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- bastion stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism
- growl low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)
- maverick rebel; nonconformist (in a group)
- lethargic drowsy; dull; N. lethargy: state of sluggishness and inactivity
- paraphernalia equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity; personal belongings; Ex. photographic paraphernalia; CF. married woman’s property exclusive of her dowry
- mores conventions; moral standards; moral customs
- timidity lack of self-confidence or courage
- understate state with less truth than seems warranted by the facts; Ex. He understated the seriousness of the crime; N. understatement; OP. overstate
- 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.
- braid plait; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; N: braided segment (as of hair)
- acquiesce assent; agree passively; comply without protest
- favoritism display of partiality toward a favored person
- 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
- 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
- betoken signify; indicate; be a sign of
- aviary enclosure for birds; large cage
- waggish humorous; mischievous; tricky
- 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.
- bugaboo bugbear; object of baseless terror
- foliage masses of leaves; CF. defoliate
- satellite small body revolving around a larger one
- bungle mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior
- reinstate restore to a previous condition or position
- mnemonic pertaining to memory; assisting the memory; N: device, such as as formula or rhyme, used as a mnemonic aid
- conscript draftee; person forced into military service; V.
- contend struggle; compete; assert earnestly; state strongly
- functional made for practical use only (without decoration); functioning; Ex. functional modern furniture; CF. functionalism
- punctilious minutely attentive (perhaps too much so) to fine points; stressing niceties of form or conduct; N. punctiliousness: careful attention paid to every small exact detail
- imbecility weakness of mind; state of being an imbecile; N. imbecile: stupid person; fool
- rebuke scold harshly; criticize severely
- 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
- hardy (of people or animals) sturdy; robust; (of plants) able to stand inclement (stormy) weather
- penury extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy
- venal capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF. vernal
- fit fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower
- magnate person of prominence or influence; powerful or influential person (in business or industry); Ex. oil magnate
- botch mismanage; blow
- citadel fortress
- libidinous lustful
- mendicant beggar; ADJ: living as a beggar
- oaf stupid awkward person; CF. elf
- voyeur Peeping Tom; person who derives sexual gratification from observing the sexual acts of others
- docile obedient; easily managed; submissive
- vitiate spoil the effect of; make inoperative; corrupt morally
- narrative related to telling a story; N: narrated account; story; V. narrate: tell (a story); CF. narration
- derision ridicule; ADJ. derisive; CF. derisory
- cupidity greed (for wealth); CF. cupid; CF. Cupid
- savory pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex. savory reputation
- rank offensive in odor or flavor
- quisling traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling
- tact skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offence
- fallacious false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument
- trim make neat or tidy by clipping; reduce by removing what is unnecessary; ornament; decorate (round the edges); Ex. trim the cost; Ex. jacket trimmed with fur; N. ADJ: tidy; in good order
- compartment one of the parts into which an enclosed space is divided
- squander waste; spend foolishly
- colloquy informal discussion; conversation
- refurbish renovate; make clean, bright, or fresh (make new) again; make bright by polishing; Ex. refurbish an old theater; CF. furnish: polish
- desolate make desolate; forsake; abandon and desert
- fumble move the fingers and hands awkwardly (in search of something); mishandle or drop a ball that is in play; bungle; botch; spoil by mishandling; N.
- misapprehension error; misunderstanding; V. misapprehend
- ameliorate improve
- isthmus narrow neck of land connecting two larger bodies of land
- skulduggery dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skulduggery in the election
- celibate abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy
- odium detestation; quality of being odious; hatefulness; disrepute (resulting from hateful conduct)
- deserts what someone deserves
- nugatory worthless; futile
- rendition rendering; translation; artistic interpretation of a song, etc
- incursion temporary invasion; CF. excursion: short journey
- terrestrial on or relating to the earth
- stigma token of disgrace; brand; V. stigmatize: mark with a stigma; characterize as disgraceful
- gross total; fragrant; clearly wrong; (of people's behavior) coarse; corpulent; Ex. gross insolence/behavior; V: earn as a total amount; N: 12 dozens
- doctrine teachings in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught; dogma; tenet; ADJ. doctrinal
- misnomer wrong or improper name; incorrect designation
- proliferate grow rapidly (in numbers); spread; multiply; N. proliferation
- hindsight understanding the nature of an event after it has actually happened
- lucid easily understood; clear; intelligible; N. lucidity
- impenetrable not able to be pierced or entered; beyond understanding; impossible to understand; Ex. impenetrable mystery
- ghastly horrible; terrifying; resembling ghosts; CF. aghast
- tremulous trembling; wavering
- garish overbright in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy
- euphony sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious
- pithy concise and meaningful; substantial; meaty
- girth distance around something; circumference
- lap take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently; Ex. waves lapsing the shore; N: front area from the waist to the knees of a seated person
- asteroid small planet
- adulation flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved
- array marshal; draw up in order; arrange in order; clothe splendidly; adorn; N: fine clothes; ordered group; Ex. in battle array
- redoubtable formidable; causing fear
- approbation approval
- attrition rubbing away by friction; gradual decrease in numbers or strength; reduction in the work force without firing employees; wearing away of opposition by means of harassment; Ex. a war of attrition
- secession withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from membership
- 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
- fodder coarse food for cattle, horses, etc.; feed for livestock; CF. food
- regale entertain
- warren tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live
- distant reserved or aloof; cold in manner; Ex. distant greeting; ADV. distantly
- 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
- heterogeneous dissimilar; mixed; not homogeneous; consisting of dissimilar elements or plants
- temperate moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF. temperance: moderation and self-restraint; abstinence of alcoholic drinks; Ex. temperance society
- glamor compelling charm; ADJ. glamorous
- disinterested unprejudiced; free from bias and self-interest; objective
- mosaic picture made of small colorful inlaid tiles; ADJ.
- arboreal of or living in trees
- uninhibited unrepressed; free in behavior and feelings
- amnesty pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)
- stint supply; allotted amount of work; assigned portion of work; limitation; Ex. two-year stint in the army; Ex. without stint
- spin rotate swiftly; make (thread) by twisting (cotton, wool, etc.); N.
- grumble complain; mutter discontentedly; grouch; N.
□ recondite abstruse; not easily understood; profound; secret
□ consonance harmony; agreement
□ enduring lasting; surviving; V. endure: bear (pain or suffering) for a long time; remain alive (in spite of difficulties); last; survive
□ concave hollow; curved inwards; OP. convex
□ forward presumptuous or bold
□ astigmatism eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP. stigmatism
□ singular being only one; individual; unique; extraordinary; odd; Ex. singular beauty/behavior
□ augury omen; prophecy; sign of coming events; V. augur: predict; foretell; be a sign of (something in future)
□ tribulation suffering; ordeal; distress; trial
□ cater provide food and drink (for); cater to: try to satisfy (desires of a bad kind)
□ sartorial pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex. a man of great sartorial elegance; CF. sartor: tailor
□ slur slander; insult to one’s character or reputation; V.
□ quarry person or animal of pursuit; victim; object of a hunt; prey
□ queue line (of waiting people or vehicles)
□ funereal sad; solemn; suitable for a funeral
□ genre particular variety of art or literature
□ amphibian able to live both on land and in water; N.
□ ineluctable irresistible; not to be escaped; unavoidable
□ appall dismay; shock deeply
□ analgesia condition of being unable to feel pain
□ resign give up (a position, right, or claim); submit (oneself) passively
□ pang sudden sharp feeling of pain
□ incontinent lacking self-restraint; not continent; licentious
□ stickler perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right
□ inclined tending or leaning toward; bent; V. incline: slant; dispose; be disposed; tend
□ episodic (of a story or play) loosely connected; made up of separate and loosely connected parts; N. episode: incident in the course of an experience
□ seasonal occurring at the proper time or season; opportune; Ex. seasonal intervention in the dispute
□ astringent binding; causing contraction (stopping bleeding); harsh or severe; stringent; Ex. astringent criticism
□ quotidian daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine
□ stanza division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)
□ sentinel sentry; lookout
□ saga Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative
□ aristocracy hereditary nobility; privileged class; government by nobility; N. aristocrat
□ innuendo indirect or subtle (derogatory) hint; insinuation; Ex. sexual innuendo
□ rag scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged début/performance
□ conducive helpful; contributive; V. conduct; Ex. conduct to/towards
□ slight insult to one’s dignity; snub; V. treat as if of small importance; insult; snub; ADJ. small in size; of small importance
□ tout promote or publicize (one’s goods or service); praise excessively (as a form of advertisement); CF. advertise
□ repugnance disgust; strong dislike; loathing; ADJ. repugnant: arousing disgust; repulsive
□ cue word or signal (as in a play to prompt another actor’s speech or entrance); reminder or hint; V. give a cue to
□ soliloquy talking to oneself (esp. in a play); CF. monologue: soliloquy; long speech by one person (often monopolizing a conversation)
□ fruition bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization; Ex. come to/be brought to fruition
□ termination end; V. terminate
□ intermittent periodic; on and off; stopping and starting at intervals
□ jocose given to (having a tendency of) joking
□ blasphemy irreverence; sacrilege; cursing; bad language about God or holy things; V. blasphem; ADJ. blasphemous; CF. sacrilege
□ consummate complete; V.
□ consequential self-important; significant; consequent; following as a result; Ex. consequential air; CF. subsequent
□ gainsay deny
□ abolish cancel; put an end to
□ convivial pleasantly merry; festive; joyous; gay; characterized by joviality; jovial
□ gawk stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe
□ betray be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly); Ex. Her trembling hands betray her anxiety.
□ cession yielding to another; ceding
□ cogent convincing
□ flaunt display ostentatiously; Ex. “Honey, if you’ve got it, flaunt it!”
□ chaperon older person who accompanies and supervises a young unmarried woman
□ conspire take part in a conspiracy; (of events) work together; combine; Ex. Events conspired to produce great difficulties.
clemency disposion to be lenient in deciding punishments; mildness as of the weather; ADJ. clement
nostrum questionable medicine; quack medicine; CF. our (remedy)
scrutinize examine closely and critically; N. scrutiny
 archetype prototype; primitive pattern
trite hackneyed; commonplace
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
conflagration great fire
subliminal below the threshold of conscious perception; Ex. subliminal advertisement
duplicit double-dealing; hypocrisy; being dishonest and deceitful; ADJ. duplicitous
epithet word or phrase characteristically used to describe a person or thing; descriptive phrase to characterize a person (often contemptuous)
peon landless agricultural worker; bond servant; menial worker; N. peonage
themetic of a theme; relating to a unifying motif or idea
plight difficult condition; condition or state (esp. a bad state or condition); predicament
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)
labile likely to change; unstable; Ex. emotionally labile; N. lability
panegyric formal praise; encomium; Ex. I don’t deserve such panegyrics.
apothecary druggist; pharmacist
requisition formal demand or request; Ex. requisition for more computing equipment; V.
ample enough; abundant; spacious; large in size; Ex. ample opportunity/garden; N. amplitude: quality of being ample; abundance; largeness of space
unassuaged unsatisfied; not soothed
exigency urgent situation; ADJ. exigent
voodoo religion practiced chiefly in Haiti
furrow long shallow trench made by a plow; deep wrinkle in the skin; V.
gerontocracy government ruled by old people
rarefied made less dense (of a gas); V. rarefy: make less dense; N. rarefaction
madrigal pastoral song; song for several singers without instruments
multilingual having many languages; fluent in several languages
suffocate die or kill from lack of air; suppress
deadlock standstill resulting from the opposition of two unrelenting forces; stalemate
laconic brief and to the point; using few words; terse
fake not genuine; N: one that is not genuine; impostor; sham; V: counterfeit; Ex. fake the results of the experiment/the signature
apparition ghost; phantom
scurrilous abusive; obscene; indecent; Ex. scurrilous remark
consanguineous(consanguine) having a common ancestor
diabolical diabolic; devilish; fiendish
wither (of a plant) dry up from loss of moisture; lose freshness; shrivel; decay
fresco painting on wet plaster (usually fresh)
masochist person who enjoys his own pain; CF. masochism
progenitor ancestor
odoriferous giving off an odor
asperity sharpness; roughness; severity (of temper or weather); Ex. asperities of a Russian winter
salient prominent; projecting beyond a line; conspicuous; Ex. salient features
brook tolerate; endure; Ex. brook no interference; N: small stream
ductile malleable; pliable; (of metals) easily pulled into shape; flexible; (of someone) easily influenced or controlled
subversive tending to overthrow or ruin; V: subvert: overthrow completely (an established system); destroy completely; CF. undermine
monotony sameness leading to boredom; monotonous-ness; ADJ. monotonous; CF. monotone
inkling hint; slight indication
corrode destroy or wear away gradually by chemical action (over a long period)
 nirvana in Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in which the individual loses himself in the attainment of an impersonal beatitude
ribald marked by vulgar lewd humor; wanton; profane; N. ribaldry: ribald language or joke
elastic able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N: elastic material
biennial every two years
pugilist boxer; CF. pugilism: boxing
eulogy expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone’s death; V. eulogize
limp walk lamely; ADJ: lacking firmness; weak
coy shy (flirtatiously); showing a (pretended) lack of self-confidence; modest; coquettish; CF. job offer을 받았을 때
□ vapid lacking liveliness; dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless; Ex. vapid lecture
□ propitiatory appease; conciliate; make peaceful; ADJ. propitiatory
□ fledgling (fledgeling) inexperienced; N: young bird that has acquired wing feathers and is learning to fly; inexperienced person
□ immaculate spotless; flawless; absolutely clean
□ distinctive clearly different from others of the same kind
□ transpose reverse the order or position of
□ momentum quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus; moving force

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□ exploit brave and successful act; deed or action, particularly a brave deed; CF. crossing the Atlantic ocean
□ sibylline prophetic; oracular; N. sibyl: woman prophet (in the ancient world)
□ serrated having a sawtoothed edge; Ex. serrated leaf
□ cohere stick together
□ wistful sadly thoughtful (because of desires or memories); sadly pensive; vaguely longing
□ gamely in a spirited manner; with courage; Ex. fight gamely against a superior boxer; ADJ. game
□ spurn reject disdainfully; scorn; Ex. She spurned all offers of help.
□ conservatory (conservatoire) school of the fine arts (especially music or drama); glass-enclosed area; CF. conservancy
□ malcontent person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs; discontented person; ADJ. discontented
□ killjoy grouch; spoilsport; one who intentionally spoils the pleasure of others
□ discourse serious speech, writing, or conversation; formal discussion (either written or spoken); conversation; V.
□ bifurcated divided into two branches; forked
□ lucrative profitable; producing wealth
□ qualms uneasy feelings; misgivings; uneasy fears especially about matters of conscience; Ex. I have no qualms about giving this assignment to Helen.
□ fusion union; coalition; V. fuse
□ clarion shrill, trumpetlike sound; kind of trumpet used in former times
□ traverse go through or across
□ cherubic angelic; innocent-looking; N. cherub; CF. seraph: winged angel of the highest order
□ parasite animal or plant living on another; toady; sycoon; CF. para-: beside
□ decomposition decay; V. decompose: decay; break and separate into simple parts
□ industrious diligent; hard-working; N. industry
□ metallurgical pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores; N. metallurgy: science that deals with extracting metals from ores
□ dutiful (duteous) (of people or their behavior) respectful; obedient (filled with a sense of duty)
□ indices signs; indications; Ex. indices of a student’s potential; CF. index: something that reveals or indicates; sign; Ex. cost-of-living index
□ disband dissolve; disperse; (of a group) break up and separate; Ex. The club has disbanded.
□ supposititious assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical
□ despot tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; CF. despotism
□ topple become unsteady and fall down
□ apprise inform
□ tardy slow; sluggish; not on time; late; Ex. tardy arrival
□ sheer pure; thin and transparent; very steep
□ optician maker and seller of eyeglasses
□ deposition testimony under oath; deposing; dethroning
□ legend explanatory list of symbols on a map
□ aseptic preventing infection; having a cleansing effect
□ farce broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening; ADJ. farcical
□ acrid bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent
□ raconteur story-teller; one who tells stories with wit and skill
□ 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
□ dart move or throw suddenly and quickly
□ scholarly full of learning; erudite; like a scholar; Ex. scholarly journal
□ cohesion tendency to keep together
□ epoch period of time
□ canard unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report
□ toss throw lightly; move or lift (the head) with a sudden motion; flip (a coin) to decide something
□ phalanx formation of infantry carrying overlapping shields and long spears; group of men packed together (for attack or defense)
□ 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
□ lineaments features especially of the face; distinctive shape or contour of the face; CF. line
□ validate make valid; confirm; ratify
□ compelling overpowering; irresistible in effect; holding one’s attention; that compels one to do something; Ex. a compelling adventure story; V. compel
furor frenzy; great anger and excitement; CF. fury
obituary death notice (esp. in a newspaper); ADJ.
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
oratorio dramatic poem set to music; long musical work with singing but without acting; CF. cantata
sloth slow moving tree-dwelling mammal; laziness; ADJ. slothful: lazy; indolent
simian monkeylike; N: ape or monkey
inter bury; N. interment
supersede replace; cause to be set aside; make obsolete; N. supersession
coronar public official who investigates any death thought to be of other than natural causes
perspicuity clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity
succulent juicy; full of juice or sap; full of richness; N: succulent plant such as a cactus
ransack search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); Ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.
dorsal relating to the back of an animal; Ex. dorsal fin
protean able to take on many forms; versatile; CF. Proteus: sea god to change his shape at will
conscientious scrupulous; through and careful; Ex. conscientious worker
gape open widely; open the mouth wide; stare wonderingly with the mouth open; CF. agape
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
nexus connection
mercantile concerning trade or merchants
inestimable impossible to estimate; (apprec) invaluable; of immeasurable worth
quixotic idealistic but impractical; CF. Don Quixote
antipathy aversion; dislike or opposition
chaste morally pure; virginal; abstaining from illicit sexual acts; modest; simple (of a style of writing); not highly decorated; austere
incident event; event that causes a crisis
distraught upset; distracted by anxiety; very anxious and troubled almost to the point of madness; Ex. distraught with grief/worry
recreant disloyal; cowardly; N: disloyal and cowardly person
disport amuse; Ex. disport oneself; CF. divert
proxy authorized agent; authority to act for another
leave-taking farewell or departure
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
brunt main impact or shock (of an attack or blow); Ex. brunt of the argument
junta group of persons joined in political intrigue; cabal; group of military officers ruling a country after seizing power (by force)
materialism preoccupation with physical comforts and things; excessive regard for worldly concerns (rather than spiritual matters)
alagising causing insensitivity to pain; N.
jurisprudence science of law
doossier file of documents on a subject or person; file; CF. bundle of papers labeled on the back
transparent permitting light to pass through freely; easily detected; obvious; clear; Ex. transparent lie
virulent (of a disease or poison) extremely harmful or poisonous; (of a feeling) hostile; bitter; N. virulence; CF. virus; CF. venom
bluster blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptily; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; CF. breeze, gust, gale
capacious spacious
conspiracy treacherous plot; secret plan against the law (by two or more people)
lectern reading desk or stand for a public speaker
aria operatic solo; a song sung by one person in an opera or oratorio
posterity descendants; future generations; Ex. go down to posterity; CF. posterior, anterior
pacificist one opposed to force; antimilitarist; ADJ. N. pacifism: opposition to war as a means of resolving disputes
insatiable not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite
exhilarating invigorating and refreshing; cheering; V. exhilarate: make cheerful and excited; Ex. exhilarated by the ride in the sports car
bohemian unconventional (in an artistic way)
ignoble unworthy; not noble; dishonorable; Ex. ignoble deed
career rush wildly; go at full speed
zeal eager enthusiasm (to a cause or ideal); ADJ. zealous
miscellany mixture of writings on various subjects; collection of various items
acquittal deliverance from a charge; V. acquit: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner
sinecure well-paid position with little responsibility; CF. sine cure: without care; CF. San Serif
squat short and thick; stocky; Ex. ugly squat tower; V. N.
unintimating unfrightening
provocative arousing anger or sexual interest; annoying; Ex. provocative in tight jeans; V. provoke: incite to anger; cause (an unpleasant action or feeling); N. provocation
discomfit frustrate; put to rout; defeat; disconcert; embarrass; perturb
tarry linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle
prosperous successful; rich; affluent; well-to-do; well-off
apotheosis elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something
chameleon lizard that changes color in different situations
aspiration slanderous remark; Ex. cast aspersions on
render give; deliver; provide; represent in verbal or artistic form; depict; perform; make; translate; Ex. render the song beautifully
galley low ship with sails (rowed along by slaves)
curb chain or strap used with a bit to restrain a horse; something that checks; V: check; restrain
buffet strike forcefully; slap; batter; knock out; N: table with food set out for people to server themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that’s been set
decreptitude state of collapse or weakness caused by illness or old age
protuberance protrusion; swelling; bulge
benefit advantage; anything that brings help, advantage, or profit; money provided by the government to the people; fund-raising public entertainment; Ex. unemployment benefit; V: receive benefits; be beneficial to; give benefits
memorialize commemorate

condign adequate; (of punishment) severe and well deserved
oscillate vibrate pendulumlike; waver
theoretical based on theory; not practical or applied; hypothetical
pundit authority on a subject; expert; learned person
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
brawny muscular; having well-developed muscles
surfeit satiate; feed or supply to excess; stuff; indulge to excess in anything; N: surfeiting; excessive amount; Ex. surfeit of food
hazard venture; put in danger; risk; Ex. hazard a guess; N: possible source of danger
elocution expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influenced
fanciful whimsical; visionary; imaginary; produced by imagination; Ex. fanciful scheme
factious inclined to form factions; causing dissension
chassis framework and working parts of an automobile; framework to which components are attached
inopportune untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly chosen
alcove nook; recess
venedetta blood feud (esp. between two families); CF. Nina Williams
nemesis someone seeking revenge; source of downfall or ruin; CF. Nemesis
accruce 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
undertaker funeral director; one whose business is to arrange burials
complementary serving to complete something
jingoist extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist; N. jingoism: extreme nationalism
aquiline curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex. aquiline nose
lofty very high
dordant biting; sarcastic; stinging; (apprec.) incisive; cutting; Ex. dordant pen/wit
bombast grandiloquent, pompous speech
shift change position or place; exchange (one thing) for another; change in direction or position; Ex. shift the stolen goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of such a group
deft neat; skillful
homily sermon; tedious moralizing lecture; serious warning; ADJ. homiletic
rankle irritate; fester; annoy
mingle mix together in close association
indeterminate uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite
rotundity roundness; sonoroussness of speech
enumerate list; mention one by one
congenial pleasant; friendly; in agreement with one’s tastes and nature; Ex. congenial weather
gist essence; main point; substance
- privation lack of the basic necessities or comforts of life; hardship; want; CF. deprive
- cataclysm deluge; upheaval; earthquake; violent and sudden event or change
- toxic poisonous; N. toxicity
- mutter utter (complaining words) indistinguishably in low tones
- abjure renounce upon oath
- extradition surrender of prisoner by one state to another; Ex. extradition treaty; V. extradite
- quirk sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate
- aspire seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the leadership
- stratagem deceptive scheme; clever trick
- arrogance pride; haughtiness; ADJ. arrogant: unpleasingly self-important (with a strong confidence in one's own importance and a lack of respect for other people)
- commune small (often rural) community whose members share work and income; V. exchange thoughts or feelings; Ex. commune with nature
- forestall prevent by taking action in advance
- inundate flood; overflow; submerge; cover completely; Ex. inundated with work
- fussy fastidious; finicky; easily upset
- estranged separated; alienated; V. estrange: alienate (people in a family); N. estrangement
- jetsam things thrown from a ship (to lighten the ship)
- bequeath leave to someone by means of a will; hand down in his will; N. bequest
- dauntless bold; fearless
- lien legal claim or right on a property
- congruent in agreement; harmonious; corresponding; coinciding exactly; CF. congruous
- expound explain
- obtuse blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding
- detrimental harmful; damaging; N. detriment
- mangy shabby; wretched; suffering from mange; of bad appearance
- putrefy make or become putrid; N. putrefaction
- hideous repulsive to the sight; ugly; repugnant; Ex. hideous face/scream
- abate subside or moderate
- annul make void
- egotism tendency to speak or write of oneself excessively; conceit; self-importance
- skeptic sceptic; doubter; person who suspends judgment until he has examined the evidence supporting a point of view; ADJ. skeptical; N. skepticism; scepticism
- audacious daring; bold; N. audacity
- compost mixture of decaying organic matter used as fertilizer; V. put or make compost
- heresy opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion; ADJ. heretical; CF. heretic
- high-flown highly pretentious or inflated
- maniacal raging mad; insane; N. maniac; insane person; CF. mania: disorder of the mind; intense enthusiasm
- whorl ring of leaves around stem; ring; circular arrangement; Ex. whorls on the fingers
- petulant touchy; peevish; ill-tempered
- decimate kill (usually one out of ten or every tenth man); destroy or kill a large part of
- resolve decide; settle; separate; make a determined decision; N. resolution
- brave face courageously; Ex. brave the storm
- viscous (of a liquid) thick and sticky; gluey; viscid; CF. consistency
- grovel crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate; behave in a servile manner
- compliance conformity in fulfilling requirements; readiness to yield; disposition to yield to others; V. comply
- 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
- spurious false; counterfeit; forged; illogical; Ex. spurious arguments
- lechery gross lewdness; lustfulness; ADJ. lecherous; N. lecher: lecherous man
- entomology study of insects
- molt(molt) periodically shed or cast off hairs or feathers (for replacement by a new growth)
- expiate talk at length; speak or write in detail
- 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
- askance with a sideways or indirect look (with disapproval or distruct); Ex. look askance at
- dour sullen; gloomy; stubborn
- prate talk idly; speak foolishly; boast idly
- cardinal chief; most important; N: priest; cardinal number: number that shows quantity rather than order
- pastry paste of flour and water (eaten when baked)
- betroth become engaged to marry
- valediction saying farewell; expression of leave-taking
- hygiene science and practice of the promotion and preservation of health; ADJ. hygienic: showing careful attention to cleanness (to prevent disease); Ex. hygienic condition
- elaboration addition of details; intricacy
- homeostasis tendency of a system or organism to maintain relative stability or internal equilibrium; CF. homeo-: constant; Ex. homeotherm
resentment
hostage
vainglorious
rectitude
vaporize
palimpsest
bulk
lackadaisical
casualty
inveigh
filing
disenfranchise
feral
orgy
supererogatory
pathetic
hilarity
agnostic
perturb
exculpate
sophomoric
exculpate
perturb

resentment indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about
hostage person who is kept as a prisoner by an enemy so that the other side will do what the enemy demands
vainglorious boastful; excessively conceited; N. vain-glory: great vanity
recipience moral correctness; moral uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment
vainglorious boastful; excessively conceited; N. vain-glory: great vanity
filing particle removed by a file
inveigh denounce; utter censure or invective; Ex. inveigh against the evils of drink
pathetic causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching
agnostical one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality
supererogatory superfluous; more than needed or demanded
engross occupy fully; absorb
orgy wild drunken revelry; unrestrained indulgence in an activity; Ex. orgy of shopping
feral (of an animal) not domestic; wild
hilarity boisterous mirth(merriment; laughter); ADJ. hilariaous: full of laughter
incandescent strikingly bright; shining with intense heat; emitting visible light when heated; Ex. incandescent light bulb; CF. candle
forebears(forbears) ancestors
disenfranchise disfranchise; deprive of a civil right; OP. enfranchise
slink move furtively; ADJ. slinky: stealthy; furtive; sneaky (as in ambush)
besmirch soil; defile; make dirty
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
beholden obligated; indebted; owing thanks; obliged or indebted from gratitude
flay strip off skin; plunder; remove the skin from; criticize harshly
sophomoric immature; half-baked; like a sophomore
exculpate clear from blame or guilt
perturb disturb greatly

variegated (esp. of a flower or leaf) many-colored
excerpt selected passage (written or musical) taken from a longer work; V.
insolvent bankrupt; lacking money to pay; N. insolvency
parley conference (between opponents); CF. speak
compendium brief, comprehensive summary; ADJ. compendious
gusty windy
benison blessing
don put on; OP. doff
chaffing bantering; joking
hive box for bees; V: cause to go in a hive
catapult slingshot; hurling machine; V: fire from catapult
aspirant seeker after position or status
magistrate official with power to administer the law
finite limited
suppliant one who supplicates; ADJ.
scappy quarrelsome
intelligentsia intellectuals; members of the educated elite (often used derogatorily)
crochet make (a piece of needlework) by looping thread with a hooked needle; N. CF. crotchet
epitome perfect example or embodiment; brief summary; Ex. epitome of good manners; V. epitomize: make an epitome of; be an epitome of; embody
vagrant wandering from place to place; roving; stray; moving in a random fashion; Ex. vagrant thoughts; N. vagrancy
falter hesitate; weaken in purpose or action; walk or move unsteadily through weakness; N.
florid ruddy; (of a complexion) reddish; flowery; very ornate; CF. rose
philatelist stamp-collector; N. philately: stamp collecting
grotesque fantastic; comically hideous; strange and unnatural (causing fear or amusement)
avanche great mass of falling snow and ice
accessible easy to approach; obtainable
inane silly; senseless; Ex. inane remarks; N. inanity
orientation act of finding oneself in society; orienting
acidulous slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic
crabbed sour; bad-tempered; peevish; difficult to read as handwriting
lagoon shallow body of water or lake near a sea; lake separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs
unprepossessing unattractive
airy of air; high in the air; lofty; immaterial; unreal
acuity sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)
integrate  make whole; combine; make into one unit

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

knead  mix; work dough; mix and work into a uniform mass (with the hands); Ex. knead dough

spry  (esp. of older people) vigorously active; nimble

addiction  compulsive habitual need

bizarre  fantastic; violently contrasting; noticeably odd; strikingly unconventional

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

sycophant  servile flatterer; bootlicker; yes man; ADJ. sycophantic

swear-word  word considered offensive; Ex. "bloody"

sedate  composed (with no excitement); grave; V: administer a sedative to; CF. sedative

abet  assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage

monograph  scholarly article

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

jurisdiction  right and power to apply the law; authority

despoil  plunder; sack; Ex. despoil the village

voluminous  having great volume (as of a garment or container); bulky; large

dapper  neat and trim (in appearance); (of small men) neat in appearance and quick in movements; neat; spry

sleigh  large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice

sullen  silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark; gloomy

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

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

dismantle  take apart; disassemble

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

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

indoctrinate  cause to accept a doctrine without questioning it; Ex. indoctrinated with mindless anti-communism

indigence  poverty

interstice  narrow space between things

abode  dwelling place; home

avuncular  of or like an uncle

matinée(matinee)  dramatic or musical performance given in the afternoon

welt  raised mark from a beating or whipping

strangle  kill by choking or suffocating; suppress

flotsam  drifting wreckage

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

putative  supposed; reputed; generally regarded as such; Ex. putative father of the child

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

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

oblivion  obscurity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness

incompatible  inharmonious; N. incompatibility

assent  agree; accept; N. assessment

momentous  very important; N. moment; CF. momentary

seminal  related to seed or semen; germinal; creative; providing a basis for further development; influencing future developments; Ex. seminal research in a new field

histrionic  theatrical; excessively dramatic or emotional; affected; of actors or acting; N. histrionics: histrionic behavior

stockade  wooden enclosure or pen; fixed line of posts used as defensive barrier

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

vagary  capricious happening; caprice; whim; CF. wanderer

inculcate  teach (ideas or principles); instill

countermand  cancel; revoke (an order)

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

discriminating  able to see differences; discerning; prejudiced; N. discrimination

vouchsafe  grant condescendingly; guarantee; Ex. vouchsafe your fair return on your investment

rubble  fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)

abeyance  suspended action

sate  satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy

 asymmetric  not identical on both sides of a dividing central line

rote  repetition; memorization through repetition without understanding; Ex. learn poetry by rote

immolate  offer or kill as a sacrifice (by fire)

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

dysentery  inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract
- nominal in name only; of a name; trifling; (of a sum of money) very small; CF. nominate: propose as a candidate; appoint
- soar rise or fly high in the air; Ex. The rocket soared into the sky.
- marred damaged; disfigured; V. mar: spoil; disfigure
- etymology study of word parts; study of the origins of words
- reprise musical repetition; repeating of a piece of music; repeat performance; recurrent action; Ex. reprise in the finale; Ex. constant reprises
- mammal vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young
- allure entice; attract; tempt
- fracas brawl(noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; melee
- embitter make bitter; fill with painful or bitter feelings; make sad and angry; Ex. He was embittered by many disappointments.
- saunter stroll(go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.
- determinate having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; invariable; fixed; conclusive; final
- alimentary supplying nourishment
- adore love deeply and respect highly
- condiments seasonings; spices
- forlorn sad and lonely; wretched; desolate
- certitude certainty
- outcast one that has been excluded from a society; ADJ.

- nether lower; Ex. nether garments/regions
- comity courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations
- bout match; short period of great activity; Ex. wrestling bout; bout of drinking/flu
- fell cut or knock down (a tree or a person); bring down (with a missile)
- barefaced shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; un-concealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie

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- demented insane
- subsume include (as a member of a group); encompass
- shun keep away from; avoid deliberately; Ex. She has been shunned by her neighbors.
- unimpeachable that cannot be impeached; beyond doubt or question; blameless and exemplary
- retard delay (in development); ADJ. retarded: (as of a child) slower in development
- toga Roman outer robe
- decree authoritative order; edict; judgment of a court of law; V. order or judge by decree
- conversant familiar with; having knowledge of
effusion pouring forth; unrestrained outpouring of feeling; V. effuse: pour out; ADJ. effusive: pouring forth; gushing

imprecation curse; swearword

replicate reproduce; duplicate

hibernal wintry; wintery; of or like winter

unsullied untarnished; CF. sully

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.

sow plant or scatter seed

requite make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. requittal

flicker burn unsteadily or fitfully; move waveringly; N: flickering movement or light; brief sensation; Ex. flicker of excitement

reciprocal mutual; given and received in return; exchangeable; interacting; Ex. reciprocal trade agreement

laud praise; N. ADJ. laudable: praiseworthy; ADJ. laudatory: expressing praise

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

notch V-shaped cut in a surface; V.

translucent partly transparent

repellent driving away; disgusting; offensive; repulsive; unattractive; N.

institution instituting; (building for the) organization; established custom, practice, or relationship in a society; mental hospital; Ex. institution of marriage

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

riveting holding one’s attention; absorbing; engrossing

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

hinterlands back country; inner part of a country; OP. foreland

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

throttle strangle; regulate the speed of with a throttle; N: valve that regulates the flow; CF. throat?

faction party; clique (within a large group); dissension

pinion restrain or immobilize by binding the wings or legs; N: bird’s wing

filch steal (things of small value)

sportive playful; frolicsome; merry; CF. sport: play or frolic; CF. sportsmanlike

spontaneity lack of premeditation; naturalness; freedom from constraint; ADJ. spontaneous: self-generated; unpremeditated; happening without being planned

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

galleon large three-masted sailing ship

dissolve disguise; hide the real nature of; pretend

missive letter; written statement; CF. sent

temporize gain time as by postponing an action; avoid committing oneself

veracity truthfulness; adherence to the truth

valedictory pertaining to farewell; N: farewell address (esp. at graduation exercises)

tithe tax of one-tenth (contributed to a church); V: pay a tithe

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

plumage feathers of a bird

turmoil extreme confusion; great commotion and confusion; Ex. throw the country into turmoil

parsimony stinginess; excessive frugality; ADJ. parsimonious

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

falsely not good-looking; unattractive

homely not good-looking; unattractive

baroque highly ornate

anecdote short story of an amusing or interesting event

serendipity gift for finding valuable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck; CF. The Three Princes of Serendip

lackluster lacking luster (shine; gloss); dull

flag droop; grow feeble; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ. flagging; CF. unflagging
□ egoism excessive interest in one's self; belief that one should be interested in one's self rather than in others; selfishness; ADJ. egoistic, egoistical
□ gazette official periodical publication; newspaper
□ scurvy contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin C
□ stringent (of rules) binding; rigid; marked by scarcity of money; Ex. stringent economic conditions
□ unwitting not knowing; unaware; unintentional; Ex. She was their unwitting accomplice; Ex. unwitting insult; CF. wit: know
□ patois local or provincial dialect

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□ exact demand and obtain by force; Ex. exact a promise from him; N. exaction
□ emaciated thin and wasted (from hunger or illness)
□ guileless without deceit
□ centaur mythical figure, half man and half horse
□ droop bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.
□ finished properly made and complete; Ex. finished product/performance
□ imbibe drink in
□ dissertation formal essay; treatise
□ discursive (of a person or writing) digressing; rambling (without any clear plan)
□ dappled spotted
□ servitude slavery; compulsory labor imposed as a punishment
□ 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
□ drudgery hard unpleasant work; menial work
□ apex tip; summit; climax; highest point
□ lancet small surgical tool for making incisions
□ smart intelligent; quick and energetic; fashionable; Ex. smart pace/restaurant; V: cause or feel a sharp pain; N:smarting pain
□ foul very bad or disagreeable; very dirty; Ex. foul smell/flavor/temper/language/air/deed/weather/means; N. act against the rules; V. make or become foul; commit a foul
□ negate cancel out; nullify; cause to have no effect; deny; N. negation
□ comestible something fit to be eaten
□ plump pleasantly fat; nicely rounded
□ interdict prohibit; forbid; N.
□ urgent compelling immediate action; pressing; persistent; importunate; Ex. urgent in his demands
□ isotope varying from an element
□ gusto eager enjoyment; zest; enthusiasm
□ nihilist one who considers traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless; absolute skeptic; revolutionary terrorist; CF. nihilism: belief that nothing has meaning or value; belief that destruction of existing political or social institutions is necessary for future improvement
□ obliterate destroy completely; wipe out; Ex. obliterate the village
□ sleek smooth and shining (as from good health); V.
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□ relapse return to a former state (esp. after improvement); N.
□ acetic vinegar
□ frivolous lacking in seriousness; flippant; self-indulgently carefree; unworthy of serious attention; relatively unimportant; trivial
□ anomaly irregularity
□ insouciant without concern or care; unconcerned; indifferent
□ commodious spacious and comfortable
□ prize pry; move with a lever; value highly; esteem; Ex. his most prized possession; N: something captured during war-time (esp. an enemy ship)
□ rapture great joy and delight; ecstasy; ADJ. rapturous
□ grotto small cavern
□ macerate soften by soaking in liquid; waste away; Ex. macerate powdered wood to make paper
□ incite arouse to action; goad; motivate; induce to exist; Ex. incite a riot/the crowd to rebellion
□ crass very unrefined; grossly insensible; crude and undiscriminating; Ex. crass behavior
□ yore time long past; Ex. in the days of yore
□ calorific heat-producing; N. calorie
□ rake immoral or dissolve person
□ invective abuse
□ judicious sound on judgment; wise
□ categorical without exceptions; made without any doubt in mind; unqualified; absolute
□ chafe warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.
□ captious faultfinding; too critical
□ expropriate take possession of (often for public use and without payment)
□ palm conceal in the palm of the hand; palm off; pass off; Ex. palm off some bad oranges onto the lady/the painting as a real Renoir
□ intermediary intermediate; acting as a mediator; N: mediator; go-between
□ implode burst inward; CF. vaccum tube
□ credo creed
□ malaprop comic misuse of a word; CF. Mrs. Malaprop
□ pretension pretentiousness; claim (without foundation); Ex. I make no pretensions to skill as an artist.
advert

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

advert refer

comely attractive; agreeable; having a pleasing appearance

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

bereaved deprived of (someone beloved through death)

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

lurk stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist unperceived

profound deep; not superficial; complete; Ex. profound thinker/remark/silence/deafness; N. profundity

stipend pay for services

mountebank charlatan; boastful pretender

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

cursory casual; hastily done with little attention to detail

vilify slander; speak evil of; N. vilification

doom condemnation to a severe penalty; ruin; fate (esp. a tragic or ruinous one); V.

apposite appropriate; fitting

hem surround tightly so that movement is impossible; Ex. hem in; N.

venom poison (of an animal); hatred; Ex. remarks full of venom; ADJ. venomous

retort quick sharp reply; V.

saline salty

plausible conceivably true; having a show of truth but open to doubt; specious

gall annoy; exasperate; chafe; N. skin sore caused by rubbing (as on the skin of a horse); exasperation

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

mortician undertaker; CF. death

legerdemain sleight(dexterity) of hand; CF. light of hand

obsessive related to thinking about something constantly; of an obsession; preoccupying; N. obsession: compulsive preoccupation with a fixed idea; compulsive idea; V. obsess: preoccupy the mind of excessively

respiration breathing; exhalation; ADJ. respiratory

charisma divine gift; great popular charm or appeal; magnetism

empirical based on experience

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

barterer trader; V. barter: trade; exchange good for other goods rather than money

fundamental basic; primary; essential

hostility unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ. hostile

breed produce young; rear; bring up; produce (an undesirable condition); N: kind or sort of animal or plant

gravity seriousness; ADJ. grave

enact make (a bill) into law

demur object (because of doubts, scruples); raise an objection (showing qualms); hesitate; Ex. demur at the idea of working on Sunday

manumit emancipate; free from slavery or bondage

omnipresent universally present; ubiquitous

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

sour having a sharp or acid taste; acid; tart; bad-tempered; V.

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

reckon count; calculate; regard as; think; suppose

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hoax trick which makes someone take action; practical joke; Ex. hoax mail; V.

disparage belittle

sphinx-like enigmatic; mysterious

base contemptible; morally bad; inferior in value or quality; Ex. base motives/conduct; Ex. base metal such as iron

extant (of something written or painted) still in existence

puny tiny; weak; insignificant

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

sprightly lively

procurement obtaining; V. procure: obtain by effort; obtain (a prostitute) for another

eugenic pertaining to the improvement of race; N. eugenics: study of hereditary improvement of the human race

pedant scholar who overemphasizes book learning, trivial details of learning, or technicalities

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

champion support militantly; fight for; N: person who fights for or supports strongly (a principle, movement, person, etc.)

jargon language used by special group; technical terminology; gibberish; nonsensical or incoherent talk
intuition immediate insight; power of knowing without reasoning; ADJ. intuitive; V. intuit: know by intuition
orthography correct spelling; CF. ortho-: straight; correct; Ex. orthodontics
rustic pertaining to country people; unsophisticated; simple; crude; uncouth; (of furniture) rough with the bark left on; N. rural person; rustic person
diffuse wordy; verbose; rambling; spread out (like a gas); V: spread out in all directions; disperse; N. diffusion; CF. suffuse
taper very thin candle; gradual decrease in the width of a long object; V: make or become gradually narrower toward one end
bearing deportment; connection
ideology system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture
sadistic inclined to cruelty; N. sadism: delight in cruelty
malady illness
lance pierce with a lance; cut into; N: spearlike weapon
advocacy support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something
trek travel; journey; V: make a long difficult journey
wage begin and continue (a war)
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)
execrable very bad; detestable
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
execrable very bad; detestable
malign speak evil of; bad-mouth(criticize spitefully); defame; ADJ: harmful; Ex. malign influence
resumption taking up again; recommencement; V: resume: begin or take up again; take or occupy again; Ex. Kindly resume your seats.
denounce condemn; criticize; N. denunciation
karat(karat) unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold
enmity ill will; hatred; hostility
demagogue person who appeals to people’s prejudice; false leader of people; CF. demagoguery
misogynist hater of woman; CF. misogyny
lottery contest in which winners are selected in a drawing of lots
buffoon stupid person; clown
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
depredation plundering; destruction
headstrong willful; stubborn; unyielding; determined to have one’s own way; CF. no ‘excessive’
pellucid transparent; limpid(crystal clear); clear in meaning; easy to understand
caustic purgative; medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ.
knell tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V.
welter confusion; turmoil; confused mass; bewildering jumble; Ex. welter of data
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
deleterious harmful
insuperable insurmountable; unbeatable; Ex. insuperable difficulties
irk some annoying; tedious; V. irk; annoy
component element; ingredient
scintillate sparkle; flash; be animated; be full of life; Ex. scintillating conversation
corpus collection (of writings or information); Ex. the corpus of Shakespear’s works; CF. corpse
weird eerie; strange; unnatural
dawdle loiter; hang around; waste time doing nothing
nascent incipient; coming into being or existence; Ex. nascent ability in music
valid logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; effective; Ex. valid reasoning/passport
shambles (place or scene of) complete disorder or ruin; wreck; mess; Ex. After the hurricane, the coast was a shambles.
gloss brief explanation note or translation of a difficult expression; V.
commandeer take (private property) for military use without needing permission or giving payment; draft for military purposes
rig arrangement of masts and sails; V: equip (a ship) with rigging; ADJ. rigging: ropes that hold up a ship’s sails
disbar make (a lawyer) leave the bar or the legal profession
fitful spasmodic; intermittent; irregular
alteration noisy quarrel
apropos with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.
checkered(checkered) marked by great changes in fortune; with many changes of fortune; CF. checked: having a pattern of squares
insinuate hint; imply; suggest indirectly; creep in; introduce or insert (oneself) by artful means; Ex. insinuate himself into the boss’s favor; CF. ingratiatate
muted silent; muffled; toned down; Ex. muted traffic noise
dys- abnormal; impaired
cornice projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars); 처마 장식
alchemy medieval chemistry

temper moderate; make less severe; tone down or restrain; toughen (steel) as by alternate heating and cooling

nefarious very wicked

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

infernal pertaining to hell; devilish; N. inferno: place of fiery heat or destruction

inflated exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with air or gas)

polyglot speaking several languages; multilingual; Ex. polyglot person/society; N.

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

bent determined; Ex. bent on advancing in the business; N: natural talent or inclination

vindicitive disposed to revenge; vengeful; out for revenge; spiteful; intended to cause harm; malicious; Ex. vindictive streak

perfunctory done routinely and with little care; superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; Ex. perfunctory kiss

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

bawdy indecent; obscene; about sex in a rude funny way; CF. bawd

palliate ease pain (without curing); make less severe or offensive (a crime or illness)

equitable fair; impartial; OP inequitable

prophetic of a prophet or prophecy; having to do with predicting the future; N. prophecy; V. prophesy; N. prophet

impassive without feeling; expressionless; impermeable; stoical; Ex. impassive face

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

provincial pertaining to a province; limited in outlook; narrow; unsophisticated

trickle flow in drops or in a thin stream; N.

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

explicit totally clear; definite; outspoken

purse pucker; contract (lips) into wrinkles; N: wallet

engender cause; produce; give rise to

queasy experiencing nausea; nauseated; easily nauseated; squeamish; Ex. feel a little queasy

bestial beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel

din continued loud noise; V: make a din; instill by wearing a repetition

belie contradict; give a false impression; disguise; Ex. The poor sales belied our high hopes; Ex. Her smile belies her true feeling of displeasure.

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

bland soothing or mild (food); agreeable; causing no trouble or offence

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

venison meat of a deer; CF. cow: beef; CF. pig: pork, ham, bacon; CF. calf: veal; CF. sheep: mutton; CF. lamb.

euphoria feeling of exaggerated or unfounded (ungrounded; baseless) well-being; feeling of great happiness or well-being (when unreasonable); ADJ. euphoriaric

timid (of a part of the body) swollen; distended; bombastic; pompous

tempo speed of music

scapegoat someone who bears the blame for others; whipping boy; CF. escape + goat

shove push forward; push roughly; Ex. pushing and shoving to get on the bus; N.

tensile capable of being stretched; of tension; Ex. tensile rubber

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

tutelary protective; pertaining to a guardianship; Ex. tutelary deities

odyssey long, eventful, adventurous journey

abstentious sparing in eating and drinking; temperate

gale windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughs, tears); Ex. gale of laughter

sentimental swayed by sentiment; appealing to the sentiments

barb sharp projection from fishhook, arrow, or other object; openly cutting remark

beneficial helpful; useful; advantageous

bellow large wave of water; a great swell or surge (of smoke); V: surge, swell, roll in billows

verisimilar having the appearance of truth or reality; probable or likely to be true; plausible

ravage devastate; plunder; despoil; Ex. crops ravaged by storms

disconsolate hopelessly sad (at the loss of something)

outmoded no longer in fashion or use; no longer stylish; old-fashioned

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

epigram witty thought or saying, usually short

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

unerringly infallibly; ADJ. unerring: making no mistakes
founder person who establishes (an organization or business)
disgruntle make discontented
monastic related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns
unfaltering steadfast; firm; not changing
porous full of pores; like a sieve
snip short quick cut with scissors; V: cut with scissors
canto division of a long poem
elliptical elliptic; oval; of an ellipse; containing an ellipse; ambiguous either purposely or because key words have been left out
tractable docile; easily managed; (of something) easily changed or molded; N. tractability
tantamount equivalent in effect or value; Ex. This invasion is tantamount to a declaration of war; CF. amount
abbreviate shorten
superfluous excessive; overabundant; unnecessary; N. superfluity
unassuming modest; Ex. the champion’s unassuming manner
mannerism distinctive behavioral trait; affected style in art (according to a set of styles)
inalienable not to be taken away; nontransferable; Ex. inalienable rights
ephemeral short-lived; fleeting
trough long narrow container for feeding farm animals; lowest point (of a wave, business cycle, etc.); long narrow depression as between waves
morbid given to unwholesome or unhealthy thought; moody; characteristic of disease; Ex. morbid curiosity; N. morbidity; CF. disease
grandiose affectedly grand; pretentious; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated; impressive; great in size or scope; grand; Ex. grandiose ideas
itinerant wandering; traveling from place to place (to perform work); Ex. itinerant preacher
onslaught vicious assault; fierce attack; Ex. unexpected onslaught of the enemy
executor person designated to execute the terms of a will; 예수 작품의 제작자
verbalize put into words; ADJ. verbal: of words; spoken rather than written; oral; of a verb
exemplify show by example; furnish an example; serve as an example of; Ex. His pictures exemplify that sort of painting.
expostulation protest; remonstrance; reasoning with someone to correct or dissuade; V. expostulate
temper boldness; nerve; rashness; Ex. temerity to ask for a pay increase after only three day’s work

misanthrope one who hates mankind; misanthropist
manipulate operate with one’s hands; control or play upon (people, forces, etc.) artfully; maneuver; Ex. how to manipulate publicity and men; ADJ. manipulative
gall bitterness of feeling; nerve; effrontery; 담즙(bile); CF: gall bladder
oblougy slander; disgrace; infamy
tint slight degree of color; V: give a tint to
avarice greediness for wealth
flutter (of a bird with large wings) wave (the wings) lightly, rapidly, and irregularly; vibrate rapidly or erratically; fly by waving quickly; flutter; N.
transpire (of a fact) become known; be revealed; happen; give off (watery waste matter) through pores
gracious kind in a generous way (to someone less important)
console lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort; allay the sorrow of; N. consolation
bravado swagger; assumed air of defiance; false show of bravery
unsavory distasteful; disagreeable; morally offensive; Ex. unsavory activity/reputation
claustrophobia fear of being locked in
dispersited lacking in spirit
historical connected with history; based on events in history (whether regarded as important or not)
circuit closed circular line around an area; circumference; regularly repeated journey from place to place
elaborate work out carefully; add more detail or information; ADJ.
censure blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N: severe criticism; strong disapproval
vampire ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living
obnoxious offensive; disagreeable; Ex. obnoxious smell
cubicle small chamber used for sleeping or work
residual remaining; left over; of a residue; N: residue
guage popular fashion; Ex. Jeans became the vogue.
cardiologist doctor specializing in ailments of the heart
purveyor furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer; V. purvey: supply (eg. food); furnish; CF. provide
spatial relating to space
trance hypnotic state; ecstatic state; detachment from one’s physical surrounding (as in contemplation or day-dreaming); CF. transition
fail weak; N. frailty
incorporeal without a material body; insubstantial
sear burn the surface of; char or burn; brand; parch; cause (a plant) to wither
chimerical fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; N. chimera: unreal fancy; fire-breathing female creature

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

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

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

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

insubordination disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. subordinate

granary storehouse for grain

moratorium legal delay of payment or action; Ex. declare moratorium on the building of new houses

intolerant not willing to accept ways of thinking different from one’s own; CF. tolerant; CF. tolerate

contest dispute; argue about the rightness of; compete for; try to win; Ex. contest the election results; Ex. contest a seat in Parliament; N.
natty neatly or smartly dressed; dapper; smart; Ex. natty dresser

uxorious excessively submissive or devoted to one’s wife; CF. uxor: wife

reproach blame (not angrily but sadly); express disapproval or disappointment; N. ADJ. reproachful

onus burden; responsibility

rooster cock; adult male chicken

beguile deceive; mislead or delude; cheat; pass time pleasantly; charm or attract; Ex. beguiling smile

herbivorous grain-eating; CF. herbivore

battalion army unit made up of four or more companies

academic related to a school; not practical or directly useful

ambience environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding; Ex. ambient temperature

perfidious treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery

wring twist (to extract liquid); extract by twisting; wrench painfully (necks or hands)

dearth scarcity

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

superannuated retired or disqualified because of age; outmoded; obsolete

wag shake repeatedly from side to side; Ex. The dog wagged its tail; N: humorous person; wit

bemused confused; lost in thought; preoccupied

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

wreak inflict; Ex. wreak one’s vengeance on

swathe swath; wrap around; bandage; Ex. one’s head swathed in bandages

choir group of people who sing together (esp. during religious services); place for choir

infringe violate (a law); encroach (the right of another person)

conundrum riddle; difficult problem

premeditate plan in advance; Ex. premeditated murder

pillage plunder

pen fenced enclosure for animals; confining space; Ex. sheep pen; V: confine in a pen; enclose

spangle small shiny metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation

avantgarde group of artists whose work is based on the newest ideas and methods; CF. vanguard

convention social or moral custom; established practice; formal meeting; international agreement

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

speck small piece or mark; Ex. speck of dust in the eye

unctuous oily; bland; insincerely suave

effete having lost one’s original power; barren; worn out; exhausted

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

clipper sailing vessel built for great speed

oculist physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes

rabble mob; noisy crowd

habituate accustom or familiarize; addict

broil cook by direct heat; N.

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

accommodate oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodative; CF. accommodating: helpful and obliging

cognizance knowledge; ADJ. cognizant; having knowledge; aware

prolong lengthen; extend; draw out

herd group of animals; crowd; one who looks after a herd; Ex. shepherd/goatherd; Ex. herd instinct; Ex. herdsman; V: come together in a herd; look after a herd; Ex. herd cattle

equanimité calmness of temperament; composure

lethal deadly

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

fauna animals of a period or region; CF. flora
appreciate be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of; ADJ. appreciable: enough to be felt; Ex. appreciable difference

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

intellect higher mental powers; person of great intellectual ability

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

damn condemn; criticize severely; condemn to everlasting punishment; doom; bring to ruin; N. damnation

embark commence; go on board a boat; begin a journey

exult rejoice

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

innocuous harmless

intractable from which it is impossible to get free; that cannot be untied; Ex. inextricable troubles; Ex. inextricable two histories

composure mental calmness

inviolable secure from corruption, attack, or violation (or profanation); unassailable; Ex. inviolable oath/rights; N. inviolability

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

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

holster leather pistol case (that hangs on a belt around the waist)

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

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

incline slope; slant; Ex. steep incline

cog tooth projecting from a wheel

apprehensive fearful; discerning

actuate motivate; activate; cause to act

gerontology study of the sociological phenomena associated with old age

bard poet

larder pantry; place where food is kept

cleft N: split

rider amendment or clause added to a legislative bill

jostle shove; bump; push against (someone) rather roughly; Ex. jostled by the crowds

coquette flirt; flirtatious woman; woman who tries to attract the admiration of men without sincere feelings; V.

exhume dig out of the ground; remove from a grave

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

resurrect revive

zenith point directly overhead in the sky; summit; acme; highest point

stamina power of endurance; strength; staying power

blurt utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement

extrapolation projection; conjecture; V. extrapolate: infer (unknown information) from known information

vagabond wanderer (without a permanent home); tramp

check stop motion; curb or restrain

sophisticated worldly wise and urbane; refined; complex; N. sophistication; V. sophisticate
- solstice  point or time at which the sun is farthest from the equator
- amalgamate  (of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body
- auspicious  favoring success; giving signs of future success; Cf. auspices
- pediatrician  physician specializing in children’s diseases; N. pediatrics
- elucidate  explain; make clear; clarify; enlighten; CF. lucid
- foolhardy  rash; reckless; foolishly daring
- erroneous  mistaken; wrong; incorrect
- 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
- fallible  liable to err
- alimony  payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce
- hirsute  hairy; having a lot of hair
- militia  army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers
- sheaf  bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together
- rusticate  banish to the country; dwell in the country
- ardor  heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent
- sonic  of sound or its speed in air; CF. subsonic, supersonic
- 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
- suborn  persuade to act unlawfully (especially to commit perjury); N. subornation
- pare  cut away the outer covering or skin of (with a knife); trim; Ex. pare apples/expenses
- misdeemeanor  minor crime; misdeed; wrongdoing
- tendentious  promoting a particular point of view; biased; having an aim; designed to further a cause; Ex. tendentious rather than truth-seeking; CF. tend: move in a certain direction
- throes  violent anguish
- nova  star that suddenly becomes much brighter and then returns to its original brightness
- savor  enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality
- apolitical  having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs
- emancipate  set free; liberate
- bovine  cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm
- expletive  meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word
- agape  openmouthed
- lampoon  ridicule; N: written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution
- forte  strong point or special talent in a person’s character
- supple  flexible; limber; pliant
- demerit  fault; bad quality
- callus  area of thick hard skin
- defolate  destroy leaves; deprive of leaves (by the use of chemicals); N. defoliant
- credence  belief
- flip  send (something) spinning, often into the air, by striking with a light quick blow; turn over; Ex. flip over
- prognosis  forecasted course of a disease; prediction; CF. prognostic
- flounder  struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter (as in water, mud, snow, etc.); proceed in confusion
- skiff  small light sailboat or rowboat
- demoniac(demoniacal)  fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil
- ruse  trick to deceive; stratagem
- sequester  isolate; segregate; seclude; retire from public life
- transgression  violation of a law; sin; V. transgress: go beyond (a limit); violate; do wrong
- analogous  comparable; similar
- eclectic  selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources; selecting individual elements from a variety of sources; N. eclecticism
- mangle  tear or cut to pieces; mutilate or disfigure; Ex. badly mangled bodies
- waver  move or swing back and forth; be uncertain or unsteady in decision or movement; Ex. wavering between accepting and refusing
- buccaneer  pirate
- placid  peaceful; calm; Ex. placid child/lake
- inscrutable  difficult to understand; impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious
- gaudy  flashy; showy
- pigment  coloring matter (usually powder to be mixed with water or oil)
- skittish  inconstant; capricious; frivolous; not serious; Ex. charming but skittish young woman; CF. skit
- precept  practical rule guiding conduct; Ex. mother’s precept
- contumacious  stubborn and disobedient; resisting authority (esp. disobedient to an order made by a court)
- solace  comfort in sorrow or trouble; consolation; V: comfort or console in time of sorrow or trouble
- affliction  state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V. afflict: inflict grievous suffering on
absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous

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

anonymous state of being nameless; anonymousness; ADJ. anonymous

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

arrogant intimate; frighten; discourage; dishearten

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

apprise estimate value of; N. appraisal

arrest person administering capital punishment

artificial put in danger

aspect strange; mysterious; Ex. uncanny knack

assent agree; assent to; consent to; agree with

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sonnet 14-line poetic verse form with a fixed rhyme pattern

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

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

defeat defeat

defect desertion

defensive decisive; ending all debate

degenerate hasty; rash; headfirst; ADV.

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

handsome large in quantity; generous; Ex. handsome reward

pitfall hidden danger; concealed trap

paltry large in quantity; generous; Ex. handsome reward

patron gift giver; patron; person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose

patronize treat with respect; treat as a patron; Ex. patronize a restaurant

pervasive pervasive; widespread; Ex. pervasive influence

peremptory decisive; ending all debate

penetrate break through; go through; Ex. penetrate a wall

personify personify; personification; N: nature; one who personifies something; personification; Ex. previous incarnation/reincarnation

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persuade entreat; request earnestly; seek to obtain; Ex. solicit votes; CF. solicitor: one who solicits; chief law officer

postpone postpone; defer; delay

power of god; omnipotent; almighty; Ex. the power of God

powerful powerful; strong; Ex. a powerful argument

pride take pride in; feel pride in; Ex. I take pride in my work

preside preside over; preside at

prestige prestige

proclaim proclaim; announce

proxy proxy; representative

psychological psychological; of or having to do with the mind, emotions, or behavior; Ex. psychological problems

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psychosis psychosis

psychotic psychotic

psyche soul; spirit; Ex. psyche of a person

psychology psychology

psychologist psychologist

psychosomatic psychosomatic

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□ dilettante aimless follower of an art or a field of knowledge (not taking it seriously); amateur; dabbler; CF. delight

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

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

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

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

□ belabor harp on; dwell on tediously; explain or go over excessively or to a ridiculous degree; assail verbally; beat severely; attack physically

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

□ complacency self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ. complacent

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

□ hierarchy arrangement by rank or standing; authoritarian body divided into ranks; body of persons having authority

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

□ shard fragment generally of broken pottery (glass, clay bowl, or cup)

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

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

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

□ appellation name; title

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

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

□ retrieve recover; put right; find and bring in; regain; Ex. retrieve the situation

□ baffle frustrate; perplex

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

□ trunk main wooden stem of a tree; human body excluding the head and limbs; torso; prehensile nose of an elephant

□ blasé bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored

□ sophistic teacher of philosophy; quibbler; employer of fallacious reasoning; N. sophism: plausible but fallacious argument

□ dire warning of disaster; disastrous; (of needs and dangers) very great; urgent; Ex. dire prediction/need of food

□ sextant navigation tool used to determine a ship’s latitude and longitude (by measuring the altitudes of stars)

□ prudent cautious; careful; prudential

□ seamy sordid; base; filthy; unwholesome; Ex. seamy side of city life

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

□ hindmost furthest behind; farthest to the rear

□ bog soft wet land; V: hinder or be hindered; Ex. bogged down in the mud

□ recluse hermit; loner; ADJ. reclusive

□ ventilate admit fresh air into to replace stale air

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

□ horde crowd; swarm

□ pandemonium wild tumult (commotion); wild noisy disorder; CF. Paradise Lost

□ impropriety impropriety; unsuitableness

□ ostracize banish from a group; exclude from public favor; ban; Ex. His friends ostracized him. N. ostracism

□ ravine narrow valley with steep sides; gorge; CF. gully, canyon

□ vigilant watchful; on the alert; watchfully awake; alert to spot danger; N. vigilance

□ sway swing from side to side; influence (someone) to change one’s opinion; N.

□ ascertain find out for certain; make certain

□ eccentric irregular; odd; unconventional; whimsical; bizarre; not concentric

□ 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.

□ recast reconstruct (a sentence, story, statue, etc.); fashion again

□ effervescence inner excitement or exuberance; showing high spirits; emitting bubbles forming inside; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation; ADJ. effervescent; V. effervesce

□ succumb yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex. succumb to the illness
encipher encode; convert a message into code; put into cipher
complaisant trying to please; obliging; willing to please others
negligible so small, trifling, or unimportant as to be easily disregarded
import significance; importance; meaning
disinclination unwillingness
scale climb up; ascend; remove or come off in scales; N: flake of epidermis; ascending or descending series of musical tones
precipitous steep; overhasty; precipitate
torpid lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy; ADJ. torpid: lethargic; lazy; inactive; (of an animal) dormant; hibernating
bliss complete happiness; ADJ. blissful
buffoonery clowning
autocratic having absolute unchecked power; dictatorial; N. autocrat, autocracy
denomination religious group; unit in a system; name or designation; CF. denominator: common trait or characteristic
rickety (of buildings) likely to break or fall apart; of rickets; CF. rickets; CF. vitamin D
drone talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee; N.
impertinent insolent; rude; not pertinent; N. impertinence
enjoin command; order; forbid
commonwealth nation governed by the people; republic; people of a nation
idle not working; not employed or busy; lazy; without purpose; useless; lacking substance; baseless; not based on truth; Ex. idle worker; Ex. talk idly; V.
exhort urge (by strong argument or advice); Ex. The general exhorted his men to fight bravely; N. exhortation
rout put to rout; stampede; drive out; N: complete defeat and disorderly retreat
tundra rolling treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America
indisputable too certain to be disputed; beyond doubt
indulgent humoring; yielding; lenient; showing indulgence
arable fit for growing crops; Ex. arable land
imprudent lacking caution; not prudent; injudicious
impel drive or force onward; drive to take action; urge to action

versatile having many talents; capable of working in many fields; having many uses or functions; N. versatility
mediocre ordinary; commonplace; neither good nor bad
nourishment something that nourishes; food
orthodox traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine
adherent supporter; follower
hybrid mongrel; mixed breed; V. hybridize
glaze cover with a thin and shiny surface; apply a glaze to; N: thin, smooth, shiny coating (as for pottery); Ex. unglazed pottery
memorial something, such as a monument or holiday, intended to honor the memory of a person or event; ADJ: commemorative
satiate satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); sate; N. satiety: condition of being satiated
righteous morally upright; just
castigation punishment; severe criticism or disapproval
incarnate endowed with flesh; invested with bodily form; personified; Ex. devil incarnate; V: give bodily form to; embody
expeditious done with speed; quick; N. expedition
homespun domestic; made at home; spun or woven at home; simple and ordinary; Ex. homespun philosophy
abscission cutting off; separation
phoenix symbol of immortality or rebirth; Ex. phoenix rising from its ashes
perceptive insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception
taunt deride or provoke; challenge in derision; N.
polarity state of having two opposite qualities
constituent supporter; voter; member of a constituency; component
excise cut away; cut out; N: government tax on good produced and used inside a country; N. excision
prey target of a hunt; victim; V: hunt and eat as prey; victimize; Ex. Cats prey on mice.
obsolete outmoded; no longer used
vying contending; CF: vie
impuissante powerlessness; feebleness
distinct clearly different; clearly noticed
healthful conducive to good health; Ex. healthful mountain air
unequivocal plain; clear; obvious
profligate wasteful (of money); dissipated; wildly immoral; dissolve; N: profligate person; N. profligacy
opportunist individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances; N. opportunism
- **sovereign** ruler in a monarchy; ADJ: (of a country) independent and self-governing; having supreme power; supreme; excellent
- **myriad** very large number; ADJ. CF. ten thousand
- **unfledged** immature; not having the feathers necessary to fly; CF. fledgling
- **rancid** having the odor of stale or decomposing fat; rank
- **pecuniary** pertaining to money
- **hurl** throw forcefully; shout out violently
- **founder** fail completely; sink; CF. flounder
- **sacrosanct** inviolably sacred; most sacred; inviolable
- **conviction** judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief
- **cornucopia** horn (or horn-shaped container) overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance; horn of plenty
- **disgorge** surrender something (stolen); eject; vomit; OP. gorge
- **emend** correct (usually a text); N. emendation: correction of errors; improvement
- **hindrance** block; obstacle; V. hinder
- **cistern** reservoir or water tank
- **cipher** nonentity; worthless person or thing; zero; secret code; V.
- **bristling** rising like bristles; showing irritation
- **cadence** rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sounds); beat; regular beat of sound; rhythm
- **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.
- **gratis** free; without charge; ADJ.
- **stalemate** deadlock; situation in which further action is blocked
- **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.
- **bleak** cold or cheerless; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing
- **liquidate** settle accounts; pay off (a debt); clear up; eliminate; kill or abolish
- **cordat** formal agreement
- **prance** move about in a spirited manner (proudly and confidently)
- **conjecture** surmise; guess; V.
- **prodigal** wasteful; reckless with money; profuse; Ex. a mind prodigal of ideas; N. prodigality
- **dingy** (of things and place) dirty and dull; Ex. dingy street/curtain
- **ferocious** fierce; violent; N. ferocity
- **confidence** self-assurance; calm unworried feeling based on a strong belief in one’s abilities; strong belief in the ability of a person or plan; trust or faith in a person or thing; something confided; secret; Ex. confidence in your ability; Ex. I’m telling you this in confidence; Ex. exchange confidences about their boyfriends; ADJ. confident
- **preen** 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
- **adorn** decorate
- **malingering** one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malinger: feign illness to avoid work
- **crotchety** (of someone old) eccentric; odd; whimsical; bad-tempered; N. crotchety: odd or whimsical notion
- **ancestry** family descent; ADJ. ancestral
- **quack** charlatan; impostor
- **inductive** pertaining to induction or proceeding from the specific to the general
- **quietude** tranquility; calmness
- **spartan** without attention to comfort; lacking luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined; Ex. spartan living condition/life
- **surreptitious** done secretly; secret; furtive; sneaky; hidden
- **undermine** weaken gradually; sap; dig a mine beneath
- **stultify** make stupid in mind; cause to appear or become stupid or inconsistent; suppress; frustrate or hinder; Ex. stultifying effect of uninteresting work; Ex. stultify free expression
- **querulous** given to complaining; complaining; fretful; whining
- **anodyne** drug that relieves pain or trouble; 진통제; opiate; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement
- **comeuppance** deserts; well-deserved punishment or misfortune; rebuke
- **largess** generous gift (given to people who do not have enough)
- **endorse** approve; support; write one’s signature on the back of; N. endorsement; CF. dorsal
- **pall** become boring; grow tiresome
- **frantic** wild; distraught as from fear or worry; Ex. frantic with fear
- **voluptuous** sensual; of or giving sensual pleasure; indulging in sensual pleasures; Ex. voluptuous lines; Ex. voluptuous life of the Romans; N. voluptuary: voluptuous person
- **clip** cut off with shears; fasten; N: something clipped off (as a short extract from film); clasp or fastener
- **podiatrist** doctor who treats ailments of the feet; chiropodist; N. podiatrics
- **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
assail assault
boost lift by pushing up from below; increase; raise; N: push upward; increase
diverge vary; go in different directions from the same point; ADJ. divergent: differing; deviating
indelible not able to be erased
hoodwink deceive; delude
fabricate build; lie; make up (a story) in order to deceive; Ex. fabricate the whole story; CF. fabric: underlying structure; Ex. fabric of society
minuscule(miniscule) extremely small
bigotry stubborn intolerance
forthcoming happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming.
seine seine net; net for catching fish
enamored in love; Ex. enamored of his own beauty; V. enamor: inspire with love
stammer speak with involuntarily pauses or repetitions

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hale healthy
regent a person who governs in place of a ruler who is ill, absent, or still a child; ADJ. Ex. the Prince regent
ingenue ingénue; young innocent girl
gUDGE deep feeling of dislike; Ex. grudge fight; V.
lugubrious mournful; sorrowful
remit transmit (money) in payment; free someone from a debt or punishment
GlARING (of something bad) highly conspicuous; harshly bright; shining intensely and blindingly
convene come together; assemble; call to meet; Ex. convene the council
obsequy funeral ceremony
subdue less intense; quieter; Ex. subdued lighting; Ex. subdue: conquer; make less intense; quiet; Ex. subdue one’s anger
dominate control; rule; enjoy a commanding position in; overlook from a height; 내리다보다
acrimonious stinging; caustic; bitter in words or manner; N. acrimony: bitter ill-natured animosity in speech or behavior
inadvertently unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly
antiquated obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated
dregs sediment in a liquid; lees; worthless residue
peer one who has equal standing with another; nobleman; V: look intently; N. peerage; CF. peersess
rabies disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)
rabid of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; CF. rabies: hydrophobia

absolute complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/ruler; CF. absolutism
illicit illegal
inveigle deceive; lead astray by deception; wheedle(ajojle); Ex. inveigle her into joining the club; CF. interest dishonestly
prosperity good fortune and financial success; physical well-being
blare loud or harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light
candor frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid
talisman charm; object believed to give supernatural powers to or protect its bearer
ubiquitous being everywhere; omnipresent; N. ubiquity
multiplicity state of being numerous or multiple; large number; Ex. multiplicity of details; ADJ. multiple: of more than one element
renovate restore to good condition; renew
natal connected with birth; CF. prenatal; CF. postnatal
nuptial of marriage or the wedding ceremony; N; nuptials; wedding ceremony
premonition forewarning; presentiment; foreboding
tempestuous stormy; violent; impassioned; N. tempest: violent storm
ballast heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast
accolade award of merit; strong praise and approval
gentility those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteel
retentive holding; able to retain things (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory
desperate having lost all hope; despairing; reckless and violent because of loss of hope or despair; undertaken as a last resort
manifesto public declaration of principles; statement of policy
covert secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt
overweening arrogant; presumptuous
extort wring from; get money by threats, etc.; obtain by force or threats; CF. extortionate: exorbitant
trifle something of little importance or value; small amount; Ex. a trifle; V. treat without seriousness; flirt
pungent stinging; acid; sharp in taste or smell; (of speech or writing) caustic; N. pungency
encompass surround; include; Ex. His activities encompass publishing and computers.
surmise guess; N.
graze (of an animal) feed on growing grass; cause (an animal) to feed on grass; scrape (esp. the skin) or touch lightly in passing; brush; Ex. We can’t graze the cattle till summer; N: surface wound
lull moment of calm; period of reduced activity; Ex. a lull in the rain; V: cause to become less active; cause to sleep or rest; Ex. lull the opponents into a false sense of security; CF. lullaby

partiality state of being partial; inclination; favorable bias; special fondness; preference

reaper one who harvests grain; Ex. the Grim Reaper; V: reap: cut and gather (crop); harvest a crop

specious seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often intentionally)

postulate self-evident truth; something assumed without proof; V: assume the truth of (as a basis of an argument)

genealogy record of descent; lineage; ancestry; study of ancestry

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

leonine like a lion

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 wasy of behaving or thinking)

dally trifle with; toy with; treat without the necessary seriousness; procrastinate; waste time

queer strange; eccentric; deviating from the normal

tribune official of ancient Rome elected by the plebians to protect their rights; protector of the people

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

promulgate announce; proclaim a doctrine or law; make known by official publication

lateral of or coming from the side

onomatopoeia words formed in imitation of natural sounds

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

gambol romp; skip about; leap about playfully; frolic; N.

inclusive tending to include all; all-inclusive; Ex. inclusive charge

waffle speak equivocally about an issue; N.

sparse not thick; thinly scattered; scanty

melee fight

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

partition divide into parts

soluble able to be dissolved in a liquid; able to be worked out or solved

supercilious haughty; arrogant; condescending; patronizing; CF. eyebrow, cilium

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

iridescent exhibiting rainbowlike colors; Ex. iridescent oil slick; N. iridescence

precise exact

depreciate lessen in value; belittle; represent as of little value

immutable unchangeable

winsome charming (in a childlike way); agreeable; gracious; engaging

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

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

irrelevant not applicable; unrelated

quaint odd in an old-fashioned way; odd; old-fashioned; picturesque

studied carefully contrived; calculated; unspontaneous; deliberate; thoughtful; Ex. studied remark

concentric having a common center

pacify soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue; bring peace to

friction clash or conflict in opinion; rubbing against

scenario plot outline; screenplay(script for a movie); opera libretto; outline of possible future events

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. concessionaire

serenity calmness; placidity; ADJ. serene

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

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

incarcerate imprison

presumptuous going beyond what is right; excessively forward; arrogant; taking liberties

blithe(blithesome) gay; joyous

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

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plaintive expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song

rivulet small stream; CF. rill | rivulet | river

warranty guarantee; assurance by seller
☐ **equinox** period of equal days and nights; the beginning of spring and autumn; Ex. vernal/autumnal equinox; ADJ. equinoctial

☐ **vital** full of life; animated; vibrant and lively; critical; of great importance; necessary to stay alive; of life; living; breathing; N. vitality; V. vitalize

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

☐ **yen** strong desire; longing; urge; Ex. yen for travel

☐ **retrench** cut down; cut down expenses; economize

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

☐ **gastronomy** art and science of preparing and serving good food; CF. gastronomie

☐ **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

☐ **deplete** reduce; exhaust

☐ **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

☐ **chasm** abyss; very deep crack

☐ **maternal** motherly; N. maternity: motherhood

☐ **daze** stun as with a blow or shock; bemuse; benumb; N.

☐ **caste** one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society; social stratification; prestige

☐ **immune** imprison; shut up in confinement; CF. wall

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

☐ **stupor** state of being stupefied; state of apathy; daze; lack of awareness

☐ **deface** mar; disfigure

☐ **revert** relapse; backslide; turn back to; return to the former owner; N. reversion

☐ **parquet** floor made of wood strips inlaid in a mosaic like matter; CF. strip: long narrow piece

☐ **fickle** changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless

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

☐ **consonant** harmonious; in agreement; N.

☐ **gauche** clumsy (in social behavior); coarse and uncouth

☐ **falsify** make (something written) false by changing

☐ **repine** fret; complain; be annoyed; Ex. repine over the undone work

☐ **integral** complete; necessary for completeness; Ex. integral part

☐ **ursine** bearlike; pertaining to a bear

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

☐ **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

☐ **slapdash** hasty and careless; haphazard; sloppy (carelessly done)

☐ **main** mutilate; injure lastingly; disable; cripple; Ex. maimed for life

☐ **decapitate** behead

☐ **intractable** unruly; difficult to manage; Ex. intractable problem/child

☐ **cordial** warmly friendly; gracious; heartfelt; Ex. cordial welcome

☐ **unilateral** one-sided; involving or affecting only one side; Ex. unilateral declaration

☐ **verbose** wordy; N. verbosity

☐ **tensure** shaving of the head especially by person entering religious orders; V.

☐ **masticate** chew

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

☐ **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?”

☐ **melancholy** gloomy; morose; blue; N. ADJ. melancholic; CF. melancholia

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

☐ **agrarian** pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform

☐ **visceral** felt in one's inner organs; N. viscera: internal body organs; CF. eviscerate

☐ **palate** roof of the mouth; sense of the taste

☐ **cleave** split or sever; cling to; remain faithful to; N. cleavage; ADJ. cloven

☐ **detonation** explosion

☐ **levitate** rise and float in the air (especially by magical means); CF. light

☐ **fit** sudden outburst of an illness or feeling; convulsion caused by epilepsy

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

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

☐ **factitious** artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears

☐ **bastard** illegitimate child

☐ **outlook** point of view; view from a particular place; expectation for the future; prospect; Ex. outlook on life; Ex. pleasing outlook; Ex. weather outlook
□ dank  damp; unpleasantly wet
□ brevity  conciseness; shortness of duration
□ whimsy  whim; tendency to behave amusingly strangely; Ex. story full of whimsy
□ gust  strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster
□ trinket  knickknack; bauble; cheap jewelry
□ extemporaneous  not planned; impromptu; extempore
□ universal  characterizing or affecting all; general; present everywhere; of the universe; cosmic; Ex. universal agreement; Ex. a subject of universal interest
□ interrogate  question closely; cross-examine; cross-question
□ ferment  agitation; commotion(noisy and excited activity); unrest (of a political kind); V. produce by fermentation; undergo fermentation; cause (a state of trouble)
□ apothegm(apophthegm)  pithy, compact saying
□ transport  strong emotion; rapture; Ex. in a transport/transport of; V. move to strong emotion; enrapture
□ tickle  touch (the body) lightly so as to cause laughter; please
□ chaff  worthless products of an endeavor; husk(outer seed cover) separated from grain; Ex. separate the wheat from the chaff
□ irreverence  lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent
□ trifling  trivial; unimportant
□ chronicle  report; record (in chronological order)
□ gourmand  epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink
□ regal  royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner
□ earn  gain for the performance of service or labor; gain (something that one deserves); deserve
□ glower  scowl; glare; look or stare angrily
□ prefatory  introductory; of a preface
□ gruff  rough-mannered; (of a voice) rough; hoarse
□ harangue  long, passionate, and vehement speech; V.
□ carrion  rotting flesh of a dead body; CF. vulture
□ broach  introduce as a subject; moot; open up
□ enigma  puzzle; mystery; ADJ. enigmatic: obscure; puzzling
□ disinter  dig up; unearth; OP. inter
□ defrock  strip a priest or minister of church authority; unfrock
□ craft  skill (esp. with one’s hands); skill in deceiving people; guile; ADJ. crafty: cleverly deceitful; cunning
□ collateral  security given for loan; ADJ. secondary; descended from the same person but through different sons or daughters
□ reek  emit (an unpleasant odor or smoke); give off an unpleasant odor; give out smoke; Ex. reeking chimney; N: unpleasant odor; stench
□ staid  serious and sedate; sober; Ex. staid during the funeral ceremony
□ satire  form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack human vice and folly
□ solicitor  lawyer in the lower court of law
□ synthesis  combining parts or separate things into a whole; the whole so formed; PL. syntheses; V. synthesize
□ mange  skin disease (esp. of domestic animals) marked by loss of hair
□ camp  group sharing a common cause or opinion
□ viable  capable of maintaining life; feasible; practical or workable; Ex. viable scheme
□ obviate  make unnecessary; get rid of; Ex. obviate the need
□ confound  confuse; puzzle
□ conifer  pine tree (usu. evergreen); cone-bearing tree; ADJ. coniferous; CF. deciduous; CF. evergreen
□ dissonance  discord
□ dehydrate  remove water from; dry out
□ cauterize  burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection
□ suture  stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing; V: sew together a wound
□ epicure  connoisseur of food and drink; gourmet; ADJ. epicurean; CF. Epicurus
□ prelate  church dignitary; priest of high position in the church (esp. bishop)
□ defect  shortcoming; V: desert (in order to join the opposite one)
□ incriminate  accuse of or implicate in a crime; serve as evidence against; cause to seem or make guilty of a crime; Ex. incriminating evidence
□ sectarian  of a sect; narrow-minded; parochial; N: member of a sect; narrow-minded person
□ forsake  desert; abandon; renounce
□ inerrancy  infallibility
□ somatic  pertaining to the body; bodily; physical
□ die  metal block used for shaping metal or plastic; device for stamping or impressing; mold; CF. dice
□ gavel  hammerlike tool; mallet(wooden hammer) used by a presiding officer or an auctioneer; V.
□ monochrome  painting in only one color; ADJ.
□ thrash  beat with a whip or flail; defeat utterly; talk about thoroughly in order to find the answer; move wildly or violently; Ex. The fishes thrashed about in the net.
geriatrics  medical treatment and care of old age

discretion  prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances; freedom of action or judgment; ADJ. discreet; CF. discretionary

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

animus  hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition

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

reprobate  morally disapproved person; person hard-ened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency; CF. disapproved by God?

kleptomaniac  person who has a compulsive desire to steal

tycoon  wealthy and powerful businessperson; wealthy leader; magnate; Ex. business tycoon

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

microcosm  small representative world; world in mi-nature; Ex. microcosm of English society

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

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

compassion  sympathy for the suffering of others; ADJ. compassionate

anthropoid  manlike; resembling a human being; N.

pauper  very poor person

fallow  (of land) plowed but not sowed (to improve the quality); uncultivated

entreat  plead; ask earnestly

disconcert  confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb

unruly  disobedient; lawless; difficult to control

potion  dose (of liquids); liquid dose

bigot  one who is intolerant (in matters of religion or politics)

ingenuous  naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid

illusive  deceiving; based on illusion; causing illusion; deceptive

orient  get one’s bearings; adjust; make familiar with a situation; orientate

raiment  clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.

Bacchanalia  the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus

pucker  gather into wrinkles or folds; N: wrinkle or fold

casual  happening by chance; irregular; occasional; informal; showing or feeling little interest; Ex. casual reader/labor/remark

pummel  pummel; beat or pound with fists

curmudgeon  churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person

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

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

synchronous  similarly timed; simultaneous with; occurring at the same time; V. synchronize

impudence  impertinence; insolence

quaff  drink with zest; drink with relish(zest; hearty en-joyment); 골격골격 먹습니다; CF. sip

paramount  foremost in importance; supreme; CF. para-: beyond; above; Ex. paranormal

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

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

affected  artificial; pretended

notoriety  disrepute; ill fame

fluctuate  waver; shift; rise and fall as if in waves; change or vary irregularly

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

levee  earthen or stone embankment to prevent flood-ing; CF. raise

embroider  decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embellish

correlation  mutual relationship

crossbreed  hybridize; N: hybrid; CF. interbreed; CF. in-breed

centripetal  tending toward the center

malefactor  evildoer; criminal

loquacious  talkative; N. loquacity

garrulous  loquacious; wordy; talkative; N. garrulity

Occident  the West

lilliputian  extremely small; CF. Lilliput in Gulliver’s Travels

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

pallid  pale; wan; Ex. pallid complexion

flinch  hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger.
□ romp  play or frolic boisterously; gambol; N.
□ acerbity  bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic: bitter, acrid (in taste, manner, or tone)
□ cumulative  growing by addition; accumulative
□ dignitary  person of high rank or position
□ berserk  mad with violent anger; frenzied; madly excited
□ languish  lose animation or strength
□ outskirts  fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston
□ paranoia  psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N. ADJ: paranoid, paranoiac
□ paradox  something apparently contradictory in nature (that may nonetheless be true); statement that looks false but is actually correct
□ infinitesimal  very small
□ masquerade  wear a mask or disguise; pretend; N: costume party or ball at which masks are worn; pretense; disguise
□ shade  slight difference in degree; nuance; degree of color; Ex. shades of meaning/grey
□ 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
□ charlatan  quack; pretender to knowledge (esp. in medicine)
□ legacy  gift made by a will; something handed down from an ancestor
□ suffuse  spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks.
□ prelude  introduction; introductory performance or event; forerunner
□ cursive  (of writing) flowing; running; having the successive letters joined
□ alleviate  relieve (pain)
□ hireling  one who serves for hire (usually used contemptuously); one who works solely for compensation; Ex. hireling politician
□ palatial  of or suitable for a palace; magnificent
□ execrate  curse; express abhorrence for; detest
□ disheveled  untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel
□ geniality  cheerfulness; kindliness; sympathy; ADJ. genial: cheerful and good-tempered
□ menace  threat; V: threaten
□ dilapidated  falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined because of neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N. dilapidation
□ cataract  great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight)
□ usury  lending money at illegal high rates of interest
□ impute  attribute; ascribe; charge; N. imputation
□ jaundiced  yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs; Ex. with a jaundiced eye
□ 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
□ prophylactic  used to prevent disease; N: something prophylactic; condom; N. prophylaxis: prevention of disease
□ paroxysm  fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outburst
□ transmute  transform; change; convert to something different
□ submerge  place under water; dip; go under water; cover completely (as with water); Ex. submerged in work
□ foppish  vain about dress and appearance; N. fop: man who takes too much interest in his clothes and appearance
□ psychopathic  pertaining to mental rearrangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder
□ porridge  soft food made by boiling oatmeal
□ religious  soft food made by boiling oatmeal
□ cumbersome  heavy and awkward to carry or wear; burdensome; Ex. cumbersome parcel/uniform
□ volley  simultaneous discharge of a number of shots; V.
□ silt  sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor or by a bend in a river)
□ catcall  shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V.
□ sleeper  one that achieves unexpected success; something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable
□ replete  fully filled; filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed; abundantly supplied; Ex. report replete with errors
□ rakish  jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; disreputable; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.
□ writhe  twist in coils; contort in pain
□ satirical  using satire; mocking
□ nauseate  cause to become sick; fill with disgust; fill nauseate
□ muddle  confuse; mix up confusedly; N: state of confusion

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□ sanguinary  bloody; with much bloodshed
□ impediment  hindrance; stumbling-block; speech defect preventing clear articulation; Ex. speech impediment
□ dolt  slow-thinking stupid person; CF. dull
□ sacrilegious  desecrating; profane; N. sacrilege: desecration, misuse, or theft of something sacred
□ nutritious  providing nourishment
mobile movable; not fixed; N. mobility

sultry (of weather) hot; sweltering; sensual; voluptuous

banal hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd

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

unction the act of anointing with oil; Ex. extreme unction

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repulsion distaste; disgust; act of driving back; ADJ. repulsive: causing disgust; tending to drive away; V. repel (not 'repulse')

deliberate consider; ponder; ADJ: done on purpose; slow

carafe glass water bottle; decanter

permissive allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society

touching causing a feeling of pity or sympathy; pathetic; V. touch: cause to feel pity or sympathy; ADJ. touched

symmetry arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity; ADJ. symmetrical

serpentine winding; twisting; of or like a serpent; Ex. serpentine course of the river; N. serpent: snake

stymie thwart; present an obstacle; stump

canvas determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region) to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.

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

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

provisional tentative; temporary

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

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

bilk swindle; cheat

well-bred of good upbringing; well-mannered and refined

harbinger forerunner (which foreshadows what is to come)

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

consensus general agreement; opinion reached by a group

postmortem autopsy; ADJ: occurring after death; of a postmortem

robust strong; vigorous

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

veneer thin surface layer (of good quality wood, glued to a base of inferior material); cover; surface show; façade; V.

capillary having a very fine bore; resembling a hair; fine and slender; Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hair-like tube; CF. capillarity

bust piece of sculpture showing a person’s head, shoulders, and upper chest; V: break up; arrest; Ex. crime-buster

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

minion servile dependent; obsequious follower

incorrigible uncorrectable

fancied imagined; unreal

institutionalize make into an institution; put or confine in an institution

forfeit something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N. forfeiture

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

replenish fill up again

defunct dead; no longer in use or existence

occlude shut; close; obstruct; Ex. A blood clot occluded an artery.

arboretum place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited

kindred related; belonging to the same group; similar in nature or character; Ex. kindred languages; N: relative; kin; kinship

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

maul handle roughly; batter; injure by beating; Ex. mauled by his overexcited fans; N: heavy long-handed hammer

fructify bear fruit; produce fruit

rife (of something bad) widespread; abundant; current

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

doze sleep lightly; nap

ratiocination reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises; V. ratiocinate: reason logically

ollycoddle pamper; coddle; baby; indulge excessively

warble (of a bird) sing; babble; N.

anthem song of praise or patriotism; Ex. national anthem

defalcate embezzle

plutocracy society ruled by the wealthy

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

jocular said or done in jest or playfully; marked by joking

appropriate acquire; take possession of for one's own use without permission; set aside for a particular purpose; allocate; CF. misappropriate

corrosive eating away by chemicals or disease; (of language) fierce

paucity scarcity; dearth

glutinous sticky; viscous; gluey

unekempt disheveled; uncared for in appearance; not combed; CF. comb

lionize treat (a person) as a celebrity

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; uncoupled; Ex. spare time

barrister counselor-at-law or lawyer in the higher court of law; CF. bar

turbid (of a liquid) having the sediment disturbed; muddy; thick

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

subside sink to a lower level; settle down; sink to the bottom (as a sediment); descend; grow quiet; become less; moderate; abate

cower shrink quivering as from fear; cringe

careen lurch; sway from side to side; move with irregular swinging movement; stagger

pharisaical pertaining to the Pharisees, who paid scrupulous attention to tradition; self-righteous; hypocritical

warrant justification; written order that serves as authorization (esp. a judicial writ); Ex. search/death warrant; V: justify; guarantee

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

tipple drink (alcoholic beverages) frequently; N: alcoholic drink

pry inquire impertinently (someone else's private affairs); use leverage to raise or open something; prize; N. pries: tool for prying

hackneyed commonplace; trite

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

humility humbleness of spirit

snub ignore or behave coldly toward; Ex. I made a suggestion but she snubbed me; N.

fetid (foetid) malodorous; foul

slipshod slovenly; careless; sloppy; untidy; shabby; Ex. slipshod work

fluted having vertical parallel grooves (as in a pillar); V. flute: make long parallel inward curves in; N. flute: long rounded groove incised on the shaft of a column

gangrene decay of body tissue caused by insufficient blood supply (usually following injury); CF. gangrenous

dynamic energetic; vigorously active

fanaticism excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause; N. fanatic; ADJ. fanatic

ambrosia food of the gods

zealot one who is zealous; fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal

inimicable matchless; not able to be imitated

catalyst agent which brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged; CF. catalysis

synthetic not natural; artificial; resulting from synthesis; Ex. synthetic fiber; N.

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

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

allegiance loyalty

begudge envy; give or allow unwillingly; grudge; Ex. We shouldn't begrudge him his success.

bereft deprived of (something valuable); lacking

faculty mental or bodily powers; teaching staff

infamous notoriously bad; notorious; well known for being bad; Ex. infamous behavior; N. infamy: infamous act; evil fame or reputation

important urge; always demanding; troublingly urgent or persistent

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

prank mischievous trick

wily crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile: deceitful stratagem

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

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heedless not noticing; disregarding

provenance place of origin; origin or source of something; Ex. Gunpowder is of Chinese provenance; CF. come

detached emotionally removed; free from emotional involvement; calm and objective; physically separate; N. detachment; CF. attachment
converse \textit{opposite}; ADJ.
invalidate weaken; destroy; make invalid; nullify
invert turn upside down or inside out; reverse the position or condition of
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
forensic suitable to debate or courts of law; of or used in legal proceedings and the tracking of criminals; Ex. forensic science/medicine
culvert artificial channel for water; drain crossing under a road
generic characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus
coalesce combine; fuse; N. coalescence
erotic pertaining to passionate love or sexual love
incense enrage; infuriate (make furious); make extremely angry; outrage; N: aromatic substance burned to produce a pleasant odor
prattle talk idly; babble; N. CF. prate
imbalance lack of balance or symmetry; disproportion
pseudonym pen name; fictitious name assumed by an author; ADJ. pseudonymous
supernumerary person or thing excess of what is necessary; extra; ADJ. additional to the usual or necessary number
transitory transient; impermanent; fleeting; N. transience
alacrity cheerful promptness without reluctance
remittance remitting of money; amount of money remitted
timbre quality of a musical tone produced by a musical instrument (which distinguishes it from others of the same pitch)
resuscitate revive; bring back to life or consciousness; Ex. resuscitate the drowned child
culmination highest point; climax; V. culminate in: reach the highest point in; end in; Ex. a series of minor clashes culminating in war
figurine small ornamental statuette (very small statue)
ravel fall apart into tangles; entangle; unravel or untwist
stem from arise from; originate from
decipher decode; CF. indecipherable
endear make beloved; Ex. endear her to everyone; ADJ. dear: loved; cherished; high-priced
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
obdurate stubborn; refusing to change one's belief
millennium thousand-year period (as in the New Testament); hoped-for period of happiness and prosperity
□ benediction  blessing
□ libretto  text of an opera or oratorio; CF. book
□ vegetate  live in a monotonous way (without interests or activity); CF. vegetation: plants of an area; CF. vegetarian; CF. vegan
□ 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
□ salacious  lascivious; lustful; Ex. salacious monk
□ neologism  new or newly coined word or phrase
□ codicil  supplement to the body of a will; later addition to a will
□ tension  stretching; condition of being stretched; mental strain; strained relationship between groups or people
□ cordon  extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress; (어깨에서 거드랑 밑으로 걸치는) 장식 리본; V.
□ disjunction  act or state of separation; disunity; CF. conjunctive: expressing a choice between two ideas; CF. conjunction; CF. conjunctive
□ wary  very cautious; watchful
□ effectuate  effect; produce; achieve; Ex. effectuate a reconciliation
□ vex  annoy; distress
□ clapper  striker (tongue) of a bell
□ décolleté  (of a dress) having a low-cut neckline; CF. décolletage: low neckline (on a dress)
□ brag  boast
□ injurious  harmful; causing injury
□ ciliated  having minute hairs; CF. cilium; CF. cilia: eyelash
□ precursor  forerunner; predecessor
□ repudiate  disown; disavow; deny
□ tome  large volume; book
□ flirt  behave in a way that attracts (sexual) attention; deal triflingly with; N: one (or woman) given to flirting; ADJ. flirtatious
□ diligence  steadiness of effort; persistent hard work
□ limn  draw; outline; describe; CF. line?
□ beset  harass or trouble from all directions; hem in
□ platonic  purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire
□ parallel  similar; analogous; corresponding; N: parallel line; person or thing that is parallel (to another); similarity; Ex. know of no parallel to the case; Ex. without parallel; V: be similar to; make parallel; Ex. Your experience parallels mine; CF. unparalleled
□ restitution  returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury
□ unsightly  ugly; unpleasant to look at
□ domineer  rule over tyrannically
□ billowing  swelling out in waves; surging
□ aboriginal  being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native; indigenous; N. aborigine
□ recount  narrate or tell (a story); count over again
□ disarray  state of disorder; a disorderly or untidy state; Ex. with her clothes in disarray
□ convoluted  coiled around; twisted; involved; complicated; intricate; complex; N. convolution: twist; one of the convex folds of the surface of the brain
□ indulge  yield to; gratify; allow oneself a special pleasure; Ex. indulge one’s every whim/a child/in a big cigarette; N. indulgence
□ gesticulation  motion; gesture; V. gesticulate: make gestures (while speaking)
□ vixen  female fox; ill-tempered woman; CF. shrew
□ tarnish  make or become dull or discolored; N.
□ hypercritical  excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)

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□ officious  meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one’s services; overly eager in offering unwanted services or advice; Ex. officious bellboy
□ cow  terrorize; intimidate
□ representational  (of a style of art) showing things as they actually appear in real life
□ viscid  adhesive; gluey
□ infraction  violation (of a rule or regulation); breach
□ sunder  separate; part; CF. asunder
□ stilted  bombastic; stiffly pompous; Ex. stilted rhetoric; CF. stiff: formal
□ defile  pollute; make filthy or dirty; corrupt morally; profane; desecrate; N: narrow passage or gorge through mountains
□ pine  long for; yearn; languish from longing or grief; decline
□ revulsion  sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture
□ refractory  unmanageable; disobedient and stubborn; Ex. refractory horse
□ decorum  propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners; appropriateness of behavior or conduct
□ tirade  long angry denunciatory speech; diatribe; harangue; extended scolding; denunciation
□ paradigm  model; example that serves as a model; pattern; list of all the inflectional forms of a word
□ sibling  brother or sister
□ peripheral  of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex. peripheral nerve/interest
□ squelch  produce a splashing sound (when stepping through mud); crush; squash; CF. 진흙을 위에서 발을 때
- **bandy** discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words) heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words with
- **disembark** debark; go ashore (from a ship); unload cargo from a ship; CF. embark
- **blush** become red in the face (from embarrassment or shame); become red or rosy; N.
- **abash** embarrass
- **prevail** be widespread; triumph over; gain victory; prevail on: persuade; induce; Ex. Justice has prevailed; Ex. prevail on someone to do something
- **raze** destroy completely; Ex. raze the city to the ground
- **diaphanous** sheer; transparent
- **mystic** of hidden meaning and spiritual power; Ex. mystic ceremonies; N. CF. mysticism
- **concoct** 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
- **guffaw** boisterous laughter; V.
- **affiliation** joining; associating with
- **trigger** set off; start
- **emollient** soothing or softening remedy (for the skin); ADJ.
- **wilt** loose freshness; droop
- **iota** very small quantity
- **quash** crush; suppress; squash; subdue; annul; Ex. quash a rebellion/the decision of the low court
- **fleece** wool coat of a sheep; V: shear the fleece from; rob by a trick; swindle; plunder
- **spoilsport** one who spoils the pleasure of others

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- **protrude** stick out; jut; project; Ex. protruding teeth
- **ellipsis** omission of words from a text; mark used to indicate an omission (when the meaning can be understood without them); PL. ellipses
- **clasp** hold firmly within arms
- **demeanor** behavior; bearing
- **vassal** in feudalism, one who held land of a superior lord; subordinate or dependent
- **stumble** trip and almost fall; proceed unsteadily; act falteringly; N.
- **fastidious** difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky
- **brittle** hard but easily broken; difficult; unstable; Ex. brittle situation
- **dogged** determined; stubborn; stubbornly persevering; tenacious; Ex. Inspector Javert’s dogged pursuit of Jean Valjean
- **bully** one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.
- **fluster** confuse; make nervous and confused; N.
- **desultory** aimless; haphazard; digressing at random
- **reimburse** repay; pay back
- **raucous** (of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts
- **baleful** evil; malignant in intent or effect; deadly; having a malign influence; portending evil; ominous; threatening; Ex. baleful look
- **noose** loop formed in a rope
- **clamber** climb by crawling with difficulties; scramble
- **accede** agree
- **fertile** producing many young, fruits, or seeds; (of land) producing good crops; V. fertilize
- **staccato** played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt sharp sound; Ex. staccato applause
- **weather** pass safely through (a storm or difficult period); endure the effects of weather or other forces
- **cozen** cheat; hoodwink; swindle
- **redress** remedy; compensation; Ex. seek redress for the damage to your car; V: put right; remedy or rectify (a wrong); make amends for
- **dénouement** final outcome; final development of the plot of a play or other literary work; the end of a story when everything is explained
- **subjective** influenced by personal feelings; occurring or taking place within the mind; unreal; Ex. subjective sensation of the ghostly presence
- **decoy** lure or bait; V.
- **exempt** not subject to a duty or obligation; free from a duty; V.
- **qualify** reach a necessary standard; limit the meaning of something stated
- **inroad** hostile invasion; advance that lessens the quantity or difficulty of something; Ex. The long illness made serious inroads on his savings; CF. raid
- **apiarist** person who keeps bees
- **deign** condescend; stoop
- **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
- **scrap** small bit or fragment; discarded waste material; fight; Ex. a scrap of paper/cloth; V: break into parts for disposal; discard as worthless; fight; quarrel
- **inconsequential** insignificant; unimportant
- **reconcile** make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one’s political principles with one’s religious beliefs
- **bevy** large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets
- **evoke** call forth (memory or feeling); Ex. That old film evoked memories of my childhood; N. evocation
- **legislature** legislating branch of government; CF. legislate: make laws
- **affirmation** positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath; V. affirm; ADJ. affirmative; CF. affirmative action: positive discrimination
- **reparable** capable of being repaired
- **malaise** uneasiness; vague feeling of ill health (without any particular pain or appearance of disease)
- **fecundity** fertility; fruitfulness; ADJ. fecund: very productive of crops or young
- **frieze** ornamental horizontal band on a wall
- **canter** slow gallop; V. CF. trot
- **reserve** self-control; self-restraint; formal but distant manner; reticence; Ex. without reserve: freely and openly; ADJ. reserved: shy and uncommunicative
- **whimsical** capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange
- **feebleminded** deficient in intelligence; very stupid
- **exodus** departure (of a large number of people)
- **collate** examine and compare in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order (the sheets of a book before they are bound)
- **whittle** pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim
- **soporific** sleep- causing; marked by sleepiness; drowsy
- **pterodactyl** extinct flying reptile; CF. wing+finger
- **mass** Christian religious ceremony; CF. Mass: ceremony of the Eucharist
- **coagulate** congeal; thicken; clot; N. coagulant
- **metaphysical** pertaining to speculative philosophy; of metaphysics; N. metaphysics: branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality
- **compulsive** resulting from compulsion
- **incumbent** obligatory; imposed as an obligation; currently holding an office; N: person who holds an office
- **swipe** hit with a sweeping motion; N.
- **deify** turn into a god; make a god of; idolize; Ex. Kings were deified; CF. deity
- **prodigy** highly gifted child; person with exceptional talents; marvel; wonder
- **hazy** slightly obscure; misty; unclear; N. haze: light mist or smoke; confused state of mind
- **incidental** not essential; minor; N: something incidental
- **decrepit** weak and in bad condition from old age or hard use; Ex. decrepit old chair/man
- **methodical** systematic; N. method: systematic method of procedure
- **malapropos** inappropriate; ADV.
- **capacity** mental or physical ability; role; position or duty; ability to accommodate; Ex. in my capacity as president
- **preempt** prevent in advance; head off((forestall)); forestall by acting first; appropriate for oneself before others; supplant; take the place of; displace; Ex. preempt any attempts; ADJ. preemptive
- **testator** maker of a will; CF. testatrix
- **libertine** debauched person; dissolute or licentious person; roué; CF. free
- **consolidation** unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger; V. consolidate: merge; strengthen
- **veto** vested power to reject a bill; exercise of this right; V: prevent or forbid by exercising the power of veto
- **dishonor** disgrace; N. ADJ. dishonorable
- **hull** husk; dry outer covering of a seed; frame or body of a ship
- **inception** start; beginning
- **grandeur** impressiveness; stateliness; majesty
- **extirpate** root up; uproot; destroy completely
- **bicker** quarrel
- **euphemism** mild expression in place of an unpleasant one; ADJ. euphemistic
- **ordeal** severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial(test of patience or endurance); affliction
- **limber** flexible; supple; pliable; V.
- **astronomical** enormously large or extensive
- **presage** foretell; be a warning or sign of; N: presentiment; foreboding; omen
- **uproar** noisy confusion
- **nuptial** related to marriage or the wedding ceremony; N. nuptials: wedding ceremony
- **chaotic** in utter disorder
- **shack** crude cabin
- **caucus** private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF. the Caucus club of Boston
- **inveterate** deep-rooted; habitual; CF. grow old
- **besiege** surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually
- **relish** enjoy; savor; N: enjoyment; zest
- **dull** (of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; boring; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V.
- **monumental** massive; impressively large; built as a monument
- **attire** clothe; N: clothing; array; apparel
- **theocracy** government run by religious leaders
- **cerebral** pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF. cerebrum
- **affluence** abundance; wealth
- **carnage** destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals
- **whelp** young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.
□ smother kill from lack of air; suppress; cover thickly; Ex. smothered in little stickers
□ granulate form into grains or granules; N. granule: grain or particle
□ tessellated mosaic; inlaid; Ex. tessellated pattern
□ mutability ability to change in form; fickleness; ADJ. mutable: able to change; fickle; CF. mutate; CF. mutant
□ Epicurean believing that pleasure is good and suffering is bad and should be avoided; N.
□ abyss enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit
□ retrograde go backwards; recede; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.
□ psychic of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers
□ encircle surround
□ tantrum fit of bad temper; fit of petulance; caprice; Ex. The child went into tantrums.
□ abhor detest; hate
□ lassitude languor; weariness; listlessness
□ 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
□ propellant(propellent) substance which propels or drives forward (such as an explosive charge or a rocket fuel)
□ sententious pithy; terse; concise; aphoristic
□ elysian relating to paradise; blissful
□ adversity great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event
□ hermetic concerning alchemy or magic; obscure and mysterious; occult
□ artisan a manually skilled worker
□ 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
□ refulgent effulgent; brilliant; brightly shining; gleaming; Ex. refulgent moon
□ enrapture please intensely; fill with rapture and delight
□ primp groom oneself with care; adorn oneself
□ resort turn to for help; Ex. resort to violence; N.
□ beget father; become the father of; produce; give rise to
□ rostrum raised platform for speech-making; pulpit
□ agility nimbleness; ability to move quickly
□ conjugal pertaining to marriage
□ woeful sad; (of something bad) deplorable; deplorably bad; Ex. woeful housing conditions
□ oatmeal crushed oats used for making porridge
□ periphery outside edge especially of a round surface; perimeter; Ex. periphery of the town

□ chivalrous courteous; faithful; brave; N. chivalry
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□ harry harass, annoy, torment (by repeated attacks); raid
□ prologue introduction (to a poem or play)
□ piebald of different colors; mottled; spotted in different colors (esp. in black and white); Ex. piebald horse; CF. pie+bald
□ polemical(polemic) aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious (rather than simply expressing opinions)
□ maroon leave helpless on a deserted island or coast; ADJ. red brown
□ talon claw of bird
□ pander cater to (the low desires of others)
□ archives public records; place where public records are kept
□ impious irreverent
□ decompose disturb the composure of; confuse
□ residue remainder; balance
□ febrile feverish
□ ebb (of the tide) recede; lessen; diminish; N. OP: flow: rise of tide
□ frenetic(phrenetic) frenzied; frantic
□ bacchanalian drunken
□ tantalize tease; excite by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach; torture with disappointment; CF. Tantalus: Greek mythological figure
□ diminution lessening; reduction in size; V. diminish
□ solicitous anxious; worried; concerned; eager; Ex. solicitous to do something; N. solici turate
□ contiguous adjacent to; touching upon
□ refrain abstain from; resist; forbear; N: chorus
□ dissolution disintegration; reduction to a liquid form; looseness in morals; sensual indulgence; debauchery; ADJ. dissolve: lacking in moral restraint; leading an immoral life
□ 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.
□ aegis shield; protection; defense
□ felin of a member of the cat family; N.
□ downcast disheartened; dejected; sad; directed downward
□ diatribe bitter scolding or denunciation; invective; abuse
□ license official or legal permission; latitude of action or speech; excessive freedom that causes harm or damage; V.
□ didactic (of speech or writing) intended to teach a moral lesson; teaching; instructional; N. didacticism
infiltrate  pass into or through; penetrate or enter (an organization) sneakily; Ex. infiltrate the troops into enemy territory; CF. infiltrator

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

encomiastic  praising; eulogistic; N. encomium: very high praise; eulogy

behemoth  huge creature; something of monstrous size or power

penology  study of prison management and criminal rehabilitation

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

embrace  hug; clasp with the arms; adopt or espouse; V. CF. embrace

rebuttal  refutation; response with contrary evidence; V. rebut: refute; disprove

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

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

stoic  stoical; impassive; unmoved by joy or grief; N. CF. stoicism

clap  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

wanderlust  strong longing to travel

pliant  flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable

pedagogue  teacher; CF. child leader

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

unmitigated  (of something bad) not moderated; unrelied or immoderate; without qualification; absolute; Ex. unmitigated disaster

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

blowhard  talkative boaster; braggart

interpolate  insert between

anarchy  absence of governing body; state of disorder

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

bragadocio  boasting

curator  superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)
nimble  quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind
cajole persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle
run-down (of a place) dilapidated; in a bad condition; (of a person) weak or exhausted
swindler cheater
nip snip off; stop something’s growth or development; bite; make numb with cold; Ex. nip the plan; Ex. A guard dog nipped the postman; Ex. fingers nipped by the extreme chill
parvenu upstart; newly rich person
impolitic not wise; not expedient; not politic
remunerative (of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V. remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble
epic long heroic poem, novel, or similar work of art (celebrating the feats of a hero); ADJ: (of stories or events) resembling an epic; grand
disparity difference; condition of inequality; OP. parity
dispel scatter; drive away; cause to vanish
brand trademark; mark burned on the hide of an animal; mark burned into the flesh of criminals; mark of disgrace; V. mark with a brand; give a lasting bad name; stigmatize; Ex. The press branded him a liar.
increment increase
accost approach and speak first to a person
scad a great quantity; Ex. scads of clothes

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abstinence restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF. abstention: act of abstaining from vote
slough (of a snake) shed or cast off (dead outer skin); N. outer layer that is shed
execute put into effect; carry out; kill as a lawful punishment; N. execution
parochial narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes
affidavit written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)
chaplain clergyman attached to a chapel
entourage group of attendants; retinue; CF. surround
induct place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N. induction: inducting; process of deriving general principles from particular facts
remote distant in manner; aloof
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
dulcet sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious
dyslexia word blindness; learning disorder marked by impairment of the ability to read
malleable (of a metal) capable of being shaped by pounding(beating); pliable; (of someone) impressionable(easily influenced); easily controlled; tractable
eventual happening at last as a result; Ex. eventual victory
imponderable weightless; that cannot undergo precise evaluation; CF. pound
pervert corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural
climactic relating to the highest point; N. climax; CF. climatic
superficial of the surface; not deep; shallow; not thorough; trivial; Ex. superficial analysis/knowledge
argot slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people
genus division of animals or plants, below a family and above a species
withdrawn introverted; retiring; remote
pore study industriously; ponder; scrutinize; Ex. pore over the book; N.
demise death
hyperbole exaggeration; overstatement; ADJ. hyperbolic: of hyperbole; of a hyperbola
yoke join together; unite; N. crossbar used to joining two draft animals
lament grieve; express sorrow; N. lamentation
totem animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex. totem pole
autopsy examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.
venturesome (of a person) bold; adventurous; daring; (of an action) risky
indefatigable tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired
insensible unconscious; unresponsive; insensitive; unaware; imperceptible; Ex. insensible of his danger/to pain; Ex. insensible change; CF. not the opposite of sensible
squabble minor quarrel; bickering; V. engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children
volatile changeable; of a quickly changing nature (as of temper); mercurial; tending to violence; evaporating rapidly; Ex. volatile character/situation in the street
ewe female sheep
covetous avaricious; desirous of (someone else’s possessions); V. covet: desire eagerly (someone else’s possessions)
meek submissive; patient and long-suffering
impetuous violent; hasty; rash; impulsive; without careful thought; Ex. impetuous decision

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spruce neat and trim in appearance; smart; Ex. Be spruce for your job interview; V.

jumble mix in a confused way

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

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

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

application diligent attention; diligence; V. apply oneself

psychosis mental disorder; ADJ. N. psychotic

hoary white with age

vacillate waver (in opinion); fluctuate; sway to and fro; N. vacillation

sturdy strong and firm (in the body)

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

optometrist one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects

impeetus moving force; momentum; force of a moving body; incentive; stimulus; impulse

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

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

low moo; make the sound of a cow

pastiche imitation of another’s style in musical composition or in writing; work of art openly imitating the works of other artists

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

eddy swirling current of water, air, etc.; V.

languid lacking energy or vitality; weary; sluggish; listless

vestige trace; remains; Ex. vestiges of some ancient religion

partisan one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party (with dislike of any others); N: strong supporter of a party; guerrilla

implicit understood but not stated; implied; unquestioning and complete; Ex. implicit trust

thesis opinion put forward and supported by reasoned arguments

symbiosis interdependent relationship (between groups, species) often mutually beneficial; ADJ. symbiotic; CF. together + life

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

minutiae petty or trivial details; CF. minuti

passé old-fashioned; past the prime

dissent disagree

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

whit small amount; smallest speck; Ex. not a whit of

arroyo gully; narrow channel formed by rainwater

splice join together end to end to make one continuous length; fasten together; unite; Ex. splice two strips of tape; N.

makeshift temporary expedient or substitute (in the case of urgent need); Ex. makeshift shelter

monochromatic having only one color

irate angry; CF. ire: anger; wrath

imposture assuming a false identity; masquerade; CF. impostor

flux flowing; series of changes; fluctuation; Ex. in a state of flux

bulwark strong wall built for defense; earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends

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

profane violate; desecrate (something holy); treat unworthy; be profane for; ADJ: secular; nonreligious; irreverent for holy things

mincing affectedly dainty(delicate); V. mince: cut (esp. meat) into very small pieces; walk with exaggerated primness; walk in an unnatural way, taking little short steps; Ex. The actor minced across the stage; CF. mincer

partial incomplete; favoring one side over another; having a liking for something

sedentary requiring sitting; done while sitting; not moving from one place to another; settled; Ex. sedentary job/population

tan convert (hide) into leather; make brown by exposure to the sun

equipoise balance; balancing force; equilibrium

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

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

crave desire; want intensely

putrid decayed and foul-smelling; foul; rotten; decayed; N. putridity

puissant powerful; strong; potent; N. puissance: power

vendor seller

infirmity weakness

shoot new growth from a plant

arcade a covered passageway usually lined with shops

propriety fitness; quality of being proper; correct conduct; conformity to prevailing customs and usages; CF. proprietor, proprietary
petrify turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze

deploy spread out (troops) in an extended though shallow battle line; distribute (persons or forces) systematically or strategically

rectify set right; correct; CF. rect-: right

jabber chatter rapidly or unintelligibly

petrify turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze

condone overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse

strut pompous walk; V: walk in a self-important manner

collaborate work together; cooperate reasonably with the enemy

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 ones; N. rationalization

sensitization process of being made sensitive or acutely responsive to an external agent or substance; V. sensitize: make or become sensitive

underlying lying below; fundamental

bureaucracy overregulated administrative system marked by red tape; ADJ. bureaucratic

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

remediable reparable

urchin mischievous child (usually a boy); CF. urchin: hedgehog; CF. porcupine: pig with spikes ?; CF. sea urchin

squash crush; quash; suppress

impassioned (of speech) filled with passion; fervent

perpetuate make perpetual; make something last for a long time; preserve from extinction; N. perpetuity

anthropomorphic having human form or characteristics

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

prognosticate predict (according to present indications)

agog highly excited; intensely curious

apparent evident; easily seen or understood; appearing as such; Ex. apparent improvement

bogus counterfeit; not authentic; intentionally false; Ex. bogus interview

miserly stingy; mean

vanguard forerunners; foremost position of an army; advance forces; foremost position in a trend or movement; CF. rearguard

mitigate appease; moderate; make or become less in force or intensity

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

acoustics science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in

savant scholar; learned person; CF. savoir: know

fraught filled (with something unpleasant); full; Ex. fraught with danger and difficulties; CF. freight

nonsense speech or writing with no meaning; full; Ex. make (a) nonsense of: spoil; cause to fail

penance self-imposed punishment for sin; Ex. do penance for one’s sins; CF. penitent

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

unanimity complete agreement; ADJ. unanimous

reprimand reprove severely; rebuke; N.

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

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

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

dilatory delaying; tending to delay

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

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

vent small opening; outlet (as of fumes or a gas); Ex. He gave vent to his anger by kicking the chair.

skimp provide or use scantily; live very economically; Ex. skimp on necessities; ADJ. skimpy: inadequate in amount; scanty; stingy; niggardly

yeoman man or farmer owning small estate; middle-class farmer

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

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

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

seedy run-down; decrepit; disreputable; having many seeds; Ex. seedy downtown hotel

juggernaut irresistible crushing force; overwhelming advancing force that crushes everything in its path

vertebrate having a backbone or spinal column; N: group of animals having a segmented spinal column

epitaph inscription in memory of a dead person (as on a tombstone)
niggle □
peruse □
revoke □
slag □
indignation □
mire □
hallucination □
asunder □
sleazy □
hallucination delusion; false idea; false perception of objects with a compelling sense of their reality; objects so perceived; V. hallucinate; ADJ. hallucinatory
impervious impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed; incapable of being affected (in one’s opinions); Ex. impervious to water/criticism
jaunt trip; short journey
solemnity seriousness; gravity
thermal pertaining to heat; producing heat; warm; Ex. thermal bath; N: rising current of warm air
scotch stamp out(put an end to); thwart; hinder; Ex. scotch the rumor; CF. cut; CF. 활동을 줄이는 의미
cameo shell or jewel carved in relief; star’s special appearance in a minor role in a film
unwieldy awkward (to carry or move); cumbersome; unmanageable
stygian unpleasantly dark; gloomy; hellish; deathly; CF. Styx: the chief river in the subterranean land of the dead
touchy oversensitive; easily offended; irascible; delicate; needing delicate handling; Ex. touchy situation
skinflint miser; stingy person
insurgent rebellious; N.
replica copy
suckle give or take milk at the breast or udder
frolic play and jump about happily; frisk; Ex. frolicking young lambs
expatriate exile; someone who has withdrawn from his native land; V: exile; banish; leave one’s country
maladroit clumsy; not skillful; awkward; bungling
lumen unit of light energy (one candle’s worth)
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
diurnal daily; occurring during the daytime
predator predatory animal or bird; predatory person; creature that seizes and devours another animal; person who robs or exploits others; ADJ. predatory: living by preying on other organisms; plundering; N. predation
motility ability to move spontaneously; ADJ. motile: moving spontaneously
litotes understatement for emphasis; Ex. “not bad(=pretty good)”
renown fame; ADJ. renowned
blues state of depression or melancholy; style of slow, mournful music (evolved from southern Black American songs)
concomitant that which accompanies; Ex. Deafness is a frequent concomitant of old age; ADJ: existing or happening together with something else
conceit vanity or self-love; too high opinion of one’s own value; extravagant metaphor (in poetry)
decelerate slow down
indigent poor; destitute
shrewd clever; astute
incredulous withholding belief; skeptical; showing disbelief
tremor trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)
concur agree; coincide; happen at the same time
smelt melt (ore) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ores changing their chemical composition
hap chance; luck
deducible derived by reasoning; V. deduce: infer; derive by reasoning
demolition destruction; V. demolish
aphorism pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic
motto brief statement used to express a principle
confluence flowing together; the place where two rivers flow together; crowd; gathering together
bludgeon club; heavy-headed weapon; V.
vile despicable; unpleasant; disgusting; Ex. vile slander
glare shine intensely and blindingly; stare fixedly and angrily; N.
convert one who has adopted a different religion or opinion; V: change into another form; (persuade to) adopt a particular religion or belief
chisel swindle or cheat; N: wedgelike tool for cutting
avocation secondary or minor occupation
finery beautiful clothes for a special occasion
lush (of a plant or grass) growing very well
marrow soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells
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
emolument salary; payment for an office; compensation
abyssal bottomless
□ cavalcade procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry
□ idiosyncrasy individual trait usually odd in nature; behavioral peculiarity; eccentricity; attitude, behavior, or opinion peculiar to a person; anything highly individual or eccentric; ADJ. idiosyncratic
□ constitution constituting; system of laws; composition of something; physical makeup or structure of a person; Ex. men with strong constitutions
□ enterprising full of initiative; showing enterprise
□ invulnerable incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure
□ 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
□ corollary natural consequence (which naturally follows from something else)
□ brocade rich, figured(patterned) fabric
□ laceration torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound
□ pretentious ostentatious; showy; pompous; making unjustified claims; overambitious; Ex. pretentious films that claim to be art
□ pharisee Pharisee: member of an ancient Jewish group that emphasized strict observance of the Mosaic law (considering themselves very holy); hypocritical self-righteous person
□ chore daily domestic task (such as cleaning, cooking, and shopping); unpleasant task
□ ethnic relating to races
□ cognate having a common origin; related linguistically; allied by blood; similar or akin in nature; Ex. cognate languages; N.
□ stagnant (of water) not flowing (often bad-smelling); motionless; stale; not developing; inactive; dull; Ex. stagnant industrial output
□ hide skin of an animal
□ consternation great shock; dismay
□ torrid (of weather) hot or scorching; passionate; Ex. torrid love affairs
□ delirium mental disorder marked by confusion; uncontrolled excitement; ADJ. delirious
□ wastrel waster; profligate
□ overthrow topple; N.
□ smattering slight knowledge; small scattered number or amount; Ex. smattering of German
□ throng crowd (of people or things); V.
□ document provide written evidence (for a claim); record with documents; N.
□ mongrel plant or animal (esp. a dog) of mixed breed; ADJ.
□ dazzle make blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder
□ vouch give a personal guarantee; Ex. I can vouch for his integrity; N. voucher
□ lopsided heavier or larger on one side than the other; Ex. lopsided way of walking
□ indigenous native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World
□ rivet metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V: fasten with a rivet; engross
□ overture 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
□ solecism nonstandard grammatical construction; construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically; violation of social etiquette
□ jaunty cheerful and pleased with life; lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree; dapper in appearance; Ex. jaunty person/hat
□ practical based on experience; of or acquired through practice (rather than theory); useful; Ex. practical man
□ factotum handyman; person who does all kinds of work; CF. do everything
□ parable short simple story teaching a moral
□ voluble fluent; talkative; glib; N. volubility
□ castrate remove the sex organs (of a male animal or person)
□ malevolent wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence
□ camaraderie good-fellowship; CF. comrade
□ implore beg
□ nettle irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettlesome
□ blackball vote against (an applicant); ostracize; N: negative vote
□ ecosystem ecological community together with its environment
□ discredit defame; disgrace; destroy confidence in; disbelieve; N. CF. discreditable: causing discredit; shameful
□ bilious suffering from indigestion; sick from having too much bile; irritable; easily irritated
□ rococo ornate; highly decorated; N. CF. 18th century
□ disapprobation disapproval; condemnation
□ shear remove (fleece or hair) by cutting; remove the hair or fleece from; cut with or as if with shears; N: shears; pair of scissors
□ verbiage pompous array of words; too many unnecessary words; wordiness
□ invincible unconquerable
□ truncate cut the top off; shorten
□ allay calm; pacify
□ disdain treat with scorn or contempt
□ surmount overcome
negligence—neglect; failure to take reasonable care; ADJ. negligent: negligent; lax; not taking enough care

trappings—outward decorations; ornaments (as an outward sign of rank)

amoral—nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong

ascendancy—controlling influence; position of controlling influence; CF. in the ascendant

swelter—press by heat

exploit—make use of, sometimes unjustly; N. exploitation

slap—hit quickly with the flat part of the hand; N. CF. smack

magnitude—greatness (in size or extent); extent

slander—defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements; V. ADJ. slanderer

insomnia—wakefulness; inability to sleep

florescence—condition or period of flowering

plenary—(of power) complete; full; fully attended by all qualified members; Ex. plenary power

portend—foretell; presage; be a sign or warning of; N. portent: sign; omen; forewarning

vaunted—boasted; bragged; highly publicized; V. vaunt: boast; brag

pernicious—very harmful; deadly; very destructive; Ex. pernicious effect/anemia

philanthropist—lover of mankind; doer of good; N. philanthropy

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

perforate—pierce; put a hole through

latent—present but not yet noticeable or active; dormant; hidden; N. latency; CF. potential

blemish—mar; spoil the beauty or perfection of; N: flaw or defect (that spoils perfection); Ex. blemishes in the crystal; CF. unblemished

gibe—mock; make jeering remarks; N: jeering remarks

inebriate—make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person

tertiary—third in order or rank
□ addle make or become confused; muddle; drive crazy; become rotten (egg)
□ haggle argue about prices (in an attempt to bargain)
□ pious devout; religious; N. piety
□ lewd lustful
□ imbroglio complicated situation (as in a play); painful or complex misunderstanding (as in a play); entangle- ment; confused mass (as of papers); V. embroil
□ stentorian (of the voice) extremely loud; CF. Stentor: a loud herald in the Iliad
□ overwhelm (of water) cover completely; defeat completely by much greater force; Ex. overwhelmed by grief
□ hypochondriac person unduly worried about his health; worrier without cause about illness; ADJ. CF. hypochondria: neurosis that one is or is becoming ill; CF. abdomen
□ confide tell in confidence (to a person one trusts); be confident about
□ steep soak; saturate; Ex. steep the fabric in the dye bath; ADJ. precipitous
□ 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
□ importune beg persistently; make repeated requests (in an annoying way)
□ auger impressive; majestic
□ oligarchy government by a privileged few
□ ruffian violent scoundrel; bully
□ obligatory binding; required; compulsory; V. oblige: constrain; make grateful; do a favor; accommodate
□ disquietude uneasiness; anxiety; V. disquiet: make anxious
□ adversary opponent; enemy
□ grueling exhausting; Ex. grueling marathon race
□ dissection analysis; cutting apart in order to examine
□ vivisection act of dissecting living animals
□ equestrian rider on horseback; ADJ.
□ wax increase gradually (as the moon); grow
□ adventitious accidental; casual; happening by chance
□ sarcasm cutting ironic remark; scornful remarks; sting- ing rebuke; ADJ. sarcastic
□ martyr one who voluntarily suffers death for his or her religion or cause; great sufferer; Ex. martyr to his rheumatism
□ repast meal; feast; banquet
□ ferret drive or hunt out of hiding; hunt with ferrets; drive out (as from a hiding place); expel; uncover or discover by searching; Ex. ferret out the secret; N. small fierce animal which catches rats and rabbits by going into their holes
□ rue regret; lament; mourn; Ex. He will rue the day; N. ADJ. rueful
□ abide dwell; abide by: comply with; put up with; tolerate; Ex. abide by the rules; Ex. I can’t abide rude people.
□ precarious unsafe; lacking in stability; uncertain; risky; Ex. precarious living
□ stun make unconscious or numb as by a blow; amaze; astound
□ expedient suitable (for a particular purpose although not necessarily morally correct); practical; politic (prudent); N: something expedient
□ gyrooscope apparatus used to maintain balance, ascertain direction, etc.
□ irremediable incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy
□ shaving very thin piece, usually of wood (cut from a surface with a sharp blade)
□ unbridled violent; uncontrolled; Ex. unbridled rage/greed
□ cogitate think over; ponder
□ proselytize (induce someone to) convert to a religion or belief; N. proselyte: new convert to a doctrine or religion
□ amalgam combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth
□ expansive (of a person) outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size
□ gait manner of walking or running; speed
□ connoisseur person competent to act as a judge of art, etc. (whose judgments are respected); a lover of an art
□ 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 maetals; pure; complete; unqualified; Ex. unalloyed happiness
□ wizardry sorcery; magic
□ abrasive rubbing away; tending to grind down
□ swill drink greedily
□ liability drawback; handicap; debts; obligation; responsibility; condition of being liable; ADJ. liable: likely; responsible (for paying)
□ precipitant something that causes a substance in a chemical solution to separate out in solid form; OP. solvent
□ chastise punish as by beating; criticize severely
□ effulgent shining brightly; brilliant
□ lode metal-bearing vein (long deposit of an ore)
□ impair injure; hurt; damage
□ Elysium place or condition of bliss
□ adamant hard; inflexible
□ vicar parish priest; representative
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<td>plasticity</td>
<td>ability to be molded; ADJ. plastic: capable of being shaped or molded</td>
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<td>ken</td>
<td>range of knowledge; Ex. beyond one’s ken</td>
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<td>upshot</td>
<td>outcome; final result</td>
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<td>insubstantial</td>
<td>lacking substance; insignificant; frail; immaterial</td>
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<td>allocate</td>
<td>assign; set apart for a particular purpose</td>
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<td>sylvan</td>
<td>pertaining to the woods or the country</td>
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<td>sluice</td>
<td>artificial channel for directing or controlling the flow of water (with a gate to regulate the flow)</td>
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<td>wince</td>
<td>move back suddenly; shrink back; flinch; Ex. She winced as she touched the cold body.</td>
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<td>parish</td>
<td>area in the care of a single priest and served by one main church</td>
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<td>itinerary</td>
<td>plan of a trip; record of a trip</td>
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<td>modulate</td>
<td>tone down in intensity; change the intensity or tone of; regulate; change from one musical key to another; Ex. modulate from E to G</td>
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<td>regiment</td>
<td>military unit; V: subject to strict order; Ex. regimented society</td>
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<td>injury to body; crime of willfully maiming or crippling a person; violent disorder; Ex. mayhem in the zoo; CF. maim</td>
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<td>quarrel noisily; obtain through arguing; herd cattle; N.</td>
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<td>declivity</td>
<td>downward slope</td>
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<td>proclivity</td>
<td>inclination; natural tendency (esp. towards something bad)</td>
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<td>proscribe</td>
<td>prohibit; ostracize; banish; outlaw</td>
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<td>recumbent</td>
<td>reclining; lying down completely or in part</td>
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<td>draconian</td>
<td>extremely severe; Ex. draconian punishment; CF. Draco: Athenian politician</td>
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<td>dispassionate</td>
<td>calm; impartial; not influenced by personal feelings</td>
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<td>withstand</td>
<td>stand up against; resist successfully</td>
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<td>Garner</td>
<td>gather; store up; amass</td>
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<td>mediate</td>
<td>settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate a cease-fire</td>
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<td>gibberish</td>
<td>nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk or writing; babbling</td>
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<td>resurge</td>
<td>rise again; flow to and fro; N. resurgence; ADJ. resurgent: (of ideas or beliefs) experiencing revival; surging again</td>
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<td>refuse</td>
<td>anything discarded or rejected as worthless; trash</td>
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<td>dogmatic</td>
<td>opinionated; holding stubbornly to one’s opinion; arbitrary; doctrinal</td>
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<td>dispense</td>
<td>distribute; prepare and give out (medicines); N. dispensation: dispensing; religious system; official exemption from an obligation or a rule</td>
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<td>pertaining to a germ; creative; Ex. germinal idea</td>
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<td>connotation</td>
<td>suggested or implied meaning of an expression; V. connote</td>
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<td>equivocate</td>
<td>use equivocal language to deceive people; lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivocation</td>
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<td>débâcle</td>
<td>sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; complete disaster</td>
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<td>beneficiary</td>
<td>person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will</td>
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<td>grudging</td>
<td>unwilling; reluctant; stingy(giving reluctantly)</td>
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<td>bromide</td>
<td>platitude; chemical compound used to calm excitement</td>
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<td>guy</td>
<td>cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied; CF. guide</td>
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<td>jollity</td>
<td>gaiety; cheerfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry; gay</td>
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<td>subsistence</td>
<td>existence; means of subsisting; means of support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist; maintain life (at a meager level)</td>
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<td>shunt</td>
<td>move (a railway train) from one track to another; turn aside; divert; sidetrack; Ex. shunt traffic around an accident; N.</td>
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<td>grapple</td>
<td>wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar</td>
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<td>simplistic</td>
<td>oversimplified</td>
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<td>tenacity</td>
<td>firmness; persistence</td>
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<td>extrovert</td>
<td>person interested mostly in external objects and actions</td>
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<td>pert</td>
<td>(esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; trim; jaunty; Ex. pert young miss/hat</td>
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<td>steadfast</td>
<td>steadily loyal; unwavering; steady</td>
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<td>wispy</td>
<td>thin; slight; barely discernible</td>
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<td>cartographer</td>
<td>map-maker</td>
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<td>perpetrated</td>
<td>commit an offense; do (something wrong)</td>
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<td>divulge</td>
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<td>disingenuous</td>
<td>not naive; not candid; sophisticated; worldly wise; OP. ingenuous</td>
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<td>recess</td>
<td>pause; temporary cessation; alcove; secret inner place; Ex. parliament in recess; V. CF. recessive</td>
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□ cosmic pertaining to the universe; vast
□ gratify please; satisfy; Ex. gratify a desire
□ slack moving slowly; sluggish; inactive; (of a rope) loose; negligent; lax; Ex. slack season; Ex. slack in one’s work; N. V.
□ truculence aggressiveness; ferocity; ADJ. truculent: aggressive; pugnacious; fierce
□ healthy possessing good health; healthful
□ mash crush into mash; convert into mash; N: mixture of ground grain and nutrients fed to livestock and fowl
□ humanitarian one devoted to the promotion of human welfare; CF. humanism
□ idyllic charmingly carefree; simple and happy; Ex. idyllic scene
□ chase ornament a metal surface by indenting; follow rapidly to catch
□ recline lie down
□ militate work against; Ex. militate against the chances of promotion; CF. serve as a soldier
□ astute wise; shrewd; keen; seeing quickly something that is to one’s advantage
□ cantankerous ill-humored; irritable
□ berate scold strongly
□ artery blood-vessel; CF. vein
□ mantle loose sleeveless outer garment; cloak; something that covers or envelops; the layer of the earth between the crust and the core
□ unassailable not open to attack; impregnable; not subject to question
□ gnome dwarf; underground spirit who guards treasure hoards
□ limpid crystal clear
□ embed(imbed) enclose; place in something; fix firmly in a surrounding mass
□ lachrymose producing tears; tearful
□ creep move with body close to the ground; move stealthily or slowly; N.
□ confidant(confidante) trusted friend (to whom one tells one’s secret)
□ fissure crevice; crack
□ draw choosing of a lot or card
□ sanction approve; ratify; N: permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance
□ amend correct; change; generally for the better
□ irony hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean; use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning
□ galvanize stimulate or shock by an electric current; stimulate by shock; shock into action; stir up; coat with rust-resistant zinc by using electricity
□ efface rub out; remove the surface of
□ meander wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly
□ virtual in essence; existing in essence though not in actual form; for practical purposes; Ex. virtual ruler/space
□ shimmer shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex. The moonlight shimmered on the water; N.
□ visionary produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical; showing foresight; N: one having foresight; one given to speculative impractical ideas
□ prosper become successful (esp. financially); thrive; grow well; Ex. children prospering under his care
□ plait braid; intertwine; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex. plaited hair; N: braided length as of hair or fabric; CF. pigtail, ponytail
□ mercurial capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex. mercurial temper; CF. mood
□ historic important in history; Ex. historic battle
□ imminent impending; near at hand
□ wiggle wriggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions
□ curtail shorten; reduce
□ narcissist conceited person; N. narcissism; CF. narcissus
□ 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.
□ ration fixed portion; V: distribute as rations
□ levity lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner
□ quagmire bog; marsh; soft, wet, boggy land; predicament; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself
□ aplomb poise; composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence
□ adhere stick fast; be a devoted follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty
□ doff take off; OP. don
□ corrugated wrinkled; ridged
□ esteem respect; value; judge; N.
□ ambiguous unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation
□ wrest obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp
□ spate sudden flood or rush; Ex. spate of accidents
□ inanimate lifeless; not animate
□ armada fleet of warships
□ polarize split into opposite extremes or camps
□ rolling (of land) rising and falling in long gentle slopes; happening continuously by stages; Ex. rolling devolution of power to local governments
□ practicable feasible
□ **amiable** agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly
□ **roster** list (of names)
□ **delta** flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river
□ **bereavement** state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved; state of being bereaved or bereft
□ **loll** lounge about
□ **posthumous** after death (as of child born after father’s death or book published after author’s death); coming or occurring after one’s death; Ex. posthumous fame/novel
□ **rapt** engrossed; absorbed; enchanted; Ex. rapt listener
□ **gentry** people of standing (rank or position); people of good family or high social position; class of people just below nobility
□ **idiom** expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its individual words; distinctive style (of expression); Ex. idiom of the modern popular music; ADJ. idiomatic
□ **recant** disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error; Ex. recant one’s faith/a statement
□ **asylum** place of refuge or shelter; protection (religious or political)
□ **virus** disease communicator
□ **aberrant** abnormal or deviant
□ **hubris** arrogance; excessive self-conceit
□ **leniency** mildness; permissiveness; ADJ. lenient: not severe in judgment or punishment
□ **imply** suggest a meaning not expressed; signify
□ **syllogism** logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or specious argument
□ **propensity** natural inclination
□ **opaque** dark; not transparent; N. opacity
□ **fetish (fetich)** object believed to have spiritual powers; object of excessive attention or reverence; CF. fetishism
□ **hummock** small hill; hillock
□ **venial** (of a fault or sin) forgivable; trivial
□ **effrontery** rudeness without any sense of shame; shamelessboldness; presumption; nerve; cheek
□ **subtlety** perceptiveness; ingenuity; delicacy; ADJ. subtle: delicate; so slight as to be difficult to detect; able to make fine distinctions; clever; Ex. subtle mind/differences in meaning
□ **strew** spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter; Ex. flower girl strewing rose petals
□ **canine** related to dogs; doglike
□ **boisterous** violent; rough; noisy
□ **vituperative** abusive; scolding; V. vituperate: berate; scold; rail against abusively
□ **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.
□ **paste** smooth viscous mixture of flour (powder made by crushing grain) and water (used as an adhesive); V: cause to adhere by applying paste

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□ **spendthrift** someone who wastes money; CF. thrift: accumulated wealth
□ **mannered** affected; not natural; Ex. mannered way of speech
□ **marginal** of a margin; barely within a limit; Ex. marginal effect/writing ability
□ **ultimatum** last demand; last warning; last statement of conditions that must be met; Ex. They have ignored our ultimatum.
□ **lascivious** lustful
□ **suspend** cause to stop for a period; interrupt; hold in abeyance; defer; hang from above; exclude for a period from a position; Ex. suspended state; Ex. suspend judgment; Ex. suspended from the team; N. suspension
□ **turncoat** traitor
□ **pique** irritation; resentment from wounded pride (eg. loss in a contest); V: provoke; arouse; annoy; cause to feel resentment; Ex. pique her curiosity
□ **discrepancy** lack of consistency or agreement as between facts; difference; Ex. discrepancy between two descriptions
□ **comprehensive** broad; including a lot or everything; thorough; inclusive
□ **dilemma** situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives
□ **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
□ **osseous** made of bone; bony
□ **distract** absentminded; distracted
□ **calligraphy** beautiful writing; excellent penmanship
□ **halting** hesitant; faltering; not fluent; Ex. halting steps/voice; V. halt: proceed or act with uncertainty; falter; hesitate; waver; stop
□ **overt** open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert
□ **upright** (sitting or standing) straight up; honest; moral
□ **pathos** tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings; Ex. pathos that runs through the novel
□ **probity** uprightness; honesty; incorruptibility
□ **stratified** divided into classes; arranged into strata; V. stratify
□ **embroil** throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF. imbroglio
exalt raise in rank or dignity; praise highly; inspire; Ex. exalt the imagination; ADJ. exalted; N. exaltation

scruple hesitate for ethical reasons; fret about; Ex. She did not scruple to read his diary; N: uneasy feeling arising from conscience; conscience

willful wilful; intentional; headstrong

sepulcher tomb; V: place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral

carking petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble

boor rude, insensitive person

lucre money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre

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

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

celerity speed; rapidity

detract impugn; slander; calumny; repudiate; impugn; N. detractor

grimy grisly; horrible

beneficent kindly; doing good

knotty intricate; difficult; tangled; CF. knot

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

vicissitude change (esp. from good to bad); change of fortune; CF. the last emperor of China

debauch corrupt morally; seduce from virtue; N. debauchery: wild behavior (with sex and alcohol)

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

trivia trifles; unimportant matters

inert inactive; lacking power to move; unable to move or act; Ex. chemically inert; N. inertia: state of being inert; force which keeps a thing in the position or state

arduous hard; strenuous; Ex. arduous work

browse graze; feed on growing grass; skim or glance at casually

pertinacious holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn; persistent

patrimony property inherited from a father

flail beat with or as if with a flail; move wildly; thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; toss about; N: threshing tool consisting of a stick swinging from the end of a long handle

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

annihilate destroy

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

balmy soft and mild (of air); fragrant

remorse deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach

fiend evil spirit; devil

incoherent unintelligible; muddled; unable to express one’s thoughts in an orderly manner; illogical; lacking cohesion; not coherent

tyro beginner; novice

roil make liquids murky by stirring up sediment; disturb

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

repository storehouse

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

discriminate distinguish; make distinctions on the basis of preference

repeal revoke; annul

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

havoc widespread damage; disorder; chaos

chary cautious; unwilling to take risks; sparing or restrained about giving; OP. bold

turbulence state of violent agitation; ADJ. turbulent: violently agitated or disturbed

lithe flexible; supple; CF. limber

pushy disagreeably aggressive

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

trample step heavily with the feet; crush under the feet

contrive invent or fabricate in a clever way (by improvisation); manage; Ex. contrive to attract his attention

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

braggart boaster; bragger

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

motif theme; recurrent thematic element in a musical or literary work; single or repeated pattern; figure
willowy flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow
apologist one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia
cloying distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental; V. cloy: become unpleasant through too much sweetness or excess
seep pass slowly through small openings; ooze; trickle; N. seepage
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
finicky too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food
antithesis contrast; direct opposite of or to; ADJ. antithetic or antithetical
culpable deserving blame; blameworthy
quiver tremble; shake; N.
brawn human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness
chasten discipline; punish in order to correct; CF. chasten
infer deduce; conclude; N. inference
disburse pay out (as from a fund); N. disbursement; CF. purse
unteachable (of a position, esp. in an argument) indefensible; not able to be maintained
demotic of or pertaining to the people
spat squabble; minor dispute; minor quarrel
persist continue in existence; last; continue in a course of action in spite of opposition; Ex. persist in/with something; ADJ. persistent
 cacophonous discordant; inharmonious; N. cacophony: unpleasant mixture of loud sounds

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filial pertaining to or befitting a son or daughter; Ex. filial respect
arrhythmic lacking rhythm or regularity; N. arrhythmia
plaster paste that hardens to a smooth solid and is used for coating walls; V.
nebula diffuse mass of interstellar dust or gas; galaxy
doddering shaky; infirm from old age; V. dodder
depict portray
juxtapose place side by side; CF. next
filth dirty matter; ADJ. filthy
device think up; invent; plan; bequeath; N: bequest
brackish somewhat saline
pontifical pertaining to a bishop or pope; pompous or pretentious; CF. pontiff: pope; bishop
reverent respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect
shuttle mix together; jumble; move (something) from one place to another; slide (the feet) along the ground while walking; Ex. shuttle papers from one pile to another; N.
dirge funeral song; slow mournful piece of music (sung over a dead person)
Machiavellian crafty; double-dealing; of the political doctrine of Machiavelli, which holds that craft and deceit are justified in pursuing political power
belittle disparage; depreciate
patina green crust on old bronze works or copper; tone slowly taken by varnished painting
miscarriage ill luck
effigy dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex. burn an effigy of the President
nutrient nourishing substance; ADJ: providing nourishment
bacchanal noisy party with a lot of drinking
virtuoso highly skilled artist (esp. in music); Ex. piano virtuoso
eccentricity oddity; idiosyncrasy
benign kindly; favorable; not malignant (disease); Ex. benign tumor
wheedle deceive, persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her
intrinsic essential; inherent; built-in
place pacify; bring peace to; conciliate; appease
menagerie collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo
pulsate throb; beat regularly; vibrate regularly
sere sear; parched; dry
throb (of a heart or machine) beat rapidly or violently; N. Ex. heartbeat; sweetheart
halfhearted exhibiting little interest or enthusiasm
patronfather and ruler of a family or tribe
usage act or manner of using; accepted practice; way in which words are actually used
subaltern subordinate
hut crude dwelling; shack
infest inhabit in numbers large enough to be harmful; Ex. Mice infested the house; Ex. shark-infested waters
inevitable unavoidable
parity equality; close resemblance; CF. disparate
incontrovertible indisputable; impossible to dispute; not open to question; unquestionable
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
ebullient showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm; boiling; N. ebullience; N. ebullition: state of boiling
insidious treacherous; stealthy; sly; working or spreading harmfully in a stealthy manner; Ex. insidious spreading of dry rot

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

alienate make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of

esoteric hard to understand; known only to the chosen few; esp. initiates; N. esoterica

contortions twistings; distortions; V: contort: twist violently out of shape; CF. contortionist

corpulent very fat; N. corpulence

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

amity friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations

sensuous giving pleasure to the senses; pertaining to the physical senses; operating through the senses; sensuous feeling of soft velvet on the skin

continence self-restraint; sexual chastity; sexual abstinence; voluntary control over bladder and bowel functions; ADJ. continent

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

dermatologist one who studies the skin and its diseases

rational (of a person) having reason; (of ideas) based on reason; logical

fête(fête) honor at a festival; celebrate or honor with a feast; N. (outdoor) festival or feast; CF. feast

vortex whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predicament into which one is inextricably plunged

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

cadaver corpse; dead human body

exotic not native; from another part of the world; strange; intriguingly unusual; Ex. exotic flower/dress

exhale breathe out; OP. inhale

reverberate echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley.

rationale fundamental reason or principle (on which a system or principle is based); fundamental reason or justification; grounds for an action

humus substance or rich soil formed by decaying vegetable matter; CF. soil

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

carnivorous meat-eating; N. carnivore; CF. herbivore

venerate revere; treat with great respect

carefree free from worries; having no problems

subsidiary serving to assist; subordinate; secondary; of a subsidy; N.

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

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

rake angle of a slope; V: slant from the perpendicular

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

prompt cause; urge; provoke; provide a cue (for an actor); ADJ. done without delay; done at the right time; punctual; on time; N. reminder or cue

enclave territory enclosed within an alien land

bedraggle wet thoroughly; ADJ. bedraggled: dragged

holocaust destruction by fire; CF. burnt whole; CF. Holocaust

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

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

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

tutelage guardianship; training; function of a tutor; instruction

adjutant staff officer assisting the commander; assistant

callow youthful; immature; inexperienced

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

persevere continue steadily in spite of difficulties

galaxy large isolated system of stars, such as the Milky Way; collection of brilliant personalities

wholesome conducive to mental or physical health; healthful

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

peremptory sumptuous; grand; luxurious; expensive

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

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

substantive substantial; essential; pertaining to the substance; substantial; considerable; Ex. substantive issues

frenzied madly excited; N. frenzy: violent wild excitement

septic of or causing sepsis; putrid; producing putrefaction; N. sepsis: poisoning of part of the body (producing pus)

mime pantomime (act without dialogue); mimicry; mimer; V: mimic; pantomime

misogamy hatred of marriage

blunder error; stupid mistake

dais raised platform for speakers or other important people
□ privy secret; hidden; not public; made a participant in something secret; Ex. privy chamber government; Ex. be privy to a discussion; CF. private
□ 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
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□ stifle suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate
□ 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
□ colloquial pertaining to conversational or common speech; informal; N. colloquialism: colloquial expression
□ fester rankle; produce irritation or resentment; (of a cut or wound) generate pus or rot; Ex. His insult festered in my mind for days.
□ skirmish minor fight; minor battle in war; V.
□ avow declare openly; N. avowal
□ emboss produce a design in raised relief; decorate with a raised design
□ latch fastening or lock consisting of a movable bar that fits into a notch; V: close with a latch
□ interim meantime; Ex. in the interim; ADJ. taking place during an interim; Ex. interim paper
□ fanfare call by bugles or trumpets; showy display; spectacular public display
□ craven cowardly
□ 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
□ arid (of land) dry; barren; unproductive
□ pose assume a particular posture; put forward; present; affect a particular attitude (to impress others); Ex. pose a threat; N.
□ listless lacking in spirit or energy; languid
□ tautological needlessly repetitious; Ex. “It was visible to the eye”; N. tautology: needlessly repetition of the same sense; statement that is always true
□ 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
□ prune cut away; trim
□ amphitheater oval building with tiers of seats; CF. arena
□ fulcrum support on which a lever rests or pivots
□ befuddle confuse thoroughly
□ heterodox (of beliefs) against accepted opinion; unorthodox; unconventional
□ germ earliest form of an organism; seed or bud; something that may develop into something larger or more important; microbe
□ flamboyant ornate; highly elaborate; richly colored; ostentatious; showy; CF. flame
□ magnanimity generosity; ADJ. magnanimous: generous
□ atypical not normal; not typical
□ enterprise willingness to take new ventures; initiative; business organization; plan (that is difficult or daring); Ex. their latest enterprise to sail round the world in a small boat
□ incidence rate of occurrence; particular occurrence; Ex. high incidence of infant mortality
□ accord agreement
□ crestfallen dejected; dispirited
□ imbed saturate (soak thoroughly); fill; Ex. imbue someone with feelings
□ fleet fast; rapid; N. ADJ. fleeting: passing quickly; ephemeral
□ pertinent suitable; to the point; relevant
□ surpass exceed
□ demographic related to population balance; N. demography: statistical study of human population
□ ragamuffin dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes
□ afterlife life after death; later part of one’s life
□ parameter limit; independent variable; Ex. parameters of the problem; Ex. within the parameters of the budget
□ confidential spoken or written in secret; trusted with private matters; Ex. confidential secretary
□ quarantine isolation of a person, place, or ship to prevent spread of infection; V: isolate in quarantine
□ passive not active; acted upon; receiving an action without acting in return; accepting without resistance
□ mammoth gigantic; enormous
□ somnolent half asleep; drowsy; N. somnolence
□ sage person celebrated for wisdom; wise person; ADJ: wise
□ 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
□ limbo region near heaven or hell where certain souls are kept; prison (slang); Ex. Purgatory and Limbo
□ gregarious sociable; (of an animal) tending to form a group
□ slick make smooth or glossy; N: smooth surface; Ex. oil slick; ADJ: smoothly; glossy; deftly executed; adroit; glib
□ prerogative privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before
□ paragon model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue
□ gadfly animal-biting fly; irritating person
illusion misleading vision or visual image; false idea or belief; CF. delusion
artifacts object made by human beings, either hand-made or mass-produced
mirth merriment; laughter
nomadic wandering; N. nomad: tribe who migrates from place to place
summation act of finding the total; summing-up; summary (esp. one given by the judge at the end of a trial)

knit contract into wrinkles; grow together; join together closely; make (a fabric or garment) by interwining yarn or thread; Ex. knit the brow; Ex. The bones should knitting together in a few weeks.
gruel thin liquid porridge
alias an assumed name esp. by a criminal (usually to mislead people); ADV. alias
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

crust essential or main point; Ex. the crux of the problem; ADJ. crucial: of deciding importance
pied piebald; variegated(many-colored); multicolored
hysteria excessive or uncontrollable excitement; N. hysterics: person suffering from hysteria; CF. hysterics: attack of hysteria
cadend (derog.) bestow courtesies with a superior air; descend to the level of one considered inferior
surveillance close observation of a person (esp. one under suspicion); watching; guarding
balk stop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil; stop or get in the way of; frustrate
complement complete; consummate; make perfect; N.
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)
swagger walk or behave with an over-confident manner

ornate excessively or elaborately decorated
exertion effort; expenditure of much physical work; V. exert oneself: make a great effort
ethnology study of humankind; study of the different races of human beings; CF. anthropology
circumspect prudent; cautious; acting after careful thought
debut début; first public appearance; formal presentation of a young woman to society
taxonomist specialist in classifying (animals, etc.); CF. taxonomy: science of classification
insipid lacking in flavor; lacking interest; dull; Ex. insipid food/character

contentious quarrelsome; controversial; likely to cause arguments
pensive dreamily or deeply thoughtful; sadly thoughtful; thoughtful with a hint of sadness; contemplative; CF. think over
débris rubble; wreckage; scattered remains of something broken or destroyed
assume take for granted; assume; act overconfidently; take liberties; presume on/upon: take unfair advantage of (someone’s kindness or connection); N. presumption

pivotal of a pivot; central; critical; crucial
decant pour off gently (wine or liquid)
marked noticeable; targeted for vengeance or attack; Ex. marked improvement/man
renounce abandon; give up (by formal announcement); disown; repudiate; Ex. renounce one’s claim to the property/one’s religion; N. renunciation
boon blessing; benefit; something very helpful
embargo ban on commerce or other activity
purported alleged; claimed; reputed or rumored; Ex. purported Satanists
protégé person receiving protection and support from a patron
jibe agree; be in harmony with; gibe
fatalism belief that events are determined by forces or fates beyond one’s control; ADJ. fatalistic; CF. fatal: causing death
peroration conclusion of an oration; perorating; V. perorate: conclude a speech; speak at great length
explicate explain in detail; interpret; clarify; CF. explicable
opulence extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abundance; ADJ. opulent: possessing great wealth; abundant
commiserate feel or express pity or sympathy for
denotation meaning; distinguishing by name; V. denote: indicate; refer to directly; mean; CF. connotation
scowl frown angrily; N: angry frown
seclusion isolation; solitude; V. seclude: set apart from others; isolate

sprout begin to grow; give off shoots or buds; N: new growth on a plant; shoot
insurmountable overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable
waif homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays
irresolute uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N. irresolution
furtive stealthy; quiet and secret (trying to escape notice); sneaky; Ex. furtive glance
yield amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V: produce; give in; surrender
**compilation** listing of information in tabular or book form; compiling

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

**stoke** stir up a fire or furnace; feed plentifully

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

**ludicrous** laughable; ridiculous; trifling

**impassable** not able to be traveled or crossed

**combustible** easily burned; N. CF. combustion

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

**tyranny** oppression; cruel government; ADJ. tyrannical: of a tyrant or tyranny; despot; V. tyrannize: treat tyrannically; oppress

**quiver** case for arrows

**consanguinity** kinship; relationship by birth

**potable** suitable for drinking; drinkable

**crone** hag; ugly old woman

**gargantuan** huge; enormous; gigantic; CF. the hero of Gargantua and Pantagruel

**seasoned** experienced

**scuttle** sink (a ship) by cutting holes in the hull; scrap; discard; N: small hatch in a ship’s deck or hull

**peregrination** journey; V. peregrinate

**caption** title; chapter heading; text under illustration

**outstrip** outrun; surpass; outdo

**stalwart** physically strong; brawny; steadfast; strong in mind or determination; Ex. stalwart supporter; N: stalwart follower

**engaging** charming; attractive

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

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

**discernible** distinguishable; perceivable; Ex. discernible improvement

**decorous** proper (in behavior, conduct, or appearance)

**quail** cower; shrink back in fear; lose heart

**brazen** insolent; without shame; bold; Ex. brazen lie; V: face with bold self-assurance or with unshamed confidence

**comprehend** include; understand

**opalescent** iridescent; lustrous; like an opal; N. opalescence

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

**spawn** lay eggs (in large numbers); produce offspring (in large numbers); N: eggs of aquatic animals
- mentor  counselor; teacher
- leash  restraining rope fastened to the collar of an animal (to control it); Ex. a dog on a leash
- drab  dull; lacking color; cheerless ; Ex. drab coat/life
- matrix  point of origin; array of numbers or algebraic symbols; mold or die; Ex. the matrix of Western civilization
- fervid  ardent; zealous; hot
- pestilential(pestilent)  causing plague; tending to cause death; baneful; N. pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)
- feign  pretend
- podium  pedestal; raised platform
- horoscope  diagram of the positions of stars at a given moment (eg. of a person's birth) used by astrologers
- scion  detached plant shoot used in grafting; descendant
- vision  eyesight; foresight; mental image produced by the imagination; experience of seeing the supernatural
- restive  impatiently restless (induced by external coercion or restriction); restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control; Ex. restive horses because of wolves; CF. not a general synonym for 'restless'
- bolt  door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric; large roll of cloth; V: dash or dart off; fasten (a door); gobble down
- screech  unpleasant high sharp sound; shriek; V.
- conveyance  vehicle; transfer; act of conveying; Ex. public conveyance
- ecclesiastic  ecclesiastical; pertaining to the church; N: minister; priest; cleric; clergyman
- tepid  lukewarm; slightly warm; 미지근한; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter
- enthall  capture; enslave; captivate; hold the complete attention of (as if magic); hold spellbound
- fathomless  too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable
- vivacious  lively or animated; sprightly
- disperse  scatter; Ex. disperse the cloud/crowd
- penchant  strong inclination; strong liking (esp. for something that is disapproved of by other people); Ex. penchant for fast cars
- brindled  tawny or grayish with streaks or spots (of animals)
- compensatory  making up for; repaying
- emissary  agent (sent on a mission to represent another); messenger
- ensue  follow (as a result)
- outwit  outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly
- brisk  quick and active; marked by liveliness and vigor
- gild  cover with a thin layer of gold
- assiduous  diligent
- regatta  boat or yacht race
- remonstrate  protest; objection; V. remonstrate: say in protest
- rent  tear made by rending; rip; split
- dissension  disagreement of opinions causing strife within a group
- velocity  speed
- scaffold  temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution
- beleaguer  besiege or attack (with an army); harass; beset
- browbeat  bully; intimidate
- marshal  put in order; guide ceremoniously to the correct place; Ex. marshal the children into the museum; N: military officer; official
- vulpine  like a fox; crafty
- shirk  avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malinger
- fermentation  chemical reaction that splits complex organic compounds; unrest; agitation
- deride  ridicule; treat with contempt; make fun of; OP. respect
- plume  feather, esp. large or showy one; something that rises into the air (like the shape of a feather); Ex. plume of smoke: 버섯 구름
- penumbra  partial shadow (in an eclipse); CF. almost shadow
- provender  partial shadow (in an eclipse); CF. almost shadow
- emulate  imitate; rival; try to equal or excel (through imitation)
- tawdry  cheap and gaudy; Ex. tawdry jewelry
- simper  smirk; smile in a silly way; smile affectedly
- omnipotent  all-powerful; having unlimited power
- repose  resting; state of being at rest; calmness; V: lie at rest; relax; put or place; Ex. repose our hopes in a single man
- surly  bad-tempered; rude; cross
- perigee  point of moon's orbit when it is nearest the earth; CF. apogee
- elated  filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed; in high spirits; joyful and proud; Ex. elated crowd; V. elate; N. elation
- sect  separate religious body; faction; group of people with common beliefs within a larger group
- stolid  dull; impassive; showing little emotion when strong feelings are expected
- desolate  (of a place) deserted; unpopulated; (of a person) lonely; forlorn; joyless
- morgue  mortuary; place where bodies are kept before burial or cremation
burnish  make shiny by rubbing; polish
wisp  small bunch (of hair); faint streak (of smoke)
belated  delayed
perpetual  everlasting
calumny  malicious misrepresentation; slander
obtrude  push (oneself or one’s ideas) forward or in- 
trude; 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
compact  agreement; contract; ADJ: tightly packed; firm; 
brief; concise; Ex. compact statement
meretricious  flashy; tawdry; attractive on the surface 
but of no real value; Ex. meretricious argument/jewel; 
CF. prostitute
polygamist  one who has more than one spouse at a 
time; CF. bigamy; CF. polyandry
painstaking  taking pains; showing hard work; taking 
great care; very careful and through
sinewy (of meat) tough; strong and firm; muscular; N. 
sinew: tendon; strong cord connecting a muscle to a 
bone
stump  base of a tree trunk left after the rest has been cut 
down; V: walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle
bitter  having a sharp biting taste; ursed; causing sharp 
pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, dis- 
appointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter 
wind/sorrow/tears
promontory  headland
cull  pick out from others (to kill the weakest members); 
reject; select; collect (information); N.
induce  persuade; lead to do something; bring about; N. 
inducement
petty  trivial; unimportant; very small; small-minded; 
petty-minded
edify  instruct; correct morally
teetotalism  practice of abstaining totally from alcoholic 
drinks; N. teetotaler; CF. teetotal; CF. T + total
extrude  force or push out; thrust out; shape (plastic or 
metal) by forcing through a die
potpourri  heterogeneous mixture; medley; mixture of 
dried flower petals a pot (to give a pleasant smell to a 
room)
militant  combative; bellicose; N.
sporadic  occurring irregularly; intermittent
chronic  long established as a disease
crescendo  increase in the volume or intensity as in a 
musical passage; climax; CF. crescent
adjourn  suspend until a later time; move from one place 
to another
gingerly  very carefully; ADJ.
meter  arrangement of words in the form of poetry (by 
accentual rhythm)
□ foreswear renounce under oath; abandon; make a solemn promise to give up; CF. abjure
□anker any ulcerous sore; ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer
□ sluggard lazy person
□ inarticulate speechless; producing indistinct speech; not articulate; not expressing oneself clearly
□ clown act stupidly; play the fool; N.
□ cross waste matter; worthless impurities
□ intangible not able to be perceived by touch; vague
□ fraudulent cheating; deceitful; Ex. fraudulent means; N. fraud: deception; swindle
□ scintilla trace; minute amount; shred; least bit; Ex. There is not a scintilla of truth; CF. spark
□ contingent dependent on something uncertain or in the future; conditional; happening by chance; accidental; N: a group of soldiers, ships to a larger force; CF. contingency: future event that may or may not occur; possibility; Ex. prepare for every contingency
□ linguistic pertaining to language
□ exchequer treasury; Ex. Chancellor of the exchequer
□ chip lose a small piece from the surface or edge; N: small piece broken off something; CF. French fry; Potato chip/crisp
□ variegate change the appearance of (by marking with different colors)
□ nepotism favoritism (to a relative); CF. nephew
□ finale conclusion; concluding part
□ countenance approve; support; tolerate; Ex. countenance his rude behavior; N: face; appearance

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□ ascetic practicing self-denial; avoiding physical pleasures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism
□ tenancy possession of land or building by rent; period of a tenant’s occupancy
□ vain full of self-admiration; conceited; without result; unsuccessful; N. vanity
□ evenhanded impartial; fair
□ cynosure object of general attention; person or thing that is a center of attention; CF. Ursa Minor
□ rummage ransack; thoroughly search
□ jocund merry
□ uproarious marked by commotion or uproar; very noisy (esp. with laugh); hilarious; causing loud laughter; extremely funny
□ metropolis large city
□ repertoire list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present; CF. repertory
□ pluck courage; V: pull off or out; pull out the hair or feathers of; ADJ. plucky: courageous; brave
□ ensconce settle comfortably; place comfortably (in a secure place)
□ auroral pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. aurora australis
□ vitriolic causing sharp pain to the mind; caustic; corrosive; sarcastic; of vitriol; N. vitriol: sulphuric acid (which burns flesh deeply); bitterly abusive expression; caustic expression; CF. glass
□ draft first rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; conscript
□ peremptory demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock
□ bate let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF. abate
□ disfigure mar the appearance of; spoil
□ mode prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life
□ resolve determination; resolution; firmness of purpose
□ faze disconcert; dismay; embarrass
□ tryst meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet
□ munificent very generous in giving; Ex. munificent benefactor; N. munificence
□ viper poisonous snake
□ compile assemble; gather; accumulate; make (a report or a book) from facts and information found in various places; Ex. compile a dictionary
□ aptitude fitness; talent
□ paean song of praise or joy; Ex. paens celebrating the victory
□ spectrum colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism; broad and continuous range; Ex. whole spectrum of modern thoughts
□ automaton mechanism that imitates actions of humans; machine that works by itself
□ vent release or discharge through a vent; express (esp. unfairly); utter; Ex. He vented his wrath on his family.
□ gambit opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed; action made to produce a future advantage
□ mute silent; without speech; not pronounced; unable to speak; N: one who is incapable of speech; V: soften the sound, color, shade of
□ mortar vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle
□ formidable menacing; arousing fear; threatening; difficult to defeat; Ex. formidable foe/question
□ censor (in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.
□ recipient receiver
□ gloat express evil satisfaction; look at or think about with evil satisfaction; view malevolently; Ex. The thief gloated over the stolen jewels.
□ delineate portray; depict; sketch; describe; N. delineation
advocate speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for
fancier breeder or dealer of animals; one who has a special interest, as for raising specific plant or animal
rejoinder reply; retort; comeback; V. rejoin: say in reply
equivocal (of words or statements) ambiguous; intentionally misleading; (of behavior) questionable; OP. unequivocal
context writings preceding and following the passage quoted; circumstance in which an event occurs
ominous threatening; of an evil omen
purchase secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing
slur pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble
impartial not biased; fair; N. impartiality
peccadillo slight offense or fault; CF. sin
abridge condense or shorten
incubate hatch; warm (eggs) with the body to promote hatching; maintain at optimal environment conditions for development; be holding in one’s body an infection which is going to develop into a disease; N. incubation; CF. incubation: disease
debonair (of men) friendly, charming, and fashionably dressed; aiming to please; CF. of good disposition
lope gallop slowly
quarry dig into (to get stone); N: mine; 체석장
genuflect bend the knee as in worship
ploy stratagem to gain an advantage; tactic; Ex. management ploy
facsimile copy
reputed supposed; Ex. reputed father of the child; V. repute: consider; N. repute: reputation; esteem
gory bloody; N. gore: blood (from a wound)
accoutre equip; N. accoutrement
drone idle person who lives on other people’s work; male bee
azure sky blue
repercussion rebound; reaction; reverberation; Ex. serious repercussion
intoxicate make drunk; stimulate or excite; Ex. intoxicated by all the money he might win
attribute essential quality; V. ascribe; explain
recalcitrant disobedient or resisting authority even after being punished; obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly; Ex. recalcitrant child
nebulous vague; hazy; cloudy; of a nebula; Ex. nebulous proposal
remiss negligent; careless about a duty
lunatic insane; Ex. lunatic asylum
tinge give a slight degree of a color or quality to; N: slight degree of a color or quality; Ex. tinged with grey/jealousy
rubric title or heading (in red print); directions for religious ceremony; protocol
taut tight; strained; tense; ready; OP. slack
plummet fall sharply; fall straight down; Ex. Stock prices plummeted.
kindle start a fire; ignite; inspire; arouse
volition act of using one’s will; act of making a conscious choice; Ex. She selected this dress of her own volition.
capricious unpredictable; fickle
delve dig; search deeply; investigate
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
abstruse obscure; profound; difficult to understand
illusory illusive; deceptive; not real
rapport close relationship; emotional closeness; harmony
antecedents preceding events that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background
vie contend; compete
murky dark and gloomy; thick with fog; vague; Ex. murky night/fog; N: N. murk: partial or complete darkness; gloom
whim sudden capricious idea; fancy
accessory additional object; useful but not essential thing
indifferent unmoved or unconcerned by; having no interest in; mediocre; neither good nor bad
slave of or like a slave; servile; showing no originality; of or like a slave; servile; showing no originality; copied very closely; Ex. slavish devotion/copy of the original
foresight ability to foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future
collation a light meal; collating
venerable deserving high respect; commanding respect; CF. command: deserve and get
balm something that relieves pain; oily liquid with a pleasant smell from trees
spoonerism accidental transposition of sounds in successive words; Ex. “Let me show you to your seat” for “Let me sew you to your sheet”; CF. William Spooner
toll sound (a large bell) slowly at regular intervals; N: sound of a bell; fixed tax or charge
pathological pertaining to disease; N. pathology: study of disease
forbearance patience; forgiveness; V. forbear: refrain from (in a generous and forgiving way); be patient; Ex. forbear to send him to prison
impede hide; retard or obstruct the progress of; block
quench assuage or satisfy (thrust); slake; douse or extinguish; put out; suppress
impunity freedom from punishment or harm; CF. punishish
levy impose (a fine); collect (a payment); impose or collect (a tax); Ex. levy a tax on tobacco
compatible harmonious; in harmony with; able to exist together
efficacy power to produce desired effect; ADJ. efficacious: effectual
collected composed; calm; self-possessed
dupe someone easily fooled or deceived; V: deceive
mettle courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ. mettlesome
salutary tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF. health
remnant remainder
burlesque give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly
aeria(ery,eyrie,eyry) nest of a large bird of prey
enormity hugeness (in a bad sense); excessive wickedness; Ex. enormity of the crime; ADJ. enormous
salubrious healthful; conducive to health or well-being; socially desirable; Ex. salubrious area; CF. health
vitreous of glass; pertaining to or resembling glass; V. vitrify: change into glass; CF. petrify
premonitory serving to warn
elevation elevated position; altitude; height; flat upper right 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
gorge narrow canyon; steep rocky cleft; ravine (made by a stream which runs through it)
contempt scorn; disdain; ADJ. contemptuous; CF. contemptible
cache hiding place; V.
sophistry seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning; sophism
penitent repentant; N.
vignette small drawing placed at the beginning or end of a chapter; picture; short literary sketch; short written description of a character or scene
extol praise very highly; glorify
slew large quantity or number; Ex. slew of errands left
expenditure payment or expense; expending; something expended; output; Ex. receipt for the expenditure; Ex. expenditure of all the energy
piety devoutness; reverence for God; ADJ. pious
delude deceive
poultice soothing application applied to sore and inflamed portions of the body
cynical skeptical or distrustful of human motives; N. cynicism; CF. cynic: person who believes all people are motivated by selfishness
inebriated habitually intoxicated; drunk; N. inebriety
psyche soul; mind
eschew avoid habitually; Ex. eschew alcoholic drinks
irrepressible unable to be restrained or held back; impossible to hold back
exorbitant (of costs or demands) excessive; exceeding reasonable bounds
innate inborn
receptive quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal
assuage mak less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)
inasmuch as since; owing to the fact that
exposé public revelation of something discreditable
précis abstract; concise summing up of main points; concise summary of a text
abominate loathe; hate
underhand(underhanded) done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)
atavism resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; reversion to an earlier type; throwback; ADJ. atavistic
seminary school for training future ministers; secondary school, especially for young women
personable attractive (in personality or appearance)
muggy (of weather) warm and damp
stink stench; V: emit a strong foul odor
duress forcible restraint, especially unlawfully; coercion by threat; illegal coercion; Ex. a promise made under duress
peeish bad-tempered; irritable; V. peeve: make angry
swerve deviate; turn aside sharply from a straight course; Ex. swerve from the principle; Ex. The car swerved to the right.
indentation notch; deep recess; V. indent; CF. tooth
quandary dilemma; state of uncertainty; Ex. She is in a quandary about whether to go.
coiffure hairstyle
demure (of a woman or child) grave; quiet and serious; coy; pretending to be demure
sanguine optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red
bombardment attack (as with missiles or bombs); V. bombard
flaccid flabby; lacking firmness; weak; Ex. flaccid muscles
uneathly not earthly; supernatural; weird; ghostly
fiasco total failure; CF. bottle
threat sign or warning (of coming danger); Ex. threat of rain; V. express a threat; give warning of (something bad); Ex. The cloud threatens rain.
• deplorable regret; express sorrow and severe disapproval for something bad; Ex. deplorably violent behavior; ADJ. deplorable: very bad; deserving severe disapproval; Ex. deplorable living condition
• retribution deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back
• titillate tickle; excite pleasantly; Ex. not to titillate the audience but to enlighten it
• manifestation outward demonstration; manifesting; indication of the presence of something; Ex. manifestation of his pronounced musical bent
• irrefutable indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable
• clangor loud resounding noise; sound of repeated clanging
• random without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; Ex. random shots; Ex. chosen at random
• reverend deserving reverence; N: priest
• engaged employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict
• repartee quick clever reply
• apiculture admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote); CF. franchise
• suppliant entreating; beseeching; N.
• rampant growing or spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion; unrestrained; Ex. rampant lawlessness/weed
• computer reckon; calculate
• fusillade simultaneous firing or outburst (of missiles, questions, etc.)

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• defiance refusal to yield; resistance; V. defy; ADJ. defiant
• disobuse correct a false impression; undeceive; free from a wrong belief
• wrath anger; fury
• 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
• multifarious varied; greatly diversified; Ex. multifarious activities
• resourceful clever and imaginative (in dealing with difficult situations); N. resource, resourcefulness
• omniscient all-knowing
• callous hardened; unfeeling; without sympathy for the sufferings of others; unkind
• seduce lead away from proper conduct; entice; ADJ. seductive
• 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
• chancellor legal official of high rank; CF. chancellery(chancellory): position of a chancellor
• blatant extremely (offensively) obvious; loudly offensive; Ex. blatant lie; N. blatancy
• buxom full-bosomed; plump; jolly
• servile slavish; cringing; N. servility
• centurion Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)
• linger loiter or dawdle; be slow in leaving; delay going; continue or persist; be slow to disappear; Ex. The smell lingered for days.
• coda concluding section of a musical or literary composition
• bolster support; reinforce
• premise assumption; postulate; proposition upon which an argument is based
• striated marked with parallel bands; striped; grooved; Ex. striated rocks; V. striate; N. stria: thin groove or line
• rejuvenate make young again
• apiculture bee-keeping
• promiscuous mixed indiscriminately; indiscriminate; not choosing carefully; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; irregular, particularly sexually; Ex. promiscuous life/girl; N. promiscuity
• warranted justified; authorized
• evasive not frank; trying to hide the truth; eluding; evading; V. evade: avoid (a duty or responsibility) or escape from by deceit
• nib beak(bill); pen point
• tanner person who turns animal hides into leather
• clairvoyant having foresight; fortuneteller; N. clairvoyance
• redundant superfluous; more than is necessary; verbose; excessively wordy; repetitious
• dubious questionable; (of something) causing doubt; (of someone) filled with doubt; N. dubiety
• elicit draw out fact or information (by discussion or from someone)
• authenticate prove genuine
• arbitrary unreasonable or capricious; random; tyrannical; Ex. arbitrary ruler
• unwonted unaccustomed; unusual; Ex. He arrived with unwonted punctuality.
• ulterior intentionally hidden; beyond what is evident; situated beyond; unstated and often questionable; Ex. ulterior motive
• marital pertaining to marriage
• choice delicate; of very fine quality
• caldron(cauldron) large kettle
• entrepreneur businessperson (who assumes the risk of a business venture); contractor; ADJ. entrepreneurial
• tranquillity calmness; peace
□ impermeable impervious; not permitting passage through its substance; impossible to permeate
□ sly clever in deceiving; secretive; not telling one's intentions
□ strident loud and harsh; insistent; N. stridency
□ catastrophe calamity; disaster
□ wanton unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; unchaste; sexually improper; promiscuous; Ex. wanton spending/killing; CF. having no just cause
□ arbitrate act as judge (at the request of both sides)
□ maculated spotted; stained; CF. immaculate
□ gleam brief flash of light; glow; V.
□ pudding hot sweet dish
□ ascribe refer; attribute; assign
□ antiquity quality of being very old; ancient times; 고대
□ implacable incapable of being pacified; impossible to appease; Ex. implacable enemy
□ ingenious marked by inventive skill; clever; resourceful; N. ingenuity
□ outgoing sociable; eager to mix socially with others
□ glossy smooth and shining; N. gloss: shiny brightness on a surface; superficially attractive appearance; Ex. gloss of good manners
□ vulnerable susceptible to wounds or attack; N. vulnerability
□ puerile childish; immature; CF. puer: boy
□ pliant flexible; easily influenced
□ machinations evil schemes or plots; schemes or plots to achieve an evil end; V. machinate
□ colossal huge
□ insensate without feeling; lacking sense; foolish
□ lumber move heavily or clumsily; Ex. The bear lumbered through the woods; N. timber
□ ostentatious showy; trying to attract attention; pretentious; N. ostentation: showy display
□ guise outward appearance; costume; Ex. in a new guise
□ whiff puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); short-lasting smell; hint; Ex. whiff of perfume/scandal
□ appease pacify or soothe; Ex. appease a crying baby; N. appeasement
□ hieroglyphic picture writing; ADJ.
□ frigid intensely cold; cold in manner; Ex. frigid zone
□ manacle restrain; handcuff; N.
□ austere forbiddingly stern; ascetic; without comfort or enjoyment; severely simple and unornamented; Ex. a monk's austere life; Ex. austere grandeur of the cathedral; N. austerity
□ analogy similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things
□ energize invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active
□ submissive willing to obey orders; yielding; timid
□ antidote remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles
□ lookout act of keeping watch; high place commanding a wide view; person who keeps watch
□ prevalent widespread; generally accepted
□ colander utensil with perforated bottom used for straining
□ projectile missile; fired or thrown object (such as stone or bullet)
□ pantomime acting without dialogue; V.
□ welter wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.
□ slovenly untidy; careless in work habits; slipshod; N. sloven: one who is habitually untidy or careless
□ matriarch woman who rules a family or larger social group
□ abusive coarsely insulting; physically harmful
□ titanic gigantic; N. titan
□ entice lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt
□ hypocritical pretending to be virtuous; deceiving; N. hypocrisy: profession of beliefs one does not possess; CF. hypocrite
□ paramour illicit lover
□ reprieve postponement or cancelation of a punishment; temporary stay; V. postpone or cancel the punishment of
□ filigree delicate ornamental lacelike metalwork
□ deterrent something that discourages or deters
□ backslide revert (to bad habits); N. reverter
□ metamorphosis change of form; Ex. metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly; V. metamorphose: change by metamorphosis
□ caricature distortion; burlesque
□ appurtenances subordinate possessions; something added to a more important thing
□ animalization critical remark; V. animadvert: comment critically with disapproval
□ coercion use of force to get someone to object; compelling; V. coerce
□ quell suppress; put an end to; put down forcibly; extinguish; quiet; Ex. “Army Quells Rebellion” in newspaper; CF. kill

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□ terminology terms used in a science or art; study of nomenclature
□ 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
□ studious given to diligent study
□ antler bony growth on the head of a deer
lineage  descent; ancestry
modish  fashionable; conforming to the current fashion
circumvent  outwit; defeat by behaving more cleverly; outsmart; baffle; avoid; get around
livid  lead-colored; black and blue (as from a bruise); ashen; enraged; extremely angry
leery  (of someone) suspicious; wary; cautious
veracious  (of someone) suspicious; wary; cautious
vigil  keeping watch (during normal sleeping hours); Ex. all-night vigil
parlance  language; manner of speaking; idiom; Ex. in legal/common parlance
litany  supplicatory prayer; prayer in which the priest calls out and the people replies in the same words
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
stench  strong foul odor; reek; stink
incapacitate  disable; N. incapacity: lack of capacity
trap  walk with a heavy step; travel on foot; N: vagrant; one who travels aimlessly about; long walk; sound of heavy walking
functionary  official (who performs a particular function)
rapacious  voracious; ravenous; taking everything one can; excessively grasping; plundering; subsisting on live prey; Ex. rapacious birds
simulate  feign; imitate
depose  dethrone; remove from office; give a deposition; testify
conduit  aqueduct; passageway for fluids
flighty  (esp. of a woman’s behavior) capricious; often changing, esp. from one lover to another; impulsive
referendum  direct vote by all the people
worldly  engrossed in matters of this earth; not spiritual; of the material world
contrived  unnatural and forced; artificial; not spontaneous; Ex. The ending was rather contrived.
ethos  underlying character of a culture, group, etc.; character or ideas peculiar to a specific person, group, or culture; Ex. the company ethos
disjointed  disconnected; lacking coherence; V. disjoint: disconnect; disjoin
hallowed  blessed; consecrated; Ex. hallowed ground; V. hallow: set apart as holy
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
disclose  reveal; N. disclosure
weary  tired after long work; V.
encroachment  gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable time; V. encroach: take another’s possessions or right gradually or stealthily; intrude; Ex. encroach on/upon
spoo  parody
noxious  harmful; CF. obnoxious
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.
reprove  censure; rebuke; N. reproof
paleontology  study of prehistoric life or fossils; CF. paleo-: ancient or prehistoric; Ex. paleography: study of ancient written documents
stout  rather fat; strong in body; sturdy; resolute; determined; strong in determination; Ex. stout stick/supporter
plebiscite  direct vote by the entire electorate (on an important issue)
circumlocution  indirect or roundabout expression (by using an uncessarily large number of words esp. when trying to avoid answering a difficult question directly)

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swarm  large group of insects moving in a mass; crowd of people or animals; V: move in a crowd or mass
culprit  one guilty of a crime
generality  vague statement; general statement which is not detailed; quality of being general; greater part; most; Ex. generality of people
veritable  being truly so; real or genuine; actual; not false or imaginary
respite  time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; reprieve
pragmatic  practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with practical worth or impact of something; Ex. pragmatic test of the skill
sledge  large sled drawn by work animals
seasonal  of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employment
lag  move or develop more slowly; struggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N.
tactful  careful no to cause offence; OP. tactless
unprecedented  having no previous example; novel; unparalleled
opiate  medicine to induce sleep or deaden pain; something that relieves emotions or causes inaction; sleep-producing drug containing opium
mousy  having the odor of musk; N. musk: odorous substance secreted by an Asian deer
malefactor  curse
fritter  waste (time or money on unimportant things)
brandish  wave around (a weapon); flourish
- **pugnacity** combattiveness; disposition to fight; ADJ. pugnacious: (of people) belligerent; combative in nature
- **exasperate** vex; annoy or make angry (by testing the patience)
- **germinate** cause to sprout; sprout
- **memento** token; reminder of the past; keep sake; Ex. memento of your visit
- **reconnaissance** survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter: make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)
- **oath** solemn promise; blasphemous use of sacred words to express strong feelings; swear-word; Ex. “For Christ’s sake”
- **thwart** block or hinder; baffle; frustrate
- **vehement** forceful; intensely emotional; with marked vigor; strong; N. vehemence
- **contraband** illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.
- **wrench** twist; pull; strain; Ex. He wrenched the gun out of her hands.
- **dainty** delicate; delicately beautiful; fastidious; not easy to please; Ex. dainty movement/dress
- **zephyr** gentle breeze; west wind
- **waylay** ambush; lie in wait for and attack
- **contrite** penitent; repentant; N. contrition
- **treasure** keep as precious; cherish
- **ford** place where a river can be crossed on foot; V.
- **patrician** noble; aristocratic; N: person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF. plebian
- **language** lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression
- **foreshadow** give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend; prefigure
- **germane** pertinent; bearing upon(having connection with) the case at hand; appropriate
- **reprehensible** deserving blame; blameworthy; V. reprehend: blame
- **eon(aeon)** long period of time; an age; longest division of geologic time containing two or more eras
- **daub** smear (as with paint); cover with something sticky; Ex. daub one’s clothes with mud/paint; N: small bit of sticky substance; Ex. a daub of paint
- **subordinate** occupying a lower rank; inferior; submissive; N: V: put in a lower rank or class
- **antediluvian** antiquated; extremely ancient
- **stately** formal; ceremonious; grand in style or size; majestic
- **interminable** endless
- **proverb** adage; someone or something well known for notoriety; ADJ. proverbial: of a proverb; widely known; ADV. proverbially
- **venue** location; place (of a crime, trial, gathering, etc.); CF. come
- **distinction** honor; excellence; difference; contrast; discrimination; Ex. graduated with distinction; Ex. a writer of real distinction
- **converge** approach; tend to meet; come together
- **inconsistency** state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness; ADJ. inconsistent: displaying a lack of consistency; erratic; contradictory; incompati-
- **commemorative** remembering; honoring the memory of; Ex. commemorative stamp
- **incorporate** introduce something into a larger whole; include; embody; give material form to; ADJ.
- **hone** sharpen (a tool); N: whetstone for sharpening a tool
- **amenities** convenient features that helps to make life pleasant; social courtesies
- **averse** reluctant; disinclined; not liking or opposed; Ex. averse to cats/doing the house work
- **speechless** unable for the moment to speak (because of strong feeling); Ex. speechless with anger
- **prepossessing** attractive; CF. preoccupying?
- **arrears** being in debt; money that should have been paid; work that should have been done
- **providence** quality of being provident; divine care; god’s care; Providence; god; Ex. It seemed like providence that the doctor happened to be there; ADJ. providen-
- **divine** perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresee the future; foretell; dowse; ADJ. N. divination
- **witticism** witty saying; wisecrack(clever joking remark)
- **hue** color; aspect; Ex. opinions of every hue
- **brawl** noisy quarrel
- **misconstrue** interpret incorrectly; misinterpret; misjudge
- **auxiliary** offering or providing help; additional or subsidiary; N: helper; assistant
- **derogatory** expressing a low opinion; disparaging; V. derogate: detract; disparage
- **divine** perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresee the future; foretell; dowse; ADJ. N. divination
- **impair** grant a share of; make known; Ex. news to im-
- **vertigo** severe dizziness; giddiness
- **forerunner** predecessor; one that comes before and indi-
- **abnegation** renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation
- **breadth** width; extent
- **acrophobia** fear of heights
- **reminiscent** suggestive of something (in the past); reminisce
- **blight** plant disease; V: infect with blight; ruin; destroy
- **psychiatrist** doctor who treats mental diseases
☐ scraps leftover food
☐ kinetic producing motion; of motion
☐ corroborate confirm; support; strengthen
☐ polity (particular form of) political organization; form of government of nation or state; Ex. student polity
☐ discount disregard; regard (a story or news) as unimportant; deduct from a cost
☐ oust expel; drive out; force out; N. ouster: ousting
☐ hereafter life after death
☐ putrescent becoming putrid; putrefying
☐ institute organization for a special purpose; V: establish
☐ kudos honor; glory; acclaim or praise for exceptional achievement
☐ feud bitter prolonged quarrel (usually between two peoples or families); V. CF. Romeo and Juliet; CF. feudal, feudalism
☐ exceptionable objectionable; likely to cause dislike; offensive; CF. unexceptionable: entirely acceptable
☐ 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
☐ parallelism state of being parallel; similarity; analogy
☐ disavowal denial; disclaiming; repudiating; disowning; V. disavow; CF. disclaim
☐ infidel unbeliever (with respect to a particular religion)
☐ bantering joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N.V. banter
☐ amorous moved by sexual love; loving; of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances
☐ haphazard random; by chance; happening in an unplanned manner; Ex. haphazard growth of the town
☐ reminiscence recollection; V. reminisce: recollect the past
☐ restraint moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction
☐ dormant sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent
☐ bump hit or knock against with force; N.
☐ despise look on with scorn; regard as worthless or distasteful; ADJ. despicable: contemptible

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☐ unrequited not requited; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love
☐ indite write; compose
☐ mercenary motivated solely by money or gain; N.
☐ ashen ash-colored; deadly pale
☐ conventional ordinary; typical; not nuclear; Ex. conventional weapons
☐ sobriety moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness
☐ graduated arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.)
☐ thespian pertaining to drama; N: actor or actress
☐ lignon like wood
☐ felicity happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.); quality of being felicitous
☐ malfeasance wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)
☐ mural wall painting
☐ forgo(forego) give up; do without
☐ fuddle make stupid or confused as with alcoholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused
☐ sustain suffer (harm or loss); experience; support; prop; maintain; keep in existence; nourish (to maintain life); Ex. sustain the family/the trapped miners
☐ slacken slow up; loosen; make or become slack
☐ presentiment premonition; foreboding; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear
☐ superimpose place over something else
☐ supplicate petition humbly; pray to grant a favor
☐ potential expressing possibility; latent; N: capacity for growth
☐ quip taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.
☐ dissuade persuade not to do; discourage; N. dissuasion
☐ hypothetical based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N. hypothesis
☐ withhold refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax
☐ acute (of the senses) sharp; quickly perceptive; keen; penetrating; brief and severe; Ex. acute sense of smell/analysis/pain
☐ paltry insignificant; petty; trifling; contemptible; Ex. paltry sum; CF. trash
☐ travail strenuous work; toil; painful labor; labor of childbirth
☐ atone make amends for; pay for; Ex. atone for
☐ requisite necessary requirement; something required; ADJ: required; necessary
☐ vernacular living language (as compared to the official language); language spoken in a country or region; natural style; Ex. lapse into the vernacular
☐ gargoyle waterspout carved in grotesque figures on a building
☐ unfrock defrock; strip a priest or minister of church authority
☐ apocryphal (of a story) widely believed but untrue
☐ gnarl protruding knot on a tree; V
☐ 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)
□ torrent rushing stream; flood; Ex. The rain fell in torrents.
□ unscathed unharmed; Ex. escape the accident unscathed
□ anarchist person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority
□ strut supporting bar; CF. airplane wing □ support
□ luster shine; gloss (of a polished surface)
□ verisimilitude appearance of truth; quality of appearing to be true or real; likelihood; Ex. verisimilitude of her performance as Lady Macbeth
□ enliven make lively or spirited; animate
□ vulture carrion-eating birds
□ flowery full of flowers; full of ornate expressions
□ harass annoy by repeated attacks
□ sinister evil; ominous
□ devolve deputize; pass or be passed to others (power, work, or property); Ex. devolve on/upon/to
□ heinous atrocious; wicked; hatefully bad; Ex. heinous crime
□ adverse going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile
□ rigor severity; Ex. rigors of the Russian winter
□ shackles chain; fetter; confine with shackles; N.
□ prop support placed under or against something; V.
□ sumptuous grand suggesting great expense; lavish; rich; Ex. sumptuous feast
□ fulminate thunder; explode; issue a severe denunciation
□ prim proper to the point of affections; very precise and formal; exceedingly proper
□ clout great influence (especially political or social); hard blow with fist
□ sluggish lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug: nail with no shell
□ dribble flow or fall in drops; let saliva flow out slowly from the mouth; move a ball; N.
□ prong pointed projecting part
□ sedulous diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N. sedulity
□ fashion give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay
□ apprehend arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive; N. apprehension
□ panacea cure-all; remedy for all diseases
□ recurrent occurring again and again
□ plethora excess; overabundance; Ex. a plethora of excuses
□ bloated (unpleasantly) swollen or puffed as with water or air
□ subsequent following in time or order; later
□ traduce expose to slander
□ prod poke (with a pointed object); stir up; urge; goad to action; N: pointed object used to prod; prod...
□ rally come or bring together; call up or summon (forces, vital powers, etc.); revive or recuperate (after illness or difficulty); N: act of rallying; mass gathering
□ crest top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird
□ cadaverous like a corpse; pale
□ outrage act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; ADJ: outrageous: offensive
□ reciprocate 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
□ mischief behavior (of children) causing trouble with no serious harm; damage; harm; Ex. mischief to the crops; ADJ: mischievous: causing mischief; playfully troublesome
□ mite very small object or insect-like creature; small coin
□ placebo harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill
□ impeccable faultless
□ terminal part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; ADJ, forming an end; ending in death; fatal; Ex. terminal cancer
□ figment invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination
□ refute disprove; prove to be false; N: refutation
□ pretend feign; pretend to: claim to possess; make pretensions to; Ex. I don’t pretend to much expertise; N: pretense
□ rampart defensive mound of earth
□ wont (the stated person’s) habit or custom; habitual procedure; ADJ: wonted: customary
□ animated lively; spirited
□ indomitable unconquerable; unyielding
□ feasible practical; able to be carried out; practicable
□ 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.
□ contusion bruise
□ dotage senility; feeblemindedness of old age; Ex. In one’s dotage
□ wrinkle small ridge on a smooth surface (face or cloth); V.
□ amazon female warrior
□ ambidextrous capable of using either hand with equal ease
□ malicious hateful; spiteful; expressing malice; N: malice: desire to harm others; spite
□ disseminate distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)
□ grim causing great fear; unrelenting; determined in spite of fear; Ex. grim smile
□ lavish liberal; wasteful; generous or wasteful in giving or using; abundant; profuse; great; Ex. decorated lavishly; V: give in abundance
□ impenitent not repentant
□ obstreperous boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable
□ substantial of substance; material; solid; essential or fundamental; ample; considerable; well-to-do; wealthy
□ affinity feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages
□ executive person having administrative authority; one branch of government executing laws; ADJ: relating to executing
□ gullible easily deceived
□ subsidy direct financial aid by government, etc.; V: subsidize: assist with a subsidy
□ Shangri-la imaginary remote paradise on earth; CF. Lost Horizon
□ recrimination countercharges; V: recriminate
□ procrastinate postpone; delay or put off
□ agitate stir up; disturb
□ disposition formal systematic inquiry; explanation of the results of a formal inquiry; long formal speech or written report
□ contaminate pollute
□ amiss wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.
□ potentate monarch; sovereign
□ pristine unspoiled; remaining in a pure state; characteristic of earlier times; primitive; Ex. an old book in pristine condition
□ homage honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to
□ choleric hot-tempered; bad-tempered; irritable; easily angered; CF. cholera
□ heed pay attention to; N: close attention
□ extraneous not essential; irrelevant; superfluous; external; coming from the outside; Ex. extraneous details/noise/to the subject
□ suffragist advocate of the extension of voting rights (for women); CF. suffrage
□ finesse delicate skill; V: handle with finesse
□ propagate increase in number by producing young; multiply; spread; Ex. Most plants propagate by seed; Ex. newspaper propagating their ideas
□ foil contrast; one that by contrast enhances the distinctive characteristics of another
□ transcendent exceeding ordinary limits; superior; surpassing; V: transcend: go beyond; exceed; surpass; N: transcendency
□ hermetic sealed by fusion so as to be airtight; airtight
□ ablution washing
□ dinghy small boat (often ship’s boat)
innovation change; something newly introduced; introduction of something new; V. innovate: begin or introduce (something new); be creative; ADJ. innovative

writ written command issued by a court (telling someone to do or not to do something)

schematic of a schema or scheme; relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols; N. schema: diagrammatic representation; outline

ego one's opinion of oneself; self-esteem

score number of points; written form of a musical composition; reason; group of 20; notch or incision; Ex. full/vocal score; Ex. Don't worry on that score; V. mark with lines or notches; Ex. score the paper to make it easy to fold

venture risk; expose to risk; dare; undertake a risk; N.

garbled mixed up; jumbled; distorted; V. garble: mix up or distort (a message) to such an extent as to make misleading or unintelligible

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

existential pertaining to existence; pertaining to the philosophy of existentialism

catholic (of likings and interests) universal; general; broad; including many different parts; wide-ranging liberal; Ex. catholic opinions/tastes

lunar pertaining to the moon

mirage unreal reflection; optical illusion

tawny brownish yellow

actuary someone who advises insurance companies

predecessor former occupant of a post

axiom self-evident truth requiring no proof

cessation stoppage

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

indecisive marked by indecision; inconclusive; Ex. indecisive battle

euthanasia mercy killing

sodden thoroughly soaked; dull or stupid as if from drink

precedent preceding (in time, rank, etc.)

evince show clearly

flourish grow well; prosper; make sweeping gestures; wave; brandish; Ex. The trees flourished in the sun. N: showy movement or gesture; embellishment or ornamentation (esp. in handwriting)

recede repeal; annul; cancel (a law, decision, or agreement)

intrepid fearless

recourse resorting to help when in trouble; Ex. without recourse to

alliteration repetition of beginning sound in poetry

straggle stray or fall behind (a main group); spread out in a scattered group; Ex. straggling marathon racer; Ex. straggling branch

piquant pleasantly tart-tasting; spicy; pleasantly stimulating; Ex. piquant situation when my old enemy asked for my help

compunction remorse; strong uneasiness caused by guilt

circumscribe limit; confine; draw a line around

takeoff burlesque; act of leaving the ground

elope run away secretly with the intention of getting married

season enhance the flavor of by adding a spice, etc.; insure; harden; N. seasoning: something used in seasoning

fancy imagination (of a whimsical or fantastic nature); capricious liking; V: imagine; be fond of; ADJ. decorative; elaborate

zany comic; crazy; N: clown; comical person (given to outridend behavior)

overblown inflated; exaggerated

artless without guile; open and honest

perjury false testimony while under oath; V. perjure oneself: testify falsely under oath

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

verity quality of being true; lasting truth or principle; Ex. the verity of his testimony; Ex. one of the eternal verities

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

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

irritate; vex; muddy

fortitude bravery; courage; strength of mind

piscatorial pertaining to fishing; CF. Pisces

flout reject; mock; show contempt for; scorn; Ex. flout the rules

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

felicitous (of a word or remark) apt; suitably expressed; well chosen

jab poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows

panache flair; manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache; CF. 간 아래로 창을 뚫내는 슃씨

stanch stop or check flow of blood; Ex. stanch the gushing wound
testy irritable; impatient and bad-tempered; short-tempered; N. testiness

solvent substance that dissolves another; ADJ: capable of dissolving another substance

animosity active enmity

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

mandatory obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate

perspicacious (of someone) having insight; penetrating; astute

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

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

espionage spying

coterie group that meets socially; select circle; close group of people with shared interests

verdant green; covered with green plants or grass; lush in vegetation; Ex. verdant meadows

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

compulsory obligatory; that must be done

halcyon calm; peaceful; Ex. halcyon days

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

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

fortuitous accidental; by chance; N. fortuity

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

cant insincere speech or expression of piety; jargon of thieves; special words used by a particular group of people

wangle achieve by cleverness or trick; wiggle out; fake; Ex. She tried to wangle an invitation to the party.

phobia morbid fear

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

cerebration thought; working of the brain

annuity yearly allowance

unexceptionable entirely acceptable; not offering any basis for criticism

scuffle struggle confusedly; move off in a confused hurry; N. CF. scuffling twins?

platitude trite remark; commonplace statement; ADJ. platitudeous

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

hubbub confused uproar; loud noise; din

unconscionable unscrupulous; not guided by conscience; excessive; beyond reason; Ex. unconscionable demand

morose ill-humored; sullen; sullenly melancholy

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

lout clumsy person; ADJ. loutish; CF. from countrysides?

amnesia loss of memory

pedestal support or base as for a pillar or statue

clime climate

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

firebrand piece of burning wood; hothead; troublemaker; person who stirs up trouble

moodiness fits of depression or gloom; ADJ. moody: given to changeable moods; subject to periods of depression; gloomy. CF. mood: state of mind or emotion

figurative not literal but metaphorical; using a figure (impression) of speech

peddle travel about selling (wares); CF. foot

unceremonious not done politely without due formalities

festival joyous; celebratory; relating to a feast or festival

typhoon tropical hurricane or cyclone

antecede precede

apiary a place where bees are kept

humdrum dull; monotonous

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

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

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

diorama life-size, three-dimensional scene from nature or history; three-dimensional scene with modeled figures against a painted background

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

eminent rising above others; high; lofty; distinguished; Ex. eminent position

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

roseate rosy; optimistic; Ex. roseate views

forthright straightforward; direct; frank

degenerate become worse in quality; deteriorate; ADJ: having become worse; Ex. a degenerate species; N: depraved or corrupt person
incipient beginning; in an early stage
smudge dirty mark with unclear edges made by rubbing; V.
antiseptic substance that prevents infection in a wound; ADJ.
virtue goodness; moral excellence; good quality; advantage; Ex. by virtue of; Ex. make a virtue of necessity
exemplary serving as a model; outstanding; Ex. exemplary punishment/behavior; N. exemplar: typical example; model
indecision irresolution; inability to make up one’s mind
ponderous having great weight; weighty; unwieldy; Ex. ponderous body/style of writing
frugality thrift; economy; ADJ. frugal: practicing economy; costing little; inexpensive
posture assume an affected pose; act artificially; N: posture; attitude
comeback retort; quick clever reply; return to former status
acclivity sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity
dummy imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy
purport intention; purpose; meaning; V: claim; profess; Ex. order which purports to be signed by the general
terminus last stop of railroad; end
nuance shade of slight difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction
bewitch cast a spell over; captivate completely
libel defamatory written statement; act of writing something that smears a person’s character; V. ADJ. libelous
incantation singing or chanting of magic spells; magical formula; (the saying of) words used in magic; CF. enchant
acne skin disease (on the face)
metrical metric; written in the form of poetry; Ex. metrical translation of Homer
impregnable invulnerable; impossible to capture or enter by force; Ex. impregnable fort/argument; CF. take
inherent firmly established by nature or habit; intrinsic fidelity loyalty; accuracy

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□ entree(entrée) entrance; a way in; right to enter; main dish of a meal; Ex. entree into the exclusive circle
□ toady servile flatterer; yes man; sycophant; V: be a toady to; fawn
□ disparate basically different; impossible to compare; unrelated
□ abscond depart secretly and hide
□ mendacious lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity
□ antyclimax letdown in thought or emotion; something unexciting, ordinary, or disappointing coming after something important or exciting
□ inquisitor questioner (especially harsh); investigator; person making an inquisition
□ pilfer steal things of small value; filch; snitch
□ effluvium noxious(harmful) smell
□ sardonic scornfully mocking; disdainful; sarcastic; cynical; Ex. sardonic smile
□ amulet charm; talisman; an object worn believed to protect against evil, bad luck
□ transcribe copy; write a copy of; N. transcription
□ rant speak violently or excitedly; rave; talk excitedly showing anger; scold; make a grandiloquent speech; Ex. The priest ranted about the devil.
□ 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
□ drive nonsense; foolishness; V: talk nonsense
□ unregenerate making no attempt to change one’s bad practices
□ haven place of safety; refuge; harbor; Ex. tax haven
□ foist insert improperly; impose upon another by coercion; palm off; pass off as genuine or worthy; CF. fist
□ contagion infection (by contact); ADJ. contagious; CF. infectious: that can be passed by infection in the air
□ subterfuge stratagem(deceptive scheme); pretense; evasion; Ex. resort to a harmless subterfuge
□ windfall fallen fruit; unexpected lucky event
□ stipple paint or draw with dots or short strokes
□ irascible irritable; easily angered
□ trilogy group of three related works (connected by a shared subject but each complete in itself)
□ carosol drunken revel; V. carouse
□ pedigree ancestry; lineage
□ orifice mouthlike opening; small opening (esp. to a cavern or passage of the body); CF. mouth
□ sinuous twisting; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest
□ nonplus put at a loss; bring to a halt by confusion; perplex; CF. no more
□ earthly of this earth; terrestrial; worldly; not divine; possible; Ex. no earthly reason
□ douse use a divining rod to search for underground water or minerals
□ miscellaneous made up of a variety of parts
□ bountiful generous; graciously generous; showing bounty
□ glacial like a glacier; of an ice age; extremely cold; Ex. glacial epoch; CF. iceberg
□ expedite hasten; make go faster
□ expiate make amends for (a sin)
□ 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
□ flippant lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy
□ embellish adorn; ornament; enhance as a story (by adding fictitious details)
□ indolent lazy
□ impersonal not being a person; not showing personal feelings; Ex. impersonal force/manner/organization
□ 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
□ brink edge (at the top of a cliff); Ex. on the brink of the Grand Canyon
□ nubile marriageable; of marriageable age; CF. connubial
□ criteria standards used in judging; CF. criterion
□ soothsayer one who foretells the future
□ clot half-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V. clot
□ artifice deception; trickery
□ prowess extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle
□ fruitful producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance
□ adroit skillful (in using mind or hand)
□ agenda items of business at a meeting
□ guile deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning; Ex. persuade her by guile
□ cemetery place for burying the dead
□ bourgeois middle class; selfishly materialistic; too interested in material possessions
□ loathe detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell
□ calculated deliberately planned; likely
□ obscure dark; vague; unclear; not well known; Ex. obscure meaning/village; V. darken; cover; make unclear; Ex. obscure the moon/meaning
□ physiological pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms; N. physiology
□ bellicose warlike
□ headfirst moving with the head leading; headlong
stipulate state as a necessary condition (of an agreement); make express conditions; specify; Ex. He stipulated payment in advance

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

virile manly; having masculine spirit or strength; full of strength

opportune timely; well-chosen

benevolent generous; charitable; having a wish to do good

perversion corruption; turning from right to wrong

protract prolong; lengthen in time; draw out

effeminate having womanly traits

anvil iron block used in hammering out metals

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

deciduous falling off at a specific season or stage of growth as of leaves; Ex. deciduous tree/teeth

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

effectual able to produce a desired effect; valid

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

swarthy (of a skin or complexion) dark; dusky; Ex. swarthy Italian?

alluvial pertaining to soil deposits left by running water

quadruped four-footed animal; ADJ. CF. biped

facet small plane surface (of a gem (precious stone)); a side

epilogue short speech at conclusion of dramatic work

permeable that can be permeated; penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through; V. permeate: spread or flow throughout; charge

bicameral two-chambered as a legislative body

primal first in rank or importance; being first in time; original; Ex. man’s primal innocence

kneel go down on one’s knee(s)

repress hold back (the natural expression of); restrain; crush; oppress; Ex. repressed child; Ex. repress a laugh/rebellion

celestial heavenly

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

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

cavalier casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight

stodgy dull; stuffy; boringly conservative; Ex. stodgy book

ungainly (of someone) awkward in movement; clumsy; (of something) unwieldy; Ex. ungainly dancer/instrument

judiciary judicial branch of government

loiter hang about/around; stand idly about; linger

aggrandize make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement

elixir cure-all; panacea; something invigorating

improve compose on the spur of the moment

mollify soothe an angry person

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

rightful legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

naiveté (naivety) quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility; ADJ. naive (naive): ingenuous; lacking worldliness; simple; credulous

roué lecherous man

char make or become black by burning; reduce or be reduced to carbon or charcoal (black substance made by burning wood) by incomplete combustion

recession withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity

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

magniloquent boastful; pompous

pestle tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar

irreconcilable impossible to reconcile; incompatible; not able to be resolved

ecliptic path of the sun and the planets

sherbet flavored dessert ice

capitulate surrender; give up all resistance

fleck spot; mark with flecks; N: small mark or spot

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

hegemony dominance especially of one nation over others

insolence impudent disrespect; haughtiness; ADJ. insolent; CF. haughty + rude

infallible unerring; never making mistakes

pinnacle peak; highest point; acme; Ex. pinnacle of fame

spatula broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing

chide scold; rebuke (someone who has done wrong)
haunt (of a spirit) visit (a place); come to mind continuously; visit (a place) regularly; frequent; Ex. haunted house; Ex. haunted by his last words; N: place much frequented

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

carnal fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body

thrall slave; bondage; slavery; Ex. Her beauty held him in thrall; Cf. enthral

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

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

seismic pertaining to earthquakes

carnal home-less wanderer

pessimism belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess; tendency to take the gloomiest possible view of a situation; Adj. pessimistic

sublimate refine; purify; replace (natural urges) with socially acceptable activities; change between a solid state and a gaseous state

reputable respectable; having a good reputation

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

repel drive away; disgust; Ex. repel the attack/moisture; Ex. repelled by the dirty room; Cf. repulsion

disengage uncouple; separate; disconnect; stop fighting; OP. engage

exacting extremely demanding; Ex. exacting standard of safety

endeavour fond word or act; expression of affection

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

jaded tired or uninterested by surfeited; fatigued; surfeited; worn out; wearied; Ex. jaded appetite

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

abominable detestable; extremely unpleasant

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

perception striking one object against another sharply; Ex. percussion instrument; N: striking together of two bodies; sound caused by percussion

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

winnow sift; separate the chaff from grain by blowing; separate good parts from bad; CF. wind

abortive unsuccessful; fruitless

rotunda circular building or hall covered with a dome

revile attack with abusive language; vilify

blanch bleach; whiten; make white or pale

breach breaking of contract or duty; fissure or gap; opening; V

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

circle small ring; band of gold, silver, jewel, etc. (worn on the head, arms, or neck as decoration)

sensual devoted to the pleasures of the sense; carnal; voluptuous; Ex. sensual woman/crudes/lips

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

culinary relating to cooking or kitchen

ultimate final; not susceptible to further analysis; fundamental; Ex. The sun is the ultimate source of energy.

assumption assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V. suppose

tenure holding of an office or real estate; time during which such an office is held

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

perquisite(perk) any gain above stipulated salary; Ex. perquisites such as free meals and a car

pillory punish by placing in a wooden frame or pillory; subject or expose to criticism and ridicule; N

propulsive driving forward; N. propulsion

accretion growth or increase in size by gradual addition; growth; increase; increase by natural growth; Ex. towers and other accretions of the castle; V. accrete

provident providing for future needs; displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies; OP. improvident

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

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

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

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

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

tentative not fully worked out or developed; provisional; experimental; uncertain; hesitant; not definite or positive; Ex. tentative agreement/reply

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

dissident dissenting (with an opinion, a group, or a government); rebellious; N
- **domicile**  home; V. ADJ. domiciled: having one’s domicile; Ex. He is domiciled in Britain.

- **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

- **resplendent**  brilliant; splendid in appearance; dazzling; glorious

- **monogram**  design composed of one or more initials of a name; V.

- **visage**  face; appearance

- **threadbare**  worn through till the threads show; shabby and poor; hackneyed; Ex. threadbare excuses

- **kernel**  central or vital part; core; whole seed (as of corn)

- **traumatic**  (of an experience) deeply shocking; pertaining to an injury caused by violence; N. trauma: serious wound; emotional shock that causes lasting psychological damage

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

- **gentle**  kindly; soft; mild; of good family

- **correlate**  either of the correlated things; V.

- **incisive**  (appreciatively) cutting; sharp; Ex. incisive remarks; V. incise: make a cut into