>possessing good health; healthful</td>
<td>bankrupt; lacking money to pay; N. insolvency</td>
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<td>♥ <em>wholesome</em> :</td>
<td>□ <em>insomnia</em> :</td>
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<td>conductive to mental or physical health; healthful</td>
<td>wakefulness; inability to sleep</td>
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<td>♥ <em>insatiable</em> :</td>
<td>♥ <em>insouciant</em> :</td>
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<td>not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite</td>
<td>without concern or care; unconcerned; indifferent</td>
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<td>♠ <em>inscrutable</em> :</td>
<td>♠ <em>instigate</em> :</td>
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<td>difficult to understand; impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious</td>
<td>start; urge; provoke; incite; Ex. instigate a search/quarrel</td>
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<td>□ <em>insensate</em> :</td>
<td>□ <em>insubordination</em> :</td>
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<td>without feeling; lacking sense; foolish</td>
<td>disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. insubordinate</td>
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<td>♠ <em>insensible</em> :</td>
<td>□ <em>insubstantial</em> :</td>
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<td>unconscious; unresponsive; insensitive; unaware; imperceptible; Ex. insensible of his danger/to pain; Ex. insensible change; CF not the opposite of sensible</td>
<td>lacking substance; insubstantial; frail; immaterial</td>
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<td>♥ <em>insidious</em> :</td>
<td>♠ <em>insularity</em> :</td>
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<td>treacherous; stealthy; sly; working or spreading harmfully in a stealthy manner; Ex. insidious spreading of dry rot</td>
<td>narrow-mindedness; isolation; ADJ. insular of an island; isolated; narrow-minded; CF peninsula</td>
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<td>chances; probability; disagreement; Ex. The odds are that it will rain. Ex. at odds with</td>
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<td>overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable</td>
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<td>intangible</td>
<td>not able to be perceived by touch; vague</td>
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<td>integral</td>
<td>complete; necessary for completeness; Ex. integral part</td>
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<td>integrate</td>
<td>make whole; combine; make into one unit</td>
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<td>integrity</td>
<td>honesty; uprightness; wholesomeness; state of being whole and undivided; completeness</td>
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<td>upright</td>
<td>(sitting or standing) straight up; honest; moral</td>
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<td>intellect</td>
<td>higher mental powers; person of great intellectual ability</td>
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<td>intelligentsia</td>
<td>intellectuals; members of the educated elite (often used derogatorily)</td>
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<td>inter</td>
<td>bury; N. interment</td>
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<td>interdict</td>
<td>prohibit; forbid; N.</td>
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<td>interim</td>
<td>meantime; Ex. in the interim; ADJ. taking place during an interim; Ex. interim-paper</td>
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<td>intruder; one who interferes</td>
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<td>periodic; on and off; stopping and starting at intervals</td>
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<td>interregnum</td>
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<td>interrogate</td>
<td>question closely, cross-examine, cross-question</td>
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<td>come between; intervene; Ex. intervened to prevent a fight; N. intervention</td>
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<td>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</td>
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unruly; difficult to manage; Ex. intractable problem/child

- **intransigence**: refusal of any compromise; stubbornness; ADJ. intransigent: uncompromising

- **intrepid**: fearless

- **intransigent**: uncompromising

- **intrinsic**: essential; inherent; built in

- **introspective**: looking within oneself; N. introspection: self-examination

- **introvert**: one who is introspective or inclined to think more about oneself; ADJ. introverted

- **intrude**: 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

- **invasion**: deep-rooted; habitual; CF. grow old

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- **invalid**: one incapacitated(disabled) by a chronic illness; ADJ. incapacitated by illness; not valid; null; V: allow to leave (a military force) because of ill-health

- **invective**: abuse

- **inveigh**: denounce; utter censure or invective; Ex. inveigh against the evils of drink

- **inveigle**: deceive; lead astray by deception; wheedle(capple); Ex. inveigle her into joining the club; CF. interest dishonestly

- **inverse**: opposite

- **invert**: turn upside down or inside out; reverse the position or condition of

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- **inundate**: flood; overflow; submerge; cover completely; Ex. inundated with work

- **overwhelm**: (of water) cover completely; defeat completely by much greater force; Ex. overwhelmed by grief

- **submerge**: place under water; dip; go under water; cover completely (as with water); Ex. submerged in work

- **engulf**: surround and swallow up

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**invulnerable**

Not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair

**iota**

Very small quantity

**irascible**

Irritable; easily angered

**irate**

Angry; CF: ir: 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

**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**

Incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy

**irrepressible**

Unable to be restrained or held back; impossible to hold back

**irreproachable**

Beyond reproach; blameless; impeccable; Ex: irreproachable conduct

**irresolute**

Uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N: irresolution

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Uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N: irresolution

**irreversible**

Impermanent; irreversible; impossible to reverse

**irreverence**

Lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ: irreverent

**irrevocable**

Unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke

**isotope**

Varying form 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**

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chatter rapidly or unintelligibly
♥ jab :

poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows
♠ jaded :

tired or unnerved by surfeit; fatigued; surfeited; worn out; wearied; Ex. jaded appetite
□ jargon :

language used by special group; technical terminology; gibberish; nonsensical or incoherent talk
♠ 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 militarist; 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 :

gaity, 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 andblowing 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
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<td>trip especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense</td>
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<td><strong>junta</strong></td>
<td>group of persons joined in political intrigue; cabal; group of military officers ruling a country after seizing power (by force)</td>
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<td><strong>jurisprudence</strong></td>
<td>science of law</td>
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<td><strong>jurisdiction</strong></td>
<td>right and power to apply the law; authority</td>
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<td><strong>juridical</strong></td>
<td>of the law and its administration; CF judicial: of courts of law; CF judiciary</td>
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<td><strong>juxtapose</strong></td>
<td>place side by side; CF next</td>
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<td><strong>kaleidoscope</strong></td>
<td>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</td>
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<td><strong>ken</strong></td>
<td>range of knowledge; Ex. beyond one's ken</td>
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<td><strong>kernel</strong></td>
<td>central or vital part; core; whole seed (as of corn)</td>
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<td><strong>killjoy</strong></td>
<td>grouch; spoilsport; one who intentionally spoils the pleasure of others</td>
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<td>bad-tempered complaint; person who keeps complaining; V complain, grumble</td>
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<td><strong>spoilsport</strong></td>
<td>make (a piece of needlework) bylooping thread with a hooked needle; N. CF. crotchet</td>
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<td><strong>knit</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>related; belonging to the same group; similar in nature or character; Ex. kindred languages; N. relative; kin; kinsman</td>
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<td><strong>kinetic</strong></td>
<td>producing motion; of motion</td>
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<td><strong>kismet</strong></td>
<td>fate; destiny; Ex. Kismet is the Arabic word for fate.</td>
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<td><strong>kleptomaniac</strong></td>
<td>person who has a compulsive desire to steal</td>
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<td><strong>knave</strong></td>
<td>untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel; jack; N. knavery</td>
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<td><strong>knead</strong></td>
<td>mix; work dough; mix and work into a uniform mass (with the hands); Ex. knead dough</td>
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<td><strong>knell</strong></td>
<td>tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V</td>
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<td><strong>toll</strong></td>
<td>sound (a large bell) slowly at regular intervals; N. sound of a bell; fixed tax or charge</td>
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<td><strong>curfew</strong></td>
<td>regulation requiring all people to leave the streets at stated times; signal (as a bell) announcing the hour of a curfew</td>
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<td><strong>knoll</strong></td>
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<td>knotty</td>
<td>intricate; difficult; tangled; CF. knot</td>
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<td>kudos</td>
<td>honor; glory; acclaims or praise for exceptional achievement</td>
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<td>entourage</td>
<td>group of attendants; retinue; CF. surround</td>
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<td>labile</td>
<td>likely to change; unstable; Ex. emotionally labile; N. lability</td>
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<td>laborious</td>
<td>demanding much work or care; tedious</td>
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<td>labyrinth</td>
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<td>laceration</td>
<td>torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound</td>
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<td>rip</td>
<td>tear or be torn quickly and violently; Ex. The sail ripped under the force of the wind; N.</td>
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<td>rag</td>
<td>scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance</td>
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<td>producing tears; tearful</td>
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<td>lacking interest or effort; lacking purpose or zest; lazy; halfhearted; languid</td>
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<td>lackcluster</td>
<td>lacking luster (shine; gloss); dull</td>
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<td>brief and to the point; using few words; terse</td>
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<td>slow; sluggish; N. one who lags, straggler</td>
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<td>lag</td>
<td>move or develop more slowly; struggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N.</td>
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<td>straggle</td>
<td>stray or fall behind (a main group); spread out in a scattered group; Ex. struggling marathon racer; Ex. struggling branch</td>
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<td>lagoon</td>
<td>shallow body of water or lake near a sea; lake separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs</td>
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<td>laity</td>
<td>laypersons; laymen; persons not connected with the clergy</td>
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<td>layman</td>
<td>man who is not a cleric; man who is nonprofessional</td>
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<td>lament</td>
<td>grieve; express sorrow; N. lamentation</td>
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<td>lampoon</td>
<td>ridicule; N. written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution</td>
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<td>lancet</td>
<td>small surgical tool for making incisions</td>
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<td>pierce with a lance; cut into; N. spearlike weapon</td>
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<td>lacking energy or vitality; weary; sluggish; listless</td>
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lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression

languor:

lustful

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lascivious:

lecherous; lecher; lecherous man

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margin:

marginal:

legacy:

legerdemain:

lavish:

liberal; wasteful; generous or wasteful in giving or using; abundant; profuse; great; Ex. decorated lavishly; V. give in abundance

lax:

careless; negligent; not paying enough attention; Ex. lax service

leaven:

make lively or spirited; animate

lechery:

gross lewdness; lustfulness; ADJ. lecherous; N. lecher: lecherous man

latitude:

freedom from narrow limitations

lateral:

of or coming from the side

latitude:

of a margin; barely within a limit; Ex. marginal effect/writing ability

lacerity:

theft; Ex. petty larceny

larder:

pantry; place where food is kept

largess:

generous gift (given to people who do not have enough)

leaven:

add leaven to; cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven; N. agent, such as yeast, that causes dough to rise (by fermentation); element that lightens or enlivens

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latex:
sleight (dexterity of hand; CF: light of hand)

- leniency:
  - mildness; permissiveness; ADJ: lenient: not severe in judgment or punishment

- permissive:
  - allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex: permissive society

- leonine:
  - like a lion

- lethal:
  - deadly

- lethargic:
  - drowsy; dull; N. lethargy: state of sluggishness and inactivity

- levee:
  - earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding; CF: raise

- levitate:
  - rise and float in the air (especially by magical means); CF: light

- levity:
  - lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner

- levy:
  - impose (a fine); collect (a payment); impose or collect (a tax; Ex: levy a tax on tobacco

- lewd:
  - lustful

- lexicographer:
  - compiler of a dictionary; CF: lexicography: work of compiling a dictionary

- lexicon:
  - dictionary

- liability:
  - drawback; handicap; debt; obligation; responsibility; condition of being liable; ADJ: liable: likely; responsible

- liaison:
  - contact that keeps parties in communication; communication between groups; one that maintains communication; go-between; secret love affair; V. liaise: keep a connection

- libel:
  - defamatory written statement; act of writing something that smeared a person’s character; V. ADJ: libellous

- libertine:
  - debauched person; dissolute or licentious person; roué; CF: free

- roué:
  - lecherous man

- libidinous:
  - licentious

- libido:
  - psychic and emotional energy or urges behind human activity; sexual desire

- libretto:
  - text of an opera or oratorio; CF: book

- licentious:
  - amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained

- license:
  - official or legal permission; latitude of action or speech; excessive freedom that causes harm or damage; V

- lien:
  - legal claim or right on a property

- ligneous:
  - like wood

- lilliputian:
  - extremely small; CF: Lilliput in Gulliver’s Travels

- limber:
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flexible; supple; pliable; V.

♠ 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 face (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

□ 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

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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.

□ loathe:
detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell

♠ lode:

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

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

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♠ 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

loose

stand, sit, or lie in a lazy, relaxed way

longevity

long life; long duration

loom

appear or take shape (usually in an enlarged, indistinct, or distorted form); Ex. The shadow of the gallows loomed threateningly. N: apparatus for making thread into cloth

gallows

framework from which a noose is suspended (used for execution by hanging)

noose

lop formed in a rope

lope

gallop slowly

loquacious

talkative; N. loquacity
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

□ lunar :

pertaining to the moon.

♥ lunatic :

insane; Ex. lunatic asylum

♠ lurid :

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

♠ lurk :

stealthily lie in waiting; slink; 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

♠ 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 :

commercial 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

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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: afflicted; 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 :

to 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

♠ mauve :

pale purple

☐ maverick :

rebels; nonconformist (in a group)

♠ mawkish :

mushy (sentimental) and gushy; icky-sticky sentimental; excessively and objectionably sentimental

☐ maxim :

proverb; truth pithily stated

♠ mayhem :

injury to body; crime of willfully maiming or crippling a person; violent disorder; Ex. mayhem in the zoo; CF: maim

☐ meager :

scanty; inadequate

♠ mealymouthed :

indirect in speech (when something unpleasant must be said); hypocritical; evasive

♠ meander :

wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly

♠ meddlesome :

interfering; V. meddle: interfere

☐ mediate :

settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate a cease-fire

♥ intermediary :

intermediate; acting as a mediator; N: mediator; go-between

☐ mediocre :

ordinary; commonplace; neither good nor bad

☐ meditation :


reflection; thought; N. meditate

**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

**medley**

- mixture

**meek**

- submissive; patient and long-suffering

**suitor**

- man who is courting a woman

**megalomania**

- mania for doing grandiose things; mental disorder characterized by delusions of wealth, power, or importance

**melancholy**

- gloomy; morose; blue; N. ADJ. melancholic; CF. melancholia

**blue**

- gloomy; depressed

**melee**

- fight

**mellifluous**

- (of words or a voice) sweetly or smoothly flowing; melodious; having a pleasant tune

**memento**

- token, reminder of the past; keepsake; Ex. memento of your visit

**memorialize**

- commemorate

**memorial**

- something, such as a monument or holiday, intended to honor the memory of a person or event; ADJ. commemorative

**menagerie**

- collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo

**mendacious**

- lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity

**mendicant**

- beggar; ADJ. living as a beggar

**alms**

- money or goods given to the poor

**menial**

- suitable for servants; lowly; mean; N. someone who does menial work (esp. servant in a house)

**mentor**

- counselor; teacher

**mercantile**

- concerning trade or merchants

**mercenary**

- motivated solely by money or gain; N.

**mercurial**

- capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex. mercurial temper; CF. mood

**quicksilver**

- mercury

**meretricious**

- flashy; tawdry; attractive on the surface but of no real value; Ex. meretricious argument/jewel; CF. prostitute

**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

**merger**
combination (of two business corporations); act of merging

♠ mesmerize: hypnotize; N. mesmerism; CF. Franz Mesmer

♠ metallurgical: pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores; N. metallurgy: science that deals with extracting metals from ores

♠ metamorphosis: change of form; Ex. metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly; V. metamorphose: change by metamorphosis

♠ metaphor: implied comparison; CF. simile

♥ soar: rise or fly high in the air; Ex. The rocket soared into the sky

♠ methodical: systematic; N. method: systematic method of procedure

♠ meticulous: excessively careful (with great attention to detail); painstaking; scrupulous

♠ millennial: thousand-year period (as in the New Testament); hoped-for period of happiness and prosperity

♠ mimicry: imitation

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♠ minatory: work against; Ex. militate against the chances of promotion; CF. serve as a soldier

♠ militance: combative; bellicose; N.

♠ militia: army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers

♠ metropolis: large city

♠ mettle: courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ. mettlesome

♠ miasma: swamp gas; heavy vaporous atmosphere often emanating from decaying matter; pervasive corrupting influence; noxious atmosphere or influence

♥ swamp: wetland; marsh; V. flood; overwhelm; drench in with liquid

♠ microcosm: small representative world; world in miniature; Ex. microcosm of English society

♥ miniature: small model; small painting; ADJ. small

♠ metamorphic: changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N. one that migrates

♠ migrant: changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N. one that migrates

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menacing; threatening

♠ mincing:

affably 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. mincemeat; 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 dependant; obsequious follower

♠ minuscule (miniscule):

extremely small

□ minute:

extremely small; CF. minutes: official record of the proceedings at a meeting

♠ minutiae:

 petty or trivial details; CF. minutiae

□ 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:

mortification; 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

♠ miscreant:

wretch; wrongdoer; villain; Ex. kindness to the miscreant; CF. believe

♥ wretch:

miserable person; bad or despicable person; ADJ. wretched: miserable; bad; contemptible; vile

□ misdemeanor:

minor crime; misdeed; wrongdoing

♥ misconduct:

immoral behavior; bad management; V

□ miserly:

stingy; mean

♠ misgivings:

doubts

♠ mishap:


unfortunate accident

♠ misnomer :
wrong or improper name; incorrect designation

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♠ misogyny :
hate 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 :
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blotched in coloring; spotted; Ex. mottled face; V. mottle: mark with blotches of different colors

♥ blotch :

spot; bleat; CF. blot+botch

♥ blemish :

may; 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

♠ mulct :

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. mark; 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: soffers the sound, color, shade of

♠ mutilate :

main; injure lastingly; deprive of a limb or an essential part

♠ mutinous :

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

♠ myopic :

naive; lacking foresight; N. myopia

♠ myriad :

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very large number; ADJ. CF. ten thousand

♠ nadir:

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

□ naiveté (naivety):

quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; ADJ. na¨ıve: ingenuous; lacking worldliness; simple; endearing

□ 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 nauseous

□ 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+divination; 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, trivial, 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:

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

♠ nepotism:

favoritism (to a relative); CF. nephew

♥ favoritism: 
conspicuous; worthy of note; remarkable; important; distinguished; noted

notable:

notoriety:

notoriety:

notorious:
disrepute; ill fame

nova:

novel:

novelty:

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

nutrient:

novelty:

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

nutrients:

beginner

novice:

noxious:

harmful; CF. obnoxious

nuance:

shade of slight difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction

shade:

gradation:

series of gradual stages; degree in such a progression

obese:

excessively fat; N. obesity

numismatist:

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

nullify:

make invalid; make null; invalidate

nullify:

notable:

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

🌿 obituary :

dearth notice (esp. in a newspaper); ADJ.

☐ objective :

not influenced by emotions; fair; N.: goal; aim

☐ 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

☐ obliterately :

destroy completely; wipe out; Ex.: obliterate the village

☐ oblivion :

obscenity; 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

☐ obscure :

dark; vague; unclear; not well known; Ex.: obscure meaning/village; V.: darken; cover; make unclear; Ex.: obscure the moon/meaning

☐ obsequious :

slavishly attentive; servile; showing no originality; copied very closely; Ex.: slavish devotion/copy of the original

☯ 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 excessively

☐ obsidian :

black volcanic rock

♥ scion :

detached plant shoot used in grafting; descendant

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outmoded; no longer used

☐ obstetrician :

physician specializing in delivery (assisting in giving birth) of babies; N.: obstetrics; CF.: midwife

☐ obstinate :

stubborn; hard to control or treat; Ex.: obstinate cough; N.: obstinacy

☐ obstreperous :

boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable

🌿 obtrude :

push (oneself or one’s ideas) forward or intrude; impose (oneself or one’s ideas) on others; butt in; stick out or extrude; thrust out; Ex.: obtrude A on B; ADJ.: obtrusive; N.: obtrusion; CF.: unobtrusive

☐ obtuse :

blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding

☐ obviate :

make unnecessary; got rid of; Ex.: obviate the need

☐ Occident :

the West

🌿 occlude :

shut, close, obstruct; Ex.: A blood clot occluded an artery.
occult: mysterious; secret; supernatural; beyond human comprehension; CF: mysterious to human; OP: bare

oculist: physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes

odious: arousing strong dislike; hateful; vile

odium: detestation; quality of being odious; hatefulness; disrepute (resulting from hateful conduct)

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 advice; Ex: officious bellboy

onus: burdensome

onomatopoeia: words formed in imitation of natural sounds

rustle: make slight sounds like silk moving or being rubbed together

onslaught: vicious assault; fierce attack; Ex: unexpected onslaught of the enemy

slaughter: killing of animals for food; massacre; V: butcher (animals) for food; kill in large numbers
burden, responsibility

♥ spare :
give; use; refrain from harming; save from experiencing; exempt. Ex. spare me 5 minutes. Ex. Take this money and spare my life. Ex. The emperor was spared the onus. ADJ: kept in reserve; free for other use; unoccupied.

♠ opalescent :
iridescent; lustrious; like an opal; N. opalescence

□ opaque :
dark; not transparent; N. opacity

□ opiate :
medicine to induce sleep or deaden pain; something that relieves emotions or causes inaction; sleep-producing drug containing opium

□ opportune :
timely; well-chosen

□ opportunist :
individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances; N. opportunism

♠ opprobrium :
infamy; disgrace arising from shameful conduct; vilification(slander); scorn; contempt. Ex. opprobrium hurled against him. ADJ. opprobrious: expressing contempt; shameful or infamous

□ optician :
maker and seller of eyeglasses

□ optimist :
person who looks on the bright side; N. optimism

□ optimum :
most favorable; optimal; N. most favorable condition

□ optional :
not compulsory; left to one’s choice; N. option: act of choosing; choice; freedom or power to choose; something available as a choice; Ex. have no option; Ex. two options

♠ optometrist :
one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects

□ opulence :

◆ opus :
work (esp. musical composition); Ex. magnum opus: masterpiece; CF. opera

♠ oracular :
of an oracle; prophetic; uttered as if with divine authority; mysterious or ambiguous; hard to understand; N. oracle: wiser person; prophecy made by an oracle

□ orator :
public speaker

□ oratorio :
dramatic poem set to music; long musical work with singing but without acting; CF. cantata

♠ ordain :
decree or command; grant holy orders; predestine; install as a minister, priest, or rabbi; N. ordainment; CF. ordination

□ ordeal :
severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial(test of patience or endurance); affliction

□ 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; orientating

♠ orifice :
mouthlike opening; small opening (esp. to a cavern or passage of the body); CF: mouth

ornate:

ornately or elaborately decorated

ornithologist:

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

oustrit:

outstrip:

outwit:

ovation:

enthusiastic applause

overbearing:

overweening:

overwrought:

nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF: wrought: made or done

outlandish:

outmoded:

outskirts:

outspoken:

candid; blunt

blunt:

having a dull edge; abrupt and frank in speech or manner; brusque; V: make or become blunt

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hysteria: excessive or uncontrollable excitement; N. hysteric: person suffering from hysteria; CF. hysterics: 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 thorough

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)

paean

parchment: writing material made from the skin of a sheep or goat

pall: become boring; grow tiresome

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.

pallor: become boring; grow tiresome

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. 관한 어깨로 전을 뻗어는 증례

pandemic: large-scale epidemic
widespread; affecting the majority of people; N: pandemic disease; CF: all people

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pandemonium:

wild tumult (commotion); wild noisy disorder; CF: Paradise Lost

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pander:

cater to (the low desires of others)

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panegyric:

formal praise; encomium; Ex. I don’t deserve such panegyrics.

panoramic:

denoting an unobstructed and comprehensive view; N: panorama: unbroken view of a wide area

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pantomime:

acting without dialogue; V.

papyrus:

ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant

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model; example that serves as a model; pattern; list of all the inflectional forms of a word

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paragon:

model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue

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parallelism:

state of being parallel; similarity; analogy

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parameter:

limit; independent variable; Ex. parameters of the problem; Ex. within the parameters of the budget

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paramour:

illicit lover

inamorata:

woman whom a man loves

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paralysis:

psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N: A&D: paranoid, paranoia

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paraphernalia:

equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity; personal belongings; Ex. photographic paraphernalia; CF: married woman's property exclusive of her dowry

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dowry:

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paraphrase:

restate a passage in one's own words while retaining thought of author; N: restatement of a text in other words

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parasite:

animal or plant living on another; toady; sycophant; CF: para-: beside

infest:

inhabit in numbers large enough to be harmful; Ex. Mice infested the house; Ex. shark-infested waters

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paralyzed:

extremely dry; very thirsty; V: parch; make or become extremely dry (by exposure to heat)

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pariah:

social outcast; Ex. Mariah the pariah

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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: 
parody

spoof: 
parody

takeoff: 
parody

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

ward: 
ward off a blow; deflect; Ex. He parried the unwelcome question very skillfully; N. CF: 액션하는 행동의 이념

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.
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.
pedigree

□ 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; precinct: space that surrounds a building; Ex. precincts of the college

♥ pedigree:

ancestry; lineage

□ pediatrician:

physician specializing in children's diseases; N. pediatrics

□ peerless:


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having no equal; incomparable

♥ peer :

one who has equal standing with another; nobleman; V: look intently; N. peerage; CF. peeress

♠ pejorative :

(of a word or phrase) suggesting that someone is of little value; negative in connotation; having a belittling effect; Ex. Many women now consider "housewife" a pejorative expression, because it patronized them.

♠ 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; suspended judgment; Ex. suspended from the team; N. suspension

♥ suspense :

state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty

♦ 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

♣ perennial :

something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring

♣ peremptory :

demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock

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♣ penury :

extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ: penurious: very poor; stingy

♣ 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
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; perorate: 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; misceae; Ex. perverted sexual desires/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

♠ 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; marvelous; wonder; OF. phenomena; ADJ. phenomenal: very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Ex. phenomenal strength

□ philanderer:
faithless lover; flirt

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□ 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:

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small amount (of money); small allowance or wage
□ pivotal:
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. plaited: plaited 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. platitudeous
♥ commonplace:

ordinary; N: something ordinary or common; trite remark
♥ commonwealth:

nation governed by the people; republic; people of a nation
♠ pl/octet:

purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire
♠ plaudit:

praise; enthusiastic approval; round (succession or series) of applause; ADJ. plauditory; CF. applause
□ 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:

♠ plum 

feather, esp. long or showy one; something that rises into the air (like the shape of a feather); Ex. plume of smoke.

♠ 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

❤ plumper:
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 foot; chiropodist; N. podiatrics

☐ podium:
pedestal; raised platform

❤ pedestal:
support or base as for a pillar or statue

♠ poignancy:
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

♠ ponderous:
having great weight; weighty; unwieldy; lacking lightness; dull; Ex. ponderous body/style of writing

♠ pontifical:
pertaining to a bishop or pope; pompous or pretentious; CF. pontiff: pope, bishop

♠ pore:
study industriously; ponder; scrutinize; Ex. pore over the book; N.

☐ porous:

♥ polar:
of a pole; characterized by opposite extremes; Exs. polar opposites

❤ camp:
group sharing a common cause or opinion

♠ polemic:
attack or defense of an opinion; controversy or refutation; argument in support of point of view; N. polemics: art of debate or controversy

♠ polemical (polemic):
aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious (rather than simply expressing opinions)

☐ politic:
prudent; judicious; well judged; expedient; well devised

☐ polity:
(particular form of) political organization; form of government of nation or state; Ex. student polity

☐ polygamist:
one who has more than one spouse at a time; CF. bigamy; CF. polyandry

☐ polyglot:
spokesing several languages; multilingual; Ex. polyglot person/society; N.

☐ pomposity:
self-important behavior; acting like a stuffed shirt (pompous person); ADJ. pompous: self-important

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talk idly; babble; N. CF. prate

 idle:

not working; not employed or busy; lazy; without purpose; useless; lacking substance; baseless; not based on trust; Ex. idle worker; Ex. talk idly; V.

preamble:

introductionary statement

precious:

precious in value; valuable;砝码; Ex. precious metal; ADJ. precious; v. precious

precocious:

advanced in development; N. precocity

precursor:

forerunner; predecessor

predator:

predatory animal; 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

predecessor:

former occupant of a post

predetermine:

determine in advance; predetermine; settle or decide beforehand; influence markedly

predicament:

difficult situation; tricky or dangerous situation; dilemma

predilection:

preference; partiality

predispose:

give an inclination toward (in advance); make susceptible to; Ex: predispose people to certain cancer; N: predisposition

preeminent:

outstanding; superior

preempt:

prevent in advance; head off (storm); forestall by acting first; appropriate for oneself before others; supplant; take the place of; displace; Ex: preempt any attempt; ADJ: preemptive

précis:

abstract; concise summing up of main points; concise summary of a text
make oneself tidy in appearance; feel self-satisfaction or pride; (of a bird) smooth or clean (feathers) with the beak; Ex. preen oneself on; CF. prune

prefatory:

introductory; of a preface

prehensile:
capable of grasping or holding (esp. by wrapping around); Ex. prehensile tails

prelate:

church dignitary; priest of high position in the church (esp. bishop)

prelude:

introduction; introductory performance or event; forerunner

premeditate:

plan in advance; Ex. premeditated murder

premise:

assumption; postulate; proposition upon which an argument is based

premonition:

foreswearing; prescient; foreboding

premonitory:

serving to warn

preponderance:

superiority of power, quantity, etc.; V. preponderate: be greater in power, weight, or importance; ADJ. preponderant

preposterous:

absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous

prerogative:

privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before

presage:

foretell; be a warning or sign of; N: presentiment; foreboding; omen

prescience:

ability to foretell the future; knowledge of actions before they occur; ADJ. prescient

presentiment:

forewarning; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear

prestige:

respect or admiration; impression produced by achievements or reputation; ADJ. causing admiration; ADJ. prestigious: having prestige

presumptuous:

go beyond what is right; excessively forward; arrogant; taking liberties

pretentious:

ostentatious; showy; pompous; making unjustified claims; overambitious; Ex. pretentious films that claim to be art

pretend:

feign; pretend to; claim to possess; make pretensions to; Ex. I don't pretend to much expertise; N. pretense

pretension:

pretentiousness; claim (without foundation); Ex. I make no pretensions to skill as an artist

preternatural:

beyond what is normal in nature; supernatural; Ex. preternatural strength/forces

pretext:

excuse

prevail:

be widespread; triumph over; gain victory; prevail on: persuade; induce; Ex. Justice has prevailed; Ex. prevail on someone to do something

prevalent:

widespread; generally accepted

prevaricate:

lie; hide the truth (by equivocating)

prevaricate:
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

privation: lack of the basic necessities or comforts of life; hardship; want; CF. deprive

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

probit: probity, honesty; incorruptibility

defalcate: embezzle

proclivity: inclination; natural tendency (esp. towards something bad)

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; produse; 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 unworthily; be profane for; ADJ: secular; nonreligious; irreverent for holy things

profligate: wasteful (of money); dissipated; wildly immoral; dissolute; N: profligate person; N. profligacy

profound: deep; not superficial; complete; Ex. profound thinker/remark/silence/daubness; 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: offspring; descendants; children; posterity; N: the descendants of a family
 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

proximity : tedious wordiness; verbosity; ADJ: prolix: wordy; verbose; diffuse

prologue : introduction (to a poem or play)

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

propound: put forth for consideration or analysis; set forth; ex. propound 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

prosaic: lacking in imagination; dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact (concerned with facts, not imagination or feelings); factual; cf. prose

proscenium: part of stage in front of curtain; front arch of a stage

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

protean: 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:
protract: prolong, lengthen in time; draw out
protrude: stick out; jut; project; Ex. protruding teeth
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
prudent: cautious, careful, prudent
prune: cut away; trim
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: annoying 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
prude: 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; prudent
prune: cut away; trim
prong: lengthen in time; draw out
psychiatrist: doctor who treats mental diseases
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<td>puissant</td>
<td>powerful; strong; potent; N. puissance: power</td>
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<td>beauty; comeliness; ADJ. pulchritudinous</td>
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<td>pulsate</td>
<td>thrash; beat regularly; vibrate regularly</td>
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<td>pulse</td>
<td>rhythmic throbbing of arteries; brief sudden change in a normally constant quantity; V. pulsate</td>
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<td>pulverize</td>
<td>crush or grind into very small particles</td>
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<td>pummel; beat or pound with fists</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>authority on a subject; expert; learned person</td>
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<td>stinging; acrid; sharp in taste or smell; (of speech or writing) caustic; N. pungency</td>
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<td>punishing; Ex. punitive measures</td>
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<td>tiny; weak; insignificant</td>
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<td>purchase</td>
<td>secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing</td>
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<td>place of spiritual expiation; temporary state or place in which the souls must expiate their sins</td>
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<td>intention; purpose; meaning; V. claims; profess; Ex. order which purports to be signed by the general</td>
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<td>alleged; claimed; reputed or rumored; Ex. purported Satanists</td>
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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 (hearty enjoyment); 물을 많이 마시다; CF. sup

♠ 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:
cover; shrunk back in fear; low 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

dig into (to get stone); N: mine; 한국어: 해석상

♥ bank:
hau; piled-up mass; embankment; lateral tilting (as of an aircraft in turning); V. pile up; protect with a bank; tilt in turning
quash: crush; suppress; squash; subdue; annul; Ex. quash a rebellion/the decision of the low court

squash: crush; quash; suppress

quay: dock; wharf; pier; landing place (for boats)

queasy: experiencing nausea; nauseated; easily nauseated; squarish; Ex. feel a little queasy

quell: suppress; put an end to; put down forcibly; extinguish; quiet; Ex. “Army Quells Rebellion” in newspaper; CF. kill

quench: assuage or satisfy (thirst); slake; douse or extinguish; put out; suppress

squelch: produce a splashing sound (when stepping through mud); crush; squash; CF.

querulous: given to complaining; complaining; fretful; whining

whine: complain (in a sad voice); make a high sad sound (as in pain or supplication)

query: inquiry; question; V.

queue: line (of waiting people or vehicles)

quibble: minor objection or complaint; V: raise minor objections; carp; cavil

quiescent: dormant; temporarily inactive; at rest; N. quiescence

quietude: tranquility; calmness

quintessence: purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF. fifth essence

quip: taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.

taunt: deride or provoke; challenge in derision; N.

quirk: sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate

quisling: traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling

quiver: case for arrows

quiver: tremble; shake; N.

quixotic: idealistic but impractical; CF. Don Quixote

quizzical: curious; suggesting puzzlement (without saying); questioning; teasing; mocking; bantering; Ex. quizzical glance

quorum: minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting

quotidian: daily; worldly; not religious; worldly; every day; Ex. a quotidian event; N. quotidian.
daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine

♠ rabid:
of or suffering from rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; cf. rabies; hydrophobia

♠ raconteur:
story-teller; one who tells stories with wit and skill

♠ ragamuffin:
dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes

♥ tatter:
torn piece of cloth; adj. tattered: (of clothes) old and torn; (of a person) dressed in old torn clothes

♠ rail:
complain bitterly; scold; rant; Ex. the weaker railing against injustices

♠ raiment:
clothing; garments; ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.

♠ rakish:
jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolute; ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.

♥ rake:
angle of a slope; v. slant from the perpendicular

♠ rancid:
having the odor of stale or decomposing fat; rank

♥ rank:
offensive in odor or flavor

♠ rancor:
long-lasting hatred; bitterness; ex. negotiation without rancor; adj. rancorous

□ random:
without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; ex. random shots; ex. chosen at random

♥ lot:
object used in making a determination at random; fate; piece of land

♥ draw:
choosing of a lot or card

♠ lottery:
branching out; subdivision; one branch of a system; one of the results following from an action or decision; ex. ramifications of a business/ the decision

♠ ramify:
branch out; divide into branches or subdivisions

♠ ramp:
slope; inclined plane or roadway (connecting two levels)

♠ rampant:
growing; spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion; unrestrained; ex. rampant lawlessness/ weed

□ rampart:
defensive mound of earth

♠ ramshackle:
(of a building or vehicle) poorly constructed; rickety; falling apart

♥ rickety:
(of buildings) likely to break or fall apart; of rickety; cf. rickety; cf. vitamin D

♥ ransack:
search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.

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♠ lottery:
Contest in which winners are selected in a drawing of lots

♥ raffle:

Lottery; V: award as a prize in a raffle; Ex: raffle off a new car

♠ rankle:

Irritate; fester; annoy

♠ rant:

Speak violently or excitedly; rave; talk excitedly showing anger; scold; make a grandiloquent speech; Ex: The priest ranted about the devil.

♠ rapacious:

Voracious; ravenous; taking everything one can, excessively grasping; plundering; subsisting on live prey; Ex. rapacious birds

□ rapport:

Close relationship; emotional closeness; harmony

♠ rapt:

Engrossed; absorbed; enchanted; Ex. rapt listener

♠ rarefied:

Made less dense (of a gas); V: make less dense; N: rarefaction

♥ rare:

(of air) thin in density; rarefied; Ex. rare air of the mountains

♠ raspy:

Making a harsh noise; grating; harsh

♥ rasp:

(of a sound) grate on (eg. nerves); make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; rub with something rough; Ex. The cat’s tongue rasped my hand.

□ ratify:

Approve formally; confirm; verify

♠ ratiocination:

Reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises; V: ratiocinate; reason logically

□ 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

♥ maraud:

Move in search of plunder; Ex. marauding army

♠ rave:

Overwhelmingly favorable review; V: talk wildly as if mad; Ex. raving lunatic

□ ravel:

Fall apart into tangles; entangle; unravel or untwist

♠ ravenous:

Extremely hungry; voracious

♠ ravine:

Narrow valley with steep sides; gorge; CF: gully, canyon

□ raze:

Destroy completely; Ex. raze the city to the ground

♠ reactionary:


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<td>kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility</td>
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<td>reaper</td>
<td>one who harvests grain; Ex. the Grim Reaper; V. reap: cut and gather (crop); harvest a crop</td>
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<td>return of part of a payment; discount; V.</td>
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<td>reject bluntly; snub; beat back; Ex. She rebuffed his invitation; N.</td>
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<td>ignore or behave coldly toward; Ex. I made a suggestion but she snubbed me; N.</td>
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<td>scold harshly; criticize severely</td>
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<td>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”.</td>
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<td>disobedient or resisting authority even after being punished; obstinately stubborn, determined to resist authority; Ex. recalciitant child</td>
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<td>reconstruct (a sentence, story, statue, etc.); fashion again</td>
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<td>give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay</td>
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<td>quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal</td>
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<td>recession</td>
<td>withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity</td>
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<td>recess</td>
<td>pause; temporary cessation; alcove; secret inner place; Ex. parliament in recess; V. recessive</td>
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<td>recidivism</td>
<td>habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N. recidivist</td>
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<td>recipient</td>
<td>mutual, given and received in return; exchangeable, interacting; Ex. reciprocal trade agreement</td>
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<td>reciprocal</td>
<td>do or give something in return; repay in kind; give or take mutually; interchange; 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</td>
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<td>recluse</td>
<td>hermit; loner; ADJ. reclusive</td>
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<td>reconcile</td>
<td>make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one’s political principles with one’s religious beliefs</td>
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<td>recondite</td>
<td>recondite: profound, secret</td>
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<td>reconnaissance</td>
<td>survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter: make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)</td>
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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

recreant: disloyal; cowardly; N: disloyal and cowardly person

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

recuperate: recover; return to health; regain; Ex. recuperate losses

recurrent: occurring again and again

redolent: odorous; fragrant; suggestive (of an odor); Ex. redolent of onions/mystery

redoubtable: formidable; causing fear

redress: remedy; compensation; Ex. seek redress for the damage to your car; V: put right; remedy or rectify (a wrong); make amends for

redundant: superfluous; more than is necessary; verbose; excessively wordy; repetitious

reek: emit (an unpleasant odor or smoke); give off an unpleasant odor; give out smoke; Ex. making chimney; N: unpleasant odor, stench

stench: strong foul odor; reek; stink

stink: emit a strong foul odor

refectory: dining hall; room where meals are served (in a school)

refraction: bending of a ray of light

refractory: unmanageable; disobedient and stubborn; Ex. refractory horse

refrain: abstain from; resist; forbear; N: chorus

chorus: phrase repeated throughout a song or poem

refulgent: effulgent; brilliant; brightly shining; gleaming; Ex. refulgent moon

gleam:
brief flash of light; glow; V.

♠ refurbish :

renovate; make clean, bright, or fresh (make new) again; make bright by polishing; Ex. refurbish an old theater;

CF: furbish: polish

refute :

disprove; prove to be false; N. refutation

regal :

royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner

♠ regale :

entertain

♠ regatta :

boat or yacht race

regeneration :

spiritual rebirth; Ex: regeneration of the prisoners; V: regenerate: give or obtain new life; reform spiritually

♥ penology :

study of prison management and criminal rehabilitation

regicide :

murder of a king or queen

regime :

method of system or government

♠ regimen :

prescribed course of diet or exercise; prescribed diet and habits; Ex. daily regimen of a dancer

♠ regiment :

military unit; V: subject to strict order; Ex. regimented society

rehabilitate :

restore to proper condition (health or useful life); restore the former rank of

♠ reimburse :

repay; pay back

reiterate :

repeat

♠ rejoinder :

reply; retort; comeback; V. rejoin: say in reply

comeback :

retort; quick clever reply; return to former status

rejuvenate :

make young again

♠ relegate :

put into a lower or worse place; banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign; Ex. relegate the old furniture to the children's room; Ex. relegated to the second division

relent :

become less severe; give in (surrender); ADJ. relentless: unyielding; continuously severe

relevant :

having importance; pertinent; referring to the case in hand; N: relevance, relevancy

♠ relic :

surviving remnant (from an extinct culture); memento; relic: corpse; Ex. relics of his travel; Ex. His relics are buried at X.

relinquish :

give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; Ex. relinquish power/the claim to the land/his hold on my arm

♠ relish :

enjoy; savor; N. enjoyment; zest

remediable :

reparable

reminiscence :

recollection; V: reminisce: recollect the past
reminiscent: suggestive of something (in the past); of reminiscence

remiss: negligent; careless about a duty

remission: temporary moderation (of disease symptoms); remitting of a debt or punishment; cancellation of a debt; pardon;
Ex. The disease went into remission; Ex. Christians pray for the remission of sins.

remit: transmit (money) in payment; free someone from a debt or punishment

remittance: remitting of money; amount of money remitted

remnant: remainder

remonstrate: protest; objection; V. remonstrate: say in protest

remorse: deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach

remunerative: (of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V. remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble

rend: split; tear apart; N. rent; CF. heartrending: causing deep sorrow

derender: give; deliver; provide; represent in verbal or artistic form; depict; perform; make; translate; Ex. render the song beautifully

rendezvous: meeting place; meeting at a set time or place; V.

rendition: rendering; translation; artistic interpretation of a song, etc.

renegade: deserter, traitor; ADJ.

renege: break a promise; deny; go back on; Ex. renege on the contract/paying off the debt

renounce: abandon; give up (by formal announcement); disown; repudiate; Ex. renounce one’s claim to the property / one’s religion; N. renunciation

renovate: restore to good condition; renew

renown: fame; ADJ. renowned

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

repel: quick clever reply

repeal: revoke; annul

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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

- **requisition**
  formal demand or request; Es. requisition for more computing equipment; V. requite: make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. requital

- **retract**
  repeal; annul; cancel (a law, decision, or agreement)

- **resentment**
  indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about

- **reside**
  self-control; self-restraint; formal but distant manner; reticence; Ex. without reserve: freely and openly; ADJ. reserved: shy and uncommunicative

- **residue**
  remainder; balance

- **resilient**
  elastic; having the power of springing back; able to recover quickly (as from misfortune)

- **resign**
  give up (a position, right, or claim); submit (oneself) passively

- **resignation**
  patiently submissiveness; statement that one is quitting a job; ADJ. resigned: acquiescent

- **resist**
  able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Es. elastic plans; N. elastic material

- **resolution**
  determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose

- **resolve**
  decide; settle; solve; separate; make a determined decision; N. resolution

- **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**
  remaining; left over; of a residue; N. residue
state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc.; ADJ. responsive: readily reacting; Ex. responsive to treatment

responsive: readily reacting; restitution: returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury

resilience: impatience in restive (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; Es. 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

resuscitate: revive; bring back to life or consciousness; Es. resuscitate the drowned child

retain: keep; maintain possession of; employ (esp. a lawyer or advisor); N. retainer: servant; fee paid to retain an advisor

retrate: 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 silence; uncommunicative; reserved; Es. He was reticent about the reason; N. reticence

retenue: following; attendants

retiring: shy and reserved (of a person); modest; Ex. her retiring personality

retort: quick-sharp reply; V.

retract: withdraw; take back; draw back; Es. retract a statement/an offer/claws; N. retraction; CF retractile

retrench: cut down; cut down expenses; economize

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

retrograde: go backwards; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.

retrospective: looking back on the past; N. retrospection; V. retrospect

revel: boisterous merrymaking; V. revel: engage boisterous festivities; enjoy greatly; N. boisterous festivity or celebration

reverberate: echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley.
respective; worshipful; V: revere; 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

♥ relapse:
return to a former state (esp. after improvement); N.

♥ backslide:

revet (to bad habits); N: reveter

♠ revile:
attack with abusive language; vilify (slander)

□ revoke:
cancel; retract; CF: irrevocable

♠ revulsion:
sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture

♠ rhapsodize:
speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner; Ex. rhapsodize over the beauty of the scenery

♥ 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

♠ riddle:
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; OR: reconciliation

♠ rig:
fix; or manipulate; manipulate dishonestly for personal gain; Ex. rig the election

♥ rig:
arrangement of masts and sails; V: equip (a ship) with rigging; ADJ: rigging: ropes that hold up a ship’s sails

♢ rigid:
hard and unbending; stiff and unyielding; fixed in behavior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex: rigid rule

♢ rigor:
severity; Ex: rigors of the Russian winter

♠ rile:
irritate; vex; muddy

♠ riveting:
holding one’s attention; absorbing; engrossing

♥ rivet:
metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V: fasten with a rivet; engrave

♠ 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 :
or; optimistic; Ex. roseate views

♠ roster :
list (of names)

♠ rostrum :
raised platform for speech-making; pulpit

♥ pulpit :
raised platform used in preaching (in a church)

♠ role :
repetition; memorization through repetition without understanding, Ex. learn poetry by rote

♠ rotunda :
circular building or hall covered with a dome

♠ rotundity :
roundness; sonorousness of speech

♥ rotund :
(of a person) fat and round

♠ rousing :
lively; inducing excitement; stirring; V. rouse: wake; arouse from sleep or depression; excite; stir up

□ rout :
pot to rout; stampede; drive out; N. complete defeat and disorderly retreat

♥ stampede :
sudden frenzied rush (of panic-stricken animals or people); V. participate in or cause stampede; Ex. stampede
before the price rises

□ rubble :
fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)

♥ mason :
one who builds or works with stone or brick; N. masonry: work of a mason; stonework or brickwork

♠ rubric :
title or heading (in red print); directions for religious ceremony; protocol

♠ ruddy :
ruddy; (of the face) reddish and healthy-looking

□ rudimentary :
elementary; not developed; crude; N. rudiment: fundamental element or principle; Ex. rudiments of the language

♠ rue :
regret; lament; mourn; Ex. He will rue the day; N. ADJ. rueful

♠ ruffian :
vicious; scoundrel; bully

♠ ruminate :
chew over and over (mentally or, like cows, physically); mull over; ponder

♥ ruminant :
animal that ruminates; ADJ.

□ rummage :
ransack; thoroughly search

♠ runic :
mysterious; set down in an ancient alphabet; N. rune: one of the letters of an alphabet used by ancient Germanic peoples (cut on stone or wood); magic charm

♠ ruse :
trick to deceive; stratagem
- **rustic**
  - pertaining to country people; unsophisticated; simple; crude; uncouth; (of furniture) rough with the bark left on; N. rural person; rustic person

- **rusticate**
  - banish to the country; dwell in the country

- **ruthless**
  - pitiless; merciless; cruel

- **saboteur**
  - one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property; N. sabotage: destruction of property (usually carried out secretly)

- **saccharine**
  - cloying sweet; characteristic of sugar or saccharin

- **sacriligious**
  - desecrating; profane; N. sacrilege: desecration, misuse, or theft of something sacred

- **sacrosanct**
  - inviolably sacred; most sacred; inviolable

- **sadistic**
  - inclined to cruelty; N. sadism: delight in cruelty

- **saga**
  - Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative

- **sagacious**
  - wise; perceptive; shrewd; having insight; N. sagacity

- **sage**
  - person celebrated for wisdom; wise person; ADJ: wise

- **salacious**
  - lascivious; lustful; Ex. salacious monk

- **salient**
  - prominent; projecting beyond a line; conspicuous; Ex. salient features

- **saline**
  - salty

- **sallow**
  - (of the skin) yellowish and unhealthy-looking; sickly in color; Ex. sallow complexion due to jaundice

- **salubrious**
  - healthful; conducive to health or well-being; socially desirable; Ex. salubrious area; CF: health

- **salutary**
  - tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF: health

- **salvage**
  - rescue (goods or property) from loss; N: saving; property saved

- **sanctimonious**
  - displaying ostentatious or hypocritical devoutness; N. sanctimony: hypocritical piety

- **sanction**
  - approve; ratify; N: permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance

- **sanctuary**
  - place of refuge; shelter; haven; holy place; Ex. The outlaw was granted sanctuary in the church

- **sanguinary**
  - bloody; with much bloodshed

- **sanguine**
  - optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red

- **sap**
  - diminish; weaken; undermine the foundations of (a fortification); Ex. The element kryptonite sapped his strength

- **sarcasm**
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| cutting ironic remark; scornful remark; stinging rebuke; adj. sarcastic     |
| ♠ sardonic: | scornfully mocking; disdainful; sarcastic; cynical; ex. sardonic smile     |
| ♠ sartorial: | pertaining to tailors or tailoring; ex. a man of great sartorial elegance; cf. sartor: tailor |
| ♠ sate: | satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; dozily |
| ♠ savor: | enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; n. taste or small, distinctive quality |
| ♠ savory: | pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; ex. savory reputation |
| ♠ scabbard: | case for a sword blade; sheath |
| ♠ scad: | a great quantity; ex. scads of clothes |
| ♠ scaffold: | temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution |
| ♠ satiate: | satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); sate; n. satiety: condition of being satiated |
| ♠ satire: | form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack human vice and folly |
| ♠ satirical: | using satire; mocking |
| ♠ saturate: | soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity |
| ♠ saturnine: | morose, gloomy; ex. do not be misled by his saturnine countenance |
| ♠ 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 |
| ♠ saunter: | stroll (go for a leisurely walk) slowly; n. |
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| **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 |
| **schism** | division into factions (esp. within a religious body); split |
| **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 |
| **scuff** | laugh (at); mock; ridicule; Ex. scoff at their threats |
| **scotch** | stamp out; put an end to; thwart; hinder; Ex. scotch the rumor; CF. cut; CF. /k81 /kd6 /kb8 /k31 /k6c /k78/k60 /k07 /ka6 /kd7 /k05 /ka6 /k73 /k1b /k8d /k0f /k48 /k5f /k0e /k70 /k1b |
| **score** | number of points; written form of a musical composition; mason; 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; characteristic; Ex. machine stamping cut 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. |
| **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 foot) along the ground while walking; Ex. shuffle papers from one pile to another; N. |
| **scurrying** | abusive; obscene; indecent; Ex. scurrilous remark |
| **scurry** | move hastily; hurry; move briskly |
| **scurvy** | 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** | hulk; dry outer covering of a seed; frame or body of a ship |
| **seamly** | 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** | heat; Afflict; cf. char; Ex. scorch |
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.; mature; 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:

seine net; net for catching fish

seismic:

pertaining to earthquakes

semblance:

outward appearance; guise; Ex. We called in the troops to bring a semblance of order to the city.

seminal:

related to seed or semen; germinal; creative; providing a basis for further development; influencing future developments; Ex. seminal research in a new field
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 senses; carnal; voluptuous; Ex. sensual woman/curves/lips

voluptuous: sensual; of or giving sensual pleasure; indulging in sensual pleasures; Ex. voluptuous woman/life

serpent: 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: 161
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

♠ sheath:

place into a case; insert into or provide with a sheath; Ex. He sheathed his dagger; N. sheath: case for a blade

♠ sherbet:

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:

screding woman; very small mouse-like animal

♠ 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.

♥ sidetrack:

switch (a railroad car) to a siding; divert from a main issue; N. CF. siding: short section of railroad track connected by switches with a main track

♠ shyster:

lawyer using questionable methods; unscrupulous practitioner

♠ sibling:

brother or sister

♠ sibylline:

prophetic, oracular; N. sibyl: woman prophet (in the ancient world)

♠ sidereal:

relating to star; Ex. sidereal day

♠ silt:

sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor or by a bend in a river)

♠ simian:

monkey-like; 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

♠ simplistic:

oversimplified
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. 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

skimp: 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. skulduggery 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

slake: satisfy (thirst); quench; sate

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; smirk; treat as if of small importance; insult; smug; ADJ. small in size; of small importance

frisk: move about playfully; frolic; ADJ. frisky: playful

skullduggery: dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skulduggery in the election
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; cast off (dead outer skin); N: outer layer that is shed

slovenly: 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: concealed 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

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

somatic:
pertaining to the body; bodily; physical

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; Es. “Let me sew you to your shent” 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; Es. Be spruce for your job interview; V.

sprit: (esp. of older people) vigorously active; nimble

nimble: quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind

spurious: false; counterfeit; forged; illegal; 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; static; 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: static; stable state

□ statute : law enacted by the legislature

♠ steadfast : steadily loyal; unswerving; steady

□ stealth : action of moving secretly or unseen; dextrous; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ: stealthy

♠ steep : soak; saturate; Ex. steep the fabric in the dye bath; ADJ: precipitous

□ stellar : pertaining to the stars; of a star performer; outstanding; Ex. stellar attraction of the entire performance

♠ stem : stop or check (the flow of); Ex. stem the bleeding from the slashed artery; N: main axis of a plant; stalk

□ stem from : arise from; originate from

♠ stentorian : (of the voice) extremely loud; CF. Stentor: a loud herald in the Iliad

□ stereotype : one regarded as embodying a set image or type; fixed and unvarying representation; standardized mental picture often reflecting prejudice; Ex. stereotype of the happy slave; V: make a stereotype of; represent by a stereotype; Ex. It is wrong to stereotype people; Ex. stereotyped answer

♠ stickler : perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right

♠ stifle : suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate

♥ smother : kill from lack of air; suppress; cover thickly; Ex. smothered in little stickers

♥ suffocate : die or kill from lack of air; suppress

♠ stigma : created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit

♠ stead : created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit

♠ steady : created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit

♠ strength : created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit

♠ steed : created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit

♠ steersman : created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit

♠ stellar : created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit
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| **stupor** | state of being stupefied; state of apathy; daze; lack of awareness |
| **stun** | make unconscious or numb as by a blow; amaze |
| **daze** | stun as with a blow or shock; bewise, benumb; N. |
| **stygian** | unpleasantly dark; gloomy; hellish; deathly; CF. Styx: the chief river in the subterranean land of the dead |
| **stymie** | thwart; present an obstacle; stump |
| **stump** | base of a tree trunk left after the rest has been cut down; V: walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle |
| **suavity** | urbanity; polish; ADJ. suave: smooth and courteous |
| **subaltern** | subordinate |
| **subdue** | conquer; suppress; abate |
| **subjective** | influenced by personal feelings; occurring or taking place within the mind; unreal; Ex. subjective sensation of the ghostly presence |
| **subjugate** | conquer; bring under control |
| **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

subtlely: 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; unrelenting; 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; outdated; obsolete

supercilious: haughty; arrogant; condescending; patronizing; CF. eyebrow, cilium

supererogatory: superfluous; more than needed or demanded

superfluous: excessive; overabundant; unnecessary; N. superfluity

superimpose:
supernumerary: person or thing excess of what is necessary; extra; ADJ: additional to the usual or necessary number

d. supersede: replace; cease 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

d. supplant: take the place of unfairly; usurp; replace

supple: flexible; limber; pliant

d. suppliant: entreating; beseeching; N.

supplicate: petition humbly; pray to grant a favor

supplicant: one who supplicates; ADJ.

supposition: assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V: suppose

suppositious: assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical

d. 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

suprerior: ADJ.

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

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

d. 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?
swathe: 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

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

taciturn: habitually silent; talking little

tact: understanding (without actually being expressed); not put into words; Ex. tacit agreement

tactful: careful not 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: class of bird
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

♠ 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

♠ tendentious:
holding fast (as a belief); persistent
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

d ☐ 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

d ☐ tenet ☐:

d 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

d ☐ tenure ☐:

holding of an office or real estate; time during which such an office is held

♠ tepid

luke warm; slightly warm; 미 yarı로; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter

d ☐ termination ☐:

end; V. terminate

d ☐ terminology ☐:

terms used in a science or art; study of nomenclature

♠ 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

d ☐ terse ☐:

concise; abrupt; pithy

♠ tertiary

third in order or rank

♠ tessellated

mosaic; tiled; 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 or chain to which an animal is tied; limit of one's endurance; Ex. the end of one's tether

☐ 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; Ex. thermal bath; N: rising current of warm air

♠ thespian

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pertaining to drama; N: actor or actress

♥ drama :

prose or verse composition to be performed by actors; play; exciting and unusual situation

♠ thrill :

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

☐ thrones :

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?

♥ strangle :

kill by choking or suffocating, suppress

☐ thwart :

block or hinder; baffle, frustrate

♠ tightwad :

miser; excessively frugal person

♠ 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 :

feeble, 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

♠ titular :

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
tonsure: shaving of the head especially by persons entering religious orders; V

topography: physical features of a region (such as the shape and height); CP topo-: place
torpedo: underwater explosive apparatus; V

torque: twisting force; force producing rotation

torrent: rushing stream; flood; Ex. The rain fell in torrents.
torrid: (of weather) hot or searing; passionate; Ex. torrid love affairs
torso: trunk of statue with head and limbs missing; human trunk

touchy: oversensitive; easily offended; irascible; delicate; needing delicate handling; Ex. touchy situation
tout: promote or publicize (one’s goods or service); praise excessively (as a form of advertisement); CP advertise
toxic: poisonous; N. toxicity
tract: propaganda pamphlet (esp. by a religious or political group); expanse of land; region of indefinite size; system of related organs; Ex. digestive tract
tractable: docile; easily managed; (of something) easily changed or molded; N. tractability
traduce: expose to slander
trajectory: path taken by a projectile; Ex. trajectory of a bullet
elevation: elevated position; altitude; height; flat upright side of a building; angle made by pointing a gun; Ex. The elevation of her style is much admired; Ex. front elevation of the house

tranquility: calmness; peace
exceeding ordinary limits; superior; surpassing; V. transcend: go beyond; exceed; surpass; N. transcendency

transcendental: going beyond common thought or ideas; impossible to understand by practical experiences or practices; known only by studying thoughts or intuition; OP. empirical; CF. transcendentalism

transcribe: copy; write a copy of; N. transcription

transgression: violation of a law; sin; V. transgress: go beyond (a limit); violate; do wrong

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

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

tread: article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly

trek: travel; journey; V: make a long difficult journey

tremor: trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)
tremulous: trembling; wavering
trenchant: cutting; incisive; keen

furrow: long shallow trench made by a plow; deep wrinkle in the skin; V

trepidation: fear; nervous apprehension

tribulation: suffering; ordeal; distress; trial

trapping: 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

tribune: court of justice
official of ancient Rome elected by the plebians to protect their rights; protector of the people  

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  

prong:  

pointed projecting part  

trifling:  

trival; unimportant  

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:  

tri-les; unimportant matters  

troth:  

pledge of good faith especially in betrothal; betrothal; Ex. by my troth  

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  

triumph:  

self-evident truth  

truncate:  

cut the top off; shorten  

tryst:  

meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet  

tumid:  

(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:  

(of liquid) having the sediment disturbed; muddy; thick  

turmoil:  

state of violent agitation; ADJ. turbulent: violently agitated or disturbed
extreme confusion; great commotion and confusion; Ex. throw the country into turmoil

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

tyrranist:

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:

unexplainable; 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

knack:

special talent; art

unconscionable:
uncorruptible; not guided by conscience; excessive; beyond reason; Ex. unconceivable demand

♠ uncouth:
boorish; clumsy in speech or behavior; outlandish

♠ unctious:
the act of anointing with oil; Ex. extreme unction

♠ unctuous:
ouily; 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. undulate

♠ unearth:
dig up; discover (facts) by careful searching; Ex. He unearthed some secrets about her; OP. conceal

♠ unearthly:
not earthly; supernatural; weird; ghostly

weird:
eerie; strange; unnatural

♠ unequivocal:
plain; clear; obvious

unerringly:
irrefutably; adj. unerring; making no mistakes

♠ unexceptionable:
entirely acceptable; not offering any basis for criticism

♠ 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:
not earthy; supernatural; weird; ghostly

unguement:
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 :
dischveled; uncared for in appearance; not combed; CF. comb

♠ unmitigated :
(of something bad) not moderated; unrelieved or immoderate; without qualification; absolute; Ex. unmitigated disaster

♠ unobtrusive :
incorporeal; not blatant

□ unprecedented :
having no previous example; novel; unparalleled

♠ unprepossessing :
unattractive

♥ prepossessing :
attractive; CF. preoccupying

♠ unrequited :
not requited; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love

□ unruly :
disobedient; lawless; difficult to control

□ unsavory :
distasteful; disagreeable; morally offensive; Ex. unsavory activity/reputation

♠ unsalted :
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

♠ unwonted :

unaccustomed; unusual. Ex. He arrived with unwonted punctuality.

♠ upbraid :

reprimand; severely scold

♥ braid :

plait; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; N: braided segment (as of hair)

♠ uproarious :

marked by commotion or uproar; very noisy (esp. with laughter); hilarious; causing loud laughter; extremely funny

♥ uproar :

noisy confusion

♠ upshot :

outcome; final result

♠ urbane :

suave; refined in manner; elegant

♠ urchin :

mischiefous child (usually a boy); CF: urchin: hedgehog; CF: porcupine: pig with spikes; CF: sea urchin

☉ ursine :

bearlike; pertaining to a bear

♠ usurp :

seizes 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

uably 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; insane; stupid; Ex. vacuous expression; N: vacuity

♠ vagabond :

wanderer (without a permanent home); tramp

♥ tramp :

walk with a heavy step; travel on feet; N: vagrant; one who travels aimlessly about; long walk; sound of heavy walking

♥ trample :

step heavily with the feet; crush under the feet

♥ 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

♠ vagrant :

homeless wanderer

♠ vainglorious :
boastful; excessively conceited; N. vainglory: great vanity

- **vaideictory**: pertaining to farewell; N: farewell address (esp. at graduation exercises)

- **vaediction**: saying farewell; expression of leave-taking

- **leave-taking**: fanowell or departure

- **valid**: logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; effective; Ex. valid reasoning/passport

- **validate**: make valid; confirm; ratify

- **valor**: bravery; ADJ. valiant: possessing valor; brave

- **vampire**: ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living

- **vanguard**: forerunners; foremost position of an army; advance forces; foremost position in a trend or movement; CF. rear-guard

- **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

- **vaporize**: turn into vapor (steam, gas, fog, etc.)

- **variegated**: (esp. of a flower or leaf) many-colored

- **variegation**: 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

- **vaer**: 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

- **49**: speed

- **venal**: capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF. vernal

- **vendetta**: blood feud (esp. between two families); CF. Nina Williams

- **vendor**: seller

- **veer**: 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: reverence; 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: lamb

venom: poison (of an animal); hatred; Ex. remarks full of venom; ADJ. venomous

vent: small opening; outlet (as of fumes or a gas); Ex. He gave vent to his anger by kicking the chair.

venom: release or discharge through a vent; exasperate (usu. 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.

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: truthful; adherence to the truth

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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

♠ verve:
enthusiasm (as in artistic performance or composition); liveliness; vigor

☐ vie:
contend; compete

☐ vigilant:
watchful; on the alert; watchfully awake; alert to spot danger; N. vigilance

✈ vigil:
keeping watch (during normal sleeping hours); Ex. all-night vigil

✈ vigilante:
one who without authority assumes law enforcement powers

☐ vigor:
active strength; energy; enthusiasm; ADJ. vigorous

♠ vignette:
small drawing placed at the beginning or end of a chapter; picture; short literary sketch; short written description of a character or scene

♠ vilify:
slander; speak evil of; N. vilification

♠ 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

♠ 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

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♠ viand:
food; CF. live
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. visceral

viscid: adhesive; gluey

viscous: (of a liquid) thick and sticky; gluey; viscid; CF. consistency

vise: 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; living; breathing; N: vitality; V: vitalize

vivacious: lively or animated; sprightly

vivisection: act of dissecting living animals
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<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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give up temporarily; yield; N. waiver: waiving a right or claim, document that waives a right or claim

heart wake:
trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before; Ex. hunger followed in the wake of the war

club wallow:
roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury

diamond wan:
having a pale or sickly color; pallid

spade wanderlust:
strong longing to travel

club wane:
decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.

spade wangle:
achieve by cleverness or trick; wiggle out; fake; Ex. She tried to wangle an invitation to the party.

heart wiggle:
wriggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions

spade fake:
not genuine; N: one that is not genuine; impostor; sham; V: counterfeit; Ex. fake the results of the experiment/the signature

diamond wanton:
unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; unchaste; sexually improper; promiscuous; Ex. wanton spending/killing; CF. having no just cause

club warble:
(of a bird) sing; babble; N.

diamond warren:
tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live

club wary:
very cautious; watchful

spade wastrel:
waster, prodigal

club wax:
increase gradually (as the moon); grow

spade waylay:
ambush, lie in wait for and attack

heart ambush:
act of lying in wait to attack by surprise; sudden attack made from a concealed position; Ex. lie in ambush; V

diamond wean:
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

diamond weather:
pass safely through (a storm or difficult period); endure the effects of weather or other forces

club welt:
raised mark from a beating or whipping

spade warp:
twist out of shape; N.
confusion; turmoil; confused mass; bewildering jumble; Ex. welter of data

♠ welter :

wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.

♣ wheedle :

decoy; persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her

♠ whelp :

young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.

♠ whet :

sharpen; stimulate; Ex. whet someone’s appetite

♠ whiff :

puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); short-lasting smell; hint; Ex. whiff of perfume/scandal

♠ whimsical :

capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange

♥ whim :

sudden capricious idea; fancy

♥ whimsy :

whim; tendency to behave amusingly strangely; Ex. story full of whimsy

♠ whinny :

neigh like a horse; CF. neigh: make the sound which horses make

♠ whit :

small amount; smallest speck; Ex. not a whit of

♠ whittle :

pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim

♥ pare :

cut away the outer covering or skin of (with a knife); trim; Ex. pare apples/skulls

♠ 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; 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. sift

♥ 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 desea or remorse); sadly pensive; vaguely longing

♠ withdrawn :

sadly thoughtful (because of desea or remorse); sadly pensive; vaguely longing
introverted; retiring; remote

remote:

remote:

distant in manner; aloof

∀ wither:

wither:

(of a plant) dry up from loss of moisture; lose freshness; shrivel; decay

∀ shrivel:

shrivel:

make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)

∀ withhold:

withhold:

refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax

∀ withstand:

withstand:

stand up against; resist successfully

∀ witless:

witless:

lacking intelligence or wit; foolish; idiotic

∀ witticism:

witticism:

witty saying; wiserack(/s/wier): witty remark

∀ wizardry:

wizardry:

sorcery; magic

∀ wizened:

wizened:

shriveled; withered; Ex. wizened apple/old lady

∀ woe:

woe:

great sorrow; deep insurmountable grief; affliction; suffering; Ex. financial woe

∀ woeful:

woeful:

sad; (of something bad) deplorable; deplorably bad; Ex. woeful housing conditions

∀ wont:

wont:

the stated person’s habit or custom; habitual procedure; ADJ. wonted: customary

∀ worldly:

worldly:

engrossed in matters of this earth; not spiritual; of the material world

∀ wrangle:

wrangle:

quarrel; noisy; obtain through arguing; herd cattle; N.

∀ herd:

herd:

group of animals; crowd; one who looks after a herd; Ex. shepherd/goatherd; Ex. herd instinct; Ex. herdsman;

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∀ withstand:

withstand:

stand up against; resist successfully

∀ wrench:

wrench:

twist; pull; strain; Ex. He wrenched the gun out of her hands.

∀ wrest:

wrest:

obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp

∀ writ:

writ:

written command issued by a court (telling someone to do or not to do something)

∀ writhe:

writhe:

twist in code; contort in pain

∀ wry:

wry:

(spe.: of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure)

∀ xenophobia:

xenophobia:

fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe

∀ yen:

yen:

strong desire; longing; urge; Ex. yen for travel

∀ yeoman:

yeoman:

man or farmer owning small estate; middle-class farmer

∀ worldly:

worldly:

engrossed in matters of this earth; not spiritual; of the material world
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; yokel

♠ 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

♠ zephyr : 
gentile breeze; west wind