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 conduct or form; N. punctilio, punctiliousness: careful attention payed 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. furbish: 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; hatefulfulness; 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
miscnomer 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 lapping 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
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

algesia; 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

seasonable; occurring at the proper time or season; opportune; Ex. seasonable 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 debut/ performance

conducive; helpful; contributive; V. conduce; Ex. conducive 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. blasphemy; 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 disposition 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
- duplicity 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
- thematic 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
□ adept expert at; very skilled
□ 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; monotonousness; ADJ. monotonous; CF. monotone
□ inking 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
□ ordain decree or command; grant holy orders; predetermine; install as a minister, priest, or rabbi; N. ordainment; CF. ordination
□ noisome foul smelling; very unpleasant; unwholesome
□ semblance outward appearance; guise; Ex. We called in the troops to bring a/some semblance of order to the city.
□ assert state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful action); Ex. assert one’s independence
□ calamity disaster; misery
□ foil defeat; frustrate; prevent from being successful; thwart; CF. fail
□ invocation prayer for help (used in invoking); calling upon as a reference or support; act of invoking
□ retaliate repay in kind (usually for bad treatment); V. retaliate
□ complicity participation; involvement (in a questionable act or a crime)
□ tangible able to be touched; real; concrete; palpable; possible to realize or understand; Ex. tangible proof
□ numismatist person who collects coins; N. numismatics: study or collection of money, coins, and medals
□ supplant take the place of unfairly; usurp; replace
□ progeny children; offspring; descendants
□ list tilt (as of a ship); lean over (to one side)
□ invoke call and bring into use (a right or law); call on/upon (a higher power or god) for help; ask for; beg for; conjure (a spirit); Ex. invoke the veto power; Ex. invoke one’s advisor/God
□ slither slip or slide
□ precedent something preceding in time which may be used as an authority or guide for future action; V. precede; CF. unprecedented
□ gaunt lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; barren
□ dishearten discourage
□ commensurate equal in extent; of the same size
□ ethereal like a spirit or fairy; unearthly light; heavenly; unusually refined; Ex. She has an ethereal beauty; CF. ether: upper air
□ archaic antiquated; no longer used; belonging to the past; N.
□ longevity long life; long duration
□ pan criticize harshly
□ quintessence purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF. fifth essence
□ scanty meager; insufficient
□ **unseemly** unbecoming; not proper in behavior; indecent; Ex. leave with unseemly haste
□ **rebuff** reject bluntly; snub; beat back; Ex. She rebuffed his invitation; N.
□ **pulverize** crush or grind into very small particles
□ **canny** shrewd in money matters; thrifty
□ **influx** flowing into
□ **overwrought** nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF. wrought: made or done
□ **clientele** body of customers
□ **patent** obvious; easily seen; open for the public to read; of or protected by a patent; Ex. patent to everyone; N.
□ **wane** decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.
□ **fetter** shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot
□ **regeneration** spiritual rebirth; Ex. regeneration of the prisoners; V. regenerate: give or obtain new life; reform spiritually
□ **pedagogy** teaching; art of education
□ **jubilation** rejoicing; great joy
□ **mete** measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment
□ **pulmonary** pertaining to the lungs
□ **rift** narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds; OP. reconciliation
□ **exonerate** acquit; exculpate; free from blame or guilt
□ **untoward** unexpected and adverse; unfortunate or unlucky; Ex. untoward encounter
□ **ramp** slope; inclined plane or roadway (connecting two levels)
□ **juncture** crisis; point in time; joining point; joint; act of joining
□ **perspicuous** (of something) plainly expressed; easy to understand; Ex. perspicuous comments
□ **devoid** empty; lacking
□ **prefigure** be a sign of; foreshadow
□ **indicative** suggestive; implying; serving to indicate
□ **denigrate** blacken; defame
□ **lexicon** dictionary
□ **sober** serious; solemn; not drunken; abstemious or temperate; V: make or become sober
□ **bode** foreshadow; portend
□ **reparation** compensation (for loss or wrong); amends; Ex. make reparation for the damage; CF. repair
□ **odious** arousing strong dislike; hateful (causing hatred); vile
□ **maraud** move in search of plunder; Ex. marauding army
□ **meager** scanty; inadequate

□ **ceremonious** marked by formality; extremely formal and polite; CF. ceremony: conventional social courtesy
□ **autonomous** self-governing; N. autonomy
□ **vapid** lacking liveliness; dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless; Ex. vapid lecture
□ **propitiate** 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
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(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

canard unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report

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

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

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

furor frenzy; great anger and excitement; CF. furor

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

coronor 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)

analgesic causing insensitivity to pain; N.
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- **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
- **evocative** tending to call up (emotions, memories)
- **titter** nervous giggle; nervous laugh; V.
- **glut** overstock; fill beyond capacity (with food); fill to excess; N: oversupply
- **devious** roundabout; erratic; deviating from the straight course; not straightforward; not completely honest; Ex. devious route
- **imperturbable** unshakably calm; placid
- **husbandry** frugality; thrift; economy; agriculture; farming; Ex. animal husbandry; CF. husbandman
- **ingrate** ungrateful person (not expressing thanks)
- **comport** bear one’s self; behave; Ex. comport oneself; N. comportment
- **reprobation** severe disapproval; CF. approbation
- **arch-** chief; first; Ex. archbishop
- **incendiary** arsonist; ADJ. causing fire; of arson; Ex. incendiary bomb
- **glossary** brief explanation of words used in the text
- **helm** steering wheel of a ship; position of control
- **pretext** excuse
- **solvent** able to pay all depths; N. solvency
- **nauseous** causing nausea; feeling nausea
- **valor** bravery; ADJ. valiant: possessing valor; brave
- **impasse** predicament(dangerous condition) from which there is no escape; situation allowing for no further progress
- **foreboding** premonition of evil; feeling of coming evil; V. forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)
- **copious** plentiful
- **overturn** turn over; capsize; topple
- **fawning** courting favor by cringing and flattering; V. fawn: exhibit affection as a dog; seek favor or attention by obsequiousness
- **allegory** story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable
- **retain** keep; maintain possession of; employ (esp. a lawyer or advisor); N. retainer: servant; fee paid to retain an advisor
- **mimicry** imitation
- **extrinsic** external; not essential or inherent; extraneous; OP. intrinsic
- **duration** length of time something lasts
- **truism** self-evident truth
- **absolve** pardon (an offense)
- **arsenal** storage place for military equipment
- **centrifugal** radiating; departing from the center
- **alms** money or goods given to the poor
- **shrew** scolding woman; very small mouselike animal
- **sordid** filthy; foul; base; vile; Ex. sordid bed/story
- **franchise** right or privilege granted by authority; right to vote; license to sell a product in a particular territory
- **enhance** increase; make greater (as in value, reputation, or usefulness); improve
- **anesthetic** substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness; N. anesthesia
- **decadence** decay; fall to a lower level (of morality, civilization, or art); ADJ. decadent
- **ejaculation** exclamation; abrupt ejection (to discharge sperm); V. ejaculate
- **terse** concise; abrupt; pithy
- **vintner** wine merchant; winemaker; seller of wine
- **labyrinth** maze
- **detain** keep waiting; prevent from leaving or going; N. detention
- **self-indulgence** excessive indulgence of one’s own desire
- **philology** study of language or words
- **recapitulate** summarize
- **odor** having an odor
- **rustle** make slight sounds like silk moving or being rubbed together
- **licentious** amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained
- **physiognomy** face (as showing the character and the mind); art of judging human character from facial features
- **awful** terrible; very bad
- **ravenous** extremely hungry; voracious
- **earmark** set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose
- **unaccountable** unexplicable; impossible to account for; unreasonable or mysterious
- **behoove** be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary; Ex. It behooves one to do.
- **badger** pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N: a kind of mountain animal
☐ **rumble** make or move with a deep rolling sound (as thunder or stomach)
☐ **sojourn** temporary stay; V: stay for a time
☐ **myopic** nearsighted; lacking foresight; N. myopia
☐ **tortuous** winding; full of curves; Ex. tortuous mountain road
☐ **cross** bad-tempered; showing ill-humor; angry
☐ **murmur** low, indistinct, continuous sound; V. CF. mumble
☐ **fret** be annoyed or vexed; Ex. fret over your poor grades; N: irritation of mind; ADJ. fretful
☐ **gaffe** social blunder
☐ **divest** strip (as of clothes); deprive (as of rights); dispossess; N. divestiture(divestment)
☐ **beatitude** blessedness; state of great happiness
☐ **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
☐ **pinnace** small boat
☐ **transition** going from one state of action to another
☐ **maudlin** effusively sentimental
☐ **chameleon** lizard that changes color in different situations
☐ **aspersion** slanderous remark; Ex. cast aspersions on
☐ **ape** imitate or mimic (a person’s behavior or manner)
☐ **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
☐ **seemly** (of behavior) proper; appropriate
☐ **decrepitude** 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
- 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; solve; 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(moult) periodically shed or cast off hairs or feathers (for replacement by a new growth)
- expatiate 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
- asquance with a sideways or indirect look (with disapproval or distract); 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 cleanliness (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
- hostage person who is kept as a prisoner by an enemy so that the other side will do what the enemy demands
- resentment indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about
- palimpsest parchment or piece of writing material used for second time after original writing has been erased
□ vaporize turn into vapor (steam, gas, fog, etc.)
□ lackadaisical lacking interest or effort; lacking purpose or zest; lazy; halfhearted; languid
□ casualty serious or fatal accident; person killed or wounded in an accident or battle
□ bulk size or volume (esp. when very large); main part; Ex. The bulk of the work has already been done; ADJ. bulky: having great size
□ rectitude 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
□ agnostic 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. hilarious: 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
□ supplicant one who supplicates; ADJ.
□ scrappy 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)
□ avalanche 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
- **abstrat** 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(matine)** 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 + (sala)mander
- **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
semenal 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. wander
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
imolate 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
fray brawl; fight; V: wear away or unravel by rubbing; have loose threads developing; cause to become worn out (a person’s temper or nerves); CF. rub
agglomeration collection; heap; V. agglomerate: gather into a rounded mass; N. agglomate: jumbled mass; heap
phylum major classification, second to kingdom, of plants and animals; category ranking below a kingdom and above a class; division
hiatus gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break
irrevocable unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke
emanate issue forth; come out
shrivel make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)
swell long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V.
misconduct immoral behavior; bad management; V.
fell cruel; (of a disease) deadly
swear vow; promise; use profane oaths; use offensive words
immune resistant to; free or exempt from; N. immunity
decry express strong disapproval of; condemn openly (something dangerous to the public); disapprove; Ex. decry the violence of modern films
nomenclature terminology (system of specialized words); system of names or naming things
bait harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other lure used to catch fish or trap animals
exposure risk, particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying something open; Ex. exposure of governmental corruption
ruminant animal that ruminates; ADJ.
scorch sear; N.
stock standard; kept regularly in stock or supply; typical; routine; common; Ex. stock sizes of paper; Ex. stock excuse/character; N: goods for sale in a shop; OP. unique
imperceptible unnoticeable; impossible to perceive; undetectable
collision conspiring in a fraudulent scheme to cheat or deceive others; V. collude
depravity extreme corruption; wickedness; V. deprave
quorum minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting
allude refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference
pendulous hanging; suspended
pith core or marrow; spongelike substance in the center of stems; essence; substance
psychosomatic of the influence of the mind on the body (esp. with respect to disease)
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.
marrred damaged; disfigured; V. mar: spoil; disfigure
eytymology 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
□ 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
□ douse plunge into water or liquid; dip; immerse; drench; wet thoroughly; extinguish; throw water over; douse
□ brooch ornamental clasp; pin
□ indict charge; N. indictment
□ gossamer sheer; very light; like cobwebs; N: soft and sheer fabric; cobweb
□ pyromaniac person with an insane desire to set things on fire
□ husband use sparingly; conserve; save; Ex. husband one’s energy; CF. house holder
□ ovoid egg-shaped; CF. ovum; CF. ovulate
□ desecrate profane; violate the sanctity of
□ relinquish give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; Ex. relinquish power/the claim to the land/his hold on my arm
□ pervasive spread throughout; V. pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate
□ ineffable unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Ex. ineffable name/joy
□ abstract theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational
□ disproportion lack of proportion (between the parts); ADJ. disproportionate
□ crevice crack; fissure
□ extenuate weaken; mitigate; lessen the seriousness of (bad behavior)
□ apathy lack of caring; indifference; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Ex. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; ADJ. apathetic
□ secrete conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism; CF. secretive
□ meteoric like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Ex. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor
□ vertex summit; highest point; PL. vertices
□ raspy making a harsh noise; grating; harsh
□ authoritative having the weight of authority; regarded as providing knowledge that can be trusted; reliable; peremptory and dictatorial; Ex. authoritative dictionary/manner; CF. definitive
□ tatter torn piece of cloth; ADJ. tattered: (of clothes) old and torn; (of a person) dressed in old torn clothes
□ discordant not harmonious; conflicting
□ recidivism habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N. recidivist
□ commonplace ordinary; N: something ordinary or common
□ pandemic widespread; affecting the majority of people; N: pandemic disease; CF. all people
□ prodigious enormous; marvelous; extraordinary; Ex. prodigious amount/memory
□ glib fluent (with insincerity or superficiality); facile; slick
□ 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
□ unassiled unimpeachable; beyond doubt or question; blameless and exemplary
□ 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.
□ goad urge on; drive with a goad; cause (someone) to do something by continued annoyance; Ex. They goaded him into doing it by saying he was a coward; N: sharp-pointed stick for driving cattle; stimulus; CF. annoy continually
□ sow plant or scatter seed
□ requisite make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. requital
□ 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; unmeditated; happening without being planned
□ concede  admit; acknowledge as being true (often reluctantly); yield; grant; Ex. concede a goal
□ galleon  large three-masted sailing ship
□ dissemble  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;
□ molecule  the smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance that has all the properties of that substance
□ turmoil  extreme confusion; great commotion and confusion; Ex. throw the country into turmoil
□ endue  provide with some quality; endow
□ 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
□ homely  not good-looking; unattractive
□ trajectory  path taken by a projectile; Ex. trajectory of a bullet
□ gallows  framework from which a noose is suspended (used for execution by hanging)
□ censorious  severely critical
□ aggregate  sum; total; ADJ. V: gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars
□ gnarled  twisted
□ beeline  direct quick route
□ 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
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
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droop bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.
□ 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
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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: sinister device or obstruction
- **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
- **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
- **carat(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
- **cathartic**: 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
- **irksome**: 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 Shakespeare’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
- **altercation** noisy quarrel
- **apropos** with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.
- **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. ingratiate
- **muted** silent; muffled; toned down; Ex. muted traffic noise
- **dys-** abnormal; impaired
- **cornice** projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars); 창대 정식
- **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
- **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; imperturbable; 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; frolic; 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 wearying repetition
believe 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: lamb

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

tumid (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

timber 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

abstemious sparing in eating and drinking; temperate

gale windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughters, 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

arcane esoteric; secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated; Ex. arcane ritual; Ex. arcane process closed to the uninitiated listener

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

ecelliptical 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

tough 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; 예술 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

temerity  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; 닥쓴 bile; CF. gall bladder

obloquy  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; flitter; 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; 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

dispirited  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

vogue  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
□ 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(epaulette) 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.
□ ingratiating become popular with; bring (oneself) in favor of another; Ex. ingratiating himself with the boss
□ accommodate oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodating; 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
□ equanimity 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
□ minatory menacing; threatening
□ insurrection rebellion; uprising
□ evanescent fleeting; vanishing; soon disappearing; V. evanesce
□ hoard stockpile; accumulate for future use; N: supply stored for future use
stealth action of moving secretly or unseen; slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ. stealthy
incognito with identity concealed; using an assumed name; ADJ.
deflect turn aside; turn away from a straight course
refectory dining hall; room where meals are served (in a school)
exacerbate worsen; aggravate; embitter
diverse differing in some characteristics (from each other); various; N. diversity: variety; dissimilitude; lack of resemblance
ovation enthusiastic applause
plane carpenter’s tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat
verbatim word for word; in the same words; repeating the actual words exactly
flagrant conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous
impale pierce (with a sharp point); Ex. impaled by the spear
vigor active strength; energy; enthusiasm; ADJ. vigorous
gourmet connoisseur of food and drink; epicure
precocious advanced in development; N. precocity
smug self-satisfied; complacent
seethe be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.
equilibrium balance of opposing forces; balance of the mind; equanimity
inextricable 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
hiry hare; 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
misdemeanor 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
emanate 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
defoliate destroy leaves; deprive of leaves (by the use of chemicals); N. defoliator
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
demonic(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
introspective looking within oneself; N. introspection: self-examination
contravene contradict; oppose; violate (a rule, law, or custom); N. contravention
daunt intimidate; frighten; discourage; dishearten
apogee highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP. perigee
mar spoil the appearance of
temperament characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ. temperamental: of temperament; having frequent changes of temper; Ex. temperamental dislike of sports; Ex. temperamental actress
misadventure mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure
flick light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex. flick the switch
plenitude abundance; plenty; great amount; completeness; fullness; CF. plenary, plenty
preposterous absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous
benefactor gift giver; patron; person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose
suspense state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty
gobble eat very quickly
 unfetter liberate; free from chains; V. unfetter
incarnation act of assuming a human body and human nature; one who personifies something; personification; Ex. previous incarnation/reincarnation
palette board on which painter mixes pigments(coloring matters)
erudite (of a person or book) learned; full of learning; scholarly; N. erudition
askew crookedly; slanted; at an angle
ostensible apparent; appearing as such; professed(pretended); pretended; Ex. ostensible purpose of the expedition
cringe shrink back as if in fear; cower
perennial something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring
generate cause; produce; create
appraise estimate value of; N. appraisal
executioner person administering capital punishment
imperil put in danger
uncanny strange; mysterious; Ex. uncanny knack
sonnet 14-line poetic verse form with a fixed rhyme pattern
compromise adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of; put into danger, disrepute, or a dishonorable position; Ex. compromise one’s principle; N.
bestow confer
addendum addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)
anonymity state of being nameless; anonymousness; ADJ. anonymous
maritime bordering on(adjacent to) the sea; nautical; of the ships or the sea; Ex. Maritime Provinces
solicit  entreat; request earnestly; seek to obtain; Ex. solicit votes; CF. solicitor: one who solicits; chief law officer

fatuous  smugly and unconsciously foolish; inane; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness

intrained  deeply established; firmly rooted; Ex. ingrained dirt/prejudice

inclement  stormy; unkind; unmerciful; CF. clement

biting  sharply painful to the body or mind; Ex. biting wind remarks

pronounced  distinct; very noticeable; Ex. pronounced limp

abstain  refrain; withhold from participation; intentionally not use one’s vote;

meditation  reflection; thought; V. meditate

unguent  ointment

sift  put through a sieve to separate fine from coarse particles; sort or examine carefully

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

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

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

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

kaleidoscope  tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass, etc. produce interesting symmetrical effects; series of changing events; Ex. kaleidoscope of European history; CF. beautiful

deluge  flood; rush; V.

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

defection  desertion

conclusive  decisive; ending all debate

headlong  hasty; rash; headfirst; ADV.

antique  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

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)

base  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
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- **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

- **sophist** 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; confine forcibly; imprison

- **horo** crowd; swarm

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

- **impropriety** improveness; 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

- **torpor** 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
- **scrupulous** conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrupulous worker
- **rigid** hard and unbending; stiff and unyielding; fixed in behavior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex. rigid rule
- **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
- **impuissance** 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
- **concordat** 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

**maligner** one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malign: feign illness to avoid work

**crotchety** (of someone old) eccentric; odd; whimsical; bad-tempered; N. crotchet: 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** tranquillity; 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** 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
ingenue; young innocent girl
• 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
• ingénue ingénue; young innocent girl
• grudge deep feeling of dislike; Ex. grudge fight; V.
• lugubrious mournful; sorrowful
• glaring (of something bad) highly conspicuous; harshly bright; shining intensely and blindly
• 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;
• 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. peeress
• 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(cajole); 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. extort: extortitant
• trifle something of little importance or value; small amount; Ex. a trifle; V: treat without seriousness; flirt
• pungent stinging; acrid; sharp in taste or smell; (of speech or writing) caustic; N. pungency
• encomium surrounding; include; Ex. His activities encomium 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
• 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
• 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
• politic prudent; judicious; well judged; expedient; well devised
• papyrus ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant
• 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 way of behaving or thinking)
- daily 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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<td>small stream; CF. rill; rivulet; river</td>
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<td>art and science of preparing and serving good food; CF. gastronome</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td><strong>chasm</strong></td>
<td>abyss; very deep crack</td>
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<td>motherly; N. maternity: motherhood</td>
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<td>floor made of wood strips inlaid in a mosaic like matter; CF. strip: long narrow piece</td>
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factitious artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears
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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
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
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exclamatory pertaining to or expressing surprise or exclamation; Ex. exclamatory expression
faint indistinct; barely noticeable; dim; feeble; Ex. faint color; faint smile
semblance appearance; resemblance; Ex. the semblance of a smile
conspicuous noticeable; obvious; striking; Ex. conspicuous change; conspicuous absence
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interrogation questioning; cross-examination; cross-question
fermentation agitation; commotion (noisy and excited activity); unrest (of a political kind); V. produce by fermentation; undergo fermentation; cause (a state of trouble)
apothegm 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
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- **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 drung has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N: strong expression of approval and praise
- **reprobate** morally disapproved person; person hardened 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 miniature; 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
- **poison** dose (of liquids); liquid dose
- **bigot** one who is intolerant (in matters of religion or politics)
- **ingenuous** naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid
- **illusory** 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** pommel; 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 enjoyment); E: gulp, gulp down.
- **joyment);
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; out-
standing; 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

centrifetal  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 eas-
ily 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 un-
pleasant); 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 ex-
cited

languish  lose animation or strength

outsskirts  fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. out-
skirts 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: cos-
tume 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 disap-
proval; Ex. judge each plan on its own merits; V: de-
serve; 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 suc-
cessive letters joined

alleviate  relieve (pain)

hireling  one who serves for hire (usually used contemp-
tuously); one who works solely for compensation; Ex.
hireling politician

palatial  of or suitable for a palace; magnificent

execute  curse; express abhorrence for; detest

discheveled  untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel

geniality  cheerfulness; kindliness; sympathy; ADJ. ge-
nial: cheerful and good-tempered
□ 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
□ 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 derangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder
□ porridge soft food made by boiling oatmeal
□ religious of religion; (of a person) pious; having reverence for a deity
□ 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; dissolute; 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 nauseum
□ muddle confuse; mix up confusedly; N: state of confusion
□ varnish paint used to coat a surface with a glossy film; glossy coating produced by using this substance; Ex. nail varnish; V.
□ chortle chuckle with delight; N.
□ multiform having many forms
□ dilate expand; dilate on/upon: speak or write at length on (a subject)
□ monarchy government under a single ruler
□ layman man who is not a cleric; man who is nonprofessional
□ flair talent
□ fluke unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune; accidental stroke of good luck; ADJ. fluky
□ ornithologist scientific student of birds; N. ornithology: scientific study of birds
□ bank heap; piled-up mass; embankment; lateral tilting (as of an aircraft in turning); V. pile up; protect with a bank; tilt in turning
□ ruthless pitiless; merciless; cruel
□ entail make necessary; require; necessitate; involve; limit the inheritance of (property) to a specified succession of heirs; Ex. entail A on/upon B
□ prosody art of versification; study of the metrical structure of verse
□ acme peak; pinnacle; highest point
□ delusive deceptive; likely to delude; misleading; raising vain hopes; Ex. delusive promises
□ torso trunk of statue with head and limbs missing; human trunk
□ asinine stupid; Ex. asinine remarks
□ adulterate make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted(contaminated) substances
□ economy efficiency or conciseness in using something; thrifty management of resources
□ derelict negligent; (of someone) neglectful of duty; (of something) deserted by an owner; abandoned; N: abandoned property; homeless or vagrant person
□ lust intense sexual desire; intense eagerness; V.
□ ignite kindle; light; catch fire or set fire to
□ convex curving outward
□ vociferous clamorous; noisy; V. vociferate: cry out loudly (when complaining)
□ knack special talent; art
matrimony state of being married

self-righteous sure of one’s own righteousness; moralistic

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

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

static having no motion; unchanging; lacking development; N. stasis: stable state

allege state without proof

victuals food; provisions; V. victual: provide with food

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

heyday time of greatest success or power; prime

obese excessively fat; N. obesity

maxim proverb; truth pithily stated

stupefy stun; make numb (as with a drug); amaze

ecstasy rapture; very strong feeling of joy and happiness; any overpowering emotion; ADJ. ecstatic: causing or experiencing ecstasy

impotent weak; ineffective; lacking in physical strength or power

tureen deep dish for serving soup

statute law enacted by the legislature

stoop bend forward and down; lower or debase oneself; fall to a lower standard of behavior by doing something; condescend; Ex. stoop to lying

aromatic fragrant; having a sweet smell; N. aroma: strong pleasant smell

frustrate thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose

hothead person who does things too quickly without thinking; ADJ. hotheaded

abut border upon; adjoin

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

descry catch sight of (something distant)

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

abrogate abolish

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

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

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

freebooter pirate or plunderer who makes war in order to grow rich

bruise injure without breaking the skin; N.
Sugar

- repulsive: causing disgust; tending to drive away; V. repel
- 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
- sty mie: thwart; present an obstacle; stump
- canvass: 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
- bil k: 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
- post mortem: 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 |
| **unkempt** | 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; uncaptured; 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); ADJ. 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 |
| **begrudge** | 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 |
| **importunate** | urging; always demanding; trouble-somely 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 |
healless 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 opposite; ADJ.
invalidate weaken; destroy; make invalid; nullify
invert turn upside down or inside out; reverse the position or condition of
plagarize 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. transitoriness
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
pittance small amount (of money); small allowance or wage
admonish warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove
bane poision; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous
cliché phrase dulled in meaning by repetition; platitude; ADJ. clichéd
sovereignty complete independence and self-government (of a country); supremacy of authority; power to govern
juridical of the law and its administration; CF. judicial: of courts of law; CF. judiciary
mace ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority; clublike medieval weapon
incrustation hard coating or crust; V. incrust: encrust; cover with a crust
abject (of a condition) wretched; as low as possible; lacking pride; very humble; showing lack of self-respect; Ex. abject apology
aberration deviation from the normal; mental disorder
desperado reckless, desperate outlaw
concurrent happening at the same time; in agreement
subservient behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious; subordinate; N. subservience
civil having to do with citizens; not military or religious; courteous and polite; Ex. married in a civil ceremony; Ex. civil strife/disorder/law; N. civility; CF. civic
sully defile; soil; tarnish; Ex. sully one’s hands in menial labor
tend have a tendency; take care of; minister; serve at; apply one’s attention; attend
prone inclined to; likely to (suffer); prostrate; lying with the front downward; Ex. prone to disease/make mistakes; Ex. accident-prone
sonorous resonant; producing a full deep sound; producing sound
chalice goblet; consecrated cup
blighted suffering from a disease; destroyed
lank long and thin; Ex. Lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln
migrant changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N. one that migrates
collage work of art put together from fragments
somnambulist sleepwalker; V. somnambulate; N. somnambulism

flush reddish; blush; flow suddenly and abundantly; wash out by a rapid brief flow of water; N: reddish tint; blush; brief rush; rush of strong feeling; Ex. flush of pride; ADJ: having surfaces in the same plane; even; blushing

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

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. disjunctive: expressing a choice between two ideas; CF. conjunctive; 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

bellowing 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)
- 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
- infringement 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 위해서 밖으로 빼내다
- dislodge remove (forcibly); force out of a position; Ex. dislodge the food caught in his throat; CF. lodge
- preeminent outstanding; superior
- mesmerize hypnotize; N. mesmerism; CF. Franz Mesmer
- lax careless; negligent; not paying enough attention; Ex. lax service
- scoff laugh (at); mock; ridicule; Ex. scoff at their threats
- infantile childish; infantlike
- imperious domineering; too commanding; haughty; CF. imperial/emperor
- pastoral rural; of rural life; idyllic; of a pastor
- herald messenger; sign of something to come; V: announce; proclaim; Ex. unheralded researcher
- hapless unfortunate; luckless
- wan having a pale or sickly color; pallid
- saboteur one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property; N. sabotage: destruction of property (usually carried out secretly)
- curfew regulation requiring all people to leave the streets at stated times; signal (as a bell) announcing the hour of a curfew
- pariah social outcast; Ex. Mariah the pariah
- slake satisfy (thirst); quench; sate
- unfeigned genuine; real
- plebeian common; vulgar; pertaining to the common people; N: common people in ancient Rome; CF. pattern
- mock ridicule; deride; imitate often in derision
- coincidence the chance occurrence, at the same time, of two or more seemingly connected events; V. coincide: happen at the same time; be in agreement; CF. coincident; CF. coincidental
- impregnate make pregnant; fill thoroughly; saturate
- vacuous empty; lacking in ideas; inane; stupid; Ex. vacuous expression; N. vacuity
- unobtrusive inconspicuous; not blatant
- devotee enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach
- veer change in direction; swerve
- resonant (of a sound) echoing; resounding(sounding loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice; N. resonance
- bullion gold and silver in the form of bars
- somber dark; gloomy; melancholy; depressing; CF. shadow
- amble walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly
- impecunious without money
- spectral ghostly; N. specter: spectre; ghost; phantom
- dichotomy division into two opposite parts; split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)
- hovel shack; small wretched house
- artful exhibiting art or skill; deceitful; cunning; CF. artifice
- deputize work or appoint as a deputy; N. deputy: person who has the power to take charge when the leading person is away
- responsiveness state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc.; ADJ. responsive: readily reacting; Ex. responsive to treatment
- precipice cliff; dangerous position; Ex. on the edge of the precipice
- bauble trinket; cheap jewel; trifle
- primate group of mammals including humans
- sterile incapable of producing young; free from microorganism; V. sterilize
- occult mysterious; secret; supernatural; beyond human comprehension; CF. mysterious to human ?; OP. bare
□ *opus* work (esp. musical composition); Ex. *magnum opus*: masterpiece; CF. *opera*

□ *fringe* decorative edge of hanging threads; edge

□ *whet* sharpen; stimulate; Ex. *whet someone’s appetite*

□ *knoll* little round hill; hillock

□ *graphite* black form of carbon used in lead pencils

□ *diadem* crown

□ *peripatetic* walking about from place to place (to work); moving; Ex. *peripatetic school of philosophy*

□ *tenet* doctrine; dogma

□ *aloft* upward; high up in the air

□ *nautical* pertaining to ships or navigation

□ *acknowledge* recognize; admit

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

□ *propound* put forth for consideration or analysis; set forth; Ex. *propound a problem/theory*

□ *affront* insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect; V: insult or hurt the feelings of intentionally

□ *accelerate* move faster

□ *beseech* beg; plead with

□ *prototype* original work used as a model by others

□ *aver* state confidently; declare as true

□ *simile* comparison of one thing with another, using the word like or as

□ *unravel* disentangle; solve

□ *deprecate* express disapproval of; deplore; protest against; belittle; ADJ. *deprecatory*

□ *ramification* branching out; subdivision; one branch of a system; one of the results following from an action or decision; Ex. *ramifications of a business/the decision*

□ *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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<td>determined; stubborn; stubbornly persevering; tenacious; Ex. Inspector Javert’s dogged pursuit of Jean Valjean</td>
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<td>one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.</td>
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<td>(of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts</td>
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<td>loop formed in a rope</td>
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<td>played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt sharp sound; Ex. staccato applause</td>
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<td>cheat; hoodwink; swindle</td>
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<td>final outcome; final development of the plot of a play or other literary work; the end of a story when everything is explained</td>
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<td>influenced by personal feelings; occurring or taking place within the mind; unreal; Ex. subjective sensation of the ghostly presence</td>
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<td>lure or bait; V.</td>
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<td>hostile invasion; advance that lessens the quantity or difficulty of something; Ex. The long illness made serious inroads on his savings; CF. raid</td>
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<td>person who keeps bees</td>
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<td>deign</td>
<td>condescend; stoop</td>
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<td>travesty</td>
<td>copy or example of something that completely misrepresents the true nature of the real thing; comic parody or imitation; treatment aimed at making something appear ridiculous; Ex. travesty of justice; OP. paragon</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>insignificant; unimportant</td>
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<td>reconcile</td>
<td>make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one’s political principles with one’s religious beliefs</td>
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<td>bevy</td>
<td>large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets</td>
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<td>evoke</td>
<td>call forth (memory or feeling); Ex. That old film evoked memories of my childhood; N. evocation</td>
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<td>legislature</td>
<td>legislating branch of government; CF. legislate: make laws</td>
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<td>metaphor</td>
<td>implied comparison; CF. simile</td>
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<td>punitive</td>
<td>punishing; Ex. punitive measures</td>
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<td>vantage</td>
<td>position giving an advantage (such as a strategic point); CF. vantagepoint</td>
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<td>larceny</td>
<td>theft; Ex. petit larceny</td>
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<td>impromptu</td>
<td>without previous preparation; off the cuff(end of a sleeve); on the spur of the moment</td>
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<td>excoriate</td>
<td>scold with biting harshness; censure strongly; strip the skin off</td>
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<td>taint</td>
<td>contaminate; cause to lose purity; modify with a trace of something bad; Ex. tainted reputation; N: stain; touch of decay or bad influence; CF. touch</td>
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<td>severe and adverse criticism; critical comments; limit or restriction</td>
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<td>concerning the sense of smell</td>
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<td>of the production of electricity by the action of an acid on a metal; having the effect of an electric shock; Ex. galvanic cell; galvanic effect; CF. Luigi Galvani</td>
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<td>frock</td>
<td>long loose garment (worn by monks)</td>
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<td>something hinted at or suggested; implying; implicating</td>
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<td>neophyte</td>
<td>recent convert; new member of a religious group; beginner; CF. plant</td>
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<td>conclave</td>
<td>private secret meeting</td>
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<td>distend</td>
<td>expand; swell out</td>
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<td>pell-mell</td>
<td>in confusion; disorderly; Ex. dash pell-mell</td>
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<td>luminous</td>
<td>shining (esp. in the dark); issuing light; Ex. luminous paint/road signs</td>
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<td>small poor bed; Ex. straw pallet</td>
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<td>pompous; using inflated language</td>
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exiguous small in amount; minute

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

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

internecine mutually destructive

orator public speaker

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

diva operatic singer; prima donna

ambulatory able to walk

umbrage resentment; anger; sense of injury or insult; Ex. take umbrage at his rudeness

timorous fearful; timid; demonstrating fear

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

ogle look at amorously; make eyes at; Ex. old men ogling young girls

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

token outward sign; Ex. a token of our gratitude

mote small speck (esp. of dust)

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

attenuate make thin; weaken

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

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

tangential only slightly connected; not central; peripheral; digressing; showing divergence; CF. tangent

eulogistic praising; full of eulogy

suavity urbanity; polish; ADJ. suave: smooth and courteous

mogul powerful person; Ex. oil moguls; CF. Mogol, Moghul; CF. Mongolian

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

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

sham pretend; feign; ADJ: not genuine; fake; Ex. sham jewelry; N: something that is not what it appears; impostor; pretense; Ex. The agreement was a sham.

insightful discerning; perceptive

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

nectar drink of the gods; sweet liquid collected by bees

augment increase; add to

frond fern leaf; palm or banana leaf

saturnine morose; gloomy; Ex. Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance.

predilection preference; partiality

sybarite lover of luxury; person devoted to pleasure and luxury; CF. Sybaris: an ancient Greek city in Italy

bucolic rustic; pastoral

onerous burdensome

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

anneal reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)
- 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 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
□ 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+biald
□ 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
□ discompose 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. solicitude
□ 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
□ feline 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; accept readily; encircle; include; Ex. embrace the cause/socialism; Ex. all-embracing; CF. brace; CF. bracelet
□ luminary celebrity (in a specific field); dignitary; object that gives light (as a celestial body)
□ parry ward off a blow; deflect; Ex. He parried the unwelcome question very skillfully; N. CF. 막는다는 개념 예 야님
□ desiccate dry up
□ dominant exercising the most influence; high and easily seen; stronger than the other part of a system; not recessive
□ poseur person who pretends to be sophisticated, elegant, etc., to impress others; person who poses; CF. poseur
□ oblique indirect; slanting (deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line); Ex. oblique reference
□ reverie daydream; abstracted musing
□ corporeal bodily (rather than spiritual); of a bodily form; material; tangible
□ thread beat (cereal plants) with a machine or flail to separate the grains from the straw
□ indemnify make secure against damage or loss; compensate for damage or loss; CF. make uninjured
□ scavenge hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N. scavenger: one who scavenedges; animal that feeds on refuse and carrion
□ pulse rhythmical throbbing of arteries; brief sudden change in a normally constant quantity; V: pulsate
□ egress exit; opening for going out; act of going out; OP. ingress
□ gradation series of gradual stages; degree in such a progression
□ incredulity tendency to disbelief
□ manifold many in number or kind; numerous; varied
□ renegade deserter; traitor; ADJ.
□ haughtiness pride; arrogance; ADJ. haughty
□ graduate arrange into categories or grades; divide into marked intervals (for use in measurement); Ex. graduated ruler
□ amok(amuck) in a state of rage; Ex. run amok
- **verve**: enthusiasm (as in artistic performance or composition); liveliness; vigor
- **maelstrom**: violent whirlpool; violent or turbulent situation; CF. stream
- **centrifuge**: machine that separates substances by whirling them
- **homogeneous**: of the same kind; uniform in composition throughout
- **edict**: decree (especially one issued by a sovereign); official command
- **margin**: border; room; allowance beyond what is needed; Ex. margin of safety
- **vernal**: pertaining to spring
- **skulk**: move furtively and secretly; Ex. He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city.
- **drip**: fall or let fall in drops; shed drops; N: action or sound of falling in drops
- **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
- **pliable**: 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 immediate; 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
- **braggadocio**: boasting
- **curator**: superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)
- **nimble**: quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind
- **perdition**: damnation; complete ruin; hell
- **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**: cheat
- **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
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.
empathy  ability to identify with another’s feelings, ideas, etc.; identification with and understanding of another’s feelings; V. empathize; CF. sympathy
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; bicker; V: engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children
volatile  changeable; of a quickly changing nature (as of temper); mercurial; tendency 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
sundry  miscellaneous; various; several; N. sundries: small miscellaneous items
scurry  move hastily; hurry; move briskly
ineffectual  not effective; not having a desired effect; weak
potent  powerful; convincing; persuasive; greatly influential
barrage  barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex. a barrage of criticism
anchor  secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage
graphic  pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described
cunning  clever in deceiving; sly; N: cleverness in deceiving; deceit
subjugate  conquer; bring under control
trurdy  swollen; distended (as from liquid)
scabard  case for a sword blade; sheath
reactionary  strongly opposed to social or political change; opposing progress; politically ultraconservative; N. OP. radical
illimitable  infinite; limitless
undulating  moving with a wavelike motion; V. undulate; CF. und: wave
pass off  present falsely; represent falsely to be
interloper  intruder; one who interferes
concord  harmony; accord
walk through a substance, such as water, that impedes movement
false belief; hallucination; deluding; Ex. delusions of grandeur; Ex. under the delusion that
causing deep feelings of wonder, joy, respect, etc.; exalted; noble and uplifting; utter
call together; Ex. convolve Parliament; N. convocation
effectual; producing a strong response; striking; in operation; in effect; Ex. effective speech/photograph
calling; exhortive; marked by exhortation; CF. exhort
condition of being squalid; filthy; degradation; dirty neglected state; ADJ. squalid: dirty; sordid; morally repulsive; Ex. squalid story
temporary encampment; camp without tents; V.
acute pain; extreme suffering
harshness; intensity; sternness; austerity; ADJ. severe: harsh; strict; extremely violent or intense
eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything
spread or cover with a sticky substance; N: mark made by smearing
building (of imposing size)
fear of water; rabies
bad-tempered complaint; person who keeps complaining; V: complain; grumble
boredom; weariness; ADJ. tedious
causing cancer; N. carcinogen
wise saying; proverb
black volcanic rock
raised platform used in preaching (in a church)
take pleasure in great comfort
read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid
quarrelsome
vice; tool for holding work in place; clamping device
squander; waste foolishly; scatter
small waterfall
sharp to the taste; acid-tasting; caustic; sarcastic; Ex. tart apple/reply
wretch; wrongdoer; villain; Ex. kindness to the miscreant; CF. believe
poor verse
denying the existence of God; N. atheism
having no inhibitions; free in behavior and feelings
 prankish; gay; playful; merry; frisky
relentless; unyielding; implacable; not capable of being changed by entreaty or efforts; Ex. inexorable price rises
powerful movement of or like a wave; V.
substitute; person or thing used in place of another; Ex. surrogate mother; ADJ.
outcry; loud cry or clamor; strong protest; Ex. hue and cry against the new rule
thick-skinned animal
substance causing vomiting; ADJ.
expressing irony; occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner
separate; unconnected
causing a problem; open to doubt; doubtful; unsettled; questionable; Ex. Whether the arena will ever be completed is problematic.
place of spiritual expiation; temporary state or place in which the souls must expiate their sins
meddlesome interfering; V. meddle: interfere

cadet student at a military school

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

impetus 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. minuita

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 unworthyly; 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. mince-meat; 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
infirmitry 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

medium element that is a creature's natural environment; nutrient setting in which microorganisms are cultivated; appropriate occupation or means of expression; channel of communication; compromise; middle position between extremes; intervening substance through which something else is transmitted

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)

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

☐ dilatory delaying; tending to delay

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

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

☐ 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)

☐ mire entangle; stick in swampy ground; stick or sink in mire; N: bog; deep mud; Ex. sucked deeper into the mire

☐ revoke cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable

☐ peruse read through with care; N: perusal

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

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

☐ slag glassy residue from smelting metal; dross; waste matter

☐ asunder into parts; apart; V. sunder

☐ sleazy shabby and dirty; flimsy; insubstantial; Ex. sleazy back-street hotel/fabric

☐ 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. 짧이 죽여

☐ 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
- abysmal: 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
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

wry  (esp. of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure)
dowdy  untidy (of a woman or clothes); slovenly; dressed in an unattractive way; shabby; CF. unattractive woman

aphasia  loss of speech due to injury or illness

goat  persuade by flattery

jeopardize  endanger; imperil; put at risk; N. jeopardy: danger

congeal  freeze; coagulate

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

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

primordial  existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary

dynamo  generator for producing electricity; energetic person

migratory  wandering; V. migrate: move from one region and settle in another; move periodically from one region to another

promote  advance in rank; advance; help to flourish; advocate; help actively in forming; publicize or popularize; Ex. Milk promotes health; Ex. promote a match/bill; Ex. promote a new product

clavicle  collarbone

legato  (of music) played smoothly

modicum  limited quantity; small amount; Ex. He does not have a modicum of sense; CF. moderate

tacit  understood (without actually being expressed); not put into words; Ex. tacit agreement

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

mishap  unfortunate accident

impiety  irreverence; lack of respect for God or piety

amass  collect (gradually, in a very large amount)

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

sentient  capable of sensation and conscious; aware; sensitive; Ex. sentient creature; N. sentience

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

vibrant  full of vigor or energy; vibrating

atrocious  brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious
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)

august  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

gyroscope  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 metals; 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; 청진제; 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

ken  range of knowledge; Ex. beyond one’s ken

upshot  outcome; final result

corpuscle  red or white cell in the blood

plasticity  ability to be molded; ADJ. plastic: capable of being shaped or molded; Ex. plastic material such as clay

espouse  adopt; support (an idea or aim); marry; N. espousal

insubstantial  lacking substance; insignificant; frail; immaterial

allocate  assign; set apart for a particular purpose

sylvan  pertaining to the woods or the country

sluice  artificial channel for directing or controlling the flow of water (with a gate to regulate the flow)

wince  move back suddenly; shrink back; flinch; Ex. She winced as she touched the cold body.

parish  area in the care of a single priest and served by one main church
□ itinerary plan of a trip; record of a trip
□ modulate tone down in intensity; change the intensity
or tone of; regulate; change from one musical key to an-
other; Ex. modulate from E to G
□ regiment military unit; V: subject to strict order; Ex. reg-
imented society
□ mayhem injury to body; crime of willfully maiming or
crippling a person; violent disorder; Ex. mayhem in the
zoo; CF: maim
□ wrangle quarrel noisily; obtain through arguing; herd
cattle; N.
□ declivity downward slope
□ proclivity inclination; natural tendency (esp. towards
something bad)
□ proscribe prohibit; ostracize; banish; outlaw
□ recumbent reclining; lying down completely or in part
□ draconian extremely severe; Ex. draconian punish-
ment; CF. Draco: Athenian politician
□ dispassionate calm; impartial; not influenced by per-
sonal feelings
□ withstand stand up against; resist successfully
□ garner gather; store up; amass
□ mediate settle a dispute through the services of an out-
sider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. 
meditate a cease-fire
□ gibberish nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk
or writing; babbling
□ resurge rise again; flow to and fro; N. resurgence; ADJ.
resurgent: (of ideas or beliefs) experiencing revival;
surging again
□ refuse anything discarded or rejected as worthless;
trash
□ dogmatic opinionated; holding stubbornly to one’s
opinion; arbitrary; doctrinal
□ dispense distribute; prepare and give out (medicines);
N. dispensation: dispensing; religious system; official
exemption from an obligation or a rule
□ germinal pertaining to a germ; creative; Ex. germinal
idea
□ connotation suggested or implied meaning of an ex-
pression; V. connote
□ equivocate use equivocal language to deceive people;
lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivoca-
tion
□ débâcle sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; com-
plete disaster
□ beneficiary person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an
insurance policy or will
□ grudging unwilling; reluctant; stingy(giving reluc-
tantly)
□ bromide platitude; chemical compound used to calm
excitement
□ jug pitcher; container for holding liquids
□ apocalyptic prophetic; pertaining to revelations espe-
циально of disaster; N. apocalypse
□ scourge lash; whip (formerly used for punishment);
source of severe punishment; V: whip; afflict
□ fulsome disgustingly excessive; offensively flattering;
Ex. fulsome praise/expressions of admire
□ guy cable or chain attached to something that needs to
be braced or steadied; CF. guide
□ jollity gaiety; cheerfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry; gay
□ subsistence existence; means of subsisting; means of
support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist; maintain life (at
a meager level)
□ shunt move (a railway train) from one track to another;
turn aside; divert; sidetrack; Ex. shunt traffic around an
accident; N.
□ grapple wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and
struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar
□ simplistic oversimplified
□ tenacity firmness; persistence
□ extrovert person interested mostly in external objects
and actions
- **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; shameless boldness; presumptuousness; 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 as of flour (powder made by crushing grain) and water (used as an adhesive); V: cause to adhere by applying paste
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
distrait 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
carping petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble
boor rude, insensitive person
lucrre money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre
eerie weird; causing fear because strange
archaeology study of artifacts and relics of early mankind
ganut entire range
plumber one who installs and repairs pipes and plumbing(pipes)
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
stamp step on heavily (so as to crush or extinguish); put an end to; imprint or impress with a mark, design, or seal; shape with a die; characterize; Ex. machine stamping out car bodies; Ex. newspaper stamping him as a liar; N. stamping; implement used to stamp; impression stamped; mark; Ex. Her remarks bear the stamp of truth.
inhibit restrain; prohibit; retard or prevent; N. inhibition
celerity speed; rapidity
detraction slandering; aspersing; detracting; CF. detractor
gruesome 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
viciousitude 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. renge 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/querrel
□ 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. anti-the tic or antithetical
□ culpable deserving blame; blameworthy
□ quiver tremble; shake; N.
□ brawn human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness
□ chasten discipline; punish in order to correct; CF. castigate
□ infer deduce; conclude; N. inference
□ disburse pay out (as from a fund); N. disbursement; CF. purse
□ untenable (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
□ 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
□ devise 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
□ shuffle mix together; jumble; move (something) from one place to another; slide (the feet) along the ground while walking; Ex. shuffle papers from one pile to another; N.
□ 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
□ mischance 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
□ placate 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. hearthrob: heartbeat; sweetheart
□ halfhearted exhibiting little interest or enthusiasm
□ patriarch father 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
□ fete(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 inexorably 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. disaffect: 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)

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
- **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
- **imbue** 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: smooth; 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 handmade 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 knit 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

crux  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. hysterical: person suffering from hysteria; CF. hysterics: attack of hysteria

condescend  (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

debüt  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

presume  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
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

precinct division of a city for election or police purposes; precincts: space that surrounds a building; Ex. precincts of the college

flora plants of a region or era

garnish decorate; add a garnish to; decorate (food or drink) with small items such as lemon slices; N.

congenital existing at birth

uniformity sameness; monotony; ADJ. uniform: the same all over

dereliction neglect of duty; abandonment

whinny neigh like a horse; CF. neigh: make the sound which horses make

junket trip especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense

inverse opposite

thrive prosper; flourish

floe flat mass of floating ice

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

therapeutic curative; N. therapy

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

luscious pleasing to taste or smell; delicious

hew cut to pieces with ax or sword; chop; N.

repulse reject with rudeness or coldness (an offer or friendship); drive back (an enemy attack); CF. repulse ≠ cause repulsion

deranged insane

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

debar bar; forbid; exclude; Ex. debarred from jury services

trickster person who cheats people

maleficient doing evil; N. maleficence

tenant one that pays rent to use property owned by another

integrity honesty; uprightness; wholeness; state of being whole and undivided; completeness

doctrinaire unable to compromise about points of doctrine; dogmatic; unyielding; marked by inflexible attachment to a doctrine without regard to its practical difficulties

hermitage home of a hermit

gush (of liquid) pour out in large quantities from a hole; make an excessive display of feeling (without true feeling); Ex. Blood gushed from the wound.

leeway room to move; margin; latitude; Ex. leeway for the deadline

subpoena writ (written command issued by a court) summoning a witness to appear in court; V: summon with a subpoena

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

tyrranny oppression; cruel government; ADJ. tyrannical: of a tyrant or tyranny; despotic; 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

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outstrip outrun; surpass; outdo

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

ingaging charming; attractive

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

parded 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; 미치근한; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter
□ enthral 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  dry food for livestock; fodder
□ 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 or sun'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 intrude; impose (oneself or one's ideas) on others; butt in; stick out or extrude; thrust out; Ex. obtrude A on B; ADJ. obtrusive; N. obtrusion; CF. unobtrusive
□ 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 thorough
□ 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;  axle: causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, 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; ADJ. 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)
□ militante  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)
□ pedestrian  ordinary; dull; unimaginative (lacking in imagination); going on foot; Ex. pedestrian prose; N.
irretrievable impossible to recover or regain; CF. retrieve

disputatious argumentative; fond of argument

woe great sorrow; deep inconsolable grief; affliction; suffering; Ex. financial woes

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

facetious joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous

cryptic mysterious; hidden; secret

totter shake or move unsteadily; sway as if about to fall

drama prose or verse composition to be performed by actors; play; exciting and unusual situation

obsequious slavishly attentive; servile; full of servile compliance; sycophantic

mortify humiliate by embarrassing excessively; shame; punish the flesh; discipline (one’s body) by self-denial; Ex. mortified by her blunder; Ex. mortify the flesh; CF. cause to die

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

intrigue make secret plans; plot; arouse the curiosity of; N: secret scheme; plot; secret love affair

nourish provide with food necessary for life and growth

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

cloister monastery or convent

invidious designed to create ill will or envy; tending to rouse ill will or envy; Ex. invidious comparison

turpitude depravity; baseness; Ex. moral turpitude

smolder smoulder; burn slowly without flame; be liable to break out at any moment; exist in a suppressed state; Ex. smoldering anger

esmasculate weaken; castrate

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

kismet fate; destiny; Ex. Kismet is the Arabic word for fate.

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

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

uncouth boorish; clumsy in speech or behavior; outlandish

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

canker 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.

dross 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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\begin{itemize}
\item \textbf{ascetic} practicing self-denial; avoiding physical pleasures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism
\item \textbf{tenancy} possession of land or building by rent; period of a tenant's occupancy
\item \textbf{vain} full of self-admiration; conceited; without result; unsuccessful; N. vanity
\item \textbf{evenhanded} impartial; fair
\item \textbf{cynosure} object of general attention; person or thing that is a center of attention; CF. Ursa Minor
\item \textbf{rummage} ransack; thoroughly search
\item \textbf{jocund} merry
\item \textbf{uproarious} marked by commotion or uproar; very noisy (esp. with laughter); hilarious; causing loud laughter; extremely funny
\item \textbf{metropolis} large city
\item \textbf{repertoire} list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present; CF. repertory
\item \textbf{pluck} courage; V: pull off or out; pull out the hair or feathers of; ADJ. plucky: courageous; brave
\item \textbf{ensconce} settle comfortably; place comfortably (in a secure place)
\item \textbf{auroral} pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. aurora australis
\item \textbf{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
\item \textbf{draft} first rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; conscript
\item \textbf{peremptory} demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock
\item \textbf{bate} let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF. abate
\item \textbf{disfigure} mar the appearance of; spoil
\item \textbf{mode} prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life
\item \textbf{resolve} determination; resolution; firmness of purpose
\item \textbf{faze} disconcert; dismay; embarrass
\item \textbf{tryst} concord; dismay; embarrass
\item \textbf{munificent} very generous in giving; Ex. munificent benefactor; N. munificence
\item \textbf{viper} poisonous snake
\item \textbf{compile} assemble; gather; accumulate; make (a report or a book) from facts and information found in various places; Ex. compile a dictionary
\item \textbf{aptitude} fitness; talent
\item \textbf{paean} song of praise or joy; Ex. paeans celebrating the victory
\item \textbf{spectrum} colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism; broad and continuous range; Ex. whole spectrum of modern thoughts
\item \textbf{automaton} mechanism that imitates actions of humans; machine that works by itself
\item \textbf{vent} release or discharge through a vent; express (esp. unfairly); utter; Ex. He vented his wrath on his family.
\item \textbf{gambit} opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed; action made to produce a future advantage
\item \textbf{mute} silent; without speech; not pronounced; unable to speak; N: one who is incapable of speech; V: soften the sound, color, shade of
\item \textbf{mortar} vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle
\item \textbf{formidable} menacing; arousing fear; threatening; difficult to defeat; Ex. formidable foe/question
\item \textbf{censor} (in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.
\item \textbf{recipient} receiver
\item \textbf{gloat} express evil satisfaction; look at or think about with evil satisfaction; view malevolently; Ex. The thief gloated over the stolen jewels.
\item \textbf{delineate} portray; depict; sketch; describe; N. delineation
\item \textbf{advocate} speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for
\item \textbf{fancier} breeder or dealer of animals; one who has a special interest, as for raising specific plant or animal
\item \textbf{rejoinder} reply; retort; comeback; V. rejoin: say in reply
\item \textbf{equivocal} (of words or statements) ambiguous; intentionally misleading; (of behavior) questionable; OP. unequivocal
\item \textbf{context} writings preceding and following the passage quoted; circumstance in which an event occurs
\item \textbf{ominous} threatening; of an evil omen
\item \textbf{purchase} secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing
\item \textbf{slur} pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble
\item \textbf{impartial} not biased; fair; N. impartiality
\item \textbf{peccadillo} slight offense or fault; CF. sin
\item \textbf{abridge} condense or shorten
\item \textbf{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
\item \textbf{debonair} (of men) friendly, charming, and fashionably dressed; aiming to please; CF. of good disposition
\item \textbf{lope} gallop slowly
\item \textbf{quarry} dig into (to get stone); N: mine; 채석장
\item \textbf{genuflect} bend the knee as in worship
\end{itemize}
ploy  strategem 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. 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
slavish  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 sew you to your sheet” for “Let me show you to your seat”; 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
optimum  most favorable; optimal; N: most favorable condition

tumult  commotion of a great crowd; riot; noise; uproar; ADJ. tumultuous: noisy and disorderly

bristle  short stiff hair; V: (hair or fur) stand up stiffly
extricate  free from an entanglement or difficulty; disentangle

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

brusque  blunt; abrupt; curt; not wanting to waste time being nice

outlandish  bizzare; peculiar; unconventional

wizened  shriveled; withered; Ex. wizened apple/old lady

incessant  uninterrupted; unceasing

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

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

refraction  bending of a ray of light

qualified  limited; restricted; V. qualify: limit the meaning of; modify

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

waft  move gently (in air or in seas) by wind or waves; Ex. leaves wafting past the window

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

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

bid  command; utter (a greeting); offer as a price; N: offer of a price; amount offered; earnest effort to gain something; Ex. bid for freedom

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

mausoleum  monumental tomb; large stately tomb; CF. Mausolos

preclude  make impossible; prevent; exclude; eliminate

impending  nearing; approaching; about to happen

abdicate  renounce; give up (position, right, or responsibility)

motley  multi-colored (as of a garment worn by a jester); mixed; heterogeneous; CF. jester: one who jests (as a paid fool at medieval courts)

profusion  great amount; plenty; overabundance; excess; lavish expenditure; Ex. profusion of choices; ADJ. profuse: plentiful; copious; giving or given abundantly; extravagant

bedizen  dress with vulgar finery

witless  lacking intelligence or wit; foolish; idiotic

query  inquiry; question; V.
bemoan  lament; moan for; express sorrow or disapproval of

affable  easily approachable; easy to talk to; warmly friendly

shudder  shake uncontrollably; tremble; V.

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

ramify  branch out; divide into branches or subdivisions

monolithic  solidly uniform; unchangeable; unyielding; N. monolith: large block of stone

boorish  rude; insensitive

precipitate  hurl downward; throw headlong; hasten; cause to happen sooner; condense and fall as rain or snow; cause (a solid substance) to be separated from a solution; ADJ. hasty; rash; premature; sudden

bask  luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth

triton  three-pronged spear

smirk  conceited smile; offensively self-satisfied smile (often at someone else’s misfortune); V.

monotheism  belief in one God

interjection  exclamation; Ex. “Ouch”
succor  assist (someone in difficulty); aid; comfort; N.

merit  deserve; ADJ. meritorious: deserving reward or praise

chicanery  trickery; deception

oblivious  inattentive or unmindful; unaware; wholly absorbed; forgetful (having the habit of forgetting)

unison  unity of pitch (in musical performance); complete accord; Ex. The choir sang in unison.
nurture  nourish; feed; educate; rear; care for while it is growing or developing; foster; cultivate; N: something that nourishes; rearing

genesis  beginning; origin

fictitious  imaginary; non-existent; purposely invented to deceive; untrue; Ex. fictitious name/boyfriend; CF. fictional

manifest  evident; visible; obvious; V: show plainly

pragmatist  practical person; N. pragmatism: pragmatic way of dealing with things

requiem  mass for the dead; dirge

annals  records arranged in yearly parts; history

snuffle  sniffle; sniff repeatedly (in order to keep liquid from running out of the nose)
laity  laypersons; laymen; persons not connected with the clergy

filibuster  block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking body by making very slow long speeches; N; freebooter

comprise  include; consist of
tenuous  thin; slim; rare
clandestine  secret
tightwad  miser; excessively frugal person
knave  untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel; jack; N. knavery
debutante  young woman making formal entrance into society
escapade  prank; flighty conduct; reckless adventure that disobeys rules
archipelago  group of closely located islands
incommodious  not spacious; inconvenient
tiller  handle used to move boat’s rudder (to steer)
transient  staying for a short time; momentary; temporary; N: one that is transient
concatenate  link as in a chain
missile  object to be thrown or projected
genteel  well-bred; elegant; striving to convey an appearance of refinement; Ex. genteel poverty
pedantic  bookish; showing off learning; marked by an excessive ostentatious concern for book learning; N. pedantry
pending  not yet decided or settled; impending; Ex. pending decision; PREP. while awaiting; until; Ex. delay the decision pending his return
blotch  spot; blot; CF. blot+botch
distort  twist out of shape; give a false account of; misrepresent; N. distortion
carapace  shell covering the back (of a turtle, tortoise, crab, etc.)
append  attach
grievance  cause of complaint; complaint
start  move suddenly or involuntarily; Ex. start at the sight of a snake
voracious  ravenous; eating large quantities of food; exceedingly eager; insatiable; Ex. voracious animal/reader
proponent  supporter; backer; opposite of opponent
conglomeration  mass of material sticking together
proximity  nearness; ADJ. proximate
verge  border; edge, rim, or margin; Ex. on the verge of: very near to; V: border on
exquisite  delicate; very finely made; extremely beautiful; Ex. exquisite piece of jewelry
purge  remove or get rid of something or someone unwanted; eliminate; free from blame or guilt; cleanse or purify (esp. of sin, guilt, or defilement); N.
yokel  rustic; country bumpkin; 한국
humid  damp; N. humidity
hackles  hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone’s hackles rise
courier  messenger
regicide  murder of a king or queen
gouge  overcharge (with high price); extort from; Ex. gouge the public; CF. usury
embody  give a bodily form to; incorporate; include
brochure  pamphlet
badinage  teasing conversation; banter; joking talk
grouse  complain; fuss; grumble; grouch; N: plump chickenlike game bird
trepidation  fear; nervous apprehension
trenchant  cutting; incisive; keen
□ ordinance  decree; authoritative order
□ oversee  watch over and direct; supervise; N. oversight: unintentional failure to notice or do something; supervision
□ miniature  small model; small painting; ADJ: small
□ vivid  (of light or color) bright and distinct; evoking life-like mental images; Ex. vivid red hair/description
□ snicker  half-stifled (suppressed) laugh; V.
□ hibernate  sleep throughout the winter; N. hibernation
□ wrongheaded  stubbornly wrong
□ rend  split; tear apart; N. rent; CF. heartrending: causing deep sorrow
□ enervate  weaken; take away energy from
□ convulsion  violent uncontrollable shaking movement (caused by illness); V. convulse; ADJ. convulsive
□ gloss over  explain away with the intention of deceiving or hiding faults
□ proviso  stipulation; condition in an agreement; provision
□ definitive  most reliable; authoritative and complete; that cannot be improved; conclusive; decisive; definite; Ex. definitive decision by the supreme court
□ perimeter  outer boundary; length of the outer boundary; circumference
□ angular  sharp-cornered; having an angle; not rounded (body); bony; lean; gaunt; stiff in manner
□ ambush  act of lying in wait to attack by surprise; sudden attack made from a concealed position; Ex. lie in ambush; V.
□ shyster  lawyer using questionable methods; unscrupulous practitioner
□ denizen  (animal, person, or plant) inhabitant or resident of a particular place; regular visitor
□ preponderance  superiority of power, quantity, etc.; V. preponderate: be greater in power, weight, or importance; ADJ. preponderant
□ laggard  slow; sluggish; N: one who lags; straggler
□ dint  means; effort; Ex. by dint of hard work
□ pedigree  line of ancestors; ancestry; lineage; ADJ. (of an animal) descended from of a chosen family; Ex. pedigree dog; CF. crane’s foot
□ impunity  freedom from punishment or harm; CF. punish
□ 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
□ aerie  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 upright side of a building; angle made by pointing a gun; Ex. The elevation of her style is much admired; Ex. front elevation of the house
□ 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
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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
duess  forcible restraint, especially unlawfully; coercion by threat; illegal coercion; Ex. a promise made under duress

peeveish  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.
coffure  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

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

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
defiance refusal to yield; resistance; V. defy; ADJ. defian
t
disabuse correct a false impression; undereceive; 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; OF: 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

erslave 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

clairevoyant having foresight; fortuneteller; N. clairvoy-

redundant superfluous; more than is necessary; ver-

bese; 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; tyranni-

cal. 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

tranquility calmness; peace

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

dy clever in deceiving; secretive; not telling one’s inten-

strident loud and harsh; insistent; N. stridency

catastrophe calamity ; disaster

wanton unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malici-

ous; 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; resource-

ful; 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. vulner-

ability

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
repeive  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
animadversion  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
- **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
- **palpable** tangible; (of something bad) easily perceptible; obvious; Ex. palpable blunder
- **palatable** agreeable; pleasing to the taste
- **cremate** incinerate (a corpse); N. crematory, crematorium
- **tablet** small round piece of medicine; flat piece of stone or metal bearing an inscription; Ex. stone tablet on the wall
- **grunt** utter a deep guttural sound (as a pig does); N.
- **supine** lying on back; passive; inactive; Ex. The defeated pugilist lay supine; Ex. supine acceptance of the decision
- **engulf** surround and swallow up
- **annotate** comment; make explanatory notes
- **personify** represent (an inanimate object) as a person; be the embodiment or perfect example of; Ex. She is evil/patience personified; N. personification
- **muster** gather; assemble (troops); Ex. muster up one’s strength for the ordeal; N.
- **cohabit** live together
- **coddle** treat gently; indulge excessively; pamper; molycoddle; baby; cook in water just below boiling point; Ex. coddled eggs
- **acclimate** adjust to climate or environment; adapt
- **susceptible** impressionable; easily influenced; sensitive; having little resistance as to a disease; likely to suffer; receptive to; capable of accepting; Ex. susceptible to persuasion/colds; Ex. The agreement is not susceptible of alteration; N. susceptibility
- **crinkle** wrinkle
- **tutnial** of a title; in name only; nominal; having the title of an office without the obligations; Ex. titular head of the company
- **rebus** representation of words in the form of pictures or symbols; puzzle in which pictures or letters stand for words; Ex. “R U 18” is a rebus for “Are you 18”.
- **rip** tear or be torn quickly and violently; Ex. The sail ripped under the force of the wind; N.
- **brim** uppermost edge of a cup; projecting rim (as on a hat); Ex. The glass was full to the brim; V: be full to the brim
- **aesthetic** artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful (of a person or building); CF. aesthete; CF. aesthetics
- **schism** division into factions (esp. within a religious body); split
- **outfit** clothing or equipment for a special purpose; Ex. cowboy outfit
- **bookish** fond of books and reading
- **cuisine** style of cooking; Ex. French cuisine
- **moribund** dying; at the point of death; CF. death
- **upbraid** reprimand; severely scold
- **parody** humorous imitation; spoof; takeoff; travesty; V.
- **jovial** good-natured; merry; cheerful
- **encumber** burden; N. encumbrance
- **giddy** light-hearted; not serious; frivolous; dizzy; causing dizziness; Ex. giddy youth; Ex. giddy climb/height
- **implausible** unlikely (to be true); unbelievable; Ex. implausible alibi
- **drudge** do drudgery; N: person who drudges
- **suitor** man who is courting a woman
- **far-fetched** too improbable to be believed; implausible; Ex. far-fetched story
- **intimidate** frighten; N. intimidation
- **ventral** abdominal
- **utopia** ideal place, state, or society; ADJ. utopian
- **hazardous** dangerous
- **drastic** strong; violent and severe; Ex. drastic changes/measures
- **impinge** infringe; encroach; influence; touch; collide with; Ex. The effects are impinging on every aspect of our lives.
- **misgivings** doubts
- **siren** apparatus for making sounds; womanlike creature
- **piecemeal** one part at a time; gradually; in stages; Ex. read a novel piecemeal
- **regimen** prescribed course of diet or exercise; prescribed diet and habits; Ex. daily regimen of a dancer
- **temporal** of time; not lasting forever; limited by time; temporary; secular; worldly
- **relegate** put into a lower or worse place; banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign; Ex. relegate the old furniture to the children’s room; Ex. relegated to the second division
- **beatific** giving or showing bliss; blissful
- **arraign** charge in court; indict
- **antagonism** hostility; active opposition; V. antagonize: cause to become an enemy; N. antagonist: person who is opposed to another; opponent; adversary; principal character in opposition to the protagonist
- **inchoate** (of desire, wish, plan) recently begun; not explicit; at the beginning of development; rudimentary; elementary; Ex. inchoate mass
- **bridle** harness fitted about a horse’s head (used to restrain); curb; check; V: put a bridle on; control or restrain; show anger
significant expressing a meaning; important; Ex. significant smile; N. significance: importance; meaning; V. signify: denote; mean; signal; make known; matter; be significant
aloof apart; not open in one’s relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.
stratum layer of earth’s surface; layer of society; PL. strata
lounge stand, sit, or lie in a lazy, relaxed way
lineage descent; ancestry
pendant(hanging) hanging down from something; pending; N. ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)
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 a person) truthful
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
tramp 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)
ravenous 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
Declared
□ 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. providential: of divine providence; fortunate
□ 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. derogue: detract; disparage
□ divine perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresee the future; foretell; dowse; ADJ. N. divination
□ impart grant a share of; make known; Ex. news to impart
□ vertigo severe dizziness; giddiness
□ forerunner predecessor; one that comes before and indicates the approach of another
□ abnegation renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation
□ breadth width; extent
□ acrophobia fear of heights
□ reminiscent suggestive of something (in the past); of reminiscence
□ 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
□ exceptional 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.
□ 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
□ 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
□ ligneous 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
□ shackle 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 affectation; 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
□ 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; prodding
□ inequity unfairness; ADJ. inequitable
□ demean disgrace; humiliate; debase in dignity; behave
□ torque twisting force; force producing rotation
□ wallow roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury
□ foment stir up; incite; instigate; promote the growth of (something evil or unpleasant)
□ flashy showy; gaudy; giving a momentary brilliance
□ inamorata woman whom a man loves
□ forum public square of an ancient Roman city; public place for open discussion; court of law
□ blandishment flattery
□ adjunct something attached to but holding an inferior position
□ realm kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility
□ anemia condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic
□ pinch squeeze between the thumb and a finger, or other edges; Ex. I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn’t dreaming. N: amount that can be held between the thumb and a finger
□ prurient having or causing lustful desires and thoughts; arousing immoderate sexual desire
□ erratic odd; irregular in movement or behavior; unpredictable
□ incinerate burn to ashes
□ adjoin be next to
□ tactile pertaining to the organs or sense of touch
□ prolific producing offspring or fruit in abundance; fertile; fecund; abundantly fruitful; producing abundant works; Ex. prolific writer
□ snivel complain or whine tearfully; run at the nose; sniffle; Ex. Don’t come back sniveling to me.
□ philanderer faithless lover; flirt
□ laborious demanding much work or care; tedious
□ rancor long-lasting hatred; bitterness; Ex. negotiation without rancor; ADJ. rancorous
□ palpitate throb; beat rapidly; flutter; tremble; Ex. Her heart began to palpitate.
□ tread walk; trample; N: grooved face of a tire; horizontal part of a step
□ mat not shiny; matte; having a dull finish; N: flat piece of material used as a floor covering; V.
dissimulate  pretend; conceal by feigning; dissemble
enlist (cause to) join the armed forces; obtain (help, sympathy, or support)
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
impatient  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
retribution  countercharges; V. recompense
procrastinate  postpone; delay or put off
agitate  stir up; disturb
disquisition  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
finess  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)

propinquity nearness (in space or relationship); proximity; kinship

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

eo 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)
- peddle: travel about selling (wares); CF. foot
- unceremonious: not done politely without due formalities
- festive: 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; lacking lightness; dull; Ex. ponderous body/style of writing
- frugality: thrift; economy; ADJ. frugal: practicing economy; costing little; inexpensive
- posture: assume an affected pose; act artificially; N: pose; 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
□ standstill condition of no movement or activity; stop
□ adjuration solemn urging; V. adjure: entreat earnestly; enjoin solemnly
□ habitat natural home of a plant or animal; CF. habitation
□ obeisance bow (to show respect and obedience)
□ carillon a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played
□ sleight dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks
□ actuarial calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics
□ ramble wander aimlessly (physically or mentally); digress
□ lustrous shining; brilliant; Ex. lustrous hair
□ substantiate support (a claim) with evidence; establish with evidence; verify
□ resolution determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose
□ awl pointed tool used for piercing
□ urge drive or force forward (by causing impulses); drive to take action; impel; entreat earnestly; Ex. urge horses; N: impulse that prompts action
□ vigilante one who without authority assumes law enforcement powers
□ hatch deck opening; lid covering a deck opening; V. emerge from an egg; produce (young) from an egg
□ irreparable not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair
□ herpetologist one who studies reptiles; CF. herpetology: branch of zoology that deals with reptiles and amphibians
□ saturate soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity
□ medley mixture
□ improvident thriftless; not providing for the future
□ connivance pretense of ignorance of something wrong; assistance; permission to offend; V. connive: feign ignorance (of a wrong); cooperate secretly in an illegal action; conspire
□ verdigris green coating or patina on copper which has been exposed to the weather
□ pusillanimous cowardly; lacking courage; fainthearted
□ clique small exclusive group of people
□ congruence correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship; CF. congruity
□ dexterous skillful; skill in using hands or mind; N. dexterity
□ beware be cautious (of)
□ relent become less severe; give in (surrender); ADJ. relentless: unyielding; continuously severe
□ senility old age; feeblemindedness of old age; ADJ. senile: resulting from old age; showing the weakness of body or mind from old age; Ex. senile dementia
□ xenophobia fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe
□ jest playful remark or act; V. act or speak playfully
□ expository explanatory; serving to explain; N. exposition: explaining; exhibition
□ catechism book for religious instruction in question-and-answer form; religious instruction by question and answer; V. catechize
□ overbearing bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing manner/ importance; V. overbear: dominate
□ indissoluble permanent; impossible to dissolve or disintegrate
□ rotund (of a person) fat and round
□ contention assertion; claim; thesis; struggling; competition
□ treatise article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly
□ exude flow out slowly; discharge (gradually); give forth; N. exudation
□ creed system of religious or ethical belief
□ scrimmage disorderly fight between two or more people
□ delete erase; strike out
□ mandate order; charge; authoritative command; power to govern another country; power to given to a government; region under administration; V. give a mandate to; place under a mandate; Ex. mandated territory
□ astral relating to the stars
□ quicksilver mercury
□ buoyant able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market
□ prostrate stretch out full on ground; make prostrate; enervate; Ex. prostrating illness; ADJ. lying face down; having lost all strength
□ embryonic undeveloped; rudimentary; N. embryo: organism in the early stage of development
□ exegesis explanation, especially of biblical (of the bible) passages
□ quizzical curious; suggesting puzzlelement (without saying); questioning; teasing; mocking; bantering; Ex. quizzical glance
□ retrospective looking back on the past; N. retrospection; V. retrospect
□ monetary pertaining to money
□ sidereal relating to stars; Ex. sidereal day
□ quibble minor objection or complaint; V. raise minor objections; carp; cavil
□ controvert oppose with arguments; attempt to refute; contradict; ADJ. controversial; N. controversy
ordination ceremony conferring holy orders; ceremony of ordaining a priest

coeval living at the same time as; existing during the same period of time; contemporary; of the same age

nullify make invalid; make null; invalidate

prolixity tedious wordiness; verbosity; ADJ. prolix: wordy; verbose; diffuse

equity fairness; justice; OP. inequity

derivative unoriginal; obtained from another source; Ex. derivative prose style; N.

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

retinue following; attendants

dabble work at in a nonserious fashion; splash around; move noisily in a liquid

penetrate enter into; pierce; permeate; see through; grasp the inner significance of; understand

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

inquisitive eager for knowledge; unduly curious

feint trick; shift; sham blow; feigned attack to draw away defensive action; V.

portly stout; corpulent

irreproachable beyond reproach; blameless; impeccable; Ex. irreproachable conduct

couple join; unite; OP. uncouple

caprice whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause

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

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nonentity person of no importance; nonexistence

mlict defraud a person of something; swindle; Ex. mlict the boy of his legacy

egregious notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking

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

propitious favorable; auspicious; advantageous; fortunate; Ex. propitious day/sign

synoptic providing a general overview; summary; N. synopsis

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

despondent without hope and courage; depressed; gloomy; N. despondency: loss of hope with gloom; des-}


derivation deriving; origin or source of something; Ex. the derivation of the word

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exclaim cry out suddenly; N. exclamation; ADJ. exlam-

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tarantula venomous spider

chapel small church (in a prison, college, or hospital)
molten melted; Ex. molten lava

egotistical egotistic; excessively self-centered(egocentric); self-important; conceited

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

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- obstetrician: physician specializing in delivery (assisting in giving birth) of babies; N. obstetrics; CF. midwife
- musty: stale (in odor or taste); spoiled by age; CF. moist
- attest: testify; bear witness
- thrifty: careful about money; economical; N. thrift
- finish: surface texture; completeness of execution
- oracular: of an oracle; prophetic; uttered as if with divine authority; mysterious or ambiguous; hard to understand; N. oracle: wiser person; prophecy made by an oracle
- anomalous: abnormal; irregular
- dowry: money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage
- rebate: return of part of a payment; discount; V.
- conglomerate: corporation made up of several different companies in diversified fields; mass of various material gathered together; rock consisting of small stones held together by clay; V.
- chant: tune (melody) in which a number of words are sung on the same note; V: sing (a chant); utter (a slogan) in the manner of a chant
- gustatory: affecting or relating to the sense of taste
- droll: queer and amusing
- incentive: spur; motive; something which encourages one to greater activity
- sound: in good condition; showing good judgment or good sense; thorough; complete; Ex. sound mind/investment/training
- secular: worldly; not pertaining to church matters or religion; temporal
- blue: gloomy; depressed
- expurgate: clean; remove offensive parts of a book
- gratuity: tip
- latitude: freedom from narrow limitations
- equine: resembling a horse; Ex. equine face
- interregnum: period between two successive reigns or governments
- memoir: memoirs; autobiography; biography
- aghast: filled with great surprise or fear; horrified
- regime: method of system or government
- bowdlerize: expurgate; CF. Thomas Bowdler
- discommodulated: discomposed; confused
- proscenium: part of stage in front of curtain; front arch of a stage
- dormer: window projecting upright from roof; CF. sleeping room
- panoramic: denoting an unobstructed and comprehensive view; N. panorama: unbroken view of a wide area
- endemic: prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country; peculiar to a particular region or people; CF. pandemic
- chorus: phrase repeated throughout a song or poem
- except: exclude; N. exception: objection; exclusion; ADJ. exceptional: unusual; of unusually high quality
- fervor: glowing ardor; intensity of feeling; quality of being fervent or fervid; zeal; intense heat
- urbane: suave; refined in manner; elegant
- cite: quote; commend; Ex. cited for bravery in an official record
- ignominy: deep disgrace; shame or dishonor; ADJ. ignominious; Ex. ignominious defeat
- inured: accustomed; hardened; Ex. inured to the Alaskan cold; V. inure: make used to something undesirable; harden; CF. unfeeling
- unearth: dig up; discover (facts) by careful searching; Ex. He unearthed some secrets about her; OP. conceal
- padre: chaplain (in the armed forces)
- predicament: difficult situation; tricky or dangerous situation; dilemma
- torpedo: underwater explosive apparatus; V.
- prestige: respect or admiration; impression produced by achievements or reputation; ADJ: causing admiration; ADJ. prestigious: having prestige
- scheme: systematic plan; plot; clever dishonest plan; orderly arrangement of elements; Ex. health insurance scheme; Ex. a scheme to escape taxes; Ex. a color scheme; Ex. a story with no scheme; V. contrive a scheme
- rhapsody: excessively enthusiastic expression of feeling; musical composition of irregular form (as if made up as one plays it)
- entity: real being
- distract: take (one’s attention) off something; upset emotionally; make anxious; ADJ. distracted
- ethnologist: student of the history and science of humankind
- cavil: quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily
- malodorous: foul-smelling
- tribunal: court of justice
- quay: dock; wharf; pier; landing place (for boats)
- milieu: social environment; means of expression; Ex. feel out of one’s milieu; Ex. His proper milieu is watercolor.
- reticent: inclined to silence; uncommunicative; reserved; Ex. He was reticent about the reasons; N. reticence
- inhibited: (of a person) unable to express what one really feels
- dolorous: sorrowful; N. dolor
- remission temporary moderation (of disease symptoms); remitting of a debt or punishment; cancelation of a debt; pardon; Ex. The disease went into remission; Ex. Christians pray for the remission of sins.
- exorcise drive out evil spirits
- caulking (calk) make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)
- estimable (of a person) worthy of esteem; admirable; deserving esteem; possible to estimate
- bouillon clear beef (or meat) soup
- taciturn habitually silent; talking little
- loath reluctant; unwilling; disinclined; Ex. Romeo and Juliet were both loath for him to go.
- saccharine cloying sweet; characteristic of sugar or saccharin
- indiscriminate choosing at random; confused; not based on careful distinctions
- impalpable imperceptible (not easily understood); intangible; OP. palpable: tangible; easily perceptible
- jettison throw overboard (from a ship or plane)
- futile useless; hopeless; ineffectual
- altruistic unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism
- viand food; CF. live
- foible small weakness of character; slight fault; CF. feeble
- mauve pale purple
- solder repair or make whole by using a metal alloy; N: metal alloy (usually tin and lead) used in the molten state to join metallic parts
- prominent protruding (sticking out); conspicuous; notable; eminent
- tract propaganda pamphlet (esp. by a religious or political group); expanse of land; region of indefinite size; system of related organs; Ex. digestive tract
- novice beginner
- mutinous unruly; rebellious; Ex. mutinous teenagers; N. mutiny: open rebellion; CF. mutineer
- connubial pertaining to marriage or the matrimonial state
- crust hard outer covering (as of earth or snow)
- digression wandering away from the subject; V. digress
- adjacent adjoining; neighboring; close by
- troth pledge of good faith especially in betrothal; betrothal; Ex. by my troth
- fervent ardent; zealous; hot
- log record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities; section of a trunk; V.
- rail complain bitterly; scold; rant; Ex. the weaker railing against injustices
- incongruity lack of harmony; absurdity; ADJ. incongruous: lacking in harmony; inappropriate
- comatose in a coma; extremely sleepy
- outspoken candid; blunt
- resilient elastic; having the power of springing back; able to recover quickly (as from misfortune)
- grate make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred by rubbing against a rough surface; Ex. grated cheese N: framework of metal bars to hold fuel in a fireplace
- prevaricate lie; hide the truth (by equivocating)
- natation swimming
- articulate effective; distinct; expressing ideas clearly; having clear sounds; having joints; Ex. articulate speech; V: express thoughts and feeling clearly; pronounce clearly; unite by joints
- arbiter person with power to decide a matter in dispute; judge who is in a position ot make influential judgments; Ex. supreme arbiter of fashion in beachwear
- aversion firm dislike
- preamble introductory statement
illuminated brighten; clear up or make understandable; enlighten; enable to understand; Ex. illuminating remarks
ichthyology study of fish; CF. ichthyo-: fish
polar of a pole; characterized by opposite extremes; Ex. polar opposites
immobility state of being immovable
haggard wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners
unwarranted unjustified; having no justification; groundless; baseless; undeserved
proletarian member of the working class; blue collar guy; N. proletariat: working class (who have to work for wages)
pulchritude beauty; comeliness; ADJ. pulchritudinous
embezzlement taking for one's own use in violation of trust; stealing (of money placed in one's care)
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
abandon depart secretly and hide
mendacious lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity
anticlimax 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
exhalation 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 claim; Ex. vindicate one's claim; V. vindicate
foist 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)
carousel 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
dowse 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.
artifice deception; trickery
prowess extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle
fruitful producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance
adoit 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
swarthv (of a skin or complexion) dark; dusky; Ex. swarthv Italian ?
aluvial 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
aggrandize: make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement

judiciary: judicial branch of government

loiter: hang about/around; stand idly about; linger

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

mollify: soothe an angry person

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

rightful: legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

naivety: quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility; ADJ. naive(naïve): 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

peste: 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 continually; 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

thral: 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

vagrant: homeless 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

endearment: fond word or act; expression of affection

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

jaded: tired or uninterested by surfeit; 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
percussion 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(slander)

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

circllet 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/curves/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.

supposition assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V. suppos

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 odorous; 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

cumen 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 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