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 adaption 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 a formula or rhyme, used as a mnemonic aid

conscript:
drafter; 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 paid to every small exact detail

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

- **rebuke**: scold harshly; criticize severely

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

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

- **penury**: extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy

- **venal**: capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF. venal

- **flit**: 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 ineffectual; 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 coat; 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 (skullduggery): dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skulduggery in the election

celibate: abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy

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

deserts: what someone deserves

nugatory: worthless; futile

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

incursion: temporary invasion; CF. excursion: short journey

terrestrial: on or relating to the earth

stigma: token of disgrace; brand; V. stigmatize: mark with a stigma; characterize as disgraceful

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

doctrine: teachings in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.); taught; dogma; tenet; ADJ: doctrinal

misnomer: wrong or improper name; incorrect designation

proliferate:
grow rapidly (in numbers); spread; multiply; N. proliferation

understanding the nature of an event after it has actually happened

easily understood; clear; intelligible; N. lucidity

not able to be pierced or entered; beyond understanding; impossible to understand; Ex. impenetrable mystery

horrible; terrifying; resembling ghosts; CF. aghast

trembling; wavering

trembling in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy

sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious

concise and meaningful; substantial; meaty

distance around something; circumference

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

small planet

flattony; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved

marshal; draw up in order; arrange in order; clothe splendidly; adorn; N: fine clothes, ordered group; Ex. in battle array

formidable; causing fear

approval

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

withdrawal; V: secede: withdraw formally from membership

quality of being deeply moving; looseness of emotion; ADJ. poignant: touching; deeply moving (of sorrow, grief, etc.) painful; keenly distressing to the mind; Ex. poignant memory/anxiety; CF. prick

coarse food for cattle, horses, etc.; fed for livestock; CF. food

entertain

tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live

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

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

dissimilar; mixed; not homogeneous; consisting of dissimilar elements or plants
moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF. temperance: moderation and self-restraint; abstinenence 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 :
prospective or bold

astigmatism :
eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP. astigmatism

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

appell: dismay; shock deeply

analgesia: condition of being unable to feel pain

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

pang: sudden sharp feeling of pain

incontinent: lacking self-restraint; not continent; licentious

stickler: perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right

inclined: tending or leaning toward; bent; V. incline: slant; dispose; be disposed; tend

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

seasonable: occurring at the proper time or season; opportune; Ex. reasonable intervention in the dispute

astringent: binding; causing contraction (stopping bleeding); harsh or severe; stringent; Ex. astringent criticisms

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. conduce 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)

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<td>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</td>
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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. rarely: 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: closely related by blood
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

□ inkling :

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

□ hurt, 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 plan; 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 (fraudulently); showing a (pretended) lack of self-confidence; modest; coquettish; CF: job offer을 받았음에

□ ordain :

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

□ noisome :

soul-smelling; very unpleasant; unwholesome

□ semblance :

outward appearance; guise; Ex.
**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. preceed; 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.
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<td>nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF: wrought: made or done</td>
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<td>clientele</td>
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<td>obvious; easily seen; open for the public to read; of or protected by a patent; Ex. patent to everyone; N.</td>
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<td>decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.</td>
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<td>fetter</td>
<td>shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF: foot</td>
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<td>regeneration</td>
<td>spiritual rebirth; Ex: regeneration of the prisoners; V: regenerate: give or obtain new life; reform spiritually</td>
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<td>jubilation</td>
<td>rejoicing; great joy</td>
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<td>mete</td>
<td>measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment</td>
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<td>pulmonary</td>
<td>pertaining to the lungs</td>
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<td>rift</td>
<td>narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds; OR: reconciliation</td>
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<td>exonerate</td>
<td>acquit; exculpate; free from blame or guilt</td>
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<td>untoward</td>
<td>unexpected and adverse; unfortunate or unlucky; Ex. untoward encounter</td>
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<td>ramp</td>
<td>slope, inclined plane or roadway (connecting two levels)</td>
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<td>juncture</td>
<td>crisis; point in time; joining point; joint; act of joining</td>
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<td>perspicuous</td>
<td>(of something) plainly expressed; easy to understand; Ex. perspicuous comments</td>
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<td>prefigure</td>
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<td>denigrate</td>
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<td>sober</td>
<td>serious, solemn; not drunken; abstemious or temperate; V: make or become sober</td>
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☐ 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 (conservatoire):
school of the fine arts (especially music or drama); glass-enclosed area; CF.: conservancy

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

☐ killjoy:
grouch; spoilsport; one who intentionally spoils the pleasure of others

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

☐ bifurcated:
divided into two branches; forked

☐ lucrative:

profitable; producing wealth

qualms:
unar 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:
shell, trumpetlike sound; kind of trumpet used in former times

traverse:
go through or across

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

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

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

industrious:
diligent; hard-working; N. industry

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

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

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

disband:
dissolve; disperse; (of a group) break up and separate; Ex. The club has disbanded.
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; 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: frenzied; great anger and excitement; CF. fury

obituary: death notice (esp. in a newspaper); ADJ.

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

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

sloth: slow-moving tree-dwelling mammal; laziness; ADJ. slothful; lazy; indolent

simian: monkeylike; N: ape or monkey

inter: bury; N: interment

supersede: replace; cause to be set aside; make obsolete; N: supersession

coroner: 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

- **pervasive**: 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. offer, money; Ex. legal tender; ADJ: young and vulnerable, sensitive to the touch; 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.

- **jurisprudence**: science of law

- **dossier**: file of documents on a subject or person; file; CF. bundle of papers labeled on the back

- **transparent**: permitting light to pass through freely; easily detected; obvious; clear; Ex. transparent lie
virulent: (of a disease or poison) extremely harmful or poisonous; (of a feeling) hostile; bitter; N. virulence; CF: virus; CF: venom

bluster: blow in heavy gusts; threaten emphatically; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; CF: breeze, gale, gale

capacious: spacious

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

lectern: reading desk or stand for a public speaker

aria: operatic solo; a song sung by one person in an opera or oratorio

unique: without an equal; single in kind

posterity: descendants; future generations; Ex. go down to posterity; CF: posterior, anterior

pacifist: one opposed to force; antistimulant; ADJ: N. pacifism: opposition to war as a means of resolving disputes

insatiable: not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex: insatiable appetite

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

bohemian: unconventional (in an artistic way)

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

career: rush wildly; go at full speed

zeal: eager enthusiasm (to a cause or ideal); ADJ: ardent

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:
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<td>behave; Ex. comport oneself; N. comportment</td>
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<td><strong>reprobation</strong></td>
<td>severe disapproval; CF. approbation</td>
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<td><strong>arch-</strong></td>
<td>chief; first; Ex. archbishop</td>
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<td><strong>incendiary</strong></td>
<td>arsonist; ADJ: causing fire; of arson; Ex. incendiary bomb</td>
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<td>brief explanation of words used in the text</td>
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<td><strong>helm</strong></td>
<td>steering wheel of a ship; position of control</td>
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<td><strong>pretext</strong></td>
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<td><strong>solvent</strong></td>
<td>able to pay all debts; N. solvency</td>
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<td><strong>nauseous</strong></td>
<td>causing nausea; feeling nausea</td>
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<td><strong>valor</strong></td>
<td>bravery; ADJ: valiant; N. valiant: possessing valor; brave</td>
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<td><strong>impasse</strong></td>
<td>predicament(dangerous condition) from which there is no escape; situation allowing for no further progress</td>
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<td>premonition of evil; feeling of coming evil; V. forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)</td>
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<td>turn over; capsize; topple</td>
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<td>courting favor by cringing and flattering; V. fawn: exhibit affection as a dog; seek favor or attention by obsequiousness</td>
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<td>story; play; or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable</td>
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<td>keep; maintain possession of; employ (esp. a lawyer or advisor); N. retainer: servant; fee paid to retain an advisor</td>
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<td><strong>extrinsic</strong></td>
<td>external; not essential or inherent; extraneous; OP. intrinsic</td>
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<td><strong>duration</strong></td>
<td>length of time something lasts</td>
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<td><strong>truism</strong></td>
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<td><strong>absolve</strong></td>
<td>pardon (an offense)</td>
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<td><strong>arsenal</strong></td>
<td>storage place for military equipment</td>
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<td><strong>centrifugal</strong></td>
<td>radiating, departing from the center</td>
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<td><strong>alms</strong></td>
<td>money or goods given to the poor</td>
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<td><strong>shrew</strong></td>
<td>scolding woman; very small mouselike animal</td>
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<td><strong>sordid</strong></td>
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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 desires

philology: study of language or words

recapitulate: summarize

odorous: 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 (behove): 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

lose, 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, discomfit; embarrass, perturb

- tarry

linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle

- prosperous

successful; rich; affluent; well-to-do; well-off

- apoptheosis

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

- aspersions

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 serve 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

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

**oscillate**: vibrate pendulumlike; waver

**theoretical**: based on theory; not practical or applied; hypothetical

**pundit**: authority on a subject; expert; learned person

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

**brawny**: muscular; having well-developed muscles

**surfeit**: satiate; feed or supply to excess; indulge to excess in anything; N: surfeiting; excessive amount; Ex. surfeit of food

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

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

**fanciful**: whimsical; visionary; imaginary; produced by imagination; Ex. fanciful scheme

**factious**: inclined to form factions; causing dissension

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

**inopportune**: untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly chosen

**alcove**: nook; recess

**vendetta**: blood feud (esp. between two families); CF. Nina Williams

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

**accrue**: come to one as a gain; accumulate over time; come about by addition; Ex. benefits that accrue from scientific research; Ex. interest accruing in a bank account; N. accrual

**undertaker**: funeral director; one whose business is to arrange burials

**complementary**: serving to complete something

**jingoist**: extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist; N. jingoism: extreme nationalism

**aquiline**: curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex. aquiline nose

**lofty**:
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<td>grandiloquent; pompous speech</td>
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<td>shift</td>
<td>change position or place; exchange (one thing) for another; change in direction or position; Ex. shift the stolen goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of such a group</td>
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<td>neat; skillful</td>
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<td>homily</td>
<td>sermon; tedious moralizing lecture; serious warning; ADJ. homiletic</td>
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<td>rankle</td>
<td>irritate; irk; annoy</td>
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<td>mingle</td>
<td>mix together in close association</td>
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<td>indeterminate</td>
<td>uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite</td>
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<td>rotundity</td>
<td>roundness; sonorousness of speech</td>
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<td>enumerate</td>
<td>list; mention one by one</td>
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<td>congenial</td>
<td>pleasant; friendly; in agreement with one's tastes and nature; Ex. congenial weather</td>
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<td>gist</td>
<td>essence; main point; substance</td>
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<td>lack of the basic necessities or comforts of life; hardship; want; CF. deprive</td>
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<td>deluge; upheaval; earthquake; violent and sudden event or change</td>
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<td>poisonous; N. toxicity</td>
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<td>mutter</td>
<td>utter (complaining words) indistinctly in low tones</td>
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<td>abjure</td>
<td>renounce upon oath</td>
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<td>extradition</td>
<td>surrender of prisoner by one state to another; Ex. extradition treaty; V. extradite</td>
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<td>sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate</td>
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<td>seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the leadership</td>
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<td>deceptive scheme; clever trick</td>
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<td>pride; haughtiness; ADJ. arrogant: unpleasantly self-important (with a strong confidence in one's own importance and a lack of respect for other people)</td>
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<td>small (often rural) community whose members share work and income; V. exchange thoughts or feelings; Ex. commune with nature</td>
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<td>prevent by taking action in advance</td>
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<td>inundate</td>
<td>flood; overflow; submerge; cover completely; Ex. inundated with work</td>
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<td>fussy</td>
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fastidious; finicky; easily upset

- estranged:
  - separated; alienated; V: estrange: alienate (people in a family); N: estrangement

- jetsam:
  - things thrown from a ship (to lighten the ship)

- bequeath:
  - leave to someone by means of a will; hand down in one’s will; N: bequest

- dauntless:
  - bold; fearless

- lien:
  - legal claim or right on a property

- congruent:
  - in agreement; harmonious; corresponding; coinciding exactly; CF: congruous

- expound:
  - explain

- obtuse:
  - blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding

- detrimental:
  - harmful; damaging; N: detriment

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

- putrefy:
  - make or become putrid; N: putrefaction

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

- abate:
  - subside or moderate

- annul:
  - make void

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

- skeptic:
  - sceptic; doubter; person who suspends judgment until he has examined the evidence supporting a point of view; ADJ: skeptical; N: skepticism, scepticism

- audacious:
  - daring; bold; N: audacity

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

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

- high-flown:
  - highly pretentious or inflated

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

- whorl:
  - ring of leaves around stem; ring; circular arrangement; Ex: whorls on the fingers

- petulant:
  - touchy; priggish; 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:
  - bold; fearless
face courageously; Ex. brace 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

- **askance**: with a sideways or indirect look (with disapproval or distrust); Ex. look askance at

- **dour**: sullen; gloomy; stubborn

- **prate**: talk idly; speak foolishly; boast idly
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. vainglory: great vanity

filing: particle removed by a file

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

pathetic: causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching

agnostical: one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality

supererogatory: superfluous; more than needed or demanded

engross: occupy fully; absorb

orgy: wild drunken revelry; unrestrained indulgence in an activity; Ex. orgy of shopping

feral: (of an animal) not domestic; wild

hilarity: boisterous mirth (merriment, laughter); ADJ. 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: 24
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.

scappy: quarrelsome

intelligentsia: intellectuals; members of the educated elite (often used derogatorily)
crochet: make (a piece of needlework) by looping thread with a hooked needle; N. CF. crotchet

epitome: perfect example or embodiment; brief summary; Ex. epitome of good manners; V: epitomize: make an epitome of; be an epitome of; embody

vagrant: wandering from place to place; roving; stray; moving in a random fashion; Ex. vagrant thoughts; N. vagrancy

falter: hesitate; weaken in purpose or action; walk or move unsteadily through weakness; N.

florid: ruddy; (of a complexion) reddish; flowery; very ornate; CF. rose

philatelist: stamp-collector; N. philately: stamp collecting

grotesque: fantastic; comically hideous; strange and unnatural (causing fear or amusement)
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. "Needy"

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

abet: assist usually in doing something wrong, encourage

monograph: scholarly article

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

jurisdiction: right and power to apply the law; authority

despoil: plunder, sack; Ex. despoil the village

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

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

sleigh: large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice

sullen: silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark; gloomy

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

□ destitute:

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

□ dismantle:
take apart; disassemble

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

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

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

□ indigence:
poverty

□ interstice:
narrow space between things

□ abode:
dwelling place; home

□ avuncular:
of or like an uncle

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

□ welt:
raised mark from a beating or whipping

□ strangle:
kill by choking or suffocating; suppress

□ flotsam:

□ eclipse:
darker; 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:
impute; incriminate; involve incriminatingly; show to be involved (in a crime); Ex. implicate someone in the crime

□ oblivion:
obscenity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness

□ incompatible:
inharmonious; N. incompatibility

□ assent:
agree; accept; N. assessment

□ momentous:
very important; N. moment; CF. momentary

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

□ histrionic:
that, 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
capricious happening; whim; CF. wander

teach (ideas or principles); instill

cancel; revoke (an order)

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

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

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

fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)

suspended action

satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy

not identical on both sides of a dividing central line

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

offer or kill as a sacrifice (by fire)

inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract

brass; 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

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

major classification, second to kingdom, of plants and animals; category ranking below a kingdom and above a class; division

gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break

unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke

something contrived; machine or apparatus; clever deceitful plan; scheme

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

approve formally; confirm; verify

room or space under the roof; attic

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

mentally quick and observant; having insight; perceptive; able to make good judgments; V. discern: perceive

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

mentally quick and observant; having insight; perceptive; able to make good judgments; V. discern: perceive
annoyance and disappointment; vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride)

- **magisterial**
  authoritative; impetuous; commanding; of a magistrate; Ex. magisterial study of Roman law; Ex. magisterial manner

- **warp**
  twist out of shape; N.

- **phenomena**
  observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation; SG. phenomenon; observable fact; very unusual person, thing, or event; marvel; wonder; CF. phenomena; ADJ. phenomenal; very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Ex. phenomenal strength

- **plaudit**
  praise; enthusiastic approval; round (succession or series) of applause; ADJ. plauditory; CF. applaud

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

- **advent**
  arrival

- **tenacious**
  holding fast (as to a belief); persistent

- **touchstone**
  stone used to test the fineness of gold alloys; criterion; standard

- **resound**
  (of a place) be filled with sound; (of a sound) sound loudly; sound back; echo; Ex. hall resounded with laughter

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

- **coalition**
  partnership; league; union of separate political parties

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

- **nutrition**
  process of nourishing or being nourished; CF. malnutrition

- **sustenance**
  sustaining; means of livelihood; support; food, nourishment; something that maintains life; food

- **waive**
  give up temporarily; yield; N. waiver: waiving a right or claim; document that waives a right or claim

- **facilitate**
  help bring about; make less difficult

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

- **novelty**
  something new; newness; ADJ. novel; new; original

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

- **emanate**
  issue forth; come out

- **shrink**
  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**
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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); disparage; 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:
refe indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference

pendulous:
hanging; suspended

pith:
com 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.

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

etymology:
study of word parts; study of the origins of words

reprise:
musical repetition; repeating of a piece of music; repeat performance; recurrent action; Ex. reprise in the finale; Ex. constant reprises

mammal:
vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young

allure:
entice; attract; tempt

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

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

- **saunder**: stroll (go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.

- **determinate**: having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; invariable; fixed; conclusive; final

- **alimentary**: supplying nourishment

- **adore**: love deeply and respect highly

- **condiments**: seasonings; spices

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

- **certitude**: certainty

- **outcast**: one that has been excluded from a society; ADJ.

- **nether**: lower; Ex. nether garments/regions

- **comity**: courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations

- **bout**: match; short period of great activity; Ex. wrestling bout; bout of drinking/ills

- **fell**: cut or knock down (a tree or a person); bring down (with a missile)

- **barefaced**: shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; un concealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie

- **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; extinguishe; 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**:
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<td>use sparingly; conserve; save; Ex. husband one's energy; CF: householder</td>
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<td>egg-shaped; CF: ovum; CF: ovulate</td>
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<td>desecrate</td>
<td>profane; violate the sanctity of</td>
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<td>relinquish</td>
<td>give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; Ex. relinquish power/to the land; his hold on my arm</td>
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<td>spread throughout; V. pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate</td>
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<td>unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Ex. ineffable name/joy</td>
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<td>lack of proportion (between the parts); ADJ. disproportionate</td>
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<td>lack of caring; indolent; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Ex. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; ADJ. apathetic</td>
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<td>conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism; CF: secretive</td>
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<td>like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Ex. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor</td>
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<td>vertex</td>
<td>summit; highest point; PL. vertices</td>
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<td>having the weight of authority; regarded as providing knowledge that can be trusted; reliable; peremptory and dictatorial; Ex. authoritative dictionary/manner; CF: definitive</td>
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<td>torn piece of cloth; ADJ. tattered: (of clothes) old and torn; (of a person) dressed in old torn clothes</td>
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<td>not harmonious; conflicting</td>
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<td>recidivism</td>
<td>habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N. recidivist</td>
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<td>commonplace</td>
<td>ordinary; N: something ordinary or common; trite remark</td>
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<td>widespread; affecting the majority of people; N: pandemic disease; CF: all people</td>
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<td>enormous; marvelous; extraordinary; Ex. prodigious amount/memory</td>
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<td>glib</td>
<td>fluent (with insincerity or superficiality); facile; slick</td>
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<td>effusion</td>
<td>pouring forth; unrestrained outpouring of feeling; V. effuse: pour out; ADJ. effusive: pouring forth; gushing</td>
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<td>replicate</td>
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<td>hibernal</td>
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<td>unsullied</td>
<td>untarnished, CF: sully</td>
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<td>figure</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>goad</td>
<td>urge on, drive with a goad; cause (someone) to do something by continual annoyance; Ex. They goaded him into doing it by saying he was a coward; N: sharp-pointed stick for driving cattle; stimulus; CF: annoy continuously</td>
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<td>sow</td>
<td>plant or scatter seed</td>
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<td>requite</td>
<td>make return for; repay; reciprocate, reverse; N: requital</td>
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<td>flicker</td>
<td>burn unsteadily or fitfully; move waveringly; N: flickering movement or light; brief sensation; Ex. flicker of excitement</td>
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<td>reciprocal</td>
<td>mutual, given and received in return, exchangeable, interacting; Ex. reciprocal trade agreement</td>
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<td>laud</td>
<td>praise; N: ADJ: laudable; praiseworthy; ADJ: laudatory: expressing praise</td>
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<td>expunge</td>
<td>cancel; remove a word or name (from a book or list); erase</td>
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<td>notch</td>
<td>steal (things of small value)</td>
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<td>translucent</td>
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<td>repellent</td>
<td>driving away, disgusting, offensive, repulsive, unattractive; N.</td>
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<td>institution</td>
<td>instituting: (building for the) organization; established custom, practice, or relationship in a society; mental hospital; Ex. institution of marriage</td>
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<td>obstinate</td>
<td>stubborn; hard to control or treat; Ex. obstinate cough; N: obstinacy</td>
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<td>riveting</td>
<td>holding one’s attention; absorbing, engrossing</td>
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<td>formality</td>
<td>ostentatious, ceremonial adherence to rules; something done just for form’s sake; Ex. mere formality</td>
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<td>hinterlands</td>
<td>back country; inner part of a country; OP: foreland</td>
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<td>satyr</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>throttle</td>
<td>strangle, regulate the speed of with a throttle; N: valve that regulates the flow; CF: throat</td>
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<td>faction</td>
<td>party; clique (within a large group); dissension</td>
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<td>pinion</td>
<td>restrain or immobilize by binding the wings or legs; N: bird’s wing</td>
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<td>filch</td>
<td>steal, pilfer; CF: sly, CF: thief</td>
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<td>sportive</td>
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Note: The table entries are placeholders for a more detailed dictionary entry, including definitions and usage examples.
playful; frolicsome; merry; CF. sport: play or frolic; CF. sportsmanlike

- spontaneity:
  - lack of premeditation; naturalness; freedom from constraint; ADJ. spontaneous: self-generated; unpredetermined; 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

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:
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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
curvy: contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin C
stringent: (of rules) binding; rigid; marked by scarcity of money; Ex. stringent economic conditions
unwitting: not knowing; unaware; unintentional; Ex. She was their unwitting accomplice; Ex. unwitting insult; CF. wit: know
patois: local or provincial dialect

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exact: demand and obtain by force; Ex. exact a promise from him; N: exaction
emaciated: thin and wasted (from hunger or illness)
guileless: without deceit
centaur: mythical figure, half man and half horse
droop: bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.
finished: properly made and complete; Ex. finished product/performance
imbibe: drink in
dissertation: formal essay, treatise
discursive: (of a person or writing) digressing; rambling (without any clear plan)
dappled: spotted
servitude: slavery; compulsory labor imposed as a punishment
humor: indulge; comply with the wishes of; N: quality that makes something amusing; state of mind; mood; Ex. in a bad humor; Ex. out of humor
drudgery: hard unpleasant work; menial work
apex: tip; summit; climax; highest point
lancet: small surgical tool for making incisions
smart: intelligent; quick and energetic; fashionable; Ex. smart pace/restaurant; V: cause or feel a sharp pain; N: smarting pain
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<td>plump</td>
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<td>interdict</td>
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<td>compelling immediate action; pressing; persistent; importunate; Ex. urgent in his demands</td>
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<td>nihilist</td>
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immoral or dissolute person

☐ invective:

abuse

☐ judicious:

sound on judgment; wise

☐ categorical:

without exceptions; made without any doubt in mind; unquestioned; absolute

☐ chafe:

warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.

☐ captious:

faultfinding; too critical

☐ expropriate:

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

☐ palm:

conceal in the palm of the hand; palm off: pass off; Ex. palm off some bad oranges onto the lady/the painting as a real Renoir

☐ intermediary:

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

☐ implode:

burst inward; CF: vacuum tube

☐ credo:

creed

☐ malapropism:

comic misuse of a word; CF: Mrs. Malaprop

☐ pretension:

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

☐ stint:

set limits in amount or number; be thrifty; ADJ. stinting, unostentatious; CF: stint: savings

☐ lubricate:

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

☐ advert:

refer

☐ comely:

attractive; agreeable; having a pleasing appearance

☐ ambivalence:

the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes or opinions

☐ bereaved:

deprov of (someone beloved through death)

☐ glutton:

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

☐ lurk:

stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist unperceived

☐ profound:

depth; 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 goods for other goods rather than money

fundamental:

basic; primary; essential

hostility:

unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ: hostile

breed:

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

gravity:

seriousness; ADJ: grave

enact:

make (a bill) into law

demur:

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

manumit:

emancipate; free from slavery or bondage

omnipresent:

universally present; ubiquitous

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

☐ sour :

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

☐ relic :

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

☐ reckon :

count; calculate; regard as; think; suppose

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☐ hoax :

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

☐ disparage :

belittle

☐ sphinx-like :

enigmatic; mysterious

☐ base :

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

☐ extant :

(of something written or painted) still in existence

☐ puny :

tiny; weak; insignificant

☐ epistemologist :

philosopher who studies the nature of knowledge; N. epistemology

☐ sprightly :

lively

☐ procurement :

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

☐ eugenic :

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

☐ pedant :

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

☐ hamper :

obstruct; prevent the free movement of; N. (정령을 지나친 행동) 봉구나

☐ 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 :

department; connection

☐ ideology :

system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture

☐ sadistic :
inclined to cruelty; N. sadism: delight in cruelty

enmity: ill will; hatred; hostility

malady: illness

lance: pierce with a lance; cut into; N: spearlike weapon

demagogue: person who appeals to people’s prejudices; false leader of people; CF: demagoguery

advocacy: support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something

misogynist: hater of woman; CF: misogyny

trek: travel; journey; V: make a long difficult journey

lottery: contest in which winners are selected in a drawing of lots

buffoon: stupid person; clown

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

execration: curse; intense hatred; evil

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

care: to take care of; to look after

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: confusion; turmoil; confused mass; bewildering jumble; Ex. welter of data

carat(karat): unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold
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 some 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:
  with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.

- checkered (chequered):
  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);格式 센터

- alchemy:
  medieval chemistry

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

- nefarious:
 
very wicked

☐ mutilate:

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

☐ infernal:

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

☐ inflated:

exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with air or gas)

☐ polyglot:

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

☐ hail:

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

☐ bent:

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

☐ vindictive:

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

☐ perfunctory:

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

☐ facade:

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

☐ bawdy:

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

☐ palliate:

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

☐ equitable:

fair; impartial; OP. inequitable

☐ prophetic:

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

☐ impactive:

without feeling; expressionless; imperturbable; stoical; Ex. impactive 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

☐ 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; squamous; Ex. feel a little queasy

☐ bestial:

beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel

☐ din:

continued loud noise; V. make a din; instil by wearying repetition

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☐ belie:

contradict; give a false impression; disgrace; 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


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

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

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

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

bound: leap or spring; limit or confine; constitute the limit of; Ex. bounded by Canada; N: leap or jumping; boundary; ADJ: certain; having a duty to do something (legally or morally); confined by bonds; Ex. We are bound to be late; Ex. I am bound to say my opinion; CF: bounce, rebound

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

odyssey: long, eventful, adventurous journey

abstemious: sparing in eating and drinking; temperate

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

sentimental: moved by sentiment; appealing to the sentiments

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

beneficial: helpful; useful; advantageous

billow: 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: inerrably; 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

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

tractable: docile; easily managed; (of something) easily changed or molded; N. tractability

tantamount: equivalent in effect or value; Ex. This invasion is tantamount to a declaration of war; CF. amount

abbreviate: put into words, ADJ. verbal: of words; spoken rather than written; oral; of a verb

superfluous: excessive; overabundant; unnecessary; N. superfluity

unassuming: modest; Ex. the champion's unassuming manner

infallibly: unerringly

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abbreviate
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

temperity

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; 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; give comfort; allay the sorrow of; N. consolation

bravado

swagger; assumed air of defiance; false show of bravery

unsavory

distasteful, disagreeable; morally offensive; Ex. unsavory activity/reputation

claustrophobia

fear of being locked in

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

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<td>treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery</td>
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<td>wring</td>
<td>twist (to extract liquid); extract by twisting; wrench painfully (necks or hands)</td>
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<td>shake repeatedly from side to-side; Es. The dog wagged its tail; N. humorous person; wit</td>
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<td>choir</td>
<td>group of people who sing together (esp. during religious services); place for choir</td>
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<td>infringe</td>
<td>violate (a law); encroach (the right of another person)</td>
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<td>premeditate</td>
<td>plan in advance; Es. premeditated murder</td>
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<td>spangle</td>
<td>small shiny metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation</td>
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<td>group of artists whose work is based on the newest ideas and methods; CF. vanguard</td>
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<td>weaken (esp. through heat, hunger, illness); enfeeble</td>
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<td>unctuous</td>
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sailing vessel built for great speed

oculist: physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes

rabbie: mob; noisy crowd

habituate: accustom or familiarize; addict

broil: cook by direct heat; N.

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

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

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

prolong: lengthen; extend; draw out

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

equanimitiy: calmness of temperament; composite

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); unsailable; 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:
foolhardy: rash; heedless; foolishly daring
erroneous: mistaken; wrong; incorrect
title: name (of a book, film, etc.); mark of rank; formal appellation as of rank or office (such as Lord or General); right or claim to possession; championship; Ex. title as head of the family; Ex. title to the estate
fallible: liable to err
alimony: payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce
hirsute: hairy; having a lot of hair
militia: army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers
sheaf: bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together
rusticate: banish to the country; dwell in the country
ardor: heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent
sonic: of sound or its speed in air; CF. subsonic, supersonic
leaven: add leaven to; cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven; N: agent, such as yeast, that causes dough to rise (by fermentation); element that lightens or enlivens
suborn: persuade to act unlawfully (especially to commit perjury); N. suboration
pare: cut away the outer covering of skin (with a knife); trim; Ex. pare apples/expanses
misdemeanor: minor crime; misled; wrongdoing
tendentious: promoting a particular point of view; biased; having an aim, designed to further a cause; Ex. tendentious rather than truth-seeking; CF. tend: move in a certain direction
throes: violent anguish
nova: star that suddenly becomes much brighter and then returns to its original brightness
savor: enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality
apolitical: having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs
emancipate: set free; liberate
bovine: cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm
expletive: meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word
agape: openmouthed
lampoon: ridicule; N: written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution
forte:
strong point or special talent in a person's character

□ supple:
flexible; limber; pliant

□ demerit:
fault; bad quality

□ callus:
area of thick hard skin

□ 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

□ demoniac(demoniacal):
fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil

□ ruse:
trick to deceive; stratagem

□ sequester:
separate; 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 powdery 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:
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<td>something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; endearing</td>
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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; dis-pute, 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 (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; insane; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness

- **ingrained**
  - deeply established; firmly rooted; Ex. ingrained dirt/prejudice

- **inclement**
  - stormy; unkind; unmerciful; CF: element

- **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; 기권하다

- **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
desertion: □ 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

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

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

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

complacency: □ self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ. complacent

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

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

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

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

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

nonchalance: □ indifference; lack of concern; composture; 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. bargain: turn aside from a course; divert; amuse

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:
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- bluff:

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

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- trunk:
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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:
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- blasé:

bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored

- sophist:
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- sophist:

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

- dire:
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- dire:

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

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

- prudent:
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- prudent:

cautious; careful; prudential

- seamy:
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- seamy:

sordid; base; filthy; unsuatable; Ex: seamy side of city life

- constituency:
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- constituency:

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

- hindmost:
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- hindmost:

furthest behind; furthest to the rear

- bog:
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- bog:

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

- recluse:
- recluse:
- recluse:

hermit; loner; ADJ: reclusive

- ventilate:
- ventilate:
- ventilate:

admit fresh air into to replace stale air

- constraint:
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- constraint:

restraint; compulsion; repression of feelings; ostracize; V: constrain: hold back; restrain; compel; obliges; confine forcibly; imprison

- horde:
- horde:
- horde:

crowd; swarm

- pandemonium:
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- pandemonium:

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

- propriety:
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improperness; unsuitableeness

- ostracize:
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- ostracize:

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

- ravine:
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- ravine:

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

- vigilant:
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- vigilant:

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

- sway:
- sway:
- sway:

swinging from side to side; influence (someone) to change one's opinion; N: ascertain:
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find out for certain; make certain

- eccentric:
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- eccentric:

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

- rasp:
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- 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:
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- recast:

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

- effervescence:
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- 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; 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, trivial, 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. rickety; CF. vitamin D

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

- **impertinent**: insolent; rude; not pertinent; N. impertinence

- **enjoin**: command; order; forbade

- **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; incautious

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

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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; ADF: commemorative

satiating:
satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); satiate; ADF: condition of being satiated

righteous:
morally upright; just

castigation:
punishment; severe criticism or disapproval

incarnate:
edowed 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 perceiving

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 goods 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; dissolute; n. profligate person; n. profligacy
opportunistic: 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; profligate; Ex. a mind prodigal of ideas; N. prodigality

dingy:

(of things and places) dirty and dull; Ex. dingy street/curtain

ferocious:

fierce; violent; N. ferocity

confidence:

self-assurance; calm uncomrusted 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 condescended; 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: prance

adorn:

decorate

maligner:

one who feigns illness to escape duty; V: maligner: 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:

tranquility, calmness

spartan:

without attention to comfort; lacking luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined; Ex. spartan living condition/life

surreptitious:

done secretly; secret; furtive; sneaky; hidden

undermine:

weaken gradually; sap; dig a mine beneath

stultify:

make stupid in mind; cause to appear or become stupid or inconsistent; suppress; frustrate or hinder; Ex. stultifying effect of uninteresting work; Ex. stultify free expression

querulous:


anodyne: drug that relieves pain or trouble; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement

comeuppance: desert; 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; 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 foot; 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

hale: healthy

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

ingenue: ingénu; young innocent girl
grudge: deep feeling of dislike; Ex. grudge fight; V.

lugubrious: mournful; sorrowful

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

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

convene: come together; assemble; call to meet; Ex. convene the council

obsequy: funeral ceremony

subdue: less intense; quieter; Ex. subdued lighting; Ex. subdue one’s anger

dominate: control; rule; enjoy a commanding position in; overlook from a height; Ex. absolute

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

inadvertently: unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly

antiquated: obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated

dregs: sediment in a liquid; Useless; 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 anxious; furious; CF: rabies: hydrophobia

absolute: complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/raider; CF: absolutism

illicit: illegal

inveigle: deceive; lead astray by deception; wheedle(capable); Ex. inveigle her into joining the club; CF: intent dishonestly

prosperity: good fortune and financial success; physical well-being

blare: loud or harsh roar or shrill; 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: birth; Entomology, pupal; N: nativity; BR: natal

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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; impalpable; CF. overt

☐ overweening:

arrogant; presumptuous

☐ extort:

wring from; get money by threats, etc.; obtain by force or threat; CF. extortionate: exorbitant

☐ 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

☐ encompass:

surround; include; Ex. His activities encompass publishing and computers.

☐ surmise:

guess; N.

☐ graze:

(of an animal) feed on growing grass; cause (an animal) to feed on grass; scrape (esp. the skin) or touch lightly in passing; brush; Ex. We can’t graze the cattle till summer; N. surface wound

☐ partiality:

state of being partial, inclinations; 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:

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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 ways 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 evasively about an issue; N.
sparse: not thick; thinly scattered; scanty
melee: light
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**

gay; joyous

**cognitive**

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

**plaintive**

expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song

**rivulet**

small stream; CF. nll; rivulet; river

**warranty**

guarantee; assurance by seller

**equinox**

period of equal days and nights; the beginning of spring and autumn; Ex. vernal/autumnal equinox; ADJ. equinoctial

**vital**

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

**impugn**

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

**yen**

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

**retranche**

cut down; cut down expenses; economize

**babble**

chatter silly or foolishly; make continuous sounds like water running gently over rounded stone; N.
gastronomy: art and science of preparing and serving good food; CF: gastronome

ventriloquist: someone who can make his or her voice seem to come from another person or thing (without moving lips or jaw); N: ventriloquism, ventriloquy

deplete: reduce; exhaust

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

chasm: abyss; very deep crack

maternal: motherly; N: maternity: motherhood

daze: stun as with a blow or shock; bemuse; benumb; N.
caste: one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society; social stratification; prestige

immure: imprison; shut up in confinement; CF: wall

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

stupor: state of being stupified; state of apathy; daze; lack of awareness

deface: mar; disfigure

revert: relapse; backtrack; turn back to; return to the former owner; N: reversion

parquet: floor made of wood strips inlaid in a mosaic like manner; CF: strip: long narrow piece

fickle: changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless

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

consonant: harmonious; in agreement; N.

gauche: clumsy (in social behavior); coarse and uncouth

falsify: make (something written) false by changing

repine: fret; complain; be annoyed; Ex: repine over the undone work

integral: complete; necessary for completeness; Ex: integral part

ursine: bearlike; pertaining to a bear

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

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

slapdash: hasty and careless; haphazard; sloppy (carelessly done)

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

☐ decapitate:

head

☐ intractable:

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

☐ cordial:

warmly friendly; gracious; heartfelt; Ex. cordial welcome

☐ unilateral:

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

☐ verbose:

wordy; N. verbosity

☐ tonsure:

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

☐ masticate:

chew

☐ gestate:

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

☐ rhetoric:

art of effective communication; art of using language effectively and persuasively; style of speaking or writing; grandiloquent language; Ex. political rhetoric; ADJ. rhetorical; CF. rhetorical question: question to which no answer is expected as "Who knows it?"

☐ melancholy:

gloomy; morose; blue; N. melancholy; ADJ. melancholic; CF. eviscerate

☐ retreating:

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

☐ agrarian:

pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform

☐ visceral:

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

☐ palate:

roof of the mouth; sense of the taste

☐ cleave:

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

☐ detonation:

explosion

☐ levitate:

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

☐ fit:

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

☐ default:

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

☐ stampede:

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

☐ factitious:

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

☐ bastard:

dillegitimate child

☐ outlook:

point of view; view from a particular place; expectation for the future; prospect; Ex. outlook on life; Ex. pleasing outlook; Ex. weather outlook

☐ dank:

damp; unpleasantly wet

☐ brevity:

conciseness; shortness of duration

☐ whimsy:
whim; tendency to behave amusingly strangely; Ex. story full of whimsy

- **gust**: strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster

- **trinket**: knickknack; bauble; cheap jewelry

- **extemporaneous**: not planned; impromptu; extempore

- **universal**: characterizing or affecting all; general; present everywhere; of the universe; cosmic; Ex. universal agreement; Ex. a subject of universal interest

- **interrogate**: question closely; cross-examine; cross-question

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

- **apothegm (apophthegm)**: pithy, compact saying

- **transport**: strong emotion; rapture; Ex. in a transport/transport of; V. move to strong emotion; enrapture

- **tickle**: touch (the body) lightly so as to cause laughter; please

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

- **irreverence**: lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent

- **trifling**: trivial, unimportant

- **chronicle**: report, record (in chronological order)

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

- **regal**: royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner

- **earn**: gain for the performance of service or labor; gain (something that one deserves); deserve

- **glower**: scowl; glare; look or stare angrily

- **prefatory**: introductory; of a preface

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

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

- **carrion**: rotting flesh of a dead body; CF. vulture

- **broach**: introduce as a subject; moot; open up

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

- **disinter**: dig up; unearth; OP. inter

- **defrock**: strip a priest or minister of church authority; unfrock
craft:

skill (esp. with one’s hands); skill in deceiving people; guile; ADJ. crafty: cleverly deceitful; cunning

collateral:

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

reek:

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

staid:

serious and sedate; sober; Ex. staid during the funeral ceremony

satire:

form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack human vice and folly

solicitor:

lawyer in the lower court of law

synthesis:

combining parts or separate things into a whole; the whole so formed; PL. syntheses; V. synthesize

mange:

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

camp:

group sharing a common cause or opinion

viable:

capable of maintaining life; feasible; practical or workable; Ex. viable scheme

obviate:

make unnecessary; get rid of; Ex. obviate the need

confound:

confuse; puzzle

conifer:

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

dissonance:

discord

dehydrate:

remove water from; dry out

cauterize:

burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection

suture:

stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing; V: sew together a wound

epicure:

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

prelate:

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

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

incriminate:

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

sectarian:

of a sect; narrow-minded; parochial; N: member of a sect; narrow-minded person

forsake:

desert; abandon; renounce

inerrancy:

infallibility

somatic:

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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.

□ trash :

beat with a whip or flail; defeat utterly; talk about thoroughly in order to find the answer; move wildly or violently. Ex. The fishes thrashed about in the net.

□ geriatrics :

medical treatment and care of old age

□ discretion :

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

□ dictum :

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

□ animus :

hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition

□ acclaim :

applaud; praise; greet with great approval; announce with great approval; Ex. The new drug has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N: strong expression of approval and praise

□ reprobate :

morally disapproved person; person 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; ADJ. compassionate

□ anthropoid :

manlike; resembling a human being; N.

□ pauper :

very poor person

□ fallow :

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

□ entreat :

plead; ask earnestly

□ disconcert :

confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb

□ unruly :

disobedient; lawless; difficult to control

□ potion :

dose (of liquids); liquid dose

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

- **ingenuous**: naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid

- **illusive**: deceiving; based on illusion; causing illusion; deceptive

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

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

- **Bacchanalia**: the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus

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

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

- **pummel**: 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 uneasy 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; hearty enjoyment; Ex. quaff ale

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

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

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

- **affected**: artificial; pretended

- **notoriety**: disrepute; ill fame

- **fluctuate**: weaver; 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 flooding; 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: inbreed
malefactor: evildoer; criminal
loquacious: talkative; N. loquacity
garrulous: loquacious; wordy; talkative; N. garrulity
Occident: the West
lilliputian: extremely small; CF. Lilliput in Gulliver’s Travels
prude: excessively modest or proper person (who is easily shocked by improper things, esp. of a sexual nature); N. prudery; ADJ. prudish: excessively concerned with propriety
pallid: pale; wan; Ex. pallid complexion
flinch: hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger
romp: play or frolic boisterously; gambol; N.
acerbity: bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic: bitter; acid (in taste, manner, or tone)
cumulative: growing by addition; accumulative
dignitary: person of high rank or position.
berserk: mad with violent anger; frenzied; madly excited
languish: low animation or strength
loquacity: fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston
paranoia: psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N. ADJ. paranoid, paranoiac
paradox: something apparently contradictory in nature (that may nonetheless be true); statement that looks false but is actually correct
infinitesimal: very small
masquerade: wear a mask or disguise; pretend; N. costume party or ball at which masks are worn; pretense; disguise
shade: slight difference in degree; nuance; degree of color; Ex. shades of meaning/gray
merit: good quality deserving praise; merit: aspect of character or behavior deserving approval or disapproval; Ex. judge each plan on its own merits; V. deserve; earn
charlatan: quack; pretender to knowledge (esp. in medicine)
legacy: gift made by a will; something handed down from an ancestor
suffuse: spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks
prelude: introduction; introductory performance or event; forerunner
cursive:
aloevera (of writing) flowing; running; having the successive letters joined

alleviate:
relieve (pain)

hireling:
one who serves for hire (usually used contemptuously); one who works solely for compensation; Ex. hireling politician

palatial:
of or suitable for a palace; magnificent

execute:
curse; express abhorrence for; detest

dishveled:
untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel

geniality:
cheerfulness; kindliness; sympathy; ADJ. genial: 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
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 nauseous

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

unction:

the act of anointing with oil; Ex. extreme unction

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repulsion:

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

deliberate:

consider; ponder; ADJ: done on purpose; slow

carafe:

glass water bottle; decanter

permissive:

allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society

touching:

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

symmetry:

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

serpentine:

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

stymie:

thwart; present an obstacle; stump

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
having a very fine lumen; resembling a hair; fine and slender; Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hairlike tube; CF. capillarity

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bust:

peace of sculpture showing a person’s head, shoulders, and upper chest; V: break up; arrest; Ex. crimebuster

lot:

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

minion:

servile dependant; 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 unwelcome 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-handled 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

mollycoddle:

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:

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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/skins/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; glossy

unkempt:
dishveled; 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; unoccupied; 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; crouch

careen:
luich; 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: prises; 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
inimitable: 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; secluded; single;
solo; Es. solitary life/inn; Ex. no solitary piece of proof
allegiance: loyalty
beudge: 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; troublesome; urgent or persistent
conformist: person who uncritically conforms to the customs of a group; OP. nonconformist: one who does not conform to accepted beliefs or norms
prank: mischievous trick
wily: crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile: deceitful stratagem
merger: combination (of two business corporations); act of merging
heedless: not noticing; disregarding
provenance: place of origin; origin or source of something; Ex. Gunpowder is of Chinese provenance; CF. come

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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

plagiarize:
steal another’s ideas or writings and pass them off as one’s own; Ex. ideas plagiarized from my article; N. plagiarism; CF. kidnap

forensic:
suitable to debate or courts of law; of or used in legal proceedings and the tracking of criminals; Ex. forensic science/medicine

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

generic:
characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus

coalesce:
combine; fuse; N. coalescence

erotic:
pertaining to passionate love or sexual love

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

prattle:
talk silly; 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 statue(very small statue)

ravel:
fall apart into tangles; entangle; unravel or untwist

stem from:
arise from; originate from

decipher:

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: reddens; blush; flows suddenly and abundantly; wash out by a rapid brief flow of water; N: reddish tinge; blush; brief flush; rash 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 escape; V. cordon off

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

wary: very cautious; watchful

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

vex: annoy; distress

cracket: 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 flitting; ADJ. flirtatious

diligence:
steadiness of effort; persistent hard work

describe; outline; describe; CF line?

beset:
harass or trouble from all directions; born 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 tyrannically

billowing:
swelling out in waves; surging

aboriginal:
being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native; indigenous; N. aborigine

recount:
narrate or tell (a story); count over again

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

convoluted:
coiled around; twisted; involved; complicated; intricate; complex; N. convolution: twist; one of the convex folds of the surface of the brain

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

gesticulation:
motion; gesture; V. gesticulate: make gestures (while speaking)

vixen:
female fox; ill-tempered woman; CF shrew

tarnish:
make or become dull or discolored; N.

hypercritical:
excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)

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; glary
infraction: violation (of a rule or regulation); breach

sunder: separate; part; CF. asunder

stilted: bombastic; stiffly pompous; Ex. stilted rhetoric; CF. stiff: formal

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

pine: long for; yearn; languish from longing or grief; decline

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

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

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

tirade: long angry denunciatory speech; diatribe; harangue; extended scolding; denunciation

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

sibling: brother or sister

peripheral: of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex. peripheral nerve/intest

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

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

preeminent: outstanding; superior

mesmerize: hypnotic; N. mesmerism; CF. Franz Mesmer

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

scold: 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. Marriah 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. patrician

☐ **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; insane; stupid; Ex. vacuous expression; N. vacuity

☐ **unobtrusive**:

inconspicuous; not blatant

☐ **devotee**:

enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach

☐ **veer**:

change in direction; veer

☐ **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**:

prim. of mammals: hog-nosed; bushbaby; gibbon; orangutan; lemur; CF. anthropoid; CF. cynocephalus; CF. hominoid
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; deplete; 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:
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<td>stumble</td>
<td>trip and almost fall; proceed unsteadily; act falteringly; N.</td>
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<td>fastidious</td>
<td>difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky</td>
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<td>brittle</td>
<td>hard but easily broken; difficult; unstable; Ex. brittle situation</td>
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<td>dogged</td>
<td>determined; stubborn; stubbornly persevering; tenacious; Ex. Inspector Javert’s dogged pursuit of Jean Valjean</td>
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bully: one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.

fluster: confuse; make nervous and confused; N.

desultory: aimless; haphazard; digressing at random

reimburse: repay; pay back

raucous: (of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts

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

noose: loop formed in a rope

clamber: climb by crawling with difficulties; scramble

accede: agree

fertile: producing many young, fruits, or seeds; (of land) producing good crops; V. fertilize

staccato: played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt sharp sound; Ex. staccato applause

weather: pass safely through (a storm or difficult period); endure the effects of weather or other forces

cozen: cheat; hoodwink; swindle

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

dénouement: final outcome; final development of the plot of a play or other literary work; the end of a story when everything is explained

subjective: influenced by personal feelings; occurring or taking place within the mind; unreal; Ex. subjective sensation of the ghostly presence

decoy: lure or bait; V.

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

qualify: reach a necessary standard; limit the meaning of something stated

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

apiarist: person who keeps bees

deign: condescend; stoop

travesty: copy or example of something that completely misrepresents the true nature of the real thing; comical parody or imitation; treatment aimed at making something appear ridiculous; Ex. travesty of justice; OP. paragon

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

inconsequential:
insignificant; unimportant

**reconcile**: make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one's political principles with one's religious beliefs

**bevy**: large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets

**evoke**: call forth (memory or feeling); Ex. That old film evoked memories of my childhood; N. evocation

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

**metaphor**: implied comparison; CF. simile

**punitive**: punishing; Ex. punitive measures

**vantage**: position giving an advantage (such as a strategic point); CF. vantagepoint

**larceny**: theft; Ex. petit larceny

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

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

**taint**: contaminate; cause to lose purity; modify with a trace of something bad; Ex. tainted reputation; N. stain; touch of decay or bad influence; CF. touch

**stricture**: severe and adverse criticism; critical comments; limit or restriction

**olfactory**: concerning the sense of smell

**galvanic**: of the production of electricity by the action of an acid on a metal; having the effect of an electric shock; Ex. galvanic cell; galvanic effect; CF. Luigi Galvani

**frock**: long loose garment (worn by monks)

**implication**: something hinted at or suggested; implying; implicating

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

**conclave**: private secret meeting

**distend**: expand; swell out

**pell-mell**: in confusion; disorderly; Ex. dash pell-mell

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

**pallet**: small poor bed; Ex. straw pallet

**bombastic**: pompous; using inflated language

**reprisal**: retaliation

**accomplice**: partner in crime

**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. Mogul, Moghul; CF. Mongolian

☐ imperial :

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

☐ dumbfound(dumfound) :

astonish (making dumb); ADJ. dumfounded, dumfounded, dumfounded; CF. dumbstruck

☐ sham :

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

☐ insightful :
atrophied; 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)

foray: raid; sudden raid or military advance; V

spasmodic: fitful; periodic; of or like a spasm; sudden involuntary muscular contraction; sudden burst of energy or emotion

dwindle: shrink; reduce gradually

equable: tranquil; of even calm temper; (of temperature) steady; uniform

offhand: casual; done without prior thought or preparation

affirmation: positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath; V: affirm; ADJ: affirmative; CF: affirmative action: positive discrimination

reparable: capable of being repaired

sobriety: soberness; self-control; sobriety: sober; ADJ: sober: not alcoholic; ADJ: solemnly: solemnly

affirmative: positive; ADJ: affirmative; CF: affirmative action: positive discrimination

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

frieze: ornamental horizontal band on a wall

canter: slow gallop; V: CF: trot

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

whimsical: capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange

feebleminded: deficient in intelligence; very stupid
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<td>examine and compare in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order (the sheets of a book before they are bound)</td>
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<td>whittle</td>
<td>pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim</td>
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<td>soporific</td>
<td>sleep-causing, marked by sleepiness; drowsy</td>
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<td>pterodactyl</td>
<td>extinct flying reptile; CF: wing+finger</td>
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<td>mass</td>
<td>Christian religious ceremony; CF: Mass: ceremony of the Eucharist</td>
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<td>coagulat; thicken; clot; N. coagulant</td>
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<td>pertaining to speculative philosophy; of metaphysics; N. metaphysics: branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality</td>
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<td>obligatory; imposed as an obligation; currently holding an office; N: person who holds an office</td>
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<td>hit with a sweeping motion; N.</td>
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<td>deify</td>
<td>turn into a god; make a god of; idolize; Ex. Kings were deified; CF: deity</td>
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<td>dishonor</td>
<td>disgrace; N. ADJ. dishonorable</td>
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<td>hull</td>
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<td><strong>husk; dry outer covering of a seed; frame or body of a ship</strong></td>
<td><strong>crude cabin</strong></td>
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<td><strong>inception</strong></td>
<td><strong>caucus</strong></td>
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<td>start; beginning</td>
<td>private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF: the Caucus club of Boston</td>
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<td><strong>grandeur</strong></td>
<td><strong>inveterate</strong></td>
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<td>impressiveness; stateliness; majesty</td>
<td>deep-rooted; habitual; CF: grow old</td>
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<td><strong>extirpate</strong></td>
<td><strong>besiege</strong></td>
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<td>root up; uproot; destroy completely</td>
<td>surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually</td>
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<td><strong>bicker</strong></td>
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<td>quarrel</td>
<td>enjoy; savor; N: enjoyment; zest</td>
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<td><strong>euphemism</strong></td>
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<td>mild expression in place of an unpleasant one; ADJ: euphemistic</td>
<td>(of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; hazy; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V</td>
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<td><strong>ordeal</strong></td>
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<td>severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial(test of patience or endurance); affliction</td>
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<td>flexible; supple; pliable; V</td>
<td>clothe; N: clothing; array; apparel</td>
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<td><strong>astronomical</strong></td>
<td><strong>theocracy</strong></td>
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<td>enormously large or extensive</td>
<td>government run by religious leaders</td>
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<td><strong>presage</strong></td>
<td><strong>cerebral</strong></td>
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<td>foretell; be a warning or sign of; N: presentiment; foreboding; omen</td>
<td>pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF: cerebrum</td>
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<td><strong>uproar</strong></td>
<td><strong>affluence</strong></td>
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<td>noisy confusion</td>
<td>abundance; wealth</td>
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<td><strong>nuptial</strong></td>
<td><strong>carnage</strong></td>
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<td>related to marriage or the wedding ceremony; N: nuptials: wedding ceremony</td>
<td>destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals</td>
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<td><strong>chaotic</strong></td>
<td><strong>whelp</strong></td>
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<td>in utter disorder</td>
<td>young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc;</td>
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<td><strong>shack</strong></td>
<td><strong>smother</strong></td>
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| crude cabin | }
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; ADJ. retrograde: degenerate; deteriorate; CF. revert

psychic: of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers

encircle: surround

tantrum: fit of bad temper; fit of petulance; Ex. The child went into tantrums.

abhor: detest; hate

lassitude: languor; weakness; 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; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force); N: building added to a large one

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

enrapture: please intensely; fill with rapture and delight

primp: groom oneself with care; adorn oneself

resort: turn to for help; Ex. resort to violence; N.

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

rostrum: raised platform for speech-making; pulpit

agility:
nimbleness; ability to move quickly

□ conjugal :

pertaining to marriage

□ woeful :

sad; (of something bad) deplorable; deplorably bad; Ex. woeful housing conditions

□ oatmeal :

crushed oats used for making porridge

□ periphery :

outside edge especially of a round surface; perimeter; Ex. periphery of the town

□ chivalrous :

courteous, faithful, brave; N. chivalry

□ harry :

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

□ prologue :

introduction (to a poem or play)

□ piebald :

of different colors; mottled; spotted in different colors (esp. in black and white); Ex. piebald horse; CF. pie+bald

□ polemical (polemic) :

aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious (rather than simply expressing opinions)

□ maroon :

leave helpless on a deserted island or coast; ADJ. red brown

□ talon :

claw of bird

□ pander :

cater to (the low desires of others)

□ archives :

public records; place where public records are kept

□ impious :

improper

□ discompose :

disturb the composure of; confuse

□ residue :

remainder; balance

□ febrile :

levee

□ ebb :

(of the tide) ebb; 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. dissolute:

- lacking in moral restraint; leading an immoral life

☐ elusive:

- evasive; not frank; baffling; hard to grasp, catch, or understand; 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
hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N. scavenger: one who scavenges; 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. haughty

- **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 amuck

- **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; liquid that falls in drops

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

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

- **paraphrase**: restatement of 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**:
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<td>tall column tapering (becoming gradually narrower toward the end) and ending in a pyramid</td>
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<td>blowhard</td>
<td>talkative boaster; braggart</td>
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<td>interpolate</td>
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<td>anarchy</td>
<td>absence of governing body; state of disorder</td>
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<td>felon</td>
<td>person convicted of a grave crime; CF: felony: serious crime</td>
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<td>braggadocio</td>
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<td>curator</td>
<td>superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)</td>
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<td>nimble</td>
<td>quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex: nimble climber/mind</td>
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<td>perdition</td>
<td>damnation; complete ruin; hell</td>
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<td>cajole</td>
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<td>run-down</td>
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<td>nip</td>
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<td>parvenu</td>
<td>upstart; newly rich person</td>
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<td>remunerative</td>
<td>(of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V: remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble</td>
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<td>epic</td>
<td>long heroic poem, novel, or similar work of art (celebrating the feats of a hero); ADJ: (of stories or events) resembling an epic; grand</td>
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<td>disparity</td>
<td>difference; condition of inequality; OP: parity</td>
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<td>scatter; drive away; cause to vanish</td>
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<td>brand</td>
<td>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</td>
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abstinence: restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; cf. abstention: act of abstaining from vote

slough: (of a snake) shed or cast off (dead outer skin); N. outer layer that is shed

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

parochial: narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes

affidavit: written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)

chaplain: clergyman attached to a chapel

entourage: group of attendants; retinue; cf. surround

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

remote: distant in manner, aloof

doldrums: blues; listlessness; lack of spirit or energy; slack (inactive) period; period of stagnation; ocean area near the equator where ships cannot move because there is no wind; ex. in the doldrums

dulcet: sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious

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

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

eventual: happening at last as a result; ex. eventual victory

imponderable: weightless; that cannot undergo precise evaluation; cf. pound

pervert: corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N. person whose sexual behavior is not natural

climactic: relating to the highest point; N. climax; cf. climatic

superficial: of the surface; not deep; shallow; not thorough; trivial; ex. superficial analysis/knowledge

argot: slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people

genus: division of animals or plants, below a family and above a species

withdrawn: introverted; retiring; remote

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

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; A.D.E: hyperbolic; of a hyperbola

\[ \Box \text{yoke:} \]

join together; unite; N: crossbar used to joining two draft animals

\[ \Box \text{lament:} \]

grieve; express sorrow; N: lamentation

\[ \Box \text{totem:} \]
animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex: totem pole

\[ \Box \text{autopsy:} \]

examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.

\[ \Box \text{venturesome:} \]
(of a person) bold; adventurous; daring; (of an action) risky

\[ \Box \text{indefatigable:} \]
tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired

\[ \Box \text{insensible:} \]
unconscious; unresponsive; insensitive; unaware; imperceptible; Ex: insensible of his danger/to pain; Ex: insensible change; CF. not the opposite of sensible

\[ \Box \text{squabble:} \]
minor quarrel; bickering; V: engage in a minor quarrel; Ex: squabbling children

\[ \Box \text{volatile:} \]
changeable; of a quickly changing nature (as of tempest); mercurial; tending to violence; evaporating rapidly; Ex: volatile character/situation in the street

\[ \Box \text{ewe:} \]
female sheep

\[ \Box \text{covetous:} \]
avaricious; desire of (someone else's possessions); V: covet: desire eagerly (someone else's possessions)

\[ \Box \text{meek:} \]
submissive; patient and long-suffering

\[ \Box \text{impetuous:} \]
violent; hasty; rash; impulsive; without careful thought; Ex: impetuous decision

\[ \Box \text{sundry:} \]
miscellaneous; various; several; N: sundries: small miscellaneous items

\[ \Box \text{scurry:} \]
move hastily; hurry; move briskly

\[ \Box \text{ineffectual:} \]
not effective; not having a desired effect; weak

\[ \Box \text{potent:} \]
powerful; convincing; persuasive; greatly influential

\[ \Box \text{barrage:} \]
harass laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex: a barrage of criticism

\[ \Box \text{anchor:} \]
secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N: anchorage

\[ \Box \text{graphic:} \]
pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described

\[ \Box \text{cunning:} \]
clever in deceiving; sly; N: cleverness in deceiving; deceit

\[ \Box \text{subjugate:} \]
conquer; bring under control

\[ \Box \text{turgid:} \]
swollen; distended (as from liquid)

\[ \Box \text{scabbard:} \]
case for a sword blade; sheath

\[ \Box \text{reactionary:} \]
strongly opposed to social or political change; opposing progress; politically ultraconservative; N: Of radical

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<td><strong>obsidian</strong></td>
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read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid

☐ belligerent :

quarrelsome

☐ vise :

vice; tool for holding work in place; clamping device

☐ dissipate :

squander; waste foolishly; scatter

☐ cascade :

small waterfall

☐ tart :

sharp to the taste; acid-tasting; caustic; sarcastic; Ex. tart apple / reply

☐ miscreant :

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

☐ doggerel :

poor verse

☐ atheistic :

denying the existence of God; N. atheism

☐ uninhibited :

having no inhibitions; free in behavior and feelings

☐ frolicsome :

prankish; gay; playful; merry; frisky

☐ inexorable :

relentless; unyielding; implacable; not capable of being changed by entreaty or efforts; Ex. inexorable price rises

☐ surge :

powerful movement of or like a wave; V

☐ surrogate :

substitute; person or thing used in place of another; Ex. surrogate mother; ADJ.

☐ hue and cry :

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

☐ pachyderm :

thick-skinned animal

☐ emetic :

substance causing vomiting; ADJ.

☐ ironic :

expressing irony; occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner

☐ discrete :

separate; unconnected

☐ problematic :

causong a problem; open to doubt; doubtful; unsettled; questionable; Ex. Whether the arena will ever be completed is problematic.

☐ purgatory :

place of spiritual expiation; temporary state or place in which the souls must expiate their sins

☐ insalubrious :

unwholesome; not healthful; Ex. insalubrious place

☐ 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: humble: 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. selective 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: minutia
passé:
old-fashioned, past the prime

dissent :

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

monochromatic :

having only one color

irate :

angry; CF: ir: 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 unworthily; be profane for; ADJ: secular; nonreligious; impious for holy things

mincing :

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

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 kraft; make brown by exposure to the sun

equipoise :

balance; balancing force; equilibrium

recuperate :

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

fiat :

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

crave :

desire; want intensely

putrid :

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

puissant :

powerful; strong; potent; N. puissance: power

vendor :

seller

infirmity :

weakness
shoot: new growth from a plant

arcade: a covered passageway usually lined with shops

propriety: fitness; quality of being proper; correct conduct; conformity to prevailing customs and usages; CF: proprietor; proprietary

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 treasonably 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 one; N. rationalization

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

underlying: lying below; fundamental

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

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

remediable: reparable

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

squash: crush; quash; suppress

impassioned: (of speech) filled with passion; fervent

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

anthropomorphic: having human form or characteristics

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

prognosticate: predict (according to present indications)

agog
highly excited; intensely curious

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

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

**miserly**: stingy; mean

**vanguard**: forerunners; foremost position of an army; advance forces; foremost position in a trend or movement; Cf. rear-guard

**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; glamer; Ex. glitter of the sun on the waves

**dilatory**: dilatory; 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

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

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

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

**construe**: explain; interpret; Ex. construe her silence as meaning that she agreed; Cf. misconstrue

**implement**: put into effect; enforce; carry out; supply with tools; Ex. implement the plan/suggestion; N: tool or instrument
audit: examination of accounts of a business; official examination; V

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

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

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

epitaph: inscription in memory of a dead person (as on a tombstone)

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

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. 웅통을 쟈는 케이

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; irritable; delicate; needing delicate handling; Ex. touchy situation

skinflint: miser; stingy person

insurgent: rebellious; N.

replica:
copy

disable: 
that which accompanies; Ex. Dullness 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

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

frolic:
play and jump about happily; froak; Ex. frolicking young lambs

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

maladroit:
clumsy; not skillful; awkward; bungling.

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

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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:
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; N.

□ 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; cruelly indiscreet 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: idiosynratic

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

□ enterprising :
full of initiative; showing enterprise

□ invulnerable :
incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure

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

□ corollary :
natural consequence (which naturally follows from something else)

□ brocade :
rich, figured(patterned) fabric

□ laceration :
torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound

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

□ pharisee :
Pharisee: member of an ancient Jewish group that emphasized strict observance of the Mosaic law (considering themselves very holy); hypocritical self-righteous person

□ chore :

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

□ ethnic :

relating to races

□ cognate :

having a common origin, related etymologically, akin by blood, similar in nature; Ex. cognate languages; N.

□ stagnant :

(of water) not flowing (often bad-smelling); motionless; stale; not developing; inactive; dull; Ex. stagnant industrial output

□ hide :

skin of an animal

□ consternation :

great shock, dismay

□ torrid :

(of weather) hot or scorching; passionate; Ex. torrid love affairs

□ delirium :

mental disorder marked by confusion, uncontrolled excitement; Adj. delirious

□ wastrel :

waster; profligate

□ overthrow :

topple; N.

□ smattering :

slight knowledge, small scattered number or amount; Ex. smattering of German

□ throng :

crowd (of people or things); V.

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□ document :

provide written evidence (for a claim); record with documents; N.

□ mongrel :

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

□ dazzle :

make blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder

□ vouch :

give a personal guarantee; Ex. I can vouch for his integrity; N. voucher

□ lopsided :

heavier or larger on one side than the other; Ex. lopsided way of walking

□ indigenous :

native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World

□ rivet :

metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V. fasten with a rivet, engrave

□ overture :

musical introduction to a long musical piece; first offer or proposal (to begin talks in the hope of reaching an agreement); Ex. overtures for peace

□ solecism :

nonstandard grammatical construction, construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically; violation of social etiquette

□ jaunty :

cheerful and pleased with life; lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree; dapper in appearance; Ex. jaunty person/hat

□ practical :

based on experience; of or acquired through practice (rather than theory); useful; Ex. practical man

□ factotum :

handyman; person who does all kinds of work; CF. do everything

□ parable :

short simple story teaching a moral
fluent; talkative; glib; N. volubility

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

- malevolent:
  wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence

- camaraderie:
  good-fellowship; CF. comrade

- implore:
  beg

- nettle:
  irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettlesome

- blackball:
  vote against (an applicant), ostracize; N: negative vote

- ecosystem:
  ecological community together with its environment

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

- bilious:
  suffering from indigestion; sick from having too much bile; irritable; easily irritated

- rococo:
  ornate; highly decorated; N. CF. 18th century

- disapprobation:
  disapproval; condemnation

- shear:
  remove (fleece or hair) by cutting; remove the hair or fleece from; cut with or as if with shears; N: shears; pair of scissors

- verbiage:
  pompous array of words; too many unnecessary words; wordiness

- invincible:
  unconquerable

- truncate:
  cut the top off; shorten

- allay:
  calm, pacify

- disdain:
  treat with scorn or contempt

- surmount:
  overcome

- shoddy:
  made of inferior material; sham; not genuine; inferior; dishonest; Ex. shoddy goods/trick

- phlegmatic:
  calm and unexcitable; not easily disturbed; CF. phlegm: sticky mucus produced in the respiratory tract

- topography:
  physical features of a region (such as the shape and height); CF. topo-: place

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

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

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

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

- amoral:
 
nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong

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

swelter:
(of a person) suffer from oppressive heat; be oppressed by heat

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

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

magnitude:
greatness (in size or extent); extent

slander:
defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements; V. ADJ. slanderous

insomnia:
wakefulness; inability to sleep

florescence:
condition or period of flowering

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

portend:
foreshadow; be a sign or warning of; N. portent: sign; omen; forewarning

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

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

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

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

perforate:
pierce; put a hole through

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

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

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

inebriate:
make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person

tertiary:
third in order or rank

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

coax:
persuade by flattery

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

congeal:
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; CP. 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 consciousness; aware; sensitive. Ex. sentient creature; N. sentience

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

vibrant: full of vigor or energy; vibrating

atrocity: brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious

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

underscore: underline; emphasize

groove: long narrow channel made in a surface to guide the movement of something. Ex. groove of the record

incur: bring upon oneself

addy: make or become confused; muddle; drive crazy; become rotten (egg)

haggle: argue about prices (in an attempt to bargain)
pious: devout; religious; N. piety

lewd: lustful

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

importune: beg persistently; make repeated requests (in an annoying way)

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; stinging 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; OP: 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; 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 another; Ex. modulate from E to G

regiment: military unit; V: subject to strict order; Ex. regimented 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: recumbent lying down completely or in part

draconian: extremely severe; Ex. draconian punishment; CF. Draco: Athenian politician

dispassionate:
calm, impartial; not influenced by personal feelings
☐ withstand:
stand up against; resist successfully
☐ garner:
gather, store up; amass
☐ mediate:
settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate 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 expression; V. connote
☐ equivocate:
use equivocal language to deceive people; lie, mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivocation
☐ débâcle:
sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; complete disaster

☐ beneficiary:
person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will
☐ grudging:
unwilling, reluctant; sting(giving reluctantly)
☐ bromide:
platitude; chemical compound used to calm excitement
☐ jug:
pitcher, container for holding liquids
☐ apocalyptic:
prophetic; pertaining to revelations especially of disaster; N. apocalypse
☐ scourge:
lash, whip (formerly used for punishment); source of severe punishment; V: whip; afflict
☐ fulsome:
disgustingly excessive; effusively flattering; Ex. fulsome praise/expressions of admiration
☐ 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

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- pert: (esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; jaunty; Ex. pert young miss/hat

- steadfast: steadily loyal; unswerving; steady

wispy: thin; slight; barely discernible

cartographer: map-maker

- perpetrate: commit an offense; do (something wrong)

- divulge: reveal

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

- recess: pause; temporary cessation; alcove; secret inner place; Ex. parliament in recess; V. CF. recessive

cosmic: pertaining to the universe; vast

- gratify: please; satisfy; Ex. gratify a desire

slack: moving slowly; sluggish, inactive; (of a rope) loose; negligent; lax; Ex. slack season; Ex. slack in one's work; N. V.

- truculence: aggressiveness, tenacity; ADJ. truculent: aggressive; pugnacious; fierce

healthy: possessing good health; healthful

- mash: crush into mash; convert into mash; N. mixture of ground grain and nutrients fed to livestock and fowl

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

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

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

recline: lie down.

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

astute: wise; shrewd; keen; seeing quickly something that is to one's advantage

cantankerous: ill-humored; irritable

- berate: scold strongly

artery: blood-vessel; CF. vein

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

- **unassailable**: not open to attack; impregnable; not subject to question
- **gnome**: dwarf; underground spirit who guards treasure hoards
- **limpid**: crystal clear
- **embed (imbed)**: enclose; place in something, fix firmly in a surrounding mass
- **lachrymose**: producing tears; tearful
- **creep**: move with body close to the ground; move stealthily or slowly; N.
- **confidant (confidante)**: trusted friend (to whom one tells one's secret)
- **fissure**: crevice, crack
- **draw**: choosing of a lot or card
- **sanction**: approve, ratify; permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance
- **amend**: correct; change; generally for the better
- **irony**: hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean; use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning
- **galvanize**: stimulate or shock by an electric current; shock into action; coat with rust-resistant zinc by using electricity
- **efface**: rub out; remove the surface of
- **meander**: wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and silly
- **virtual**: in essence, existing in essence though not in actual form; for practical purposes; Ex: virtual ruler, virtual space
- **shimmer**: shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex: The moonlight shimmered on the water; N.
- **visionary**: produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical; showing foresight; N: one having foresight; one given to speculative impractical ideas
- **prosper**: become successful (esp. financially); thrive; grow well; Ex: children prospering under his care
- **plait**: braid, interweave; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex: plaited hair; N: braided length as of hair or fabric; CF: pigtail, ponytail
- **mercurial**: capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex: mercurial temper; CF: mood
- **historic**: important in history; Ex: historic battle
- **imminent**: impending; near at hand
- **wiggle**: wriggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions
- **curtail**: shorten; reduce
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<td>fixed portion; V: distribute as rations</td>
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<td>lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner</td>
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<td>quagmire</td>
<td>bog, marsh; soft, wet, boggy land; predicament, complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself</td>
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<td>poise, composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence</td>
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<td>stick fast; be a devoted follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty</td>
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<td>take off; OP. don</td>
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<td>polarize</td>
<td>split into opposite extremes or camps</td>
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<td>(of land) rising and falling in long, gentle slopes, happening continuously by stages; Ex. rolling devolution of power to local governments</td>
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<td>roster</td>
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<td>delta</td>
<td>flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river</td>
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<td>bereavement</td>
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<td>posthumous</td>
<td>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 area/novel</td>
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<td>rapt</td>
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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: \(\square\)
last demand; last warning; last statement of conditions that must be met; Ex. They have ignored our ultimatum.

lascivious: \(\square\)
lustful

suspend: \(\square\)
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: \(\square\)
traitor

pique: \(\square\)
irritation; resentment from wounded pride (eg. loss in a contest); V: provoke; arouse; annoy; cause to feel resentment; Ex. pique her curiosity

discrepancy: \(\square\)
lack of consistency or agreement as between facts; difference; Ex. discrepancy between two descriptions

comprehensive: \(\square\)
broad; including a lot or everything; thorough; inclusive

dilemma: \(\square\)
situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives

initiate: \(\square\)
begin; originate; resolve 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: \(\square\)
made of bone; bony

distrait: \(\square\)
absentminded; distracted

calligraphy: \(\square\)
beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

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

overt: \(\square\)
open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert

upright: \(\square\)
(setting or standing) straight up; honest; moral

pathos: \(\square\)
tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings; Ex. pathos that runs through the novel

probity: \(\square\)
uprightness; honesty; incorruptibility

stratified: \(\square\)
divided into classes; arranged into strata; V. stratify

embroil: \(\square\)
throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF. imbroglio

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

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

willful: \(\square\)
wilful; intentional; headstrong

sepulcher: \(\square\)
tomb; V: place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral

carping: \(\square\)
petty criticism; fault-finding; trivial complaining; quibble

boor: \(\square\)
rude, insensitive person

- lucre:
  money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre

- eerie:
  twisted, causing fear because strange

- archaeology:
  study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

- gamut:
  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; characteristic; 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; aspersion; 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

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

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

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

- trivia:
  trifles; unimportant matters

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

- arduous:
  hard, strenuous; Ex. arduous work

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

- pertinacious:
  holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn, persistent

- patrimony:
  property inherited from a father

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

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

☐ annihilate:

destroy

☐ provision:

act of providing; something provided; preparatory measure; provisions: necessary supplies (esp. food); stipula-
tion; condition in an agreement; Ex. According to the provisions of the agreement

☐ balmy:

soft and mild (of air); fragrant

☐ remorse:

depth 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(idyl):

short poem idealizing rural life; simple happy period of life (in the country); scenes 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 healthfully and in large amounts; excessively ornate; rich and splendid; fertile; Ex. luxuriant forests/prose; CF. luxurious, luxuriate

☐ trample:

step heavily with the feet; crush under the feet

☐ contrive:

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

☐ instigate:

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

☐ braggart:

boaster; bragger

☐ confine:

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

**motif**

theme; recurrent thematic element in a musical or literary work; single or repeated pattern; figure

**willowy**

flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow

**apologist**

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

**cloying**

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

**seep**

pass slowly through small openings; ooze; trickle; N. seepage

**vicarious**

experienced as if one were taking part in the experience of another; done by a deputy for other people; acting as a substitute; Ex. vicarious thrill at the movies; Ex. the vicarious sufferings of Christ

**finicky**

too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food

**antithesis**

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

**culpable**

deserving blame; blameworthy

**quiver**

tremble; shake; N.

**brawn**

human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness

**chasten**

discipline; punish in order to correct; CF. 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**

disruptant; 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**

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portray

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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

reverent: respectful; worshipful; V: revere; N: reverence: profound respect

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

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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

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pulsate: throbbing; beat regularly; vibrate regularly

sere: sear; parched; dry

throb: (of a heart or machine) beat rapidly or violently; N: heartbeat; heartbeat; mouseheart

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- Make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of

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  - Hard to understand; known only to the chosen few; esp. initiates; N: esoterica

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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; strangely unusual; Ex. exotic flower/dress

exhale:
breathe out; OP. inhale

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

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

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

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

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

venerate:
revere; treat with great respect

carefree:
free from worries; having no problems

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

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

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

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

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

eclaves:
territory enclosed within an alien land

bedraggle:
wet thoroughly; ADJ. bedraggled: draggled

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
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; mimic; 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

stifle:

suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate

patronize:

support; act superior toward; treat in a condescending manner; be a customer of; N. patron: one that supports; regular customer; N. patronage; CF. boycott

colloquial:

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

fester:

nibble; produce irritation or resentment; (of a cut or wound) generate pus or rot; Ex. His insult festered in my mind for days

skirmish:

minor fight; minor battle in war; V.

avow:

declare openly; N. avowal

emboss:

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

latch:

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

interim:

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

fanfare:

call by bugles or trumpets; showy display; spectacular public display

craven:

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cowardly

runic: earliest form of an alphabet; seed or bud; something that may develop into something larger or more important; microbe

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

arid: (of land) dry; barren; unproductive

pose: assume a particular posture; put forward; present; affect a particular attitude (to impress others); Ex. pose a threat; N.

listless: lacking in spirit or energy; languid

tautological: needlessly repetitious; Ex. “It was visible to the eye”; N. tautology: needlessly repetition of the same sense; statement that is always true

plumb: exactly vertical; N. sought on the end of a line; V: examine very carefully or critically in order to understand; measure depth (by sounding); Ex. plumb the depth of

prune: cut away; trim

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

fulcrum: support on which a lever rests or pivots

befuddle: confuse thoroughly

heterodox: (of beliefs) against accepted opinion; unorthodox; unconventional

germ: (of belief) against accepted opinion; unorthodox; unconventional

flamboyant: ornate; highly elaborate; richly colored; ostentatious; showy; CF. flam

magnanimity: generosity; ADJ. magnanimous: generous

atypical: not normal; not typical

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

incidence: rate of occurrence; particular occurrence; Ex. high incidence of infant mortality

accord: agreement

crestfallen: dejected; dispirited

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

dragamuffin: statistical study of human population
piebald; variegated (many-colored); multicolored

□ hysteria:

excessive or uncontrollable excitement; N. hyster: person suffering from hysteria; CF: hysteria: 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 human kind; study of the different races of human beings; CF: anthropology

□ circumspect:

prudent; cautious; acting after careful thought

□ debut:

debut; 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

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

insurmountable: overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable

waif: homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays

irresolute: uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N. irresolution

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

yield: amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V. produce; give in; surrender

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
prosper; flourish
□ floe :
flat mass of floating ice
□ enunciate :
announce; proclaim; utter or speak, especially distinctly; 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. maleficiance
□ tenant :
one that pays rent to use property owned by another
□ integrity :
honesty; uprightness; wholesomeness; 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 :
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

tyranny: 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

caption: title; chapter heading; text under illustration

outstrip: outrun; surpass; outdo

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

engaging: charming, attractive

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

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

discernible: distinguishable; perceivable; Ex. discernible improvement

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

quail: cower, shrink back in fear; lose heart

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

comprehend: include; understand

opalescent: opalescent; 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:
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: 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”

bol: 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 shrill 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; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter

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

fathomless: too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable

vivacious: lively or animated; sprightly

disperse: scatter; Ex. disperse the cloud/crowd

penchant: strong inclination; strong liking (esp. for something that is disapproved of by other people); Ex. penchant for fast cars

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

compensatory: making up for; repaying

emissary: agent (sent on a mission to represent another); messenger

ensue: follow (as a result)

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bad-tempered; rude; cross

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- point of moon's orbit when it is nearest the earth; CF: apogee

\( \square \) elated:
- filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed; in high spirits; joyful and proud; Ex. elated crowd; V. elate; N. elation

\( \square \) sect:
- separate religious body; faction; group of people with common beliefs within a larger group

\( \square \) stolid:
- dull; impassive; showing little emotion when strong feelings are expected

\( \square \) desolate:
- (of a place) deserted; unpopulated; (of a person) lonely; forlorn; joyless

\( \square \) morgue:
- mortuary; place where bodies are kept before burial or cremation

\( \square \) burnish:
- make shiny by rubbing; polish

\( \square \) wisp:
- small bunch (of hair); faint streak (of smoke)

\( \square \) belated:
- delayed

\( \square \) perpetual:
- everlasting

\( \square \) calumny:
- malicious misrepresentation; slander

\( \square \) obtrude:
- push (oneself or one's ideas) forward or intrude; impose (oneself or one's ideas) on others; built in; stick out or extrude; thrust out; Ex. obtrude A on B; ADJ. obtrusive; N. obtrusiveness; CF. unobtrusive

\( \square \) compact:
- agreement; contract; ADJ. tightly packed; firm; brief; concise; Ex. compact statement

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

\( \square \) polygamist:
- one who has more than one spouse at a time; CF: bigamy; CF: polyandry

\( \square \) painstaking:
- taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and thorough

\( \square \) sinewy:
- (of meat) tough; strong and firm; muscular; N. sinew: tendon; strong; cord connecting a muscle to a bone

\( \square \) stump:
- base of a tree trunk left after the rest has been cut down; V. walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle

\( \square \) bitter:
- having a sharp biting taste; causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter wind/tears

\( \square \) promontory:
- headland

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

\( \square \) induce:
- persuade; lead to do something; bring about; N. inducement

\( \square \) petty:
- trivial; unimportant; very small; small-minded; petty-minded

\( \square \) edify:
- instruct; correct morally

\( \square \) teetotalism:
- practice of abstaining totally from alcoholic drinks; N. teetotaler; ADJ. teetotal; CF. T = total

\( \square \) extrude

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

potpourri:

heterogeneous mixture; medley; mixture of dried flower petals a pot (to give a pleasant smell to a room)

militant:

combative; bellicose; N.

sporadic:

occurring irregularly; intermittent

chronic:

long established as a disease

crescendo:

increase in the volume or intensity as in a musical passage; climax; Cf. crescent

adjourn:

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

gingerly:

very carefully; ADJ.

meter:

arrangement of words in the form of poetry (by accentual rhythm)

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:

designed to create ill will or enmity; tending to cause ill will or enmity; Ex. invidious comparison

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 enmity; tending to cause ill will or enmity; Ex. invidious comparison
depravity; baseness; Ex. moral turpitude

□ smolder:

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

□ emasculate:

weakens; 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:

laziness person

□ inarticulate:

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

□ clown:

act stupidly; play the fool; N
ascetic: practicing self-denial; avoiding physical pleasures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism

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

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

evenhanded: impartial; fair

cynosure: object of general attention; person or thing that is a center of attention; CF. Ursa Minor

rummage: ransack; thoroughly search

jocund: merry

uproarious: marked by commotion or uproar; very noisy (esp. with laughter); hilarious; causing loud laughter; extremely funny

metropolis: large city

repertoire: list of works of music, drama, etc.; a performer is prepared to present; CF. repertory

pluck: courage; V: pull off or out; pull out the hair or feathers of; ADJ. plucky: courageous; brave

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

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

vitriolic: causing sharp pain to the mind; caustic; corrosive; sarcastic; of vitriol; N. vitriol: sulphuric acid (which burns flesh deeply); bitterly abusive expression; caustic expression; CF. glass

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

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

bate: let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF. abate

disfigure: mar the appearance of, spoil

mode: prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life

resolve: determination; resolution; firmness of purpose

faze: disconcert; dismay; embarrass

tryst: meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet

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

viper: poisonous snake

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

paean: song of praise or joy; Ex. paeans celebrating the victory

spectrum: colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism; broad and continuous range; Ex. whole spectrum of modern thoughts

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

vent: release or discharge through a vent; express (esp. unfairly); utter; Ex. He vented his wrath on his family.

gambit: opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed; action made to produce a future advantage

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

mortar: vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle

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

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

recipient: receiver

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

delineate: portray, depict, sketch, describe; N. delineation

advocate: speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for

fancier: broader or dealer of animals; one who has a special interest, as for raising specific plant or animal

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

equivocal: (of words or statements) ambiguous; intentionally misleading; (of behavior) questionable; OP. unequivocal

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

ominous: threatening, of an evil omen

purchase: secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing

slur: pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble

impartial: not biased; fair; N. impartiality

peccadillo: slight offense or fault; CF. sin

abridge: condense or shorten

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

debonair: 143
lope: gallop slowly

quarry: dig into (to get stone); N: mine

genuflect: bend the knee as in worship

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: disinclined or resistant, especially to 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

recess: 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); Es. harbor a grudge/criminal; N: place of shelter; refuge

☐ abstruse:

obscure; profound, difficult to understand

☐ illusory:

illusory, 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; 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:

worth high respect; commanding respect; Ch: 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”; Ch: 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 (thirst); 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

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

outlandish: bizarre; peculiar; unconventional

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

incessant: uninterrupted; unceasing

noncommittal: neutral; refusing commitment to a particular opinion; unplugged; 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

defacement: degradation; demotion; 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

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

mausoleum: monumental tomb; large stately tomb; CF: Mausoleos

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; mean 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
trident: three-pronged spear
smirk: conceited smile; offensively self-satisfied smile (often at someone else’s misfortune); V.
monotheism: belief in one God
interjection: 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)
laitie: layperson; layman; persons not connected with the clergy
block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking body by making very slow long speeches; N. filibuster

comprise:

include; consist of

tenuous:
thin; slim; rare

clandestine:

secret

tightwad:
miser; excessively frugal person

knav:

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-blotch

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; \( \text{\textregistered} \)

☐ 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; fume; grumble; grouch; N: plump ducklike game bird

☐ trepidation :

fear; nervous apprehension

☐ trenchant :

cutting; acute; keen

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☐ 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 lifelike mental images; Ex. vivid red hair/description

☐ snicker :

halting (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; definitive; 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; Ex. 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(aery,eyrie,eyry):

nest of a large bird of prey

☐ enormity:

huge; monstrous; huge; in a bad sense; excessive wickedness; Ex. enormity of the crime; Adj. enormous

☐ salubrious:

healthy; 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 cliff; ravine (made by a stream which runs through it)

contempt

scorn; disdain; ADJ. contemptuous; CF. contemptible

cache

hiding place; V. cache

sophistry

seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning; sophism

penitent

repentant; N. penitence

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

poul tide

soothing application applied to sore and inflamed portions of the body

cynical

skeptical or distrustful of human motives; N. cynical; CF. cynic: person who believes all people are motivated by selfishness

inebriated

habitually intoxicated, drunk; N. inebriety

psyche

soul; mind

eschew

avoid habitually; Ex. eschew alcoholic drinks

irrepressible

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

exorbitant

(of costs or demands) excessive; exceeding reasonable bounds

innate

inborn

receptive

quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal

assuage

make 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; summarizing; main points; summary of a text

abominate: loathe; hate

underhand (underhanded): done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)

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

seminary: school for training future ministers; secondary school, especially for young women

personable: attractive (in personality or appearance)

muggy: (of weather) warm and damp

stink: stench; V: emit a strong foul odor

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

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.

coiffure: hairstyle

demure: (of a woman or child) grave; quiet and serious; coy; pretending to be demure

sanguine: optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red

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

flaccid: flabby; lacking firmness; weak; Ex. flaccid muscles

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

irrefutable: indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable
clangor: loud resounding noise; sound of repeated clanging
random: without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; Ex. random shots; Ex. chosen at random
reverend: deserving reverence; N. priest
engaged: employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict
repartee: quick clever reply
enfranchise: admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote); CF. franchise
suppliant: entreating; beseeching; N. suppliant
rampant: growing or spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion; unconfined; Ex. rampant lawlessness/weed
compute: reckon; calculate
fusillade: simultaneous firing or outburst (of missiles, questions, etc.)
defiance: refusal to yield; resistance; V. defy; ADJ. defiant
supplant: correct a false impression; undo; remove 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 intuitions; OP. empirical; CF. transcendentalism
multifarious: varied; greatly diversified; Ex. multifarious activities
resourceful: clever and imaginative (in dealing with difficult situations); N. resource, resourcefulness
omniscient: all-knowing
callous: hardened; unfeeling; without sympathy for the sufferings of others; unkind
seduce: lead away from proper conduct, entice; ADJ. seductive
retroactive: taking effect before its enactment (as a law) or imposition (as a tax); (of a law) having effect on the past as well as the future
chancellor: legal official of high rank; CF. chancellery: position of a chancellor
blatant: extremely (offensively) obvious; loudly offensive; Ex. blatant lie; N. blatancy
buxom: full-bosomed; plump; jolly
servile: slavish; cringing; N. servility
centurion: Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)
linger:
letter or dawdle; be slow in leaving; delay going; continue or persist; be slow to disappear; Ex. The smell lingered for days.

coda:
concluding section of a musical or literary composition

bolster:
support, reinforce

premise:
assumption; postulate; proposition upon which an argument is based

striated:
marked with parallel bands, striped, grooved; Ex. striated rocks; V. striate; N. stria: thin groove or line

rejuvenate:
make young again

apiculture:
bee-keeping

promiscuous:
mixed indiscriminately; indiscriminate; not choosing carefully; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; irregular, particularly sexually; Ex. promiscuous life/girl; N. promiscuity

warranted:
justified; authorized

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

nib:
beak(bill); pen point

tanner:
person who turns animal hides into leather

clairvoyant:
having foresight; fortuneteller; N. clairvoyance

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

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

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

authenticate:
prove genuine

arbitrary:
unreasonable or capricious; random; tyrannical; Ex. arbitrary ruler

unwonted:
unaccustomed, unusual; Ex. He arrived with unwonted punctuality;

ulterior:
intentionally hidden; beyond what is evident; situated beyond; unstated and often questionable; Ex. ulterior motive

marital:
pertaining to marriage

choice:
delicate; of very fine quality

caldron(cauldron):
large kettle

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

tranquillity:
calmness, peace

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

sly:
clever in deceiving; secretive; not telling one's intentions

strident:
loquacious; harsh; loud; N. stridency

catastrophe:
calamity, disaster

wanton:
unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; 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:
bright flash of light; glow; V.

pudding:
hot sweet dish

ascribe:
refer; attribute; assign

antiquity:
quality of being very old; ancient times;

implacable:
incapable of being pacified; impossible to appease; Ex. implacable enemy

ingenious:
marked by inventiveness; clever; resourceful; 

outgoing:
sociable; eager to mix socially with others

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outgoing:
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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

ten: lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt

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

paramour: illicit lover

reprieve: postponement or cancellation of a punishment; temporary stay; V: postpone or cancel the punishment of

filigree: delicate ornamental lacy like 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:
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

distortion; burlesque:;

appurtenances:

distortion; burlesque:

supine:

hover:

studies:

given to diligent study

antler:

palpable:

tangible; (of something bad) easily perceptible; obvious; Ex. palpable blunder

palatable:

good to eat; pleasant to 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; mollycoddle; 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

titular:

of a title; in name only; nominal; having the title of an office without the obligations; Ex. titular head of the company

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**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

**sustor:** 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:**
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 event; 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(pendent):
- 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 reply 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, mek, 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)

☐ rapacious :

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

☐ simulate :

feign; imitate

☐ depose :

dethrone; remove from office; give a deposition; testify

☐ conduit :

aqueduct; passageway for fluids

☐ flighty :

(es. 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

☐ stout :

rather fat; strong in body; sturdy; resolute; determined; strong in determination; Ex. stout stick/supporter

☐ disjointed :

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

☐ hallowed :

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

☐ ecologist :

person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment; person concerned with the detrimental effects of human civilization on the environment; CF. ecology

☐ disclose :

reveal; N. disclosure

☐ weary :

tired after long work; V.

☐ encroachment :

gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable time; V. encroach: take another’s possessions or right gradually or stealthily; intrude; Ex. encroach on/upon

☐ spoof :

parody

☐ noxious :

harmful; CF. obnoxious

☐ puzzle :

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

☐ reprove :

censure; rebuke; N. reproof

☐ paleontology :

study of prehistoric life or fossils; CF. paleo-: ancient or prehistoric; Ex. paleography: study of ancient written documents

☐ stout
plebiscite: direct vote by the entire electorate (on an important issue)

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

swarm: large group of insects moving in a mass; crowd of people or animals; V: move in a crowd or mass

culprit: one guilty of a crime

generality: vague statement; general statement which is not detailed; quality of being general; greater part; most; Ex. generality of people

veritable: being truly so; real or genuine; actual; not false or imaginary

respite: time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; reprieve

pragmatic: practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with practical worth or impact of something; Ex. pragmatic test of the skill

sledge: large sled drawn by work animals

seasonal: of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employment

lag: move or develop more slowly; struggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N.
tactful: careful not to cause offense; OP: tactless

unprecedented: having no previous example; novel; unparalleled

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

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

malediction: curse

fritter: waste (time or money on unimportant things)

brandish: wave around (a weapon); flourish

pugnacity: combative; disposition to fight; ADJ: pugnacious: (of people) belligerent; combative in nature

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

germinate: cause to sprout; sprout

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

reconnaissance: survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter: make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)
oath: solemn promise; blasphemous use of sacred words to express strong feelings; swear-word; Ex. “For Christ’s sake!”
thwart:
block or hinder; battle; frustrate

vehement

forceful; intensely emotional; with marked vigor; strong; N. vehemence

contraband

illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.

wrench

twist; pull; strain; Ex. He wrenched the gun out of her hands.

dainty

delicate; delicately beautiful; fastidious; not easy to please; Ex. dainty movement/dress

zephyr

gentle breeze; west wind

waylay

ambush; lie in wait for and attack

contrite

penitent; repentant; N. contrition

treasure

keep as precious; cherish

ford

place where a river can be crossed on foot; V.

patrician

noble; aristocratic; N. person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF. plebeian

languor

lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression

foreshadow

give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portent; prefigure

germane

pertinent; bearing upon; having connection with the case at hand; appropriate

reprehensible

deserving blame; blameworthy; V. reprehend: blame

eon(aeon)

long period of time; an age; longest division of geologic time containing two or more eras

daub

smear (as with paint); cover with something sticky; Ex. a daub of paint

subordinate

occupying a lower rank; inferior; submissive; N. V. put in a lower rank or class

antediluvian

antiquated; extremely ancient

stately

formal; ceremonious; grand in style or size; majestic

interminable

endless

proverb

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

venue

location; place (of a crime, trial, gathering, etc.); CF. come

distinction

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

converge

approach; tend to meet; come together

inconsistency

state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness; ADJ. inconsistent: displaying a lack of consistency; erratic; contradictory; incompatible
commemorative: remembering, honoring the memory of; Ex. commemorative stamp

incorporate: introduce something into a larger whole; include; embody; give material form to; ADJ.

hone: sharpen (a tool); N: whetstone for sharpening a tool

amenities: convenient features that help to make life pleasant; social courtesies

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

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

prepossessing: attractive; CF: preoccupying?

arrears: being in debt; money that should have been paid; work that should have been done

providence: quality of being provident; divine care; god’s care; Providence: god; Ex. It seemed like providence that the doctor happened to be there; ADJ: 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: derogate; detract; disparage

divine: perceptive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresees the future; foretells; divines; 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: 163
leftover food

kinetic : producing motion; of motion

corroborate : confirm; support; strengthen

corroborate : corroborate: confirm; support; strengthen

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

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

oust : expel; drive out; force out; N. ouster: ousting

hereafter : life after death

putrescent : becoming putrid; putrefying

institute : organization for a special purpose; V. establish

kudos : honor; glory; acclaim or praise for exceptional achievement

feud : bitter prolonged quarrel (usually between two peoples or families); V. CF. Romeo and Juliet; CF. feudal, feudalism

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

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

parallelism : state of being parallel; similarity; analogy

disavowal : denial; disclaiming; repudiating; disowning; V. disavow; CF. disclaim

infidel : unbelief (with respect to a particular religion)

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

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

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

reminiscence : recollection; V. reminisce: recollect the past

restraint : moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction

dormant : sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent

bump : hit or knock against with force; N.

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

44 unrequited : not required; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love

indite : write, compose

mercenary :
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<th>Motivated solely by money or gain; N.</th>
<th>Slow up; lessen; make or become slack</th>
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<td>Ashen: ash-colored; deadly pale</td>
<td>Presentiment: premonition; foreshadowing; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear</td>
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<td>Superimpose: place over something else</td>
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<td>Hypothetical: based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N: hypothesis</td>
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<td>vernacular</td>
<td>living language (as compared to the official language); language spoken in a country or region; natural style; Ex. lapse into the vernacular</td>
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<td>gargoyle</td>
<td>waterspout carved in grotesque figures on a building</td>
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<td>unfrock</td>
<td>defrock, strip a priest or minister of church authority</td>
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<td>apocryphal</td>
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<td>gnarl</td>
<td>protruding knot on a tree; V.</td>
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<td>riddle</td>
<td>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)</td>
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<td>torrent</td>
<td>rushing stream; flood; Ex. The rain fell in torrents.</td>
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<td>unscathed</td>
<td>unharmed, Ex. escape the accident unscathed</td>
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<td>anarchist</td>
<td>person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority</td>
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<td>strut</td>
<td>supporting bar, CF: airplane wing, 1:1 building, 1:2 support</td>
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<td>shine; gloss (of a polished surface)</td>
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<td>appearance of truth; quality of appearing to be true or real; likelihood; Ex. verisimilitude of her performance as Lady Macbeth</td>
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<td>enliven</td>
<td>make lively or spirited; animate</td>
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<td>vulture</td>
<td>carrion-eating birds</td>
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<td>flowery</td>
<td>full of flowers; full of ornate expressions</td>
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<td>harass</td>
<td>annoy by repeated attacks</td>
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<td>sinister</td>
<td>evil, ominous</td>
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<td>devolve</td>
<td>depurate; pass or be passed to others (power, work, or property); Ex. devolve on/upon/to</td>
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<td>heinous</td>
<td>atrocious; wicked; hatefully bad; Ex. heinous crime</td>
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<td>adverse</td>
<td>going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile</td>
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<td>rigor</td>
<td>severity; Ex. rigors of the Russian winter</td>
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<td>shackle</td>
<td>chain, fetter, confine with shackles, N.</td>
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<td>prop</td>
<td>support placed under or against something; V</td>
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<td>sumptuous</td>
<td>grand suggesting great expense; lavish; rich; Ex. sumptuous feast</td>
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<td>fulminate</td>
<td>thunder, explode; issue a severe denunciation</td>
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<td><strong>prim</strong></td>
<td>proper to the point of affectation; very precise and formal; exceedingly proper</td>
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<td><strong>clout</strong></td>
<td>great influence (especially political or social); hard blow with fist</td>
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<td><strong>sluggish</strong></td>
<td>lazy; slow; inaction; lethargic; CF: slug: nail with no shell</td>
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<td>flow or fall in drops; let saliva flow out slowly from the mouth; move a ball, N.</td>
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<td>pointed projecting part</td>
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<td><strong>sedulous</strong></td>
<td>diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N: sedulity</td>
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<td><strong>fashion</strong></td>
<td>give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay</td>
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<td>arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive; N: apprehension</td>
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<td><strong>panacea</strong></td>
<td>cure-all; remedy for all diseases</td>
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<td><strong>recurrent</strong></td>
<td>occurring again and again</td>
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<td><strong>plethora</strong></td>
<td>excess; overabundance; Ex. a plethora of excuses</td>
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<td><strong>bloating</strong></td>
<td>somewhat swollen or puffed as with water or air</td>
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<td><strong>subsequent</strong></td>
<td>following in time or order; later</td>
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<td>kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility</td>
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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

fluency: smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent

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; snuffle; 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
very small object or insect-like creature; small coin

\[ \text{placebo} : \]

harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill

\[ \text{impeccable} : \]

faultless

\[ \text{terminal} : \]

part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; ADJ. forming an end; ending in death; fatal; Ex. terminal cancer

\[ \text{figment} : \]

invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination

\[ \text{refute} : \]

disprove; prove to be false; N. refutation

\[ \text{pretend} : \]

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

\[ \text{rampart} : \]

defensive mound of earth

\[ \text{wont} : \]

habit or custom; habitual procedure; ADJ. wonted: customary

\[ \text{animated} : \]

lively; spirited

\[ \text{indomitable} : \]

unconquerable; unyielding

\[ \text{feasible} : \]

practical; able to be carried out; practicable

\[ \text{indignity} : \]

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.

\[ \text{contusion} : \]

bruise

\[ \text{dotage} : \]

senility, feeblemindedness of old age; Ex. In one's dotage

\[ \text{wrinkle} : \]

small ridge on a smooth surface (face or cloth); V.

\[ \text{amazon} : \]

female warrior

\[ \text{ambidextrous} : \]

capable of using either hand with equal ease

\[ \text{malicious} : \]

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

\[ \text{disseminate} : \]

distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)

\[ \text{grim} : \]

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

\[ \text{lavish} : \]

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

\[ \text{impenitent} : \]

not repentant

\[ \text{obstreperous} : \]

boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable

\[ \text{substantial} : \]

of substance; material; solid; essential or fundamental; ample; considerable; well-to-do; wealthy

\[ \text{affinity} : \]

feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages

\[ \text{executive} : \]
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<td>direct financial aid by government, etc.; V: subsidize; assist with a subsidy</td>
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<td>Shangri-la</td>
<td>imaginary remote paradise on earth; Cf. Lost Horizon</td>
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<td>recrimination</td>
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<td>procrastinate</td>
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<td>agitate</td>
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<td>disquisition</td>
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<td>increase in number by producing young; multiply; spread; Ex. Most plants propagate by seed; Ex. newspaper propagating their ideas</td>
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<td>dinghy</td>
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<td>propinquity</td>
<td>nearness (in space or relationship); proximity; kinship</td>
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<td>innovation</td>
<td>change; something newly introduced; introduction of something new; V: innovate; begin or introduce (something new); be creative; ADJ. innovative</td>
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writ: written command issued by a court (telling someone to do or not to do something)
schematic: of a schema or scheme; relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols; N. schema: diagrammatic representation; outline
ego: one's opinion of oneself; self-esteem
score: number of points; written form of a musical composition; macon; 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
cession: 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)
rescind: repeal; annul; cancel (a law, decision, or agreement)
intrepid:
fearless

☐ recourse :

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

☐ alliteration :

repetition of beginning sound in poetry

☐ straggle :

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

branch

☐ piquant :

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

☐ compunction :

remorse; strong uneasiness caused by guilt

☐ circumscribe :

limit; confine; draw a line around

☐ takeoff :

burlesque; act of leaving the ground

☐ elope :

run away secretly with the intention of getting married

☐ season :

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

☐ fancy :

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

☐ zany :

crazy; N: clown; comical person (given to outrlandish behaviour)

☐ overblown :

inflated; exaggerated

☐ artless :

without guile; open and honest

☐ perjury :

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

☐ sagacious :

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

☐ verity :

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

☐ idolatry :

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

☐ hedonist :

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

☐ rile :

irritate; vex; muddy

☐ fortitude :

bravery; courage; strength of mind

☐ piscatorial :

pertaining to fishing; CF. Pisces

☐ flout :

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

☐ introvert :

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

☐ felicitous :

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

☐ jab :


poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows

- **panache**: flair; manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache; CP. 연 이래도 진을 빚어는 승자

- **stanch**: stop or check flow of blood; Ex. stanch the gushing wound

- **testy**: irritable; impatient and bad-tempered; short-tempered; N. testiness

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

- **animosity**: active enmity

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

- **mandatory**: obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate

- **perspicacious**: (of someone) having insight; penetrating; astute

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

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

- **espionage**: spying

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

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

- **diffidence**: shyness; lack of self-confidence; timidity; ADJ: diffident

- **compulsory**: obligatory; that must be done

- **halcyon**: calm, peaceful; Ex. halcyon days

- **suppress**: put an end to forcibly; subdue; stifle; overwhelm; inhibit the expression of; check; prevent from being published or made public; Ex. suppress a smile; Ex. suppress the magazine/truth

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

- **fortuitous**: accidental; by chance; N. fortuity

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

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

- **wangle**: achieve by cleverness or trick; wriggle out; fake; Ex. She tried to wangle an invitation to the party

- **phobia**: morbid fear

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

- **cerebration**: thought; working of the brain

- **annuity**:
unexceptionable: entirely acceptable; not offering any basis for criticism

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

platitude: trite remark; commonplace statement; ADJ. platitudeous

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

hubbub: confused uproar; loud noise; din

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

morose: ill-humored; sullen; sullenly melancholy

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

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

amnesia: loss of memory

pedestal: support or base as for a pillar or statue

clime: climate

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

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

moodiness: fits of depression or gloom; ADJ. moody: given to changeable mood; subject to periods of depression; gloomy

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

peddle: travel about selling (wares); CF. foot

unceremonious: not done politely without due formalities

festive: joyous; celebratory; relating to a feast or festival

typhoon: tropical hurricane or cyclone

antcede: 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; 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:

rang 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.

☐ libel:

defamatory written statement; act of writing something that smears a person's character; V: ADJ: libelous.

☐ bewitch:

cast a spell over; captivate completely.

☐ incantation:

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

☐ 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:

mart; 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:
acne: skin disease (on the face)

tmetrical: 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: 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; 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. xenophile
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; Es. overbearing manner/importance; V. overbear

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; Es. 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; emaciate; 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 passages

quizzical:
curious; suggesting puzzlement (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

proximity:

equity:
tedious wordsiness; verbosity; ADJ. prolix: wordy; verbose; diffuse

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

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

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

inquisitive:
sugar 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:
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<td>compound</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>(of a boat) turn over</td>
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<td>person of no importance; nonexistence</td>
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<td>notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking</td>
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<td>favorable; auspicious; advantageous; fortunate; Ex. propitious day/sign</td>
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<td>providing a general overview; summary; N. synopsis</td>
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<td>opprobrium</td>
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<td>exclaim</td>
<td>cry out suddenly; N. exclamation; ADJ: exclamatory</td>
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<td>chuckle</td>
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<td>ossify</td>
<td>change or harden into bone; become hard and unchanging in one's ideas</td>
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<td>tarantula</td>
<td>venomous spider</td>
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<td>chapel</td>
<td>small church (in a prison, college, or hospital)</td>
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<td>molten</td>
<td>melted; Ex. molten lava</td>
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<td>egotistical</td>
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48 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

thifty:

careful about money; economical; N. thrift

finish:

surface texture; completeness of execution

oracular:

of an oracle; prophetic; attested 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:

worship; 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:

memories; autobiography; biography

aghast:

filled with great surprise or fear; horrified

regime:

method of system or government

bowdlerize:
expurgate; CF. Thomas Bowdler

disambiguate; CF. Thomas Bowdler

disambiguated; confused

discombobulated

discomposed; confused

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:

mal being

distract:

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

anthropologist:

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; cancellation of a debt; pardon;

Ex. The disease went into remission; Ex. Christians pray for the remission of sins

□ exorcise:

drive out evil spirits

□ caulk(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; ineffective

□ 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; shed 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 to make influential judgments; Ex. supreme arbiter of fashion in beachwear

aversion: firm dislike

preamble: introductory statement

illuminate: 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
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<td>unregenerate: making no attempt to change one’s bad practices</td>
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irascible: irritable; easily angered

trilogy: a group of three related works (connected by a shared subject but each complete in itself)

carousel: a drunk revel; V. carouse

pedigree: ancestry; lineage

orifice: mouth-like 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

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 serious or 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: halff-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V. cloting

artifice: 185
deception; trickery

☐ prowess:
extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle

☐ fruitful:
producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance

☐ adroit:
skillful (in using mind or hand)

☐ agenda:
items of business at a meeting

☐ guile:
decoy; duplicity; slyness; 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; especially, Ex. He stipulated payment in advance

☐ zest:
outskirts of an orange used for giving special taste to food; spicy; intense; flavorful; 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 (of a solo performer)

☐ effectual:

able to produce a desired effect; valid

chauvinist:

blindly devoted patriot; zealous adherent of a group, cause, or sex; AdJ. chauvinistic; Cf. chauvinism; Nicolas Chauvin

swarthy:

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

alluvial:

pertaining to soil deposits left by running water

quadruped:

four-footed animal; AdJ. Cf. biped

facet:

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

epilogue:

short speech at conclusion of dramatic work

permeable:

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

bicameral:

two-chambered as a legislative body

primal:

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

kneel:

go down on one’s knee(s)

repress:

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

celestial:

heavenly

counterpart:

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

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

bulge:

prominulating part; swelling of a surface; Ex. The apple made a bulge in his pocket; V: swell outward; protrude

deference:

courteous regard for another’s wish; courteous yielding to another’s wish or opinion (showing respect); AdJ. deferential; Cf. effrontery

cavalier:

casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight

stodgy:

dull, stuffy; boringly conservative; Ex. stodgy book

ungainly:

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

judiciary:

judicial branch of government

loiter:

hang about/around; stand idly about; linger

aggrandize:

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

elixir:

cure-all; panacea; something invigorating

improvise:

compose on the spur of the moment

mollify:

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

rightful: legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

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

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

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

ecliptic: path of the sun and the planets

sherbet: flavored dessert ice

capitulate: surrender; give up all resistance

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

rare: (of air) thin in density; rarified; 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

thrall: slave; bondage; slavery; Ex. Her beauty held him in thrall; CF. enthral
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<td>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</td>
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<td>distinctive part of the face (as the eyes or mouth); features: overall appearance of the face; prominent or distinctive quality; prominent article; film; V: make prominent</td>
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<td>striking one object against another sharply; Ex. percussion instrument; N: striking together of two bodies; sound caused by percussion</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>winnow</td>
<td>sift; separate the chaff from grain by blowing; separate good parts from bad; CF. wind</td>
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<td>blanch</td>
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<td>breach</td>
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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. suppose

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

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

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

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

propulsive: driving forward; N. propulsion

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

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

elegy: poems or song expressing lamentation (for the dead); ADJ. elegiac, 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

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

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

domicile: home; V. ADJ. domiciled: having one's domicile; Ex. He is domiciled in Britain.

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

resplendent: brilliant; splendid in appearance; dazzling; glorious
**monogram**: design composed of one or more initials of a name; V.

**visage**: face; appearance

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

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

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

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

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

**correlate**: either of the correlated things; V

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