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<td>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</td>
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♠ acrid  bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent

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

□ acrophobia  fear of heights

□ actuarial  calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics

□ actuary  someone who advises insurance companies

♠ actuate  motivate; activate; cause to act

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

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

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

♠ adage  wise saying; proverb

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

□ adamant  hard; inflexible

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

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

□ addiction  compulsive habitual need

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

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

□ adept  expert at; very skilled

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

□ adherent  supporter; follower

□ adjacent  adjoining; neighboring; close by

♥ adjoin  be next to

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

□ adjunct  something attached to but holding an inferior position

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

♠ adjutant  staff officer assisting the commander; assistant

□ admonish  warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove

♥ adore  love deeply and respect highly

□ adorn  decorate

□ adroit  skillful (in using mind or hand)
adulation  flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved
adulterate  make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted (contaminated) substances
advent  arrival
adventitious  accidental; casual; happening by chance
adversary  opponent; enemy
adverse  going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile
adversity  great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event
advertising  refer
advocacy  support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something
advocate  speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for
agape  openmouthed
agenda  items of business at a meeting
agglomeration  collection; heap; V. agglomerate: gather into a rounded mass; N. agglomerate: jumbled mass; heap
aggrandize  make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement
aggregate  sum; total; ADJ. V: gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars
aghast  filled with great surprise or fear; horrified
agility  nimbleness; ability to move quickly
agitate  stir up; disturb
agnostic  one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality
agog  highly excited; intensely curious
agricultural  pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform
alacrity  cheerful promptness without reluctance
alchemy  medieval chemistry
alcove  nook; recess
alias  an assumed name esp. by a criminal (usually to mislead people); ADV. alias
alienate  make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of
alimentary  supplying nourishment
alimony  payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce
allay  calm; pacify
allege  state without proof
allegiance  loyalty
allegory  story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable
alleviate  relieve (pain)
aliteration  repetition of beginning sound in poetry
allocate  assign; set apart for a particular purpose
earmark  set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose
alloy  mixture as of metals; something added that lowers in value or purity; V: mix; make less pure; lower in value or quality; spoil; CF. unalloyed: not in mixture with other metals; pure; complete; unqualified; Ex. unalloyed happiness
allegation  refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference
allentative  make friendly; to win the respect of
allure  entice; attract; tempt
siren  apparatus for making sounds; womanlike creature
alluvial  pertaining to soil deposits left by running water
aloof  apart; not open in one’s relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.
aloe  aloe vera
aloft  upward; high up in the air
altercation  noisy quarrel
altruistic  unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism
amalgamate  (of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body
amalgam  combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth
amazon  female warrior
ambidextrous  capable of using either hand with equal ease
ambience  environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding; Ex. ambient temperature

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

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

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

♣ ambrosia  food of the gods

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

ambulatory  able to walk

ameliorate  improve

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

amend  correct; change; generally for the better
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- **amenities**: convenient features that helps to make life pleasant; social courtesies
- **amiable**: agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly
- **amicable**: peaceful; politely friendly; not quarrelsome; Ex. amicable settlement
  - **amiss**: wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV. amiss
  - **amity**: friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations
  - **amnesia**: loss of memory
  - **amnesty**: pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)
  - **amoral**: nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong
  - **amorous**: moved by sexual love; loving; of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances
  - **amorphous**: formless; lacking shape or definition
  - **amphibian**: able to live both on land and in water; N.
  - **amphitheater**: oval building with tiers of seats; CF. arena
  - **ample**: enough; abundant; spacious; large in size; Ex. ample opportunity/garden; N. amplitude: quality of being ample; abundance; largeness of space
  - **amplify**: increase in size or effect; expand; broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger; Ex. amplify one’s remarks with a graph
  - **amputate**: cut off part of body; prune (a limb)
  - **amok (amuck)**: in a state of rage; Ex. run amok
  - **amulet**: charm; talisman; an object worn believed to protect against evil, bad luck
  - **anachronism**: an error involving time in a story; something or someone misplaced in time; ADJ. anachronistic
  - **analogic**: causing insensitivity to pain; N.
  - **analogical**: condition of being unable to feel pain
  - **analogous**: comparable; similar
  - **analogy**: similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things
  - **anarchist**: person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority
  - **anarchy**: absence of governing body; state of disorder
  - **anathema**: solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse; V. anathematize
  - **ancestry**: family descent; ADJ. ancestral
  - **anchor**: secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage
  - **ancillary**: serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary; N.
  - **anecdote**: short story of an amusing or interesting event
  - **anemia**: condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic
  - **anesthetic**: substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness; N. anesthesia

- **anguish**: acute pain; extreme suffering
- **angular**: sharp-cornered; having an angle; not rounded (body); bony; lean; gaunt; stiff in manner
- **animadversion**: critical remark; V. animadvert: comment critically with disapproval
- **animated**: lively; spirited
- **animosity**: active enmity
  - **animus**: hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition
- **annals**: records arranged in yearly parts; history
- **anneal**: reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)
- **annex**: attach; add to a large thing; take possession of; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force); N: building added to a large one
- **annihilate**: destroy
- **annotate**: comment; make explanatory notes
- **annuity**: yearly allowance
- **annul**: make void
  - **elope**: run away secretly with the intention of getting married
  - **anodyne**: drug that relieves pain or trouble; 진통제; opiate; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement
  - **anoint**: consecrate; put oil on (in a religious ceremony)
  - **anomalous**: abnormal; irregular
  - **anomaly**: irregularity
  - **anonymity**: state of being nameless; anonymity; ADJ. anonymous
  - **antagonism**: hostility; active opposition; V. antagonize: cause to become an enemy; N. antagonist: person who is opposed to another; opponent; adversary; principal character in opposition to the protagonist
  - **protagonist**: leader or noticeable supporter of an idea; chief character in a play or story
- **antecede**: precede
- **antecedents**: preceding events that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background
- **antediluvian**: antiquated; extremely ancient
  - **anthem**: song of praise or patriotism; Ex. national anthem
  - **anthology**: book of literary selections by various authors; CF. omnibus
  - **anthropoid**: manlike; resembling a human being; N.
  - **anthropologist**: student of the history and science of mankind
  - **anthropomorphic**: having human form or characteristics
  - **anticlimax**: letdown in thought or emotion; something unexciting, ordinary, or disappointing coming after something important or exciting
  - **antidote**: remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles
antipathy  aversion; dislike or opposition
antiquated  obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated
antique  made in an earlier period and usu. valuable; N: object that was made in an earlier period and that is rare or valuable
antiquity  quality of being very old; ancient times
antiseptic  substance that prevents infection in a wound; ADJ.
antithesis  contrast; direct opposite of or to; ADJ. antithetic or antithetical
antler  bony growth on the head of a deer
anvil  iron block used in hammering out metals
apathy  lack of caring; indifference; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Ex. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; ADJ. apathetic
ape  imitate or mimic (a person’s behavior or manner)
aperture  opening; hole; adjustable opening in a camera that limits the amount of light
apex  tip; summit; climax; highest point
aphasia  loss of speech due to injury or illness
aphorism  pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic
apiary  a place where bees are kept
hive  box for bees; V: cause to go in a hive
apiculture  bee-keeping
apiarist  person who keeps bees
aplomb  poise; composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence
poise  good judgment with composure; balance; V: place in a carefully balanced position
apocalyptic  prophetic; pertaining to revelations especially of disaster; N. apocalypse
apocryphal  (of a story) widely believed but untrue
apogee  highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP. perigee
apohetical  having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs
apologist  one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia
apoplexy  stroke; loss of consciousness caused by too much blood in the brain
apostate  one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs; N. apostasy
apothecary  druggist; pharmacist
apothegm (apophthegm) pithy, compact saying
apotheosis elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something
appeal dismay; shock deeply
apparition ghost; phantom
appease pacify or soothe; Ex. appease a crying baby; N. appeasement
appellation name; title
append attach
application diligent attention; diligence; V. apply oneself
appropriate acquire; take possession of for one’s own use without permission; set aside for a particular purpose; allocate; CF. misappropriate
appurtenances subordinate possessions; something added to a more important thing
apropos with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.
aptitude fitness; talent
aquiline curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex. aquiline nose
arable fit for growing crops; Ex. arable land
arbiter person with power to decide a matter in dispute; judge who is in a position to make influential judgments; Ex. supreme arbiter of fashion in beachwear
arbitrary unreasonable or capricious; random; tyrannical; Ex. arbitrary ruler
arbitrate act as judge (at the request of both sides)
arboretum place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited
artery blood-vessel; CF. vein
articulate effective; distinct; expressing ideas clearly; having clear sounds; having joints; Ex. articulate speech; V: express thoughts and feeling clearly; pronounce clearly; unite by joints
arsenal storage place for military equipment
artifacts object made by human beings, either hand-made or mass-produced
artifice deception; trickery
artisan a manually skilled worker
artless without guile; open and honest
ascendancy controlling influence; position of controlling influence; CF. in the ascendancy
ascertain find out for certain; make certain
ascetic practicing self-denial; avoiding physical pleasures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism
ascript refer; attribute; assign
asceticism ascetism
aseptic preventing infection; having a cleansing effect
ashen ash-colored; deadly pale
asinine stupid; Ex. asinine remarks
♠ askance  with a sideways or indirect look (with disapproval or distrust); Ex. look askance at
♠ askew  crookedly; slanted; at an angle
☐ asperity  sharpness; roughness; severity (of temper or weather); Ex. asperities of a Russian winter
☐ aspersion  slanderous remark; Ex. cast aspersions on
☐ aspirant  seeker after position or status
☐ aspire  seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the leadership
☐ assail  assault
♠ assay  analyze (to discover what materials are present); evaluate (soil or ore)
☐ assent  agree; accept; N. assessment
♠ assert  state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful action); Ex. assert one’s independence
☐ assiduous  diligent
☐ assimilate  absorb; take (food) into the body and digest it; understand (knowledge) completely and be able to use properly; cause to become homogeneous (the people of a country or race in the way of behaving or thinking)
☐ assuage  make less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)
☐ assumption  something taken for granted; the taking over or taking possession of; Ex. her assumption of power; V. assume
♥ regent  a person who governs in place of a ruler who is ill, absent, or still a child; ADJ. Ex. the Prince regent
☐ assurance  firm statement that something is certainly true; promise or pledge; certainty; confidence in one’s own ability; self-confidence; Ex. In spite of all his assurances, he did not come back; Ex. assurance of his loyalty; Ex. The teacher lacked assurance in front of his class; V. assure; tell firmly with confidence; ensure; make (something) certain to happen; make (someone) feel sure; give confidence to; ADJ. assured: self-assured; confident in one’s own ability; showing certainty
☐ asteroid  small planet
♠ astigmatism  eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP. stigmatism
astral  relating to the stars

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

astronomical  enormously large or extensive

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

asunder  into parts; apart; V. sunder

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

asymmetric  not identical on both sides of a dividing central line

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

atheistic  denying the existence of God; N. atheism

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

atrocity  brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious

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

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

attenuate  make thin; weaken

attest  testify; bear witness

attribute  essential quality; V: ascribe; explain

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

atypical  not normal; not typical

audacious  daring; bold; N. audacity

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

augment  increase; add to

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

august  impressive; majestic

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

auroral  pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. aurora australis

auspicious  favoring success; giving signs of future success; Cf. auspices

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

authenticate  prove genuine

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

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

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

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

autonomous  self-governing; N. autonomy

autopsy  examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.

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

avalanche  great mass of falling snow and ice

avarice  greediness for wealth

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

aver  state confidently; declare as true

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

aversion  firm dislike

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

aviary  enclosure for birds; large cage

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

avocation  secondary or minor occupation

avow  declare openly; N. avowal

avuncular  of or like an uncle

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

awful  terrible; very bad

awl  pointed tool used for piercing

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

axiom  self-evident truth requiring no proof

azure  sky blue

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

bacchanalian  drunken

Bacchanalia  the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus
badger  pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N: a kind of mountain animal
badinage  teasing conversation; banter; joking talk
baffle  frustrate; perplex
bait  harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other lure used to catch fish or trap animals
baleful  evil; malignant in intent or effect; deadly; having a malign influence; portending evil; ominous; threatening; Ex. baleful look
balk  stop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil; stop or get in the way of; frustrate
ballast  heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast
balm  something that relieves pain; oily liquid with a pleasant smell from trees
pang  sudden sharp feeling of pain
balmy  soft and mild (of air); fragrant
banal  hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd
bandy  discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words) heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words with
bane  poison; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous
bantering  joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N.V. banter
barb  sharp projection from fishhook, arrow, or other object; openly cutting remark
bard poet

barefaced shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; unconcealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie

unregenerate making no attempt to change one's bad practices

baroque highly ornate

barrage barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex. a barrage of criticism

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

solicitor lawyer in the lower court of law

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

bask luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth

luxuriate take pleasure in great comfort

bastion stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism

bate let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF. abate

bauble trinket; cheap jewel; trifle

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

beatific giving or showing bliss; blissful

bliss complete happiness; ADJ. blissful

beatitude blessedness; state of great happiness

mystic of hidden meaning and spiritual power; Ex. mystic ceremonies; N. CF. mysticism

bedizen dress with vulgar finery

finery beautiful clothes for a special occasion

bedraggle wet thoroughly; ADJ. bedraggled: draggled

beeline direct quick route

befuddle confuse thoroughly

fuddle make stupid or confused as with alcholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused

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

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

grudge deep feeling of dislike; Ex. grudge fight; V.

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

beheemoth huge creature; something of monstrous size or power

behelden obligated; indebted; owing thanks; obliged or indebted from gratitude

behoove(behove) be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary; Ex. It behooves one to do.

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

belated delayed

beleaguer besiege or attack (with an army); harass; beset

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

belittle disparage; depreciate

bellicose warlike

belligerent quarrelsome

bemoan lament; moan for; express sorrow or disapproval of

remused confused; lost in thought; preoccupied

benediction blessing

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

beneficent kindly; doing good

beneficial helpful; useful; advantageous

beneficiary person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will

benefit advantage; anything that brings help, advantage, or profit; money provided by the government to the people; fund-raising public entertainment; Ex. unemployment benefit; V. receive benefits; be beneficial to; give benefits

benign kindly; favorable; not malignant (disease); Ex. benign tumor

benison blessing

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

bequeath leave to someone by means of a will; hand down in his will; N. bequest

berate scold strongly

bereavement state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved; state of being bereaved or bereft

bereaved deprived of (someone beloved through death)

bereft deprived of (something valuable); lacking

berserk mad with violent anger; frenzied; madly excited

beseech beg; plead with

beset harass or trouble from all directions; hem in

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

besiege surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually

besmirch soil; defile; make dirty

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bestial beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel

bestow confer
betoken  signify; indicate; be a sign of

betray  be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly); Ex. Her trembling hands betray her anxiety.

betroth  become engaged to marry

bevy  large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets

bicameral  two-chambered as a legislative body

bicker  quarrel

biennial  every two years

bifurcated  divided into two branches; forked

bigotry  stubborn intolerance

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

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

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

bilk  swindle; cheat

billowing  swelling out in waves; surging

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

swell  long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V.

surge  powerful movement of or like a wave; V.

bivouac  temporary encampment; camp without tents; V.

bizarre  fantastic; violently contrasting; noticeably odd; strikingly unconventional

blanch  bleach; whiten; make white or pale

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

blandishment  flattery

blare  loud or harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light

screech  unpleasant high sharp sound; shriek; V.

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

blasé  bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored

blasphemy  irreverence; sacrilege; cursing; bad language about God or holy things; V. blasphem; ADJ. blasphemous; CF. sacrilege

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

bleak  cold or cheerless; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing

blighted  suffering from a disease; destroyed

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

blithe  gay; joyous

bloated  (unpleasantly) swollen or puffed as with water or air

blowhard  talkative boaster; braggart

bludgeon  club; heavy-headed weapon; V.

bluff  pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff; ADJ: rough but good-natured
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■ blunder error; stupid mistake

♠ blurt utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement

♠ bluster blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptily; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; Cf. breeze, gust, gale

♥ bully one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.

□ bode foreshadow; portend

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

♠ bohemian unconventional (in an artistic way)

□ boisterous violent; rough; noisy

♠ bolster support; reinforce

♠ bolt door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric; large roll of cloth; V: dash or dart off; fasten (a door); gobble down

♥ dart move or throw suddenly and quickly

♥ gobble eat very quickly

♠ bombardment attack (as with missiles or bombs); V. bombard

♠ bombastic pompous; using inflated language

♥ bombast grandiloquent, pompous speech

♠ boon blessing; benefit; something very helpful

♠ boorish rude; insensitive

♥ boor rude, insensitive person

♠ bouillon clear beef (or meat) soup

♠ bountiful generous; graciously generous; showing bounty

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

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

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

♠ bowdlerize expurgate; Cf. Thomas Bowdler

♠ brackish somewhat saline

♠ braggadocio boasting

♥ brag boast

♠ braggart boaster; bragger

♠ brandish wave around (a weapon); flourish

♠ bravado swagger; assumed air of defiance; false show of bravery

♥ swagger walk or behave with an over-confident manner

♠ brawn human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness

♥ brawny muscular; having well-developed muscles

♥ sturdy strong and firm (in the body)

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

♥ brawl noisy quarrel

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

□ breadth width; extent

□ brevity conciseness; shortness of duration

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

♥ tawny brownish yellow

♠ bristling rising like bristles; showing irritation

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

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

♠ broach introduce as a subject; moot; open up

♠ brocade rich, figured(patterned) fabric

□ brochure pamphlet

♠ brooch ornamental clasp; pin

♥ clasp hold firmly within arms

♠ brook tolerate; endure; Ex. brook no interference; N: small stream

♠ browbeat bully; intimidate

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

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

♥ skim read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid

♠ brunt main impact or shock (of an attack or blow); Ex. brunt of the argument

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

♠ buccaneer pirate

♠ bucolic rustic; pastoral

♠ buffet strike forcefully; slap; batter; knock out; N: table with food set out for people to server themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set

♥ slap hit quickly with the flat part of the hand; N. Cf. smack

♠ buffoonery clowning

♥ buffoon stupid person; clown

♥ clown act stupidly; play the fool; N.

♠ bugaboo bugbear; object of baseless terror

♠ bullion gold and silver in the form of bars

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

♠ bungle mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior

♥ botch mismanage; blow
buoyant able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market

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

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

 burlesque give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly

 burnish make shiny by rubbing; polish

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

 prop support placed under or against something; V.

 buxom full-bosomed; plump; jolly

 plump pleasantly fat; nicely rounded

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

cache hiding place; V.

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

cadaver corpse; dead human body

cadaverous like a corpse; pale

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

 cajole persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle

 coax persuade by flattery

 calamity disaster; misery

calculated deliberately planned; likely

caldron (cauldron) large kettle

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

calligraphy beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

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

callus area of thick hard skin

callow youthful; immature; inexperienced

calorific heat-producing; N. calorie

calumny malicious misrepresentation; slander

camaraderie good-fellowship; CF. comrade

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

canard unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report

candor frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid

canine related to dogs; doglike

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

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

 canny shrewd in money matters; thrifty

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

cantankerous ill-humored; irritable

cantata story set to music to be sung by a chorus (shorter than an oratorio)
canter slow gallop; V. CF. trot
canvass determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region) to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.

capacious spacious

capacity mental or physical ability; role; position or duty; ability to accommodate; Ex. in my capacity as president

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

capitate surrender; give up all resistance

caprice whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause

capricious unpredictable; fickle

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captious faultfinding; too critical

carafe glass water bottle; decanter

carapace shell covering the back (of a turtle, tortoise, crab, etc.)

carat(karat) unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold

carcinogenic causing cancer; N. carcinogen

cardinal chief; most important; N: priest; cardinal number: number that shows quantity rather than order

cardiologist doctor specializing in ailments of the heart

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

career rush wildly; go at full speed

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

caricature distortion; burlesque

carillon a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played

carnage destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals

carnal fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body

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

carousel drunken revel; V. carouse

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

carrion rotting flesh of a dead body; CF. vulture

cartographer map-maker

cascade small waterfall

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

castigation punishment; severe criticism or disapproval

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

cataclysm deluge; upheaval; earthquake; violent and sudden event or change

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

catapult slingshot; hurling machine; V: fire from catapult

hurl throw forcefully; shout out violently

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

catastrophe calamity; disaster

catastrophe shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V.
catechism book for religious instruction in question-and-answer form; religious instruction by question and answer; V. catechize

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

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

catharsis purging or cleansing of any passage of the body; purging and weakening of strong emotions as a result of experiencing a dramatic work of art

cathartic purgative; medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ.
catholic (of likings and interests) universal; general; broad; including many different parts; wide-ranging liberal; Ex. catholic opinions/tastes

caucus private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF. the Caucus club of Boston
caulk(calk) make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)

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

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

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

cavalcade procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry

cavalier casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight

cavil quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily

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

celerity speed; rapidity

celestial heavenly

determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through division of a long poem

division of a long poem

down surrender; give up all resistance

draft unpredictable; fickle

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demand faultfinding; too critical

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

drumming fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body

drumming harming; OP. harmless

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drumming speed; rapidity

drumming heavenly

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

celibe  abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy

censor  (in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.
censorious  severely critical
censure  blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N: severe criticism; strong disapproval
centaur  mythical figure, half man and half horse
centigrade  denoting a widely used temperature scale (basically same as Celsius)
centrifugal  radiating; departing from the center
centrifuge  machine that separates substances by whirling them
centripetal  tending toward the center
centurion  Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)
cerebral  pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF. cerebrum
cerebration  thought; working of the brain
ceremonious  marked by formality; extremely formal and polite; CF. ceremony: conventional social courtesy
unceremonious  not done politely without due formalities
certitude  certainty
cessation  stoppage
cession  yielding to another; ceding
chafe  warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.
chaff  worthless products of an endeavor; husk (outer seed cover) separated from grain; Ex. separate the wheat from the chaff
chaffing  bantering; joking
chagrin  annoyance and disappointment; vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride)
chalice  goblet; consecrated cup
chameleon  lizard that changes color in different situations
champion support militantly; fight for; N: person who fights for or supports strongly (a principle, movement, person, etc.)

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

chaotic in utter disorder

charisma divine gift; great popular charm or appeal; magnetism

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

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

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

chasm abyss; very deep crack

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

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

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

chastise punish as by beating; criticize severely

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

check stop motion; curb or restrain

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

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

chicanery trickery; deception

chide scold; rebuke (someone who has done wrong)

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

chisel swindle or cheat; N: wedgelike tool for cutting

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

chivalrous courteous; faithful; brave; N. chivalry

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

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

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

chortle chuckle with delight; N.

chuckle laugh quietly

chronic long established as a disease

chronicle report; record (in chronological order)

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

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

cipher nonentity; worthless person or thing; zero; secret code; V.

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

circuitous roundabout

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

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

circumscribe limit; confine; draw a line around

circumspect prudent; cautious; acting after careful thought

circumvent outwit; defeat by behaving more cleverly; out-smart; baffle; avoid; get around

cistern reservoir or water tank

citadel fortress

cite quote; commend; Ex. cited for bravery in an official record

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

clarionant having foresight; fortuneteller; N. clairvoyance

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

clamber climb by crawling with difficulties; scramble

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

clandestine secret

chaperon older person who accompanies and supervises a young unmarried woman

clangor loud resounding noise; sound of repeated clanging

clapper striker (tongue) of a bell

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

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

clavichord organ

clavicle collarbone

scrimmage disorderly fight between two or more people

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

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

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

bromide platitude; chemical compound used to calm excitement

clientele body of customers

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

clime climate

clique small exclusive group of people

cloister monastery or convent

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

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

coagulate congeal; thicken; clot; N. coagulant

clot half-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V.
cudding hot sweet dish

cogulate combine; fuse; N. coalescence

cogitate think over; ponder

cogitate having a common origin; related linguistically; allied by blood; similar or akin in nature; Ex. cognate languages; N.
cognitive having to do with knowing or perceiving related to the mental processes; N. cognition: the mental process of knowing
cognizance knowledge; ADJ. cognizant; having knowledge; aware

cobble live together
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☐ collaborate work together; cooperate reasonably with the enemy

♠ collage work of art put together from fragments

♥ 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

♥ scraps leftover food

♥ scrappy quarrelsome

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

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

♠ collation a light meal; collating

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

☐ colloquy informal discussion; conversation

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

☐ colossal huge

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

♠ comatose in a coma; extremely sleepy

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

☐ combustible easily burned; N. CF. combustion

☐ comely attractive; agreeable; having a pleasing appearance

♥ homely not good-looking; unattractive

☐ comestible something fit to be eaten

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

♥ deserts what someone deserves

♠ comity courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations

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

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

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

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

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

☐ commensurate equal in extent; of the same size

☐ commiserate feel or express pity or sympathy for

☐ commodious spacious and comfortable

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

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

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

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

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

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

♥ compulsory obligatory; that must be done

♥ compulsive resulting from compulsion

☐ compendium brief, comprehensive summary; ADJ. compendious

☐ compensatory making up for; repaying

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

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

☐ complacency self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ. complacent

♥ smug self-satisfied; complacent

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

☐ complement complete; consummate; make perfect; N.

☐ complementary serving to complete something

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

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

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

☐ component element; ingredient

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

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

♥ bearing deportment; connection

☐ composure mental calmness

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

♥ comprehend include; understand

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

□ comprise include; consist of

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

□ compunction remorse; strong uneasiness caused by guilt

□ compute reckon; calculate

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

□ concatenate link as in a chain

□ concave hollow; curved inwards; OP. convex

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

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

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

□ concentric having a common center

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

♠ confidant(confidante) trusted friend (to whom one tells one’s secret)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

♠ confound confuse; puzzle

□ congeal freeze; coagulate

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

□ congenital existing at birth

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

□ condiments seasonings; spices

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

□ condone overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse

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

□ conduit aqueduct; passageway for fluids

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conglomeration mass of material sticking together
conglomerate corporation made up of several different companies in diversified fields; mass of various material gathered together; rock consisting of small stones held together by clay; V.
congruence correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship; CF. congruity
congruent in agreement; harmonious; corresponding; coinciding exactly; CF. congruous
conifer pine tree (usu. evergreen); cone-bearing tree; ADJ. coniferous; CF. deciduous; CF. evergreen
conjecture surmise; guess; V.
conjugal pertaining to marriage
conjure cause to appear by magic; summon (a devil or a spirit) by magical power; practice magic (esp. by very quick movement of the hands); evoke; conjure up: bring into the mind; Ex. The magician conjured a rabbit out of his hat.
connivance pretense of ignorance of something wrong; assistance; permission to offend; V. connive: feign ignorance (of a wrong); cooperate secretly in an illegal action; conspire
connoisseur person competent to act as a judge of art, etc. (whose judgments are respected); a lover of an art
connotation suggested or implied meaning of an expression; V. connote
connubial pertaining to marriage or the matrimonial state
matrimony state of being married
patrimony property inherited from a father
consanguinity kinship; relationship by birth
consanguineous(consanguine) having a common ancestor

conscientious scrupulous; through and careful; Ex. conscientious worker
conscript draftee; person forced into military service; V.
consecrate dedicate; sanctify; declare as sacred; Ex. consecrate one's life to helping the poor
consensus general agreement; opinion reached by a group
consequential self-important; significant; consequent; following as a result; Ex. consequential air;CF. subsequent
conservatory(conservatoire) school of the fine arts (especially music or drama); glass-enclosed area; CF. conservancy
consign send to a person or place for sale; deliver officially; entrust; put into the care of another; set apart (for a special purpose); N. consignment; CF. consignor, consignee
consistency absence of contradictions; uniformity; degree of thickness or firmness; Ex. consistency of thick cream; CF. viscous
console lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort; alleviate the sorrow of; N. consolation
consolidation unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger; V. consolidate: merge; strengthen
consonance harmony; agreement
consonant harmonious; in agreement; N.
consort associate with; keep company; N: husband or wife (or a ruler)
consortship kee company; keeping company
conspiracy treacherous plot; secret plan against the law (by two or more people)
conspire take part in a conspiracy; (of events) work together; combine; Ex. Events conspired to produce great difficulties.
consternation great shock; dismay
constituent supporter; voter; member of a constituency; component
constituency voters represented by an elected official; district so represented; group of supporters (or constituents)
constitution constituting; system of laws; composition of something; physical makeup or structure of a person; Ex. men with strong constitutions
constraint restraint; compulsion; repression of feelings; reticence; V. constrain: hold back; restrain; compel; oblige; confine forcibly; imprison
construe explain; interpret; Ex. construe her silence as meaning that she agreed; CF. misconstrue
consummate complete; V.
contagion infection (by contact); ADJ. contagious; CF. infectious: that can be passed by infection in the air
drastic strong; violent and severe; Ex. drastic changes/measures
contaminate pollute
contempt scorn; disdain; ADJ. contemptuous; CF. contemptible
contend struggle; compete; assert earnestly; state strongly
contention assertion; claim; thesis; struggling; competition
thesis opinion put forward and supported by reasoned arguments
boost lift by pushing up from below; increase; raise; N: push upward; increase
contentious quarrelsome; controversial; likely to cause arguments
contest dispute; argue about the rightness of; compete for; try to win; Ex. contest the election results; Ex. contest a seat in Parliament; N.
context writings preceding and following the passage quoted; circumstance in which an event occurs
contiguous adjacent to; touching upon
continent self-restraint; sexual chastity; sexual abstinence; voluntary control over bladder and bowel functions; ADJ. continent

contingent dependent on something uncertain or in the future; conditional; happening by chance; accidental; N: a group of soldiers, ships to a larger force; CF. contingency: future event that may or may not occur; possibility; Ex. prepare for every contingency
dontritions twisting; distortions; V. contort: twist violently out of shape; CF. contortionist

contraband illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.

contravene contradict; oppose; violate (a rule, law, or custom); N. contravention

dontrite penitent; repentant; N. contrition

contrived unnatural and forced; artificial; not spontaneous; Ex. The ending was rather contrived.

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

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

controvert oppose with arguments; attempt to refute; contradict; ADJ. controversial; N. controversy

contumacious stubborn and disobedient; resisting authority (esp. disobedient to an order made by a court)

dontrusion bruise

bruse injure without breaking the skin; N.

conundrum riddle; difficult problem

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

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

conventional ordinary; typical; not nuclear; Ex. conventional weapons

converge approach; tend to meet; come together

conversant familiar with; having knowledge of

donverse opposite; ADJ.

convert one who has adopted a different religion or opinion; V. change into another form; (persuade to) adopt a particular religion or belief

convex curving outward

conveyance vehicle; transfer; act of conveying; Ex. public conveyance

conviction judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief

convivial pleasantly merry; festive; joyous; gay; characterized by joviality; jovial

convoke call together; Ex. convoke Parliament; N. convocation

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

convulsion violent uncontrollable shaking movement (caused by illness); V. convulse; ADJ. convulsive

copious plentiful

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

dontrip behave in a way that attracts (sexual) attention; deal triflingly with; N: one (or woman) given to flirting; ADJ. flirtatious

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

cordon extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress; (어깨에서 거드랑 밑으로 걸치는) 장식 리본; V.
cornice projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars); 처마 장식

cornucopia horn (or horn-shaped container) overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance; horn of plenty

corollary natural consequence (which naturally follows from something else)
corporeal bodily (rather than spiritual); of a bodily form; material; tangible
corpulent very fat; N. corpulence
corrosive eating away by chemicals or disease; (of language) fierce

corps collection (of writings or information); Ex. the corpus of Shakespear’s works; Cf. corpse
corpuscle red or white cell in the blood
correlation mutual relationship
correlate either of the correlated things; V.
corroborate confirm; support; strengthen
corrode destroy or wear away gradually by chemical action (over a long period)
corrosive eating away by chemicals or disease; (of language) fierce
corrugated wrinkled; ridged

wrinkle small ridge on a smooth surface (face or cloth); V.

crinkle wrinkle

cosmic pertaining to the universe; vast
coterie group that meets socially; select circle; close group of people with shared interests
countenance approve; support; tolerate; Ex. countenance his rude behavior; N: face; appearance
countermand cancel; revoke (an order)
counterpart  thing that completes another; things very much alike; thing that has the same purpose in a different system

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

couple  join; unite; OP. uncouple

courier  messenger

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compartment  one of the parts into which an enclosed space is divided

cuisine  style of cooking; Ex. French cuisine

culinary  relating to cooking or kitchen

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

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

culpable  deserving blame; blameworthy

culprit  one guilty of a crime

culvert  artificial channel for water; drain crossing under a road

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

cumulative  growing by addition; accumulative

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

curator  superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)
curmudgeon  churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person

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

cynical  skeptical or distrustful of human motives; N. cynicism; CF. cynic: person who believes all people are motivated by selfishness

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

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

daic  raised platform for speakers or other important people

daily  trifle with; toy with; treat without the necessary seriousness; procrastinate; waste time
dank  damp; unpleasantly wet
dapper  neat and trim (in appearance); (of small men) neat in appearance and quick in movements; neat; spry
dappled  spotted
daub  smear (as with paint); cover with something sticky; Ex. daub one’s clothes with mud/paint; N: small bit of sticky substance; Ex. a daub of paint

smear  spread or cover with a sticky substance; N: mark made by smearing

smudge  dirty mark with unclear edges made by rubbing; V.

daunt  intimidate; frighten; discourage; dishearten

dauntless  bold; fearless

dawdle  loiter; hang around; waste time doing nothing

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

standstill  condition of no movement or activity; stop

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

dearth  scarcity

débâcle  sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; complete disaster

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

kneel  go down on one’s knee(s)

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

seduce  lead away from proper conduct; entice; ADJ. seductive

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

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

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

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

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

debutante  young woman making formal entrance into society

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

decadence  decay; fall to a lower level (of morality, civilization, or art); ADJ. decadent

decant  pour off gently (wine or liquid)

decapitate  behead

decelerate  slow down
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<td>dishonor</td>
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<td>consider; ponder; ADJ. done on purpose; slow</td>
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<td>portray; depict; sketch; describe; N. delineation</td>
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<td>fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil</td>
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fiend  evil spirit; devil

♦ demotic  of or pertaining to the people

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

♦ demure  (of a woman or child) grave; quiet and serious; coy; pretending to be demure

denigrate  blacken; defame

denizen  (animal, person, or plant) inhabitant or resident of a particular place; regular visitor

denotation  meaning; distinguishing by name; V. denote: indicate; refer to directly; mean; CF. connotation

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

denounce  condemn; criticize; N. denunciation

depict  portray

♥ exposé  public revelation of something discreditable

deplete  reduce; exhaust

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

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

♥ battalion  army unit made up of four or more companies

depose  dethrone; remove from office; give a deposition; testify

deposition  testimony under oath; deposing; dethroning

depravity  extreme corruption; wickedness; V. deprave

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

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

depredation  plundering; destruction

deranged  insane

♥ institute  organization for a special purpose; V: establish

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

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

derelict  negligent; (of someone) neglectful of duty; (of something) deserted by an owner; abandoned; N: abandoned property; homeless or vagrant person

dereliction  neglect of duty; abandonment

deride  ridicule; treat with contempt; make fun of; OP. respect

derision  ridicule; ADJ. derisive; CF. derisory

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

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

descry catch sight of (something distant)
desecrate profane; violate the sanctity of
 violation break (a law); defile; desecrate; assault sexually; Ex. violate graves

desolate dry up

(of a place) deserted; unpopulated; (of a person) lonely; forlorn; joyless
desolate make desolate; forsake; abandon and desert

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

despise look on with scorn; regard as worthless or distasteful; ADJ. despicable: contemptible
despoil plunder; sack; Ex. despoil the village
despondent without hope and courage; depressed; gloomy; N. despondency: loss of hope with gloom; dejection
despot tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; CF. despotism
destitute extremely poor; lacking means of subsistence; utterly lacking; devoid; Ex. destitute of any experience

impoverish make poor; deprive of natural strength or something important; Ex. impoverished soil
desultory aimless; haphazard; digressing at random
detached emotionally removed; free from emotional involvement; calm and objective; physically separate; N. detachment; CF. attachment
detain keep waiting; prevent from leaving or going; N. detention
determinate having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; invariable; fixed; conclusive; final
determination resolve; firmness of purpose; measurement or calculation; decision
deterrent something that discourages or deters
detonation explosion
detract slander; aspersion; detracting; CF. detractor
detrimental harmful; damaging; N. detriment
deviate move away from (a principle, norm); move away from an accepted standard; swerve; depart; diverge; N. deviation; Ex. deviation of the path of light by a prism
devious roundabout; erratic; deviating from the straight course; not straightforward; not completely honest; Ex. devious route
devise think up; invent; plan; bequeath; N. bequest
devote enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach
devout pious; deeply religious; sincere; earnest; Ex. my devout hope

religious of religion; (of a person) pious; having reverence for a deity
dexterous skillful; skill in using hands or mind; N. dexterity
diabolical diabolic; devilish; fiendish
diadem crown
dialectical relating to the art of debate; mutual or reciprocal; Ex. dialectical situation; N. dialectic: art of arriving at the truth by the exchange of logical arguments
diaphanous sheer; transparent
diatribe bitter scolding or denunciation; invective; abuse
dichotomy division into two opposite parts; split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)
dictum authoritative and weighty statement (made by a judge in court); saying; maxim; CF. obiter dictum: incidental, nonbinding remark (something said in passing)
didactic (of speech or writing) intended to teach a moral lesson; teaching; instructional; N. didacticism
die metal block used for shaping metal or plastic; device for stamping or impressing; mold; CF. dice
diffidence shyness; lack of self-confidence; timidity; ADJ. diffident
diffuse wordy; verbose; rambling; spread out (like a gas); V: spread out in all directions; disperse; N. diffusion; CF. suffuse
diligence steadiness of effort; persistent hard work
dilapidated falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined because of neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N. dilapidation
dilate expand; dilate on/upon: speak or write at length on (a subject)
dilatory delaying; tending to delay
dilemma situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives
dilettante aimless follower of an art or a field of knowledge (not taking it seriously); amateur; dabbler; CF. delight
dilution make (a liquid) less concentrated; reduce in strength; Ex. dilute the influence of the president
diminution lessening; reduction in size; V. diminish
din continued loud noise; V: make a din; instill by wearying repetition

weary tired after long work; V.
dinghy  small boat (often ship’s boat)

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

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

dull  (of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; boring; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V.

dint  means; effort; Ex. by dint of hard work

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

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

dirge  funeral song; slow mournful piece of music (sung over a dead person)

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

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

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

disavowal  denial; disclaiming; repudiating; disowning; V. disavow; CF. disclaimer

disband  dissolve; disperse; (of a group) break up and separate; Ex. The club has disbanded.

disburse  pay out (as from a fund); N. disbursement; CF. purse

discernible  distinguishable; perceivable; Ex. discernible improvement

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

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

disclose  reveal; N. disclosure

discombobulated  discomposed; confused

discompose  disturb the composure of; confuse

disconcert  confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb

disdain  treat with scorn or contempt

disembark  debark; go ashore (from a ship); unload cargo from a ship; CF. embark

disenfranchise  disfranchise; deprive of a civil right; OP. enfranchise

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

disfigure  mar the appearance of; spoil

gorge  surrender something (stolen); eject; vomit; OP. disgorge

disgruntle  make discontented

discussion  lack of consistency or agreement as between facts; difference; Ex. discrepancy between two descriptions

discrete  separate; unconnected

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

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

discriminate  distinguish; make distinctions on the basis of preference

brisk  quick and active; marked by liveliness and vigor

discursive  (of a person or writing) digressing; rambling (without any clear plan)

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

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

disheveled

♠ disinclination

unwillingness

♠ disinterested

untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel

disjointed

♠ disjointed

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

disjunction

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

♠ dislodge

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

♠ dismantle

take apart; disassemble

mantle

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

crust

hard outer covering (as of earth or snow)

♠ dissimilar

disconnected; differing in some characteristics (from each other); vary; go in different directions from the same

♠ dissimilarity

dissimilar; basically different; impossible to compare; unrelated

disparate

dissimilar; different; condition of inequality; OP. parity

♠ dispassionate

calm; impartial; not influenced by personal feelings

dispatch

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

dispel

scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

dispense

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

disperse

scatter; Ex. disperse the cloud/crowd

dispirited

lacking in spirit

disport

amuse; Ex. disport oneself; CF. divert

disputatious

argumentative; fond of argument

disquietude

uneasiness; anxiety; V. disquiet: make anxious

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♠ disposition

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

♠ dissection

analysis; cutting apart in order to examine

♠ dissemble

disguise; hide the real nature of; pretend

♠ disseminate

distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)

disentertain

disagree

divination

dissension; conflict

diversion

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

diversity

differing in some characteristics; various; N. diversity: variety; dissimilitude; lack of resemblance

diurnal

daily; occurring during the daytime

diva

operatic singer; prima donna

diverge

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

diverse

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

disfract

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

distract

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

distraught

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

distress

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

distraction

act of turning aside; pastime; V. divert: turn aside from a course; distract; amuse
**dulcet**  sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious

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

**dupe**  someone easily fooled or deceived; V. deceive

**duplicity**  double-dealing; hypocrisy; being dishonest and deceitful; ADJ. duplicitous
duration  length of time something lasts

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

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

dwindle  shrink; reduce gradually

dynamic  energetic; vigorously active

dynamo  generator for producing electricity; energetic person

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

dysentery  inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract

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

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

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

ebullient  showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm; boiling; N. ebullience; N. ebullition: state of boiling

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

eccentricity  oddity; idiosyncrasy

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

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

ecliptic  path of the sun and the planets

ecologist  person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment; person concerned with the detrimental effects of human civilization on the environment; CF. ecology

ecosystem  ecological community together with its environment

economy  efficiency or conciseness in using something; thrifty management of resources

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

rapture  great joy and delight; ecstasy; ADJ. rapturous

eddy  swirling current of water, air, etc.; V.
edict  decree (especially one issued by a sovereign); official command

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

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

edify  instruct; correct morally

edifice  building (of imposing size)
eddy  weird; causing fear because strange
efface  rub out; remove the surface of
effectual  able to produce a desired effect; valid
effective  effectual; producing a strong response; striking; in operation; in effect; Ex. effective speech/photograph
effectuate  effect; produce; achieve; Ex. effectuate a reconciliation
effeminate  having womanly traits

emasculate  weaken; castrate

castrate  remove the sex organs (of a male animal or person)
effervescence  inner excitement or exuberance; showing high spirits; emitting bubbles forming inside; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation; ADJ. effervescent; V. effervesce
effete  having lost one’s original power; barren; worn out; exhausted
efficacy  power to produce desired effect; ADJ. efficacious: effectual
effigy  dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex. burn an effigy of the President
dummy  imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy
effluvium  noxious(harmful) smell
effrontery  rudeness without any sense of shame; shameless boldness; presumptuousness; nerve; cheek

effulgent  shining brightly; brilliant
effusion  pouring forth; unrestrained outpouring of feeling; V. effuse: pour out; ADJ. effusive: pouring forth; gushing
gush  (of liquid) pour out in large quantities from a hole; make an excessive display of feeling (without true feeling); Ex. Blood gushed from the wound
egoism  excessive interest in one’s self; belief that one should be interested in one’s self rather than in others; selfishness; ADJ. egoistic, egoistical

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

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

♠ elaboration  addition of details; intricacy

♥ elaborate  work out carefully; add more detail or information; ADJ.

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

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

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

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♥ elixir  cure-all; panacea; something invigorating

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

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

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

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

□ elusive  evasive; not frank; baffling; hard to grasp, catch, or understand; V. elude: escape from; escape the understanding or grasp of; Ex. elude the hunter; Ex. His name eludes me.

♠ elysian  relating to paradise; blissful

♥ Elysium  place or condition of bliss

□ emaciated  thin and wasted (from hunger or illness)

□ emanate  issue forth; come out

□ emancipate  set free; liberate

□ embargo  ban on commerce or other activity

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

□ embed(imbed)  enclose; place in something; fix firmly in a surrounding mass

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

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

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

♥ embody  give a bodily form to; incorporate; include

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

□ embrace  hug; clasp with the arms; adopt or espouse; accept readily; en circle; include; Ex. embrace the cause/socialism; Ex. all-embracing; CF. brace; CF. bracelet

♥ encircle  surround

□ embroder  decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embel lish

□ embodi  throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF. imbroglio

□ embryonic  undeveloped; rudimentary; N. embryo: organism in the early stage of development

□ emend  correct (usually a text); N. emendation: correction of errors; improvement

♠ emetic  substance causing vomiting; ADJ.

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

□ emollient  soothing or softening remedy (for the skin); ADJ.

□ emolument  salary; payment for an office; compensation

♠ empathy  ability to identify with another’s feelings, ideas, etc.; identification with and understanding of another’s feelings; V. empathize; CF. sympathy

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

□ empirical  based on experience

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

♠ enamored  in love; Ex. enamored of his own beauty; V. enamor: inspire with love

□ encipher  encode; convert a message into code; put into cipher

□ enclave  territory enclosed within an alien land

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

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

□ encroachment  gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable time; V. encroach: take another’s possessions or right gradually or stealthily; intrude; Ex. encroach on/upon
**encumber** burden; N. encumbrance

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

▼ **enmercy** ill will; hatred; hostility

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

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

□ **endue** provide with some quality; endow

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

□ **energize** invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active

□ **enervate** weaken; take away energy from

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

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

□ **engaging** charming; attractive

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

□ **engender** cause; produce; give rise to

□ **engross** occupy fully; absorb

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

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

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

□ **enjoin** command; order; forbid

□ **enmity** will; hatred; hostility

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

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

♠ **enrapture** please intensely; fill with rapture and delight

♠ **ensconce** settle comfortably; fill with rapture and delight

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

□ **ensue** follow (as a result)

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

♠ **enterprising** full of initiative; showing enterprise

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

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

□ **entice** lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt

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

□ **entity** real being

□ **entomology** study of insects

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

♥ **trance** hypnotic state; ecstatic state; detachment from one’s physical surrounding (as in contemplation or daydreaming); CF. transition

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

□ **entreat** plead; ask earnestly

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

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

□ **enumerate** list; mention one by one

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

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

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

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

♥ **fringe** decorative edge of hanging threads; edge

□ **ephemeral** short-lived; fleeting

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

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

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

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

♠ **epigram** witty thought or saying, usually short

□ **epilogue** short speech at conclusion of dramatic work

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

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

epithet word or phrase characteristically used to describe a person or thing; descriptive phrase to characterize a person (often contemptuous)

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

ehope period of time

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

equanimity calmness of temperament; composure

equestrian rider on horseback; ADJ.

equilibrate balance of opposing forces; balance of the mind; equanimity

equine resembling a horse; Ex. equine face

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

equipeise balance; balancing force; equilibrium

equitable fair; impartial; OP. inequitable

equality fairness; justice; OP. inequity

equivocal (of words or statements) ambiguous; intentionally misleading; (of behavior) questionable; OP. unequivocal

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

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

erotic pertaining to passionate love or sexual love

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

eratic odd; irregular in movement or behavior; unpredictable

erreneous mistaken; wrong; incorrect

erudite (of a person or book) learned; full of learning; scholarly; N. erudition

scholarly full of learning; erudite; like a scholar; Ex. scholarly journal

escape pranks; flighty conduct; reckless adventure that disobeys rules

prank mischievous trick

flighty (esp. of a woman’s behavior) capricious; often changing, esp. from one lover to another; impulsive

eschew avoid habitually; Ex. eschew alcoholic drinks

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

espionage spying
- euphony  sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious
- euphemism  mild expression in place of an unpleasant one; ADJ. euphemistic
- euphoriaric
- euthanasia  mercy killing
- evanescent  fleeting; vanishing; soon disappearing; V. evanesce
- evasive  not frank; trying to hide the truth; eluding; evading; V. evade: avoid (a duty or responsibility) or escape from by deceit
- evince  show clearly
- evenhanded  impartial; fair
- evocative  tending to call up (emotions, memories)
- evoke  call forth (memory or feeling); Ex. That old film evoked memories of my childhood; N. evocation
- ewe  female sheep
- ram  male sheep; V. strike or drive against with a heavy impact
- exacerbate  worsen; aggravate; embitter
- embitter  make bitter; fill with painful or bitter feelings; make sad and angry; Ex. He was embittered by many disappointments.
- exacting  extremely demanding; Ex. exacting standard of safety
- exact  demand and obtain by force; Ex. exact a promise from him; N. execution
- exalt  raise in rank or dignity; praise highly; inspire; Ex. exalt the imagination; ADJ. exalted; N. exaltation
- exasperate  vex; annoy or make angry (by testing the patience)
- exceptionable  objectionable; likely to cause dislike; offensive; CF. unexceptionable: entirely acceptable
- except  exclude; N. exception: objection; exclusion; ADJ. exceptional: unusual; of unusually high quality
- excerpt  selected passage (written or musical) taken from a longer work; V.
- exchequer  treasury; Ex. Chancellor of the exchequer
- chancellor  legal official of high rank; CF. chancellery(chancellory): position of a chancellor
- treasure  keep as precious; cherish
- excise  cut away; cut out; N: government tax on good produced and used inside a country; N. excision
- exclaim  cry out suddenly; N. exclamation; ADJ. exclamatory
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- execrate  curse; express abhorrence for; detest
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- execute  put into effect; carry out; kill as a lawful punishment; N. execution
- executor  person designated to execute the terms of a will
- executer  person administering capital punishment
- executive  person having administrative authority; one branch of government executing laws; ADJ: relating to executing
- legislature  legislating branch of government; CF. legislate: make laws
- judiciary  judicial branch of government
- exegesis  explanation, especially of biblical(of the bible) passages
- exemplary  serving as a model; outstanding; Ex. exemplary punishment/behavior; N: exemplar: typical example; model
- exemplify  show by example; furnish an example; serve as an example of; Ex. His pictures exemplify that sort of painting.
- exempt  not subject to a duty or obligation; free from a duty; V.
- exertion  effort; expenditure of much physical work; V. exert oneself: make a great effort
- exhale  breathe out; OP: inhale
- exhilarating  invigorating and refreshing; cheering; V. exhilarate: make cheerful and excited; Ex. exhilarated by the ride in the sports car
- exhort  urge (by strong argument or advice); Ex. The general exhorted his men to fight bravely; N. exhortation
- urge  drive or force forward (by causing impulses); drive to take action; impel; entreat earnestly; Ex. urge horses; N: impulse that prompts action
- urgent  compelling immediate action; pressing; persistent; importunate; Ex. urgent in his demands
- exhume  dig out of the ground; remove from a grave
- coroner  public official who investigates any death thought to be of other than natural causes
- exigency  urgent situation; ADJ. exigent
- exiguous  small in amount; minute
- existential  pertaining to existence; pertaining to the philosophy of existentialism
- exodus  departure (of a large number of people)
- exonerate  acquit; exculpate; free from blame or guilt
- exorbitant  (of costs or demands) excessive; exceeding reasonable bounds
exorcise  drive out evil spirits
exotic  not native; from another part of the world; strange; intriguingly unusual; Ex. exotic flower/dress
intrigue  make secret plans; plot; arouse the curiosity of; N: secret scheme; plot; secret love affair
expansive  (of a person) outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size
outgoing  sociable; eager to mix socially with others
expatiate  talk at length; speak or write in detail
expatriate  exile; someone who has withdrawn from his native land; V: exile; banish; leave one's country
expedient  suitable (for a particular purpose although not necessarily morally correct); practical; politic(prudent); N: something expedient
expedite  hasten; make go faster
expedious  done with speed; quick; N. expedition
expedience  something expedient
expeditious  expenditure  payment or expense; expending; something expended; output; Ex. receipt for the expenditure; Ex. expenditure of all the energy
expertise  specialized knowledge (in a particular field); expert skill
expiate  make amends for (a sin)
explicative  explain in detail; interpret; clarify; CF. explicable
explicit  totally clear; definite; outspoken
exploit  brave and successful act; deed or action, particularly a brave deed; Cf. crossing the Atlantic ocean
exploitation  make use of, sometimes unjustly; N. exploitation
expository  explanatory; serving to explain; N. exposition; explaining; exhibition
expostulation  protest; remonstrance; reasoning with someone to correct or dissuade; V. expostulate
exposure  risk, particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying something open; Ex. exposure of governmental corruption
expound  explain
expropriate  take possession of (often for public use and without payment)
expunge  cancel; remove a word or name (from a book or list); erase
expurgate  clean; remove offensive parts of a book
extent  (of something written or painted) still in existence
extemporaneous  not planned; impromptu; extempore
extenuate  weaken; mitigate; lessen the seriousness of (bad behavior)
extirpate  root up; uproot; destroy completely
extol  praise very highly; glorify
extort  wring from; get money by threats, etc.; obtain by force or threats; Cf. extortation: exorbitant
wring  twist (to extract liquid); extract by twisting; wrench painfully (necks or hands)
extradition  surrender of prisoner by one state to another; Ex. extradition treaty; V. extradite
extraneous  external; not essential or inherent; extraneous; OP: intrinsic
extrovert  person interested mostly in external objects and actions
mingle  mix together in close association
extravagance  overflowing abundance; joyful enthusiasm; flamboyance; lavishness; ADJ. extravagant: high-spirited and lively; growing abundantly and strongly
glow  shine brightly without a flame (as of eyes or metals); show redness and heat (in the face) after hard work or because of strong feelings; N: light produced by a heated body; brilliance of a color
exude  flow out slowly; discharge (gradually); give forth; N. exudation
ooze  (of a thick liquid) pass or flow slowly; N: mud or thick liquid as at the bottom of a river
exult  rejoice
fabricate  build; lie; make up (a story) in order to deceive; Ex. fabricate the whole story; Cf. fabric: underlying structure; Ex. fabric of society
façade  front or face (of building); superficial or false appearance
facet  small plane surface (of a gem(precious stone)); a side
facetious  joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous
facile  easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial; not deep; Ex. facile solution to a complex problem; Ex. facile speaker; N. facility: ability to do something easily and well; ease in doing resulting from skill or aptitude; something that facilitates an action; amenity; Ex. with great facility
facilitate help bring about; make less difficult

facsimile copy

faction party; clique (within a large group); dissension
dissension disagreement of opinions causing strife within a group

factious inclined to form factions; causing dissension
factitious artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears
factotum handyman; person who does all kinds of work; CF. do everything

faculty mental or bodily powers; teaching staff
fallacious false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument

fallible liable to err

falsify make (something written) false by changing

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

sow plant or scatter seed

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

stumble trip and almost fall; proceed unsteadily; act falteringly; N.

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

fancied imagined; unreal

fancier breeder or dealer of animals; one who has a special interest, as for raising specific plant or animal

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

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

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

farce broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening; ADJ. farcical

fastidious difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky

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

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

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

fathomless too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable

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

caricaturist or comedian; character who is caricatured

fauna animals of a period or region; CF. flora

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

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

faze disconcert; dismay; embarrass

feasible practical; able to be carried out; practicable

febrile feverish

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

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

fruitful producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance

feign pretend

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

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

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

felicity happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.); quality of being felicitous

feline of a member of the cat family; N.

fell cruel; (of a disease) deadly

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

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

federal (of an animal) not domestic; wild

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

fermentation chemical reaction that splits complex organic compounds; unrest; agitation

ferret drive or hunt out of hiding; hunt with ferrets; drive out (as from a hiding place); expel; uncover or discover by searching; Ex. ferret out the secret; N. small fierce animal which catches rats and rabbits by going into their holes

fervent ardent; zealous; hot

fervid ardent; zealous; hot

impassioned (of speech) filled with passion; fervent

fervor glowing ardor; intensity of feeling; quality of being fervent or fervid; zeal; intense heat

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

court shift the stolen goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of such a group

festive joyous; celebratory; relating to a feast or festival

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

fetid malodorous; foul

foul very bad or disagreeable; very dirty; Ex. foul smell/flavor/temper/language/air/deed/weather/means; N. act against the rules; V. make or become foul; commit a foul

fetish object believed to have spiritual powers; object of excessive attention or reverence; CF. fetishism
♠ fiasco  total failure; CF. bottle  ♠ fetter  restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot
♠ fiat  command; arbitrary order; Ex. presidential fiat; CF. let it be done  □ fickle  changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless
♠ fictitious  imaginary; non-existent; purposely invented to deceive; untrue; Ex. fictitious name/boyfriend; CF. fictional

□ fidelity  loyalty; accuracy  ♠ figment  invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination
□ figurative  not literal but metaphorical; using a figure/impression of speech
♥ figure  written symbols; number; amount represented in numbers; outline or silhouette of a thing or human body; person (well-known); impression; diagram; pattern; group in a dance; Ex. figure of speech; V. calculate with numbers; adorn with figures; appear; consider; Ex. My name did not figure in the list.
♠ figurine  small ornamental statuette(very small statue)
♠ filch  steal (things of small value)
♥ pilfer  steal things of small value; filch; snatch
♠ filial  pertaining to or befitting a son or daughter; Ex. filial respect
♠ filibuster  block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking body by making very slow long speeches; N; freebooter

♥ freebooter  pirate or plunderer who makes war in order to grow rich
♥ bust  piece of sculpture showing a person’s head, shoulders, and upper chest; V: break up; arrest; Ex. crimebuster
♠ filigree  delicate ornamental lacelike metalwork
♥ lace  cord used to draw and tie together two opposite edges (as of a shoe); delicate fabric made of fine threads; V: draw together by tying a lace
♠ filing  particle removed by a file
□ finale  conclusion; concluding part
♠ finesse  delicate skill; V: handle with finesse
♠ finicky  too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food
♥ fussy  fastidious; finicky; easily upset
♥ fuss  trouble or worry over trifles; make nervous; pay too much attention to; N: needless concern or worry (about a trivial thing); anxious nervous condition; display of attention; Ex. make a fuss over the baby
□ finite  limited
♠ firebrand  piece of burning wood; hothead; troublemaker; person who stirs up trouble
♥ hothead  person who does things too quickly without thinking; ADJ. hotheaded
□ fissure  crevice; crack
♠ fitful  spasmodic; intermittent; irregular
♥ fit  sudden outburst of an illness or feeling; convulsion caused by epilepsy
♠ flaccid  flabby; lacking firmness; weak; Ex. flaccid muscles
♥ limb  walk lamely; ADJ: lacking firmness; weak
♠ flag  droop; grow feeble; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ. flagging; CF. unflagging
♥ droop  bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.
□ flagrant  conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous
□ outrage  act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; ADJ. outrageous: offensive
♠ flail  beat with or as if with a flail; move wildly; thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; toss about; N: threshing tool consisting of a stick swinging from the end of a long handle
♥ thresh  beat (cereal plants) with a machine or flail to separate the grains from the straw
♥ toss  throw lightly; move or lift (the head) with a sudden motion; flip (a coin) to decide something
♠ flair  talent
♠ flamboyant  ornate; highly elaborate; richly colored; ostentatious; showy; CF. flame
♠ flaunt  display ostentatiously; Ex. “Honey, if you’ve got it, flaunt it!”
♠ flap  strip off skin; plunder; remove the skin from; criticize harshly
♠ fleece  wool coat of a sheep; V: shear the fleece from; rob by a trick; swindle; plunder
♥ shear  remove (fleece or hair) by cutting; remove the hair or fleece from; cut with or as if with shears; N: shears; pair of scissors
♥ trickster  person who cheats people
♠ flick  light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex. flick the switch
♥ flicker  burn unsteadily or fitfully; move waveringly; N: flickering movement or light; brief sensation; Ex. flicker of excitement
♥ flutter  (of a bird with large wings) wave (the wings) lightly, rapidly, and irregularly; vibrate rapidly or erratically; fly by waving quickly; flitter; N.
♠ flinch  hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger.
frippant: lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy

flip: send (something) spinning, often into the air, by striking with a light quick blow; turn over; Ex. flip over

fliit: fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower

floe: flat mass of floating ice

flora: plants of a region or era

dience: condition or period of flowering

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

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

blush: become red in the face (from embarrassment or shame); become red or rosy; N.

tinge: give a slight degree of a color or quality to; N: slight degree of a color or quality; Ex. tinged with grey/jealousy

tint: slight degree of color; V: give a tint to

flowery: full of flowers; full of ornate expressions

flotsam: drifting wreckage

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

flounder: struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter (as in water, mud, snow, etc.); proceed in confusion

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

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

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

curb: chain or strap used with a bit to restrain a horse; something that checks; V: check; restrain

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

fluency: smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent

fluke: unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune; accidental stroke of good luck; ADJ. fluky

fluster: confuse; make nervous and confused; N.

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

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

stammer: speak with involuntarily pauses or repetitions

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

fodder: coarse food for cattle, horses, etc.; feed for livestock; CF. food

foible: small weakness of character; slight fault; CF. feeble

foil: contrast; one that by contrast enhances the distinctive characteristics of another

foil: defeat; frustrate; prevent from being successful; thwart; CF. fail

foist: insert improperly; impose upon another by coercion; palm off; pass off as genuine or worthy; CF. fist

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

pass off: present falsely; represent falsely to be

foliage: masses of leaves; CF. defoliate

foment: stir up; incite; instigate; promote the growth of (something evil or unpleasant)

foolhardy: rash; reckless; foolishly daring

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

forbearance: patience; forgiveness; V. forbear: refrain from (in a generous and forgiving way); be patient; Ex. forbear to send him to prison

ford: place where a river can be crossed on foot; V.

forebears: ancestors

foreboding: premonition of evil; feeling of coming evil; V. forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)

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

forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)

foresight: ability to foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future

forestell: prevent by taking action in advance

nuptial: of marriage or the wedding ceremony; N; nuptials; wedding ceremony

forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)

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

foreordain: make something happen; decree

forehead: high part of the face above the eyes

forehead: Anatomical part of the head above the eyes

forewoman: woman who leads a group of people

forewoman: person who manages or directs a group of people

forethought: careful planning ahead

forethought: anticipation of future events

forewarn: give warning of something

forewarn: be warned of something

foreword: introduction to a book

foreword: preface to a book

forewarn: be forewarned of something
□ forlorn sad and lonely; wretched; desolate

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

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

♥ menace threat; V: threaten

♠ forsake desert; abandon; renounce

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

□ forte strong point or special talent in a person’s character

♠ forthright straightforward; direct; frank

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

□ fortitude bravery; courage; strength of mind

♠ fortuitous accidental; by chance; N. fortuity

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

♠ founder fail completely; sink; CF. flounder

□ founder person who establishes (an organization or business)

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

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

□ frail weak; N. frailty

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

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

□ fraudulent cheating; deceitful; Ex. fraudulent means; N. fraud: deception; swindle

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

♠ fray brawl; fight; V: wear away or unravel by rubbing; have loose threads developing; cause to become worn out (a person’s temper or nerves); CF. rub

♠ frenetic(phenetic) frenzied; frantic

♠ frenzied madly excited; N. frenzy: violent wild excitement

♠ fresco painting on wet plaster (usually fresh)

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

♥ pastray paste of flour and water (eaten when baked)

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

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

♥ friction clash or conflict in opinion; rubbing against

♠ frieze ornamental horizontal band on a wall

□ frigid intensely cold; cold in manner; Ex. frigid zone

♠ fritter waste (time or money on unimportant things)

□ frivolous lacking in seriousness; flippant; self-indulgently carefree; unworthy of serious attention; relatively unimportant; trivial

♥ self-indulgence excessive indulgence of one’s own desire

♥ carefree free from worries; having no problems

♠ frolic playful and jump about happily; frisk; Ex. frolicking young lambs

♠ froth fern leaf; palm or banana leaf

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

♠ fructify bear fruit; produce fruit

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

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

□ frustrate thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose

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

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**futile**  useless; hopeless; ineffectual

♠ **gadfly**  animal-biting fly; irritating person

♠ **gaffe**  social blunder
gambol

ploy

romp

galvanic

ploy

pinnace

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

strategem to gain an advantage; tactic; Ex. manage-

tion made to produce a future advantage

sailing ship

low ship with sails (rowed along by slaves)

sailing vessel built for great speed

small boat

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

stimulate or shock by an electric current; stim-

ulate by shock; shock into action; stir up; coat with rust-

ting by using electricity

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

opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed; ac-

tion made to produce a future advantage

stratagem to gain an advantage; tactic; Ex. manage-

ment ploy

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

play or frolic boisterously; gambol; N.

outer skin of an orange used for giving a special taste to food; spice; interest; flavor; spirited enjoyment; Ex. add a certain zest to the affair; Ex. zest for life

in a spirited manner; with courage; Ex. fight gamely against a superior boxer; ADJ. game

entire range

manner of walking or running; speed

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

windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughs-

ters, tears); Ex. gale of laughter

bitterness of feeling; nerve; effrontery; ADJ: game

against a superior boxer; ADJ. game

gather; store up; amass

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

loquacious; wordy; talkative; N. garrulity

art and science of preparing and serving good food; CF. gastronome

clumsy (in social behavior); coarse and uncouth

showy; gaudy; giving a momentary brilliance

cover with a thin layer of gold

lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; barren

hammerlike tool; mallet(wooden hammer) used by a presiding officer or an auctioneer; V.

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

stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe

official periodical publication; newspaper

record of descent; lineage; ancestry; study of an-

cestry

vague statement; general statement which is not detailed; quality of being general; greater part; most; Ex. generality of people

cause; produce; create

characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus

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

beginning; origin

characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus

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

particular variety of art or literature

well-bred; elegant; striving to convey an appearance of refinement; Ex. genteel poverty

those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteeel

produce young; rear; bring up; produce (an undesir-

able condition); N: kind or sort of animal or plant

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

breed

do good upbringing; well-mannered and refined

people of standing(rank or position); people of good family or high social position; class of people just below nobility

kindly; soft; mild; of good family

bend the knee as in worship

pertinent; bearing upon(having connection with) the case at hand; appropriate

pertaining to a germ; creative; Ex. germinatal idea
germ  earliest form of an organism; seed or bud; something that may develop into something larger or more important; microbe

germinate  cause to sprout; sprout

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

shoot  new growth from a plant

gerontocracy  government ruled by old people

gerontology  study of the sociological phenomena associated with old age

geriatrics  medical treatment and care of old age

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

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

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

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

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

ghastly  horrible; terrifying; resembling ghosts; CF. aghast

gibberish  nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk or writing; babbling

gibe  mock; make jeering remarks; N: jeering remarks

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

gingerly  very carefully; ADJ.

girth  distance around something; circumference

gist  essence; main point; substance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

shudder  shake uncontrollably; tremble; V.

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

sheer  pure; thin and transparent; very steep

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

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

gloss  brief explanation note or translation of a difficult expression; V.
glossary  brief explanation of words used in the text

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

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

finish  surface texture; completeness of execution

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

glower  scowl; glare; look or stare angrily

scowl  frown angrily; N: angry frown

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

gluttonous  sticky; viscous; gluey

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

gnarl  protruding knot on a tree; V.

gnome  dwarf; underground spirit who guards treasure hoards

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

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

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

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

shudder  shake uncontrollably; tremble; V.
gossamer  sheer; very light; like cobwebs; N: soft and sheer fabric; cobweb

sheer  pure; thin and transparent; very steep
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gouge tear out; cut out (as if with a gouge); Ex. gouge his eyes out; N: chisel for cutting out hollow areas in wood
gouge overcharge (with high price); extort from; Ex. gouge the public; CF. usury
gourmand epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink
gourmet connoisseur of food and drink; epicure
graduate arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.)
graduate arrange into categories or grades; divide into marked intervals (for use in measurement); Ex. graduated
grandiloquent affectedly grand; pretentious; high-flown; grand, or important-sounding language; pompous; bombastic
grandiose affectedly grand; pretentious; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated; impressive; great in size or scope; grand; Ex. grandiose ideas
high-flown highly pretentious or inflated
matinée dramatic or musical performance given in the afternoon
granulate form into grains or granules; N. granule: grain or particle
graphic pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described
vivid (of light or color) bright and distinct; evoking lifelike mental images; Ex. vivid red hair/description
graphic black form of carbon used in lead pencils
grapple wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar
grate make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred by rubbing against a rough surface; Ex. grated cheese N: framework of metal bars to hold fuel in a fireplace
gratify please; satisfy; Ex. gratify a desire
gratis free; without charge; ADJ.
gratuitous given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for; done without good reason; Ex. gratuitous comment
gratuity tip
gravity seriousness; ADJ. grave
gregarious sociable; (of an animal) tending to form a group
grievance cause of complaint; complaint
guillotine question severely; cook on a grill; broil; N: cooking surface of parallel metal bars
broil cook by direct heat; N.
grim causing great fear; unrelenting; determined in spite of fear; Ex. grim smile
gouge facial distortion to show feeling such as pain, disgust, etc; V.
grisly ghastly; horrifying; Ex. grisly remains of the bodies
groom man employed to take care of horses; V: make neat and trim; clean and brush (an animal)
grotesque fantastic; comically hideous; strange and unnatural (causing fear or amusement)
hIDEOUS repulsive to the sight; ugly; repugnant; Ex. hideous face/scream
grotto small cavern
grouse complain; fuss; grumble; grouch; N: plump chickenlike game bird
mutter utter (complaining words) indistinctly in low tones
rumble make or move with a deep rolling sound (as thunder or stomach)
grovel crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate; behave in a servile manner
grudging unwilling; reluctant; stingy (giving reluctantly)
gruel thin liquid porridge
porridge soft food made by boiling oatmeal
oatmeal crushed oats used for making porridge
grueling exhausting; Ex. grueling marathon race
grusome grisly; horrible
gruff rough-mannered; (of a voice) rough; hoarse
grumble complain; mutter discontentedly; grouch; N.
mutter utter (complaining words) indistinctly in low tones
grunts utter a deep guttural sound (as a pig does); N.
guffaw boisterous laughter; V.
guile deceit; duplicity; williness; cunning; Ex. persuade her by guile
cunning clever in deceiving; sly; N: cleverness in deceiving; deceit
guileless without deceit
guise outward appearance; costume; Ex. in a new guise
nightly trick; deceive; hoodwink; N: person who is easily tricked; dupe
gullible easily deceived
gustatory affecting or relating to the sense of taste
musty eager enjoyment; zest; enthusiasm
gusty windy
gust strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster
guy cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied; CF. guide
topple become unsteady and fall down
overthrow topple; N.
overturn turn over; capsize; topple
capsize (of a boat) turn over
gyroscope apparatus used to maintain balance, ascertain direction, etc.
habituate  accustom or familiarize; addict
hackles  hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone's hackles rise
growl  low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)
hackles  hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone's hackles rise
habituate  accustom or familiarize; addict
haggard  wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners
haggle  argue about prices (in an attempt to bargain)
halcyon  calm; peaceful; Ex. halcyon days
hale  healthy
hail  frozen rain drop; V: salute or greet; precipitate hail
hallowed  blessed; consecrated; Ex. hallowed ground; V. hallow: set apart as holy
hallucination  delusion; false idea; false perception of objects with a compelling sense of their reality; objects so perceived; V. hallucinate; ADJ. hallucinatory
halting  hesitant; faltering; not fluent; Ex. halting steps/voice; V. halt: proceed or act with uncertainty; falter; hesitate; waver; stop
waver  move or swing back and forth; be uncertain or unsteady in decision or movement; Ex. waver between accepting and refusing
hamper  obstruct; prevent the free movement of; N: 식료품이나 의복 등을 담는 바구니
hap  chance; luck
haphazard  random; by chance; happening in an unplanned manner; Ex. haphazard growth of the town
hapless  unfortunate; luckless
harangue  long, passionate, and vehement speech; V.
arass  annoy by repeated attacks
harbinger (which foreshadows what is to come)
harbor  give protection (by giving food and shelter); provide a refuge for; hide; keep in mind (thoughts or feelings); Ex. harbor a grudge/criminal; N: place of shelter; refuge
habitat  natural home of a plant or animal; CF. habitation
hardy  (of people or animals) sturdy; robust; (of plants) able to stand inclement(stormy) weather
harping  tiresome dwelling on a subject; V. harp: dwell on(think or speak a lot about) tediously
harrowing  agonizing; distressing; traumatic; V. harrow: break up and level (soil) with a harrow; inflict great distress on; agonize; N: farming machine to break up the earth
harry  harass, annoy, torment (by repeated attacks); raid
hatch  deck opening; lid covering a deck opening; V: emerge from an egg; produce (young) from an egg
latch  fastening or lock consisting of a movable bar that fits into a notch; V: close with a latch
notch  V-shaped cut in a surface; V.
primary first in rank or importance; principal; earliest in time; Ex. primary stages; N. CF. first

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

primate group of mammals including humans

hiatus gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break
hibernal wintry; wintery; of or like winter
hibernate sleep throughout the winter; N. hibernation
hierarchy arrangement by rank or standing; authoritarian body divided into ranks; body of persons having authority
totem animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex. totem pole
hieroglyphic picture writing; ADJ.
hilarity boisterous mirth (merriment; laughter); ADJ. hilarious: full of laughter
hindmost furthest behind; farthest to the rear
wage begin and continue (a war)
hindrance block; obstacle; V. hinder
hinterlands back country; inner part of a country; OP. foreland
hireling one who serves for hire (usually used contemptuously); one who works solely for compensation; Ex. hireling politician
hirsute hairy; having a lot of hair
histrionic theatrical; excessively dramatic or emotional; affected; of actors or acting; N. histrionics: histrionic behavior
historic important in history; Ex. historic battle
historical connected with history; based on events in history (whether regarded as important or not)
hoard stockpile; accumulate for future use; N: supply stored for future use
hoary white with age
hoax trick which makes someone take action; practical joke; Ex. hoax mail; V.
holocaust destruction by fire; CF. burnt whole; CF. Holocaust
holster leather pistol case (that hangs on a belt around the waist)
homage honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to
homeostasis tendency of a system or organism to maintain relative stability or internal equilibrium; CF. homeo-: constant; Ex. homeotherm
homespun domestic; made at home; spun or woven at home; simple and ordinary; Ex. homespun philosophy
spin rotate swiftly; make (thread) by twisting (cotton, wool, etc.); N.
homily sermon; tedious moralizing lecture; serious warning; ADJ. homiletic
homogeneous of the same kind; uniform in composition throughout
hone sharpen (a tool); N: whetstone for sharpening a tool
hoodwink deceive; delude

• horde crowd; swarm
swarm large group of insects moving in a mass; crowd of people or animals; V: move in a crowd or mass
hortatory encouraging; exhortive; marked by exhortation; CF. exhort
horticultural pertaining to cultivation of gardens; N. horticulture: science or art of cultivating fruits, vegetables, or ornamental plants; CF. agriculture: science or art of growing crops
hostility unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ. hostile
hovel shack; small wretched house
hut crude dwelling; shack
shack crude cabin
shed small roofed structure for storage and shelter; V: pour forth; lose by natural process; repel without allowing penetration; radiate; cast; Ex. shed tears/light/water/skin/leaves
hover hang about; (of birds or aircraft) stay in the air in one place; (of people) wait nearby; stay around one place; wander; be in an uncertain state
hubbub confused uproar; loud noise; din
hubris arrogance; excessive self-conceit
hue color; aspect; Ex. opinions of every hue
hue and cry outcry; loud cry or clamor; strong protest; Ex. hue and cry against the new rule
humane marked by kindness or consideration; kind and compassionate; humanitarian
humanitarian one devoted to the promotion of human welfare; CF. humanism
humdrum dull; monotonous
humid damp; N. humidity
humility humbleness of spirit
humble of low rank or position; modest; having a low opinion of oneself and a high opinion of others; unassuming; not proud; V. humble: make humble; cause to feel ashamed or to lose the respect of others
hummock small hill; hillock
humus substance or rich soil formed by decaying vegetable matter; CF. soil
hurtle crash; rush; move with great speed; Ex. hurtling runaway train
husband use sparingly; conserve; save; Ex. husband one’s energy; CF. householder
husbandry frugality; thrift; economy; agriculture; farming; Ex. animal husbandry; CF. husbandman
hybrid mongrel; mixed breed; V. hybridize
mongrel plant or animal (esp. a dog) of mixed breed; ADJ.
pedigree line of ancestors; ancestry; lineage; ADJ. (of an animal) descended from of a chosen family; Ex. pedigree dog; CF. crane’s foot
- **hydrophobia** fear of water; rabies
- **rabies** disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)
- **hygiene** science and practice of the promotion and preservation of health; ADJ. hygienic: showing careful attention to cleanliness (to prevent disease); Ex. hygienic condition
- **hyperbole** exaggeration; overstatement; ADJ. hyperbolic: of hyperbole; of a hyperbola
- **hypereritical** excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)
- **hypochondriac** person unduly worried about his health; worrier without cause about illness; ADJ. hypochondriac: neurosis that one is or is becoming ill; CF. abdomen
- **hypocritical** pretending to be virtuous; deceiving; N. hypocrisy: profession of beliefs one does not possess; CF. hypocrite
- **hypothetical** based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N. hypothesis
- **ichthyology** study of fish; CF. ichthyo-: fish
- **icon (ikon)** religious image; idol; image or representation
- **iconoclastic** attacking cherished traditions; N. iconoclast: one who attacks traditional ideas; one who destroys sacred images
- **ideology** system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture
- **idiom** expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its individual words; distinctive style (of expression); Ex. idiom of the modern popular music; ADJ. idiomatic
- **idiosyncrasy** individual trait usually odd in nature; behavioral peculiarity; eccentricity; attitude, behavior, or opinion peculiar to a person; anything highly individual or eccentric; ADJ. idiosyncratic
- **idolatry** worship of idols; excessive admiration or devotion; ADJ. idolatrous
- **idyllic** charmingly carefree; simple and happy; Ex. idyllic scene
- **idyll (idyl)** short poem idealizing rural life; simple happy period of life (in the country); scene from such a time; Ex. idyll of two young lovers
- **igneous** produced by fire; of fire; volcanic; (of rocks) formed from lava; Ex. igneous meteorite
- **ignite** kindle; light; catch fire or set fire to
- **ignoble** unworthy; not noble; dishonorable; Ex. ignoble deed
- **ignominy** deep disgrace; shame or dishonor; ADJ. ignominious; Ex. ignominious defeat
- **illicit** illegal
- **illimitable** infinite; limitless
- **illuminate** brighten; clear up or make understandable; enlighten; enable to understand; Ex. illuminating remarks
immaculate  spotless; flawless; absolutely clean

tenant  one that pays rent to use property owned by another

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

imminent  impending; near at hand

immobility  state of being immovable

immolate  offer or kill as a sacrifice (by fire)

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

immure  imprison; shut up in confinement; CF. wall

immutable  unchangeable

impair  injure; hurt; damage

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

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

impartial  not biased; fair; N. impartiality

impart  grant a share of; make known; Ex. news to impart

impassable  not able to be traveled or crossed

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

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

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

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

impecable  faultless

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

impecunious  without money

impede  hide; retard or obstruct the progress of; block

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

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

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

impending  nearing; approaching; about to happen

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

impenitent  not repentant

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

imperceptible  unnoticed; impossible to perceive; undetectable
masquerade  wear a mask or disguise; pretend; N: costume party or ball at which masks are worn; pretense; disguise

impotent  weak; ineffective; lacking in physical strength or power

crave  desire; want intensely

implication  curse; swearword

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

impregnate  make pregnant; fill thoroughly; saturate

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

impropriety  improperness; unsuitableness

improvident  thriftless; not providing for the future

improvise  compose on the spur of the moment

imprudent  lacking caution; not prudent; injudicious

impudence  impertinence; insolence

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

impuissance  powerlessness; feebleness

impunity  freedom from punishment or harm; CF. punish

impute  attribute; ascribe; charge; N. imputation

inadvertently  unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly

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

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

inane  silly; senseless; Ex. inane remarks; N. inanity

inanimate  lifeless; not animate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

bewitch  cast a spell over; captivate completely

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

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

incapacitate  disable; N. incapacity: lack of capacity

incarcerate  imprison

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

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

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

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

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

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

inception  start; beginning

incessant  uninterrupted; unceasing
inchoate (of desire, wish, plan) recently begun; not explicit; at the beginning of development; rudimentary; elementary; Ex. inchoate mass

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

incidental not essential; minor; N: something incidental

incident event; event that causes a crisis

incipient beginning; in an early stage

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

incite arouse to action; goad; motivate; induce to exist; Ex. incite a riot/the crowd to rebellion

inclement stormy; unkind; unmerciful; CF. clement

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

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

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

inasmuch as since; owing to the fact that

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

inculcate teach (ideas or principles); instill

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

incur bring upon oneself

incursion temporary invasion; CF. excursion: short journey

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

indefatigable tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired

indelible not able to be erased

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

indent charge; N. indictment

indigent poor; destitute

indigenous native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World

indigent poor; destitute

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

righteous morally upright; just

rightful legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

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

indiscriminate choosing at random; confused; not based on careful distinctions
indisputable  too certain to be disputed; beyond doubt
indissoluble  permanent; impossible to dissolve or disintegrate
indite  write; compose
indolent  lazy
indomitable  unconquerable; unyielding
indubitable  unable to be doubted; which cannot be doubted; unquestionable
induce  persuade; lead to do something; bring about; N. inducement
inductive  pertaining to induction or proceeding from the specific to the general
induct  place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N. induction: inducting; process of deriving general principles from particular facts
indulgent  humoring; yielding; lenient; showing indulgence
indulge  yield to; gratify; allow oneself a special pleasure; Ex. indulge one's every whim/a child/in a big cigarette; N. indulgence
humor  indulge; comply with the wishes of; N. quality that makes something amusing; state of mind; mood; Ex. in a bad humor; Ex. out of humor
industrious  diligent; hard-working; N. industry
inebriated  habitually intoxicated; drunk; N. inebriety
inebriate  make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person
intoxicate  make drunk; stimulate or excite; Ex. intoxicated by all the money he might win
ineffable  unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Ex. ineffable name/joy
ineffectual  not effective; not having a desired effect; weak
ineluctable  irresistible; not to be escaped; unavoidable
inept  unsuited; inappropriate; lacking skill; incompetent; CF. inapt: (of statements or ideas) inappropriate
inequity  unfairness; ADJ. inequitable
inerrancy  infallibility
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
inevitable  unavoidable
inexorable  relentless; unyielding; implacable; not capable of being changed by entreaty or efforts; Ex. inexorable price rises
infallible  unerring; never making mistakes
infamous  notoriously bad; notorious; well known for being bad; Ex. infamous behavior; N: infamy: infamous act; evil fame or reputation
infantile  childish; infantlike
infer  deduce; conclude; N. inference
infenral  pertaining to hell; devilish; N. inferno: place of fiery heat or destruction
infidel  unbeliever (with respect to a particular religion)
infiltrate  pass into or through; penetrate or enter (an organization) sneakily; Ex. infiltrate the troops into enemy territory; CF. infiltrator
penetrate  enter into; pierce; permeate; see through; grasp the inner significance of; understand
infinitesimal  very small
infirmity  weakness
inflated  exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with air or gas)
influx  flowing into
infraction  violation (of a rule or regulation); breach
infringe violate (a law); encroach (the right of another person)

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

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

ingenuous naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid

ingenue ingénue; young innocent girl

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

ingrate ungrateful person (not expressing thanks)

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

inherent firmly established by nature or habit; intrinsic

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

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

uninhibited having no inhibitions; free in behavior and feelings

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

inimitable matchless; not able to be imitated

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

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

injurious harmful; causing injury

inkling hint; slight indication

innate inborn

innocuous harmless

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

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

insensible without feeling; lacking sense; foolish

insensate without feeling; lacking sense; foolish

insensible unconscious; unresponsive; insensitive; unaware; imperceptible; Ex. insensible of his danger/to pain; Ex. insensible change; CF. not the opposite of sensible

insidious treacherous; stealthy; sly; working or spreading harmfully in a stealthy manner; Ex. insidious spreading of dry rot

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

insolvent bankrupt; lacking money to pay; N. insolvency

insomnia wakefulness; inability to sleep

insouciant without concern or care; unconcerned; indifferent

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

insubordination disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. insubordinate

insubstantial lacking substance; insignificant; frail; immutable

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

insuperable insurmountable; unbeatable; Ex. insuperable difficulties

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

insurgent rebellious; N.

insurmountable overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable

insurrection rebellion; uprising

intangible not able to be perceived by touch; vague

integral complete; necessary for completeness; Ex. integral part

integrate make whole; combine; make into one unit

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

healthy possessing good health; healthful

wholesome conducive to mental or physical health; healthful
upright (sitting or standing) straight up; honest; moral

intellect higher mental powers; person of great intellectual ability

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

inter bury; N. interment

cemetery place for burying the dead

interd dict prohibit; forbid; N.

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

interloper intruder; one who interferes

interminable endless

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

internece mutually destructive

interpolate insert between

interregnum period between two successive reigns or governments

interrogate question closely; cross-examine; cross-question

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

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

intimidate frighten; N. intimidation

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

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

intrepid fearless

intrins ic essential; inherent; built-in

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

engulf surround and swallow up
inveterate deep-rooted; habitual; CF. grow old
invidious designed to create ill will or envy; tending to rouse ill will or envy; Ex. invidious comparison
invincible unconquerable
inviolable secure from corruption, attack, or violation(or profanation); unassailable; Ex. inviolable oath/rights; N. inviolability
invocation prayer for help (used in invoking); calling upon as a reference or support; act of invoking
invoke call and bring into use (a right or law); call on/upon (a higher power or god) for help; ask for; beg for; conjure (a spirit); Ex. invoke the veto power; Ex. invoke one’s advisor/God
invulnerable incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure
iota very small quantity
irascible irritable; easily angered
irate angry; CF. ire: anger; wrath
iridescent exhibiting rainbowlike colors; Ex. iridescent oil slick; N. iridescence
irksome annoying; tedious; V. irk: annoy
irronic expressing irony; occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner
irony hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean; use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning
irreconcilable impossible to reconcile; incompatible; not able to be resolved
irrefutable indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable
irrelevant not applicable; unrelated
irremediable incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy
irreparable not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair
irrepressible not able to be restrained or held back; impossible to hold back
irreproachable beyond reproach; blameless; impeccable; Ex. irreproachable conduct
irresolute uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N. irresolution
indecisive marked by indecision; inconclusive; Ex. indecisive battle
indecision irresolution; inability to make up one’s mind
irretrievable impossible to recover or regain; CF. retrieve
irreverence lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent
irrevocable unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke
isotope varying from of an element

isthmus narrow neck of land connecting two larger bodies of land
itinerant wandering; traveling from place to place (to perform work); Ex. itinerant preacher
itinerary plan of a trip; record of a trip
jabber chatter rapidly or unintelligibly
jibe poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows
jaded tired or uninterested by surfeit; fatigued; surfeited; worn out; wearied; Ex. jaded appetite
jargon language used by special group; technical terminology; gibberish; nonsensical or incoherent talk
jaundiced yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs; Ex. with a jaundiced eye
jaundice medical condition in which the skin, the white part of the eyes, etc. turn yellow; V. affect with jaundice; affect with prejudice, envy, or hostility; bias
jaunt trip; short journey
jaunty cheerful and pleased with life; lighthearted; amused; easy and carefree; dapper in appearance; Ex. jaunty person/hat
jeopardize endanger; imperil; put at risk; N. jeopardy: danger
jettison throw overboard (from a ship or plane)
jibe agree; be in harmony with; gibe
jingoist extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist; N. jingoism: extreme nationalism
jocose given to(having a tendency of) joking
jocular said or done in jest or playfully; marked by joking
jest playful remark or act; V. act or speak playfully
jocund merry
jollity gaiety; cheerfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry; gay
jostle shove; bump; push against (someone) rather roughly; Ex. jostled by the crowds
shove push forward; push roughly; Ex. pushing and shoving to get on the bus; N.
bump hit or knock against with force; N.
jubilation rejoicing; great joy
judicious sound on judgment; wise
juggernaut irresistible crushing force; overwhelming advancing force that crushes everything in its path
jug pitcher; container for holding liquids
juncture crisis; point in time; joining point; joint; act of joining
junket trip especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense
junta group of persons joined in political intrigue; cabal; group of military officers ruling a country after seizing power (by force)

jurisprudence science of law
jurisdiction right and power to apply the law; authority
juridical of the law and its administration; CF. judicial: of courts of law; CF. judiciary
juxtapose place side by side; CF. next
kaleidoscope tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass, etc. produce interesting symmetrical effects; series of changing events; Ex. kaleidoscope of European history; CF. beautiful

ken range of knowledge; Ex. beyond one’s ken
kernel central or vital part; core; whole seed (as of corn)
kidjoy grouch; spoilsport; one who intentionally spoils the pleasure of others
grouch bad-tempered complaint; person who keeps complaining; V: complain; grumble
spoil sport one who spoils the pleasure of others
kindle start a fire; ignite; inspire; arouse
kindred related; belonging to the same group; similar in nature or character; Ex. kindred languages; N: relative; kin; kinship
kinetic producing motion; of motion
kismet fate; destiny; Ex. Kismet is the Arabic word for fate.
kleptomaniac person who has a compulsive desire to steal
knave untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel; jack; N. knavery
knead mix; work dough; mix and work into a uniform mass (with the hands); Ex. knead dough
knell tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V.
toll sound (a large bell) slowly at regular intervals; N: sound of a bell; fixed tax or charge
curfew regulation requiring all people to leave the streets at stated times; signal (as a bell) announcing the hour of a curfew
knit contract into wrinkles; grow together; join together closely; make (a fabric or garment) by interwining yarn or thread; Ex. knit the brow; Ex. The bones should knit together in a few weeks.
crochet make (a piece of needlework) by looping thread with a hooked needle; N. CF. crotchet
knoll little round hill; hillock
knotty intricate; difficult; tangled; CF. knot
kudos honor; glory; acclaim or praise for exceptional achievement
entourage group of attendants; retinue; CF. surround
labile likely to change; unstable; Ex. emotionally labile; N. lability

laborious demanding much work or care; tedious
labyrinth maze
laceration torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound
rip tear or be torn quickly and violently; Ex. The sail ripped under the force of the wind; N.
rag scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance
lachrymose producing tears; tearful
lackadaisical lacking interest or effort; lacking purpose or zest; lazy; halfhearted; languid
halfhearted exhibiting little interest or enthusiasm
lackluster lacking luster(shine; gloss); dull
laconic brief and to the point; using few words; terse
laggard slow; sluggish; N: one who lags; straggler
lag move or develop more slowly; straggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N.
straggle stray or fall behind (a main group); spread out in a scattered group; Ex. straggling marathon racer; Ex. straggling branch
♣ lagoon  shallow body of water or lake near a sea; lake separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs

♣ laity  laypersons; laymen; persons not connected with the clergy

 ♥ layman  man who is not a cleric; man who is nonprofessional

□ lament  grieve; express sorrow; N. lamentation

♣ lampoon  ridicule; N: written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution

♣ lancet  small surgical tool for making incisions

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

□ languid  lacking energy or vitality; weary; sluggish; listless

□ languish  lose animation or strength

□ languor  lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression

♣ lank  long and thin; Ex. Lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln

♣ lap  take in food or drink with one’s tongue; splash gently; Ex. waves lapping the shore; N: front area from the waist to the knees of a seated person

♣ larceny  theft; Ex. petit larceny

♣ larder  pantry; place where food is kept

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

□ lascivious  lustful

♥ lust  intense sexual desire; intense eagerness; V.

♣ lassitude  languor; weariness; listlessness

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

□ lateral  of or coming from the side

♣ latitude  freedom from narrow limitations

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

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

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

♣ leaven  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

♥ enliven  make lively or spirited; animate

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

♣ lectern  reading desk or stand for a public speaker

♣ leery  (of someone) suspicious; wary; cautious

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

♥ margin  border; room; allowance beyond what is needed; Ex. margin of safety

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

□ legacy  gift made by a will; something handed down from an ancestor

□ legend  explanatory list of symbols on a map

♣ legerdemain  slight(dexterity) of hand; CF. light of hand

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

♥ permissive  allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society

□ leonine  like a lion

□ lethal  deadly

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

♣ levee  earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding; CF. raise

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

□ levity  lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner

♣ levy  impose (a fine); collect (a payment); impose or collect (a tax); Ex. levy a tax on tobacco

□ lewd  lustful

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

♣ lexicon  dictionary

♣ liability  drawback; handicap; debts; obligation; responsibility; condition of being liable; ADJ. liable: likely; responsible (for paying)

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

□ libel  defamatory written statement; act of writing something that smears a person’s character; V. ADJ. libelous

♣ libertine  debauched person; dissolve or licentious person; roué; CF. free

♥ roué  lecherous man

□ libidinous  lustful

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

♣ libretto  text of an opera or oratorio; CF. book

□ licentious  amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained

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

♣ lien  legal claim or right on a property

♣ ligneous  like wood
♠ lilliputian extremely small; CF. Lilliput in Gulliver’s Travels
♠ limber flexible; supple; pliable; V.
♠ limbo region near heaven or hell where certain souls are kept; prison (slang); Ex. Purgatory and Limbo
♥ abide dwelling place; home
♥ abide dwell; abide by: comply with; put up with; tolerate; Ex. abide by the rules; Ex. I can’t abide rude people.
♠ limn draw; outline; describe; CF. line?
♠ limpid crystal clear
don lineage descent; ancestry
♦ lineaments features especially of the face; distinctive shape or contour of the face; CF. line
♥ feature distinctive part of the faces (as the eyes or mouth); features: overall appearance of the face; prominent or distinctive quality; prominent article; film; V: make prominent
♥ linger loiter or dawdle; be slow in leaving; delay going; continue or persist; be slow to disappear; Ex. The smell lingered for days.
♥ persist continue in existence; last; continue in a course of action in spite of opposition; Ex. persist in/with something; ADJ. persistent
♦ linguistic pertaining to language
♥ lionize treat (a person) as a celebrity
♥ liquidate settle accounts; pay off (a debt); clear up; eliminate; kill or abolish
♥ list tilt (as of a ship); lean over (to one side)
♦ listless lacking in spirit or energy; languid
♠ litany supplicatory prayer; prayer in which the priest calls out and the people replies in the same words
♠ lithe flexible; supple; CF. limber
♥ willowy flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow
♠ litigation lawsuit; N. litigant: one party in a lawsuit; V. litigate
♠ litotes understatement for emphasis; Ex. “not bad(=pretty good)”
♥ understate state with less truth than seems warranted by the facts; Ex. He understated the seriousness of the crime; N. understatement; OP. overstate
♠ livid lead-colored; black and blue (as from a bruise); ashen; enraged; extremely angry
♠ loath reluctant; unwilling; disinclined; Ex. Romeo and Juliet were both loath for him to go.
♦ loathe detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell
♠ lode metal-bearing vein(long deposit of an ore)
♦ lofty very high
♥ loft room or space under the roof; attic
♦ log record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities; section of a trunk; V.
♦ loiter hang about/around; stand idly about; linger
♠ lol lounge about
♥ lounge stand, sit, or lie in a lazy, relaxed way
♦ longevity long life; long duration
♠ loom appear or take shape (usually in an enlarged, indistinct, or distorted form); Ex. The shadow of the gallows loomed threateningly. N: apparatus for making thread into cloth
♥ gallows framework from which a noose is suspended (used for execution by hanging)
♥ noose loop formed in a rope
♠ lope gallop slowly
♦ loquacious talkative; N. loquacity
♠ lout clumsy person; ADJ. loutish; CF. from countrysides
♠ low moo; make the sound of a cow
♦ lubricate apply a lubricant to; N. lubricant: substance that reduces friction
□ lucid easily understood; clear; intelligible; N. lucidity
□ lucrative profitable; producing wealth
♠ lucre money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre
♣ filthy dirty matter; ADJ. filthy
♠ ludicrous laughable; ridiculous; trifling
♠ lugubrious mournful; sorrowful
♠ lull moment of calm; period of reduced activity; Ex. a lull in the rain; V: cause to become less active; cause to sleep or rest; Ex. lull the opponents into a false sense of security; CF. lullaby
♠ lumber move heavily or clumsily; Ex. The bear lumbered through the woods; N: timber
♠ lumen unit of light energy (one candle’s worth)
♠ luminary celebrity (in a specific field); dignitary; object that gives light (as a celestial body)
♥ dignitary person of high rank or position
♦ luminous shining (esp. in the dark); issuing light; Ex. luminous paint/road signs
□ lunar pertaining to the moon
♥ lunatic insane; Ex. lunatic asylum
♠ lurid wild; sensational; graphic; gruesome; horrible; Ex. lurid details of the murder
♠ lurk stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist unperceived
♥ slink move furtively; ADJ. slinky: stealthy; furtive; sneaky (as in ambush)
♠ luscious pleasing to taste or smell; delicious
♠ luster shine; gloss (of a polished surface)
♠ lustrous shining; brilliant; Ex. lustrous hair
♠ luxuriant abundant; growing healthily and in large amounts; excessively ornate; rich and splendid; fertile; Ex. luxuriant forests/prose; CF. luxurious, luxuriate
♠ macabre gruesome; grisly; ghastly; CF. of death
♥ morgue mortuary; place where bodies are kept before burial or cremation
♥ cremate incinerate (a corpse); N. crematory, crematorium
♠ mace ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority; club-like medieval weapon
♠ macerate soften by soaking in liquid; waste away; Ex. macerate powdered wood to make paper
♠ Machiavellian crafty; double-dealing; of the political doctrine of Machiavelli, which holds that craft and deceit are justified in pursuing political power
♠ machinations evil schemes or plots; schemes or plots to achieve an evil end; V. machinate
♠ maculated spotted; stained; CF. immaculate
♠ madrigal pastoral song; song for several singers without instruments
♠ maelstrom violent whirlpool; violent or turbulent situation; CF. stream
♠ magisterial authoritative; imperious; commanding; of a magistrate; Ex. magisterial study of Roman law; Ex. magisterial manner
♥ magistrate official with power to administer the law
□ magnanimity generosity; ADJ. magnanimous: generous
♠ magnate person of prominence or influence; powerful or influential person (in business or industry); Ex. oil magnate
□ magniloquent boastful; pompous
□ magnitude greatness (in size or extent); extent
♠ maim mutilate; injure lastingly; disable; cripple; Ex. maimed for life
♥ mangle tear or cut to pieces; mutilate or disfigure; Ex. badly mangled bodies
□ maladroit clumsy; not skillful; awkward; bungling
□ malady illness
♠ malaise uneasiness; vague feeling of ill health (without any particular pain or appearance of disease)
♠ malapropism comic misuse of a word; CF. Mrs. Malaprop
♥ malapropos inappropriate; ADV.
□ malcontent person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs; discontented person; ADJ: discontented
□ malediction curse
□ malefactor evil doer; criminal
♥ maleficient doing evil; N. maleficence
□ malevolent wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence
♠ malefeasance wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)
□ malicious hateful; spiteful; expressing malevolence; N. malice: desire to harm others; spite
□ malign speak evil of; bad-mouth (criticize spitefully); defame; ADJ: harmful; Ex. malign influence
□ malignant tending to cause death; highly injurious; aggressively malevolent; Ex. malignant tumor
□ malingering one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malingering: feign illness to avoid work
♠ malleable (of a metal) capable of being shaped by pounding (beating); pliable; (of someone) impressionable (easily influenced); easily controlled; tractable
□ malodorous foul-smelling
♥ compost mixture of decaying organic matter used as fertilizer; V: put or make compost
□ mammal vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young
vertebrate having a backbone or spinal column; N: group of animals having a segmented spinal column

suckle give or take milk at the breast or udder

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

mammoth gigantic; enormous

manacle restrain; handcuff; N.

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

mandatory obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate

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

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

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

manifest evident; visible; obvious; V: show plainly

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

pronounced distinct; very noticeable; Ex. pronounced limp

manifesto public declaration of principles; statement of policy

manifold many in number or kind; numerous; varied

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

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

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

manumit emancipate; free from slavery or bondage

marital pertaining to marriage

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

cadet student at a military school

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

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

masochist person who enjoys his own pain; CF. masochism

masticate chew

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

maternal motherly; N. maternity: motherhood

matriarch woman who rules a family or larger social group

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

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

maudlin effusively sentimental

sentimental swayed by sentiment; appealing to the sentiments

maul handle roughly; batter; injure by beating; Ex. mauled by his overexcited fans; N: heavy long-handled hammer
mAusoleum monumental tomb; large stately tomb; CF. Mausolos
mAuve pale purple
mAverick rebel; nonconformist (in a group)
mawkish mushy(sentimental) and gushy; icky-sticky sentimental; excessively and objectionably sentimental
mmaxim proverb; truth pithily stated
mMayhem injury to body; crime of willfully maiming or crippling a person; violent disorder; Ex. mayhem in the zoo; CF. maim
mmeager scanty; inadequate
mmealymouthed indirect in speech (when something unpleasant must be said); hypocritical; evasive
mmeander wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly
mmeddlesome interfering; V. meddle; interfere
mmediate settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate a cease-fire
mintermediary intermediate; acting as a mediator; N: mediator; go-between
mmediocre ordinary; commonplace; neither good nor bad
mmeditation reflection; thought; V. meditate
mmedium 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
mmedley mixture
mmeek submissive; patient and long-suffering
msuitor man who is courting a woman
mmegalomania mania for doing grandiose things; mental disorder characterized by delusions of wealth, power, or importance
mmelancholy gloomy; morose; blue; N. ADJ. melancholic; CF. melancholia
mblue gloomy; depressed
imelee fight
mmellifluous (of words or a voice) sweetly or smoothly flowing; melodious; having a pleasant tune
mmemento token; reminder of the past; keepsake; Ex. memento of your visit
mmemorialize commemorate
m memorial something, such as a monument or holiday, intended to honor the memory of a person or event; ADJ: commemorative
mmenagerie collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo
mMendacious lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity
mMendicant beggar; ADJ: living as a beggar
almgs money or goods given to the poor
menial suitable for servants; lowly; mean; N: someone who does menial work (esp. servant in a house)
mentor counselor; teacher
mercantile concerning trade or merchants
mMercenary motivated solely by money or gain; N.
mmercurial capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex. mercurial temper; CF. mood
mQuicksilver mercury
mmeretricious flashy; tawdry; attractive on the surface but of no real value; Ex. metericulous argument/jewel; CF. prostitute
mvulgar of the common people; deficient in refinement; not refined; coarse; Ex. vulgar display of wealth; N. vulgarism: vulgarity; crudely indecent word; CF. vulgarian: vulgar person; boor; lout
mmerger combination (of two business corporations); act of merging
mmesmerize hypnotize; N. mesmerism; CF. Franz Mesmer
mmetallurgical pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores; N. metallurgy: science that deals with extracting metals from ores
mmetamorphosis change of form; Ex. metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly; V. metamorphose: change by metamorphosis
mmetaphor implied comparison; CF. simile
msoar rise or fly high in the air; Ex. The rocket soared into the sky.
mmetaphysical pertaining to speculative philosophy; of metaphysics; N. metaphysics: branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality
mmete measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment
mmeteoric like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Ex. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor
mmethodical systematic; N. method: systematic method of procedure
mmeticulous excessively careful (with great attention to detail); painstaking; scrupulous
mmetropolis large city
mmettle courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ. mettlesome
mmiasma swamp gas; heavy vaporous atmosphere often emanating from decaying matter; pervasive corrupting influence; noxious atmosphere or influence
mswamp wetland; marsh; V: flood; overwhelm; drench in with liquid
mmicrocosm small representative world; world in miniature; Ex. microcosm of English society
miniature small model; small painting; ADJ: small
d □ migrant changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N: one that migrates
d □ migratory wandering; V. migrate: move from one region and settle in another; move periodically from one region to another
♦ milieu social environment; means of expression; Ex. feel out of one’s milieu; Ex. His proper milieu is watercolor.
d □ militant combative; bellicose; N.
♦ militate work against; Ex. militate against the chances of promotion; CF. serve as a soldier
♥ militia army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers
d □ millennium thousand-year period (as in the New Testament); hoped-for period of happiness and prosperity
d □ mimicry imitation
d ♠ mime pantomime (act without dialogue); mimicry; mimer; V: mimic; pantomime
♦ minatory menacing; threatening
d ♠ mincing affectedly dainty (delicate); V. mince: cut (esp. meat) into very small pieces; walk with exaggerated primness; walk in an unnatural way, taking little short steps; Ex. The actor minced across the stage; CF. mincemeat; CF. mincer
d ♥ dainty delicate; delicately beautiful; fastidious; not easy to please; Ex. dainty movement/dress
d ♥ exquisite delicate; very finely made; extremely beautiful; Ex. exquisite piece of jewelry
d ♥ choice delicate; of very fine quality
d ♠ minion servile dependent; obsequious follower
d ♠ minuscule(miniscule) extremely small
d □ minute extremely small; CF. minutes: official record of the proceedings at a meeting
d ♠ minutiae petty or trivial details; CF. minutiad
 □ mirage unreal reflection; optical illusion
d ♠ mire entangle; stick in swampy ground; stick or sink in mire; N: bog; deep mud; Ex. sucked deeper into the mire
d ♥ mirth merriment; laughter
d ♠ misadventure mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure
d □ misanthrope one who hates mankind; misanthropist
♥ vile despicable; unpleasant; disgusting; Ex. vile slander
 □ misapprehension error; misunderstanding; V. misapprehend
 □ miscellany mixture of writings on various subjects; collection of various items
 ♦ miscellaneous made up of a variety of parts
d ♠ mischance ill luck
 □ misconstrue interpret incorrectly; misinterpret; misjudge
d ♠ miscreant wretch; wrongdoer; villain; Ex. kindness to the miscreant; CF. believe
♥ wretch miserable person; bad or despicable person; ADJ. wretched: miserable; bad; contemptible; vile
d □ misdemeanor minor crime; misdeed; wrongdoing
♥ misconduct immoral behavior; bad management; V.
misogamy  hatred of marriage
misogynist  hater of woman; CF. misogyny
missile  object to be thrown or projected
missive  letter; written statement; CF. sent
mite  very small object or insect-like creature; small coin
mitigate  appease; moderate; make or become less in force or intensity
mnemonic  pertaining to memory; assisting the memory; N: device, such as as formula or rhyme, used as a mnemonic aid
mobile  movable; not fixed; N. mobility
mock  ridicule; deride; imitate often in derision
mode  prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life
modicum  limited quantity; small amount; Ex. He does not have a modicum of sense; CF. moderate
modish  fashionable; conforming to the current fashion
modulate  tone down in intensity; change the intensity or tone of; regulate; change from one musical key to another; Ex. modulate from E to G
mogul  powerful person; Ex. oil moguls; CF. Mogol, Moghul; CF. Mongolian
molecule  the smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance that has all the properties of that substance
mollify  soothe an angry person
mollycoddle  pamper; coddle; baby; indulge excessively
molt(moult)  periodically shed or cast off hairs or feathers (for replacement by a new growth)
molten  melted; Ex. molten lava
momentous  very important; N. moment; CF. momentary
momentum  quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus; moving force
monarchy  government under a single ruler
monastic  related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns
monetary  pertaining to money
monochromatic  having only one color
monochrome  painting in only one color; ADJ.
monogram  design composed of one or more initials of a name; V.
monograph  scholarly article
monolithic  solidly uniform; unchangeable; unyielding; N. monolith: large block of stone
monotheism  belief in one God
monotony  sameness leading to boredom; monotonousness; ADJ. monotonous; CF. monotone
monumental  massive; impressively large; built as a monument
moodiness  fits of depression or gloom; ADJ. moody: given to changeable moods; subject to periods of depression; gloomy CF. mood: state of mind or emotion
moratorium  legal delay of payment or action; Ex. declare moratorium on the building of new houses
morbid  given to unwholesome or unhealthy thought; moody; characteristic of disease; Ex. morbid curiosity; N. morbidity; CF. disease
mordant  biting; sarcastic; stinging; (apprec.) incisive; cutting; Ex. mordant pen/wit
mores  conventions; moral standards; moral customs
moribund  dying; at the point of death; CF. death
morose  ill-humored; sullen; sullenly melancholy
mortician  undertaker; CF. death
undertaker  funeral director; one whose business is to arrange burials
mortify  humiliate by embarrassing excessively; shame; punish the flesh; discipline (one’s body) by self-denial; Ex. mortified by her blunder; Ex. mortify the flesh; CF. cause to die
mosaic  picture made of small colorful inlaid tiles; ADJ.
mote  small speck (esp. of dust)
pek  small piece or mark; Ex. speck of dust in the eye
motif  theme; recurrent thematic element in a musical or literary work; single or repeated pattern; figure
motility  ability to move spontaneously; ADJ. motile: moving spontaneously
motley  multi-colored (as of a garment worn by a jester); mixed; heterogeneous; CF. jester: one who jests (as a paid fool at medieval courts)
motto  brief statement used to express a principle
mottled  blotched in coloring; spotted; Ex. mottled face; V. mottle: mark with blotches of different colors
mottle  spot; blot; CF. blot+botch
blemish  mar; spoil the beauty or perfection of; N: flaw or defect (that spoils perfection); Ex. blemishes in the crystal; CF. unblemished
mountebank  charlatan; boastful pretender
peddle  travel about selling (wares); CF. foot
muddle  confuse; mix up confusedly; N: state of confusion
muggy  (of weather) warm and damp
mulct  defraud a person of something; swindle; Ex. mulct the boy of his legacy
multiform  varied; greatly diversified; Ex. multifarious activities
multilingual  having many languages; fluent in several languages
multiplicity  state of being numerous or multiple; large number; Ex. multiplicity of details; ADJ. multiple: of more than one element

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

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

mural  wall painting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

myopic  nearsighted; lacking foresight; N. myopia

myriad  very large number; ADJ. CF. ten thousand

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

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

narcissist  conceited person; N. narcissism; CF. narcissus

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

nascent  incipient; coming into being or existence; Ex. nascent ability in music
nati\textsuperscript{on} swimming

\textbf{\text{natty}} neatly or smartly dressed; dapper; smart; Ex. natty dresser

\textbf{\text{natation}} swimming

\textbf{\text{nauti\textsuperscript{c}}} pertaining to ships or navigation

\textbf{\text{navigate}} (of a body of water) wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; (of a ship or aircraft) able to be steered

\textbf{\text{nebulous}} vague; hazy; cloudy; of a nebula; Ex. nebulous proposal

\textbf{\text{nebula}} diffuse mass of interstellar dust or gas; galaxy

\textbf{\text{nocturnal}} done or active at night; Ex. nocturnal animals/raids; CF. nocturne

\textbf{\text{nomadic}} wandering; N. nomad: tribe who migrates from place to place

\textbf{\text{nomenclature}} terminology (system of specialized words); system of names or naming things

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

\textbf{\text{nonchalant}} indifference; lack of concern; composure; ADJ. nonchalant: unconcerned; cool; indifferent; Ex. nonchalant attitude to his debts

\textbf{\text{nonentity}} person of no importance; nonexistence

\textbf{\text{nonplus}} put at a loss; bring to a halt by confusion; perplex; ADJ. nonchalant attitude to his debts

\textbf{\text{nose}} nostrum (questionable medicine; quack medicine; CF. nostrum (remedy)

\textbf{\text{notable}} distinguished; noted

\textbf{\text{notor\textsuperscript{i}ety}} disrepute; ill fame

\textbf{\text{not\textsuperscript{w}illist}} one who considers traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless; absolute skeptic; revolutionary terrorist; CF. nihilism: belief that nothing has meaning or value; belief that destruction of existing political or social institutions is necessary for future improvement

\textbf{\text{novel}} snip off; stop something's growth or development; bite; make numb with cold; Ex. nip the plan; Ex. A guard dog nipped the postman; Ex. fingers nipped by the extreme chill

\textbf{\text{novel\textsuperscript{ty}}} something new; newness; ADJ. novel: new; original

\textbf{\text{notable}} conspicuous; worthy of note; remarkable; important; distinguished; noted

\textbf{\text{nomination}} new or newly coined word or phrase

\textbf{\text{neophyte}} recent convert; new member of a religious group; beginner; CF. plant

\textbf{\text{neptotism}} favoritism (to a relative); CF. nephew

\textbf{\text{favoritism}} display of partiality toward a favored person

\textbf{\text{net}} irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettle\textsuperscript{some}

\textbf{\text{nexus}} connection

\textbf{\text{nib}} beak (bill); pen point

\textbf{\text{nicer}} precision; accuracy; minute distinction or difference; Ex. to a nicety: exactly; precisely; Ex. distinguish between niceties

\textbf{\text{niggardly}} meanly stingy; parsimonious; N. niggard: stingy person

\textbf{\text{niggling}} spend too much time on minor points (esp. when finding fault); find fault; Ex. niggling over details; ADJ. niggling
nuance  shade of slight difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction

shade  slight difference in degree; nuance; degree of color; Ex. shades of meaning/grey

gradation  series of gradual stages; degree in such a progression

nubile  marriageable; of marriageable age; CF. connubial

nugatory  worthless; futile

nullify  make invalid; make null; invalidate

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

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

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

nutrient  nourishing substance; ADJ: providing nourishment

nutrition  process of nourishing or being nourished; CF. malnutrition

nutritious  providing nourishment

nourish  provide with food necessary for life and growth

nourishment  something that nourishes; food

oaf  stupid awkward person; CF. elf

obdurate  stubborn; refusing to change one’s belief

obeisance  bow (to show respect and obedience)

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

obese  excessively fat; N. obesity

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

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

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

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

oblique  indirect; slanting (deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line); Ex. oblique reference

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

oblivion  obscurity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness

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

obloquy  slander; disgrace; infamy

obnoxious  offensive; disagreeable; Ex. obnoxious smell

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

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

slavish  of or like a slave; servile; showing no originality; copied very closely; Ex. slavish devotion/copy of the original

obsequy  funeral ceremony

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

obsidian  black volcanic rock

scion  detached plant shoot used in grafting; descendant
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- obsolete outmoded; no longer used
- obstetrician physician specializing in delivery (assisting in giving birth) of babies; N. obstetrics; CF. midwife
- obstinate stubborn; hard to control or treat; Ex. obstinate cough; N. obstinacy
- obstreperous boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable
- obtuse blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding
- obtrude push (oneself or one’s ideas) forward or intrude; impose (oneself or one’s ideas) on others; butt in; stick out or extrude; thrust out; Ex. obtrude A on B; ADJ. obtrusive; N. obtrusion; CF. unobtrusive
- obstuse blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding
- obviate make unnecessary; get rid of; Ex. obviate the need
- Occident the West
- odious arousing strong dislike; hateful (causing hatred); vile
- odium detestation; quality of being odious; hatefulfulness; disrepute (resulting from hateful conduct)
- odoriferous giving off an odor
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- odorous having an odor
- odyssey long, eventful, adventurous journey
- offensive attacking; insulting; distasteful; V. offend: violate; hurt the feelings of; N. offense: offending; violating of a moral or social code; crime; attack; Ex. first offense
- offhand casual; done without prior thought or preparation
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- officious meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one’s services; overly eager in offering unwanted services or advice; Ex. officious bellboy
- pushy disagreeably aggressive
- ogle look at amorously; make eyes at; Ex. old men ogling young girls
- olfactory concerning the sense of smell
- ominous government by a privileged few
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- threat sign or warning (of coming danger); Ex. threat of rain; V. express a threat; give warning of (something bad); Ex. The cloud threatens rain.
- omnipotent all-powerful; having unlimited power
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- omnipresent universally present; ubiquitous
- omniscient all-knowing
- omnivorous eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything
- onerous burdensome
- onomatopoeia words formed in imitation of natural sounds
- rustle make slight sounds like silk moving or being rubbed together
- onslaught vicious assault; fierce attack; Ex. unexpected onslaught of the enemy
- slaughter killing of animals for food; massacre; V. butcher (animals) for food; kill in large numbers
- onus burden; responsibility
- spare give; use; refrain from harming; save from experiencing; exempt; Ex. spare me 5 minutes; Ex. Take this money and spare my life; Ex. The emperor was spared the onus; ADJ. kept in reserve; free for other use; unoccupied; Ex. spare time
- opalescent iridescent; lustrous; like an opal; N. opalescence
- opaque dark; not transparent; N. opacity
- opiate medicine to induce sleep or deaden pain; something that relieves emotions or causes inaction; sleep-producing drug containing opium
- opportune timely; well-chosen
- opportunist individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances; N. opportunism
- opprobrium infamy; disgrace arising from shameful conduct; vilification (slander); scorn; contempt; Ex. opprobrium hurled against him; ADJ. opprobrious: expressing contempt; shameful or infamous
- optician maker and seller of eyeglasses
- optimist person who looks on the bright side; N. optimism
- optimum most favorable; optimal; N: most favorable condition
- optional not compulsory; left to one’s choice; N. option: act of choosing; choice; freedom or power to choose; something available as a choice; Ex. have no option; Ex. two options
- optometrist one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects
- opulence extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abundance; ADJ. opulent: possessing great wealth; abundant
- opus work (esp. musical composition); Ex. magnum opus: masterpiece; CF. opera
- oracle of an oracle; prophetic; uttered as if with divine authority; mysterious or ambiguous; hard to understand; N. oracle: wiser person; prophecy made by an oracle
- orator public speaker
- oratorio dramatic poem set to music; long musical work with singing but without acting; CF. cantata
- ordain decree or command; grant holy orders; predestine; install as a minister, priest, or rabbi; N. ordainment; CF. ordination
- ordeal severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial (test of patience or endurance); affliction
ordinance  decree; authoritative order

ordination  ceremony conferring holy orders; ceremony of ordaining a priest

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

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

orientation  act of finding oneself in society; orienting

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

ornate  excessively or elaborately decorated

ornithologist  scientific student of birds; N. ornithology: scientific study of birds

orthodox  traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine

orthography  correct spelling; CF. ortho-: straight; correct; Ex. orthodontics

oscillate  vibrate pendulumlike; waver

osseous  made of bone; bony

ossify  change or harden into bone; become hard and unchanging in one’s ideas

ostensible  apparent; appearing as such; professed (pretended); pretended; Ex. ostensible purpose of the expedition

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

ostentatious  showy; trying to attract attention; pretentious; N. ostentation: showy display

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

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

oust  expel; drive out; force out; N. ouster: ousting

outlandish  bizarre; peculiar; unconventional

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

outskirts  fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston

outspoken  candid; blunt

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

outstrip  outrun; surpass; outdo

outwit  outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly

ovation  enthusiastic applause

overbearing  bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing manner/importance; V. overbear: dominate

overt  open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert

overweening  arrogant; presumptuous
pacify: soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue; bring peace to
pacify

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

pall: become boring; grow tiresome
pall

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

pallid: pale; wan; Ex. pallid complexion
pallid

palpitate: throb; beat rapidly; flutter; tremble; Ex. Her heart began to palpitate.
palpitate

pan: criticize harshly
pan

panacea: cure-all; remedy for all diseases
panacea

panache: flair; manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache; CF. Janghela: the love
panache

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

pander: cater to (the low desires of others)
pander

cater: provide food and drink (for); cater to: try to satisfy (desires of a bad kind)
cater

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

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

pantomime: acting without dialogue; V.
pantomime

papyrus: ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant
papyrus

parable: short simple story teaching a moral
parable

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

paradox: something apparently contradictory in nature (that may nonetheless be true); statement that looks false but is actually correct
paradox

paragon: model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue
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paramount: foremost in importance; supreme; CF. para-: beyond; above; Ex. paranormal
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paranoiac: psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N: ADJ: paranoid, paranoiac
paranoid

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

parapsychology: study of prehistoric life or fossils; CF. paleo-: ancient or prehistoric; Ex. paleography: study of ancient written documents
parapsychology

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

pariah: social outcast; Ex. Mariah the pariah
pariah

parchment: writing material made from the skin of a sheep or goat
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parlance  language; manner of speaking; idiom; Ex. in legal/common parlance
parley  conference (between opponents); CF. speak
parochial  narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes
parish  area in the care of a single priest and served by one main church
outlook  point of view; view from a particular place; expectation for the future; prospect; Ex. outlook on life; Ex. pleasurable outlook; Ex. weather outlook
parody  humorous imitation; spoof; takeoff; travesty; V.
spoof  parody
takeoff  burlesque; act of leaving the ground
paroxysm  fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outburst
parquet  floor made of wood strips inlaid in a mosaic like manner; CF. strip: long narrow piece
parry  ward off a blow; deflect; Ex. He parried the unwelcome question very skillfully; N. CF. 막는다는 것이 아님
ward  administrative division of a city; division in a hospital or prison; incompetent person placed under the protection of a guardian; V: guard; ward off: avert
parsimony  stinginess; excessive frugality; ADJ. parsimonious
partial  incomplete; favoring one side over another; having a liking for something
partiality  state of being partial; inclination; favorable bias; special fondness; preference
partisan  one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party (with dislike of any others); N: strong supporter of a party; guerrilla
parvenu  upstart; newly rich person
partition  divide into parts
patronize  support; act superior toward; treat in a condescending manner; be a customer of; N. patron: one that supports; regular customer; N. patronage; CF. boycott
paucity  scarcity; dearth
pauper  very poor person
peccadillo  slight offense or fault; CF. sin
swipe  hit with a sweeping motion; N.
patina  green crust on old bronze works or copper; tone slowly taken by varnished painting
varnish  paint used to coat a surface with a glossy film; glossy coating produced by using this substance; Ex. nail varnish; V.
patois  local or provincial dialect
patriarch  father and ruler of a family or tribe
patrician  noble; aristocratic; N: person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF. plebian
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pecuniary pertaining to money
pedagogue teacher; CF. child leader
pedagogy teaching; art of education
pedant scholar who overemphasizes book learning, trivial details of learning, or technicalities
pedantic bookish; showing off learning; marked by an excessive ostentatious concern for book learning; N. pedantry

bookish fond of books and reading
studious given to diligent study
pedestrian ordinary; dull; unimaginative(lacking in imagination); going on foot; Ex. pedestrian prose; N.
precinct division of a city for election or police purposes; precincts: space that surrounds a building; Ex. precincts of the college
pedigree ancestry; lineage
pediatrician physician specializing in children’s diseases; N. pediatrics
peerless having no equal; incomparable
peer one who has equal standing with another; nobleman; V: look intently; N. peerage; CF. peeress
pejorative (of a word or phrase) suggesting that someone is of little value; negative in connotation; having a belittling effect; Ex. Many women now considers “housewife” a pejorative expression, because it patronized them.
pell-mell in confusion; disorderly; Ex. dash pell-mell
pellucid transparent; limpid(crystal clear); clear in meaning; easy to understand
penance self-imposed punishment for sin; Ex. do penance for one’s sins; CF. penitent
penchant strong inclination; strong liking (esp. for something that is disapproved of by other people); Ex. penchant for fast cars
pendant(pendent) hanging down from something; pendent; N: ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)
pending not yet decided or settled; impending; Ex. pending decision; PREP. while awaiting; until; Ex. delay the decision pending his return
pendulous hanging; suspended
suspend cause to stop for a period; interrupt; hold in abeyance; defer; hang from above; exclude for a period from a position; Ex. suspended state; Ex. suspend judgment; Ex. suspended from the team; N. suspension
suspend state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty
penitent repentant; N.
pensive dreamily or deeply thoughtful; sadly thoughtful; thoughtful with a hint of sadness; contemplative; CF. think over
penumbra partial shadow (in an eclipse); CF. almost shadow
penury extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy
peon landless agricultural worker; bond servant; menial worker; N. peonage
perceptive insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception
percussion striking one object against another sharply; Ex. percussion instrument; N: striking together of two bodies; sound caused by percussion
perdition damnation; complete ruin; hell
damn condemn; criticize severely; condemn to everlasting punishment; doom; bring to ruin; N. damnation
doom condemnation to a severe penalty; ruin; fate (esp. a tragic or ruinous one); V.
peregrination journey; V. peregrinate
peremptory demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock
perennial something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring
perfidious treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery
perforate pierce; put a hole through
perfunctory done routinely and with little care; superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; Ex. perfunctory kiss
perigee point of moon’s orbit when it is nearest the earth; CF. apogee
perimeter outer boundary; length of the outer boundary; circumference
bound leap or spring; limit or confine; constitute the limit of; Ex. bounded by Canada; N: leap or jumping; boundary; ADJ: certain; having a duty to do something (legally or morally); confined by bonds; Ex. We are bound to be late; Ex. I am bound to say my opinion; CF. bounce, rebound
peripatetic walking about from place to place (to work); moving; Ex. peripatetic school of philosophy
peripheral of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex. peripheral nerve/interest
periphery outside edge especially of a round surface; perimeter; Ex. periphery of the town
perjury false testimony while under oath; V. perjure oneself: testify falsely under oath
permeable that can be permeated; penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through; V. permeate: spread or flow throughout; charge
pernicious very harmful; deadly; very destructive; Ex. pernicious effect/anemia
peroration conclusion of an oration; perorating; V. perorate: conclude a speech; speak at great length
perpetrate commit an offense; do (something wrong)
perpetual  everlasting
perpetuate  make perpetual; make something last for a long time; preserve from extinction; N. perpetuity
perquisite(perk)  any gain above stipulated salary; Ex. perquisites such as free meals and a car
personable  attractive (in personality or appearance)
perspicacious  (of someone) having insight; penetrating; astute
perspicuity  clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity
perspicuous  (of something) plainly expressed; easy to understand; Ex. perspicuous comments
pert  (esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; trim; jaunty; Ex. pert young miss/hat
forward  presumptuous or bold
pertinacious  holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn; persistent
pertinent  suitable; to the point; relevant
perturb  disturb greatly
peruse  read through with care; N. perusal
pervasive  spread throughout; V. pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate
pervasive  (of something) progressively taken up or absorbed; communicated; (of a disease) spreading
perverse  purposely continuing to do something wrong; stubbornly wrongheaded; perverted; directed away from what is right; wicked and unacceptable; Ex. perverse satisfaction; Ex. Hannibal Lecter in a perverse mood; N. perversity
perversion  corruption; turning from right to wrong
pervert  corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural
wrongheaded  stubbornly wrong
pessimism  belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess; tendency to take the gloomiest possible view of a situation; ADJ. pessimistic
pestilential(pestilent)  causing plague; tending to cause death; baneful; N: pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)
pestle  tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar
mortar  vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle
mash  crush into mash; convert into mash; N: mixture of ground grain and nutrients fed to livestock and fowl
petrify  turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze
petty  trivial; unimportant; very small; small-minded; petty-minded
petulant  touchy; peevish; ill-tempered
phalanx  formation of infantry carrying overlapping shields and long spears; group of men packed together (for attack or defense)
□ philanthropist lover of mankind; doer of good; N. philanthropy

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

◆ philistine narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain; uncultured person who is indifferent to artistic and cultural values; member of an ancient people in Palestine; OP: aesthete

◆ philology study of language or words

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

□ phobia morbid fear

□ phoenix symbol of immortality or rebirth; Ex. phoenix rising from its ashes

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

◆ physiognomy face (as showing the character and the mind); art of judging human character from facial features

◆ physiological pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms; N. physiology

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

◆ piecemeal one part at a time; gradually; in stages; Ex. read a novel piecemeal

◆ pied piebald; variegated(many-colored); multicolored

□ piety devoutness; reverence for God; ADJ. pious

◆ pigment coloring matter (usually powder to be mixed with water or oil)

□ pillage plunder

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

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

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

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

□ pious devout; religious; N. piety

◆ pliant flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable

□ plight difficult condition; condition or state (esp. a bad state or condition); predicament

◆ pith core or marrow; spongelifike substance in the center of stems; essence; substance

◆ marble soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells

◆ pithy concise and meaningful; substantial; meaty

◆ pittance small amount (of money); small allowance or wage

□ pivotal of a pivot; central; critical; crucial

□ placate pacify; bring peace to; conciliate; appease

◆ placebo harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill

◆ tablet small round piece of medicine; flat piece of stone or metal bearing an inscription; Ex. stone tablet on the wall

□ placid peaceful; calm; Ex. placid child/late

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

◆ plaintive expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song

◆ plait braid; interwine; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex. plaited hair; N: braided length as of hair o fabric; CF. pigtail, ponytail

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

□ platitude trite remark; commonplace statement; ADJ. platitudinous

◆ commonplace ordinary; N: something ordinary or common; trite remark

◆ commonwealth nation governed by the people; republic; people of a nation

□ platonism purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire

◆ plaudit praise; enthusiastic approval; round(succesion or series) of applause; ADJ. plauditory; CF. applaud

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

◆ plebeian common; vulgar; pertaining to the common people; N: common people in ancient Rome; CF. patrician

◆ plebiscite direct vote by the entire electorate (on an important issue)

◆ referendum direct vote by all the people

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

◆ plenitude abundance; plenty; great amount; completeness; fullness; CF. plenary, plenty

◆ plethora excess; overabundance; Ex. a plethora of excuses

□ pliable flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable

□ pliant flexible; easily influenced

□ plight difficult condition; condition or state (esp. a bad state or condition); predicament
plutocracy society ruled by the wealthy

podiatrist doctor who treats ailments of the feet; chiropodist; N. podiatrics

podium pedestal; raised platform

pejorative support or base as for a pillar or statue

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

polarize split into opposite extremes or camps

polarity state of having two opposite qualities

polar of a pole; characterized by opposite extremes; Ex. polar opposites

camp group sharing a common cause or opinion

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

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

political prudent; judicious; well judged; expedient; well devised

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

porous full of pores; like a sieve

interstice narrow space between things
☐ preamble  introductory statement

♣ precarious  unsafe; lacking in stability; uncertain; risky; Ex. precarious living

☐ precedent  something preceding in time which may be used as an authority or guide for future action; V. precede; CF. unprecedented

☐ precedent  preceding (in time, rank, etc.)
☐ precept practical rule guiding conduct; Ex. mother’s precept
☐ precipice cliff; dangerous position; Ex. on the edge of the precipice
◆ brink edge (at the top of a cliff); Ex. on the brink of the Grand Canyon
☐ precipitant something that causes a substance in a chemical solution to separate out in solid form; 참견; OP: solvent
☐ precipitate hurl downward; throw headlong; hasten; cause to happen sooner; condense and fall as rain or snow; cause (a solid substance) to be separated from a solution; ADJ. hasty; rash; premature; sudden
☐ precipitous steep; overhasty; precipitate
♠ précis abstract; concise summing up of main points; concise summary of a text
☐ precise exact
☐ preclude make impossible; prevent; exclude; eliminate
☐ precocious advanced in development; N. precocity
☐ precursor forerunner; predecessor
☐ 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
☐ predecessor former occupant of a post
☐ predetermine determine in advance; predestine; settle or decide beforehand; influence markedly
☐ predicament difficult situation; tricky or dangerous situation; dilemma
♠ predilection preference; partiality
♠ predispose give an inclination toward (in advance); make susceptible to; Ex. predispose people to certain cancer; N. predisposition
☐ preeminent outstanding; superior
♠ preempt prevent in advance; head off(forestall); forestall by acting first; appropriate for oneself before others; supplant; take the place of; displace; Ex. preempt any attempts; ADJ. preemptive
♠ preen make oneself tidy in appearance; feel self-satisfaction or pride; (of a bird) smooth or clean (feathers) with the beak; Ex. preen oneself on; CF. prune
☐ prefatory introductory; of a preface
♠prehensile capable of grasping or holding (esp. by wrapping around); Ex. prehensile tails
♠ prelate church dignitary; priest of high position in the church (esp. bishop)
☐ prelude introduction; introductory performance or event; forerunner
☐ premeditate plan in advance; Ex. premeditated murder
☐ premise assumption; postulate; proposition upon which an argument is based
☐ premonition forewarning; presentiment; foreboding
☐ premonitory serving to warn
☐ preponderance superiority of power, quantity, etc.; V. preponderate: be greater in power, weight, or importance; ADJ. preponderant
☐ preposterous absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous
☐ prerogative privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before
☐ presage foretell; be a warning or sign of; N: presentiment; foreboding; omen
♠ prescience ability to foretell the future; knowledge of actions before they occur; ADJ. prescient
☐ resentment premonition; foreboding; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear
☐ prestige respect or admiration; impression produced by achievements or reputation; ADJ: causing admiration; ADJ. prestigious: having prestige
♠ presumptuous going beyond what is right; excessively forward; arrogant; taking liberties
◆ presume take for granted; assume; act overconfidently; take liberties; presume on/upon: take unfair advantage of (someone’s kindness or connection); N. presumption
♠ pretentious ostentatious; showy; pompous; making unjustified claims; overambitious; Ex. pretentious films that claim to be art
◆ pretend feign; pretend to: claim to possess; make pretensions to; Ex. I don’t pretend to much expertise; N. pretense
◆ pretension pretentiousness; claim (without foundation); Ex. I make no pretensions to skill as an artist.
♠ preternatural beyond what is normal in nature; supernatural; Ex. preternatural strength/forces
☐ pretext excuse
♠ prevail be widespread; triumph over; gain victory; prevail on: persuade; induce; Ex. Justice has prevailed; Ex. prevail on someone to do something
☐ prevalent widespread; generally accepted
♠ prevaricate lie; hide the truth (by equivocating)
☐ prey target of a hunt; victim; V: hunt and eat as prey; victimize; Ex. Cats prey on mice.
♠ prim proper to the point of affectation; very precise and formal; exceedingly proper
☐ primogeniture seniority by birth; state of being the first-born child; right of the eldest child (to inherit the entire property of one or both parents)
☐ primordial existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary
♠ primp groom oneself with care; adorn oneself
♠ pristine unspoiled; remaining in a pure state; characteristic of earlier times; primitive; Ex. an old book in pristine condition
♠ privation lack of the basic necessities or comforts of life; hardship; want; CF. deprive
Privy secret; hidden; not public; made a participant in something secret; Ex. privy chamber government; Ex. be privy to a discussion; CF. private

Probe explore with a probe or tools; investigate; N: slender instrument used to explore a wound or body cavity; device designed to investigate an unknown region; thorough investigation; Ex. space probe

Probity uprightness; honesty; incorruptibility

Defalcate embezzle

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

Proclivity inclination; natural tendency (esp. towards something bad)

Procrastinate postpone; delay or put off

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

Prod poke (with a pointed object); stir up; urge; goad to action; N: pointed object used to prod; prodding

Prodigal wasteful; reckless with money; profuse; Ex. a prodigious amount of ideas; N. prodigality

Prodigious enormous; marvelous; extraordinary; Ex. prodigious amount/memory

Prodigy highly gifted child; person with exceptional talents; marvelous; wonder

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

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

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

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

Progenitor ancestor

Progeny children; offspring; descendants

Prognosis forecasted course of a disease; prediction; CF. prognostic

Prognosticate predict (according to present indications)

Prohibitive so high as to prohibit purchase or use; tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; prohibiting; inclined to prevent or forbid; Ex. prohibitive tax

Projectile missile; fired or thrown object (such as stone or bullet)

Proletarian member of the working class; blue collar guy; N. proletariat: working class (who have to work for wages)

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

Prolific producing offspring or fruit in abundance; fertile; fecund; abundantly fruitful; producing abundant works; Ex. prolific writer

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

Prologue introduction (to a poem or play)

Feud bitter prolonged quarrel (usually between two peoples or families); V. CF. Romeo and Juliet; CF. feudal, feudalism

Prolong lengthen; extend; draw out

Prominent protruding(sticking out); conspicuous; notable; eminent

Promiscuous mixed indiscriminately; indiscriminate; not choosing carefully; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; irregular, particularly sexually; Ex. promiscuous life/girl; N. promiscuity

Promontory headland

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

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

Cue word or signal (as in a play to prompt another actor’s speech or entrance); reminder or hint; V: give a cue to

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

Prone inclined to; likely to (suffer); prostrate; lying with the front downward; Ex. prone to disease/make mistakes; Ex. accident-prone

Propagate increase in number by producing young; multiply; spread; Ex. Most plants propagate by seed; Ex. newspaper propagating their ideas

Propellant substance which propels or drives forward (such as an explosive charge or a rocket fuel)

Propensity natural inclination

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

Prophylactic used to prevent disease; N: something prophylactic; condom; N. prophylaxis: prevention of disease

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

Propitiate appease; conciliate; make peaceful; ADJ. propitiatory
metrical
♠
metrical
♠
proscenium
♠
prot´eg´e
protean
♠
prostrate
prosperous
♥
♥
meter
♠
proselytize
♠
proscribe
prosaic
♠
propriety
propound
♦
propitious
favorable; auspicious; advantageous; fortunate; Ex. propitious day/sign
✓
horoscope
diagram of the positions of stars at a given moment (eg. of a person's birth) used by astrologers
☐
proponent
supporter; backer; opposite of opponent
☐
propound
put forth for consideration or analysis; set forth; Ex. propound a problem/theory
☐
propriety
fitness; quality of being proper; correct conduct; conformity to prevailing customs and usages; CF. proprietor, proprietary
✓
usage
act or manner of using; accepted practice; way in which words are actually used
☐
propulsive
driving forward; N. propulsion
♠
prosaic
lacking in imagination; dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact (concerned with facts, not imagination or feelings); factual; CF. prose
♠
proscenium
part of stage in front of curtain; front arch of a stage
☐
proscribe
prohibit; ostracize; banish; outlaw
✓
outlaw
fugitive from the law (excluded from legal protection); V: declare (someone) to be an outlaw; deprive of the protection of the law; declare illegal; Ex. Drinking has been outlawed.
♠
proselytize
(induce someone to) convert to a religion or belief; N. proselyte: new convert to a doctrine or religion
♠
prosody
art of versification; study of the metrical structure of verse
✓
metrical
metric; written in the form of poetry; Ex. metrical translation of Homer
✓
meter
arrangement of words in the form of poetry (by accentual rhythm)
☐
prosperity
good fortune and financial success; physical well-being
✓
prosper
become successful (esp. financially); thrive; grow well; Ex. children prospering under his care
✓
prosperous
successful; rich; affluent; well-to-do; well-off
☐
prostrate
stretch out full on ground; make prostrate; enervate; Ex. prostrating illness; ADJ: lying face down; having lost all strength
♠
protean
able to take on many forms; versatile; CF. Proteus: sea god to change his shape at will
☐
protégé
person receiving protection and support from a patron
♠
protocol
diplomatic etiquette; ceremony and etiquette observed by diplomats; first copy of a treaty before its ratification; Ex. Protocol demands that the queen meet him at the airport.
☐
prototype
original work used as a model by others
☐
protract
prolong; lengthen in time; draw out
☐
protrude
stick out; jut; project; Ex. protruding teeth
♠
protuberance
protrusion; swelling; bulge
♥
bulge
protruding part; swelling of a surface; Ex. The apple made a bulge in his pocket; V: swell outward; protrude
♠
provenance
place of origin; origin or source of something; Ex. Gunpowder is of Chinese provenance; CF. come
♠
provender
dry food for livestock; fodder
☐
provident
providing for future needs; displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies; OP. improvident
✓
providence
quality of being provident; divine care; god's care; Providence: god; Ex. It seemed like providence that the doctor happened to be there; ADJ. providential: of divine providence; fortunate
☐
provincial
pertaining to a province; limited in outlook; narrow; unsophisticated
☐
provisional
tentative; temporary
☐
proviso
stipulation; condition in an agreement; provision
✓
provision
act of providing; something provided; preparatory measure; provisions: necessary supplies (esp. food); stipulation; condition in an agreement; Ex. According to the provisions of the agreement
☐
provocative
arousing anger or sexual interest; annoying; Ex. provocative in tight jeans; V. provoke: incite to anger; cause (an unpleasant action or feeling); N. provocation
♠
prowess
extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle
☐
proximity
nearness; ADJ. proximate
☐
proxy
authorized agent; authority to act for another
♠
proux
excessively modest or proper person (who is easily shocked by improper things, esp. of a sexual nature); N. prudery; ADJ. prudish: excessively concerned with propriety
☐
prudent
cautious; careful; prudential
☐
prune
cut away; trim
♠
prurient
having or causing lustful desires and thoughts; arousing immoderate sexual desire
♠
pry
inquire impertinently (someone else's private affairs); use leverage to raise or open something; prize; N. pries: tool for prying
♥
prize
pry; move with a lever; value highly; esteem; Ex. his most prized possession; N: something captured during war-time (esp. an enemy ship)
☐
pseudonym
pen name; fictitious name assumed by an author; ADJ. pseudonymous
☐
psychic
of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers
♥
psychic
of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers
☐
pyschopath
pertaining to mental dearrangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder
☐
pyschosis
mental disorder; ADJ. N. psychotic
psychosomatic of the influence of the mind on the body (esp. with respect to disease)

pterodactyl extinct flying reptile; CF. wing+finger

puerile childish; immature; CF. puer: boy

pugilist boxer; CF. pugilism: boxing

pugnacity combativeness; disposition to fight; ADJ. pugnacious: (of people) belligerent; combative in nature

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

pulchritude beauty; comeliness; ADJ. pulchritudinous

pulmonary pertaining to the lungs

pulsate throb; beat regularly; vibrate regularly

pulse rhythmical throbbing of arteries; brief sudden change in a normally constant quantity; V: pulsate

pulverize crush or grind into very small particles

pummel pommel; beat or pound with fists

punctilious minutely attentive (perhaps too much so) to fine points; stressing niceties of conduct or form; N. punctilio, punctiliousness: careful attention payed to every small exact detail

pundit authority on a subject; expert; learned person

pungent stinging; acrid; sharp in taste or smell; (of speech or writing) caustic; N. pungency

punitive punishing; Ex. punitive measures

puny tiny; weak; insignificant

purchase secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing

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

purge remove or get rid of something or someone unwanted; eliminate; free from blame or guilt; cleanse or purify (esp. of sin, guilt, or defilement); N.

purport intention; purpose; meaning; V: claim; profess; Ex. order which purports to be signed by the general

purported alleged; claimed; reputed or rumored; Ex. purported Satanists

rooster cock; adult male chicken

rabble mob; noisy crowd

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

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

purveyor furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer; V. purvey: supply (eg. food); furnish; CF. provide

pusillanimous cowardly; lacking courage; fainthearted

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

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

putrefy make or become putrid; N. putrefaction

putrescent becoming putrid; putrefying

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

pyromaniac person with an insane desire to set things on fire

quack charlatan; impostor

quadruped four-footed animal; ADJ. CF. biped

quaff drink with zest; drink with relish(zest; hearty enjoyment); 꼿땀� 마시다; CF. sip

quagmire bog; marsh; soft, wet, boggy land; predicament; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself

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

quail cower; shrink back in fear; lose heart

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

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

qualms uneasy feelings; misgivings; uneasy fears especially about matters of conscience; Ex. I have no qualms about giving this assignment to Helen.

quandary dilemma; state of uncertainty; Ex. She is in a quandary about whether to go.

quarantine isolation of a person, place, or ship to prevent spread of infection; V: isolate in quarantine

quarry person or animal of pursuit; victim; object of a hunt; prey

quarry dig into (to get stone); N: mine; 채석장

bank heap; piled-up mass; embankment; lateral tilting (as of an aircraft in turning); V: pile up; protect with a bank; tilt in turning
quiescent  ♠
quibble  ♠
query  ♠
quell  suppress; put an end to; put down forcibly; extinguish; quiet; Ex. “Army Quells Rebellion” in newspaper; CF. kill
quench  assuage or satisfy (thrust); slake; douse or extinguish; put out; suppress
squelch  produce a splashing sound (when stepping through mud); crush; squash; CF. 진흙을 떠서 박을 때
querulous  given to complaining; complaining; fretful; whining
whine  complain (in a sad voice); make a high sad sound (as in pain or supplication)
query  inquiry; question; V.
queue  line (of waiting people or vehicles)
quibble  minor objection or complaint; V: raise minor objections; carp; cavil
quiescent  dormant; temporarily inactive; at rest; N. quiescence
quietude  tranquillity; calmness
quintessence  purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF. fifth essence
quip  taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.
Taunt  deride or provoke; challenge in derision; N.
quirk  sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate
quisling  traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling
quiver  case for arrows
quiver  tremble; shake; N.
leash  restraining rope fastened to the collar of an animal (to control it); Ex. a dog on a leash
quixotic  idealistic but impractical; CF. Don Quixote
quizzy  curious; suggesting puzzlement (without saying); questioning; teasing; mocking; bantering; Ex. quizzical glance
quorum  minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting
quotidian  daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine
rabid  of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; CF. rabies: hydrophobia
raconteur  story-teller; one who tells stories with wit and skill
ragamuffin  dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes
tatter  torn piece of cloth; ADJ. tattered: (of clothes) old and torn; (of a person) dressed in old torn clothes
rail  complain bitterly; scold; rant; Ex. the weaker railing against injustices
raiment  clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.
rakish  jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolve; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.
raze  angle of a slope; V: slant from the perpendicular
rake  immoral or dissolve person
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
ramble  wander aimlessly (physically or mentally); digress
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
ramify  branch out; divide into branches or subdivisions
ramp  slope; inclined plane or roadway (connecting two levels)
rampant  growing or spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion; unrestrained; Ex. rampant lawlessness/weed
ramshackle  (of a building or vehicle) poorly constructed; rickety; falling apart
rickety  (of buildings) likely to break or fall apart; of rackets; CF. rickets; CF. vitamin D
ransack  search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); Ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.
rancid  having the odor of stale or decomposing fat; rank
rank  offensive in odor or flavor
rancor  long-lasting hatred; bitterness; Ex. negotiation without rancor; ADJ. rancorous
random  without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; Ex. random shots; Ex. chosen at random
lot  object used in making a determination at random; fate; piece of land
draw  choosing of a lot or card
lottery  contest in which winners are selected in a drawing of lots
raffle  lottery; V: award as a prize in a raffle; Ex. raffle off a new car
rankle  irritate; fester; annoy
rant  speak violently or excitedly; rave; talk excitedly showing anger; scold; make a grandiloquent speech; Ex. The priest ranted about the devil.
ravenous  voracious; ravenous; taking everything one can; excessively grasping; plundering; subsisting on live prey; Ex. rapacious birds
rappor  close relationship; emotional closeness; harmony
rapt  engrossed; absorbed; enchanted; Ex. rapt listener
rarefied  made less dense (of a gas); V. rarefy: make less dense; N. rarefaction
rare  (of air) thin in density; rarefied; Ex. rare air of the mountains
raspy  making a harsh noise; grating; harsh
rasp  (of a sound) grate on (eg. nerves); make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; rub with something rough; Ex. The cat’s tongue rasped my hand.
rationalize  make rational; devise false reasons for (one’s behavior); offer an excuse; give a plausible reason for an action in place of a true, less admirable ones; N. rationalization
rational  (of a person) having reason; (of ideas) based on reason; logical
ration  fixed portion; V: distribute as rations
raucous  (of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts
ravage  devastate; plunder; despoil; Ex. crops ravaged by storms
maraud  move in search of plunder; Ex. marauding army
rave  overwhelmingly favorable review; V: talk wildly as if mad; Ex. raving lunatic
ravel  fall apart into tangles; entangle; unravel or untwist
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ratify  approve formally; confirm; verify
ratiocination  reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises; V. ratiocinate: reason logically
rationale  fundamental reason or principle (on which a system or principle is based); fundamental reason or justification; grounds for an action
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ravine  narrow valley with steep sides; gorge; CF. gully, canyon
raze  destroy completely; Ex. raze the city to the ground
reactionary  strongly opposed to social or political change; opposing progress; politically ultraconservative; N. OP. radical
reinstate  restore to a previous condition or position
realm  kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility
reaper  one who harvests grain; Ex. the Grim Reaper; V. reap: cut and gather (crop); harvest a crop
rebate  return of part of a payment; discount; V.
rebuff  reject bluntly; snub; beat back; Ex. She rebuffed his invitation; N.
snub  ignore or behave coldly toward; Ex. I made a suggestion but she snubbed me; N.
rebuke  scold harshly; criticize severely
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rectify  set right; correct; CF. rect-: right
rebus  representation of words in the form of pictures or symbols; puzzle in which pictures or letters stand for words; Ex. “R U 18” is a rebus for “Are you 18”.
rebuttal  refutation; response with contrary evidence; V. rebut: refute; disprove
rebellious  disobedient or resisting authority even after being punished; obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly; Ex. recalcitrant child
recant  disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error; Ex. recant one’s faith/a statement
recapitulate  summarize
recast  reconstruct (a sentence, story, statue, etc.); fashion again
fashion  give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay
receptive  quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal
reciprocal  mutual; given and received in return; exchangeable; interacting; Ex. reciprocal trade agreement
reciprocate  do or give something in return; repay in kind; give or take mutually; 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
recipient  receiver
recourse  narrate or tell (a story); count over again
reconciliation  make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one’s political principles with one’s religious beliefs
recondite  abstruse; not easily understood; profound; secret
reconnaissance  survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter: make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)
recount  narrate or tell (a story); count over again
recreant  disloyal; cowardly; N: disloyal and cowardly person
recrimination  countercharges; V. recriminate
rectify  set right; correct; CF. rect-: right
▲ rectitude moral correctness; moral uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment
☐ recumbent reclining; lying down completely or in part
♡ recline lie down
☐ recuperate recover; return to health; regain; Ex. recuperate losses
☐ recurrent occurring again and again
redolent  odorous; fragrant; suggestive (of an odor); Ex. redolent of onions/mystery

redoubtable  formidable; causing fear

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

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

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

stench  strong foul odor; reek; stink

stink  stench; V: emit a strong foul odor

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

refraction  bending of a ray of light

refractory  unmanageable; disobedient and stubborn; Ex. refractory horse

refrain  abstain from; resist; forbear; N: chorus

chorus  phrase repeated throughout a song or poem

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

gleam  brief flash of light; glow; V.

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

refute  disprove; prove to be false; N. refutation

regal  royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner

reggae  entertain

regatta  boat or yacht race

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

penology  study of prison management and criminal rehabilitation

regicide  murder of a king or queen

regime  method of system or government

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

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

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

reimburse  repay; pay back

reiterate  repeat

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

comeback  retort; quick clever reply; return to former status

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

remorse  deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach

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

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

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

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

renegade  deserter; traitor; ADJ.

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

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

renovate  restore to good condition; renew
renown  fame; ADJ. renowned

herald  messenger; sign of something to come; V: announce; proclaim; Ex. unheralded researcher

rent  tear made by rending; rip; split

reparable  capable of being repaired

reparation  compensation (for loss or wrong); amends; Ex. make reparation for the damage; CF. repair

repartee  quick clever reply

reast  meal; feast; banquet

repeal  revoke; annul

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

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

repercussion  rebound; reaction; reverberation; Ex. serious repercussion

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

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

replenish  fill up again

replete  fully filled; filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed; abundantly supplied; Ex. report replete with errors

memoir  memoirs; autobiography; biography

brim  uppermost edge of a cup; projecting rim (as on a hat); Ex. The glass was full to the brim; V: be full to the brim

replica  copy

replicate  reproduce; duplicate

repository  storehouse

repose  resting; state of being at rest; calmness; V: lie at rest; relax; put or place; Ex. repose our hopes in a single man

reprehensible  deserving blame; blameworthy; V: reprehend: blame

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

reprove  censure; rebuke; N. reproof

reprove  disown; disavow; deny

repugnance  disgust; strong dislike; loathing; ADJ. repugnant: arousing disgust; repulsive

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

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

reputable  respectable; having a good reputation

reputed  supposed; Ex. reputed father of the child; V. repute: consider; N. repute: reputation; esteem

requiem  mass for the dead; dirge

mass  Christian religious ceremony; CF. Mass: ceremony of the Eucharist

requisite  necessary requirement; something required; ADJ: required; necessary

requiem  formal demand or request; Ex. requisition for more computing equipment; V.

requisite  make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. requital
residue
residual
reserve
resignation
resentment
rescind
resign
resilient
elastic
resolution
resonant
resolve
respiration
resound
respite
responsiveness
resplendent
resumption
restraint
restitution
resume
respite; balance
residual; remaining; left over; of a residue; N: residue
patiently submissiveness; statement that one is quitting a job; ADJ. resigned: acquiescent
give up (a position, right, or claim); submit (oneself) passively
elastic; having the power of springing back; able to recover quickly (as from misfortune)
able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N: elastic material
determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose
determination; resolution; firmness of purpose
decide; settle; solve; separate; make a determined decision; N. resolution
(of a sound) echoing; resounding(sounding loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice; N. resonance
(of a place) be filled with sound; (of a sound) sound loudly; sound back; echo; Ex. hall resounded with laughter
breathing; exhalation; ADJ. respiratory
time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; reprove
brilliant; splendid in appearance; dazzling; glorious
state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc.; ADJ. responsive: readily reacting; Ex. responsive to treatment
returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury
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’
moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction
taking up again; recommencement; V. resume: begin or take up again; take or occupy again; Ex. Kindly resume your seats.

resurge rise again; flow to and fro; N. resurgence; ADJ. resurgent: (of ideas or beliefs) experiencing revival; surging again
resurrect revive
resuscitate revive; bring back to life or consciousness; Ex. resuscitate the drowned child
keep; maintain possession of; employ (esp. a lawyer or advisor); N. retainer: servant; fee paid to retain an advisor
repay in kind (usually for bad treatment); V. retaliate
holding; able to retain things (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory
inclined to silence; uncommunicative; reserved; Ex. He was reticent about the reasons; N. reticence
following; attendants
shy and reserved (of a person); modest; Ex. her retiring personality
cut down; cut down expenses; economize
deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back
recover; put right; find and bring in; regain; Ex. retrieve the situation
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
make (a bill) into law
go backwards; recede; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.
looking back on the past; N. retrospection; V. retrospect
boisterous merrymaking; V. revel: engage boisterous festivities; enjoy greatly; N: boisterous festivity or celebration
echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley.
respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect
deserving reverence; N: priest
daydream; abstracted musing
revert (to bad habits); N. reverter
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attack with abusive language; vilify(slander)
boisterous merrymaking; V. revel: engage boisterous festivities; enjoy greatly; N: boisterous festivity or celebration
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refrained; shy and uncommunicative
self-control; self-restraint; formal but distant manner; reticence; Ex. without reserve: freely and openly; ADJ. reserved: shy and uncommunicative
indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about
repeal; annul; cancel (a law, decision, or agreement)

revulsion  sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture
rhapsodize  speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner; Ex. rhapsodize over the beauty of the scenery
rhapsody  excessively enthusiastic expression of feeling; musical composition of irregular form (as if made up as one plays it)
rhetoric  art of effective communication; art of using language effectively and persuasively; style of speaking or writing; grandiloquent language; Ex. political rhetoric; ADJ. rhetorical; CF. rhetorical question: question to which no answer is expected as "Who knows it?"
ribald  marked by vulgar lewd humor; wanton; profane; N. ribaldry: ribald language or joke
riddle  pierce with holes; permeate or spread throughout; Ex. The gunman riddled the car with bullets; Ex. The whole report is riddled with errors; N. large sieve (separating earth from stone)
rider  amendment or clause added to a legislative bill
rife  (of something bad) widespread; abundant; current
rift  narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds; OP . reconciliation
rig  fix or manipulate; manipulate dishonestly for personal gain; Ex. rig the election
rig  arrangement of masts and sails; V: equip (a ship) with rigging; ADJ. rigging: ropes that hold up a ship's sails
rigid  hard and unyielding; stiff and unyielding; fixed in behavior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex. rigid rule
rigor  severity; Ex. rigors of the Russian winter
role  irritate; vex; muddy
riveting  holding one's attention; absorbing; engrossing
rivet  metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V: fasten with a rivet; engross
rivulet  small stream; CF. rill; rivulet; river
robust  strong; vigorous
rococo  ornate; highly decorated; N. CF. 18th century
roll  make liquids murky by stirring up sediment; disturb
roseate  rosy; optimistic; Ex. roseate views
roster  list (of names)
rostrum  raised platform for speech-making; pulpit
pulpit  raised platform used in preaching (in a church)
rote  repetition; memorization through repetition without understanding; Ex. learn poetry by rote
rotunda  circular building or hall covered with a dome
rotundity  roundness; sonorousness of speech
rotund  (of a person) fat and round
rousing  lively; inducing excitement; stirring; V. rouse: waken; arouse from sleep or depression; excite; stir up
sadistic inclined to cruelty; N. sadism: delight in cruelty
saga Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative
sagacious wise; perceptive; shrewd; having insight; N. sagacity
sage person celebrated for wisdom; wise person; ADJ: wise
salacious lascivious; lustful; Ex. salacious monk
salient prominent; projecting beyond a line; conspicuous; Ex. salient features
saline salty
sallow (of the skin) yellowish and unhealthy-looking; sickly in color; Ex. sallow complexion due to jaundice
salubrious healthful; conducive to health or well-being; socially desirable; Ex. salubrious area; CF. health
salutary tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF. health
salvage rescue (goods or property) from loss; N: saving; property saved
sanctimonious displaying ostentatious or hypocritical devoutness; N: sanctimony: hypocritical piety
sanction approve; ratify; N: permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance
sanctuary place of refuge; shelter; shrine; holy place; Ex. The outlaw was granted sanctuary in the church.
sanguine optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red
sap diminish; weaken; undermine the foundations of (a fortification); Ex. The element kryptonite sapped his strength.
sardonic scomplainingly mocking; disdainful; sarcastic; cynical; Ex. sardonic smile
sartorial pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex. a man of great sartorial elegance; CF. sartor: tailor
sate satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy
doze sleep lightly; nap
satellite small body revolving around a larger one
satiated satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); sate; N. satiety: condition of being satiated
satire form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack human vice and folly
satirical using satire; mocking
saturate soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity
saturine morose; gloomy; Ex. Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance.
satyr half-human, half-bestial being in the court of Dionysus (resembling a goat), portrayed as wanton (unrestrained) and cunning; lecher; CF. faun; CF. goat: lecherous man
saunter stroll (go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.
savant scholar; learned person; CF. savoir: know
savor enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality
savory pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex. savory reputation
scabbard case for a sword blade; sheath
scad a great quantity; Ex. scads of clothes
scaffold temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution
scale climb up; ascend; bracing framework; platform for execution
scald climb up; ascend; remove or come off in scales; N: flake of epidermis; ascending or descending series of musical tones
scanty meager; insufficient
scapegoat someone who bears the blame for others; whipping boy; CF. escape+goat
scavenge hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N: scavenger: one who scavenges; animal that feeds on refuse and carrion
refuse anything discarded or rejected as worthless; trash
scenario plot outline; screenplay (script for a movie); opera libretto; outline of possible future events
schematic of a schema or scheme; relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols; N. schema: diagrammatic representation; outline
scheme systematic plan; plot; clever dishonest plan; orderly arrangement of elements; Ex. health insurance scheme; Ex. a scheme to escape taxes; Ex. a color scheme; Ex. a story with no scheme; V: contrive a scheme
schism division into factions (esp. within a religious body); split
scintilla trace; minute amount; shred; least bit; Ex. There is not a scintilla of truth; CF. spark
scintillate sparkle; flash; be animated; be full of life; Ex. scintillating conversation
scoff laugh (at); mock; ridicule; Ex. scoff at their threats
scotch stamp out (put an end to); thwart; hinder; Ex. scotch the rumor; CF. cut; CF. 황중을 줄이는 의미
score number of points; written form of a musical composition; reason; group of 20; notch or incision; Ex. full/vocal score; Ex. Don’t worry on that score; V: mark with lines or notches; Ex. score the paper to make it easy to fold
stamp step on heavily (so as to crush or extinguish); put an end to; imprint or impress with a mark, design, or seal; shape with a die; characterize; Ex. machine stamping out car bodies; Ex. newspaper stamping him as a liar; N. stamping; implement used to stamp; impression stamped; mark; Ex. Her remarks bear the stamp of truth.
scrupulous  conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrupu-
lash; whip (formerly used for punishment); source
of severe punishment; V: whip; afflict

scourge  lash; whip (formerly used for punishment); source
of severe punishment; V: whip; afflict

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

scrubulous  conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrubu-
lous worker

scrutinize  examine closely and critically; N. scrutiny

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

shuffle  mix together; jumble; move (something) from one
place to another; slide (the feet) along the ground while
walking; Ex. shuffle papers from one pile to another; N.

scurrilous  abusive; obscene; indecent; Ex. scurrilous re-
mark

scurry  move hastily; hurry; move briskly

scurry  contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by de-
ciciency of Vitamin C

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

hull  husk; dry outer covering of a seed; frame or body of a
ship

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

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

sear  burn the surface of; char or burn; brand; parch; cause
(a plant) to wither

char  make or become black by burning; reduce or be re-
duced to carbon or charcoal (black substance made by burn-
ing wood) by incomplete combustion

scorch  sear; N.

brand  trademark; mark burned on the hide of an animal;
mark burned into the flesh of criminals; mark of disgrace;
V: mark with a brand; give a lasting bad name; stigmatize;
Ex. The press branded him a liar.

hide  skin of an animal

seasoned  experienced

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

seasonal  of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employ-
ment

seasonable  occurring at the proper time or season; oppor-
tune; Ex. seasonable intervention in the dispute

secession  withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from
membership

seclusion  isolation; solitude; V. seclude: set apart from oth-
ers; isolate

secrete  conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a
substance into an organism; CF: secretive

sect  separate religious body; faction; group of people with
common beliefs within a larger group

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

denomination  religious group; unit in a system; name or
designation; CF: denominator: common trait or characteris-
tic

secular  worldly; not pertaining to church matters or reli-
gion; temporal

dedate  composed (with no excitement); grave; V: adminis-
ter a sedative to; CF: sedative

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

sedition  conduct or language inciting rebellion; rebellion;
resistance to authority; insubordination; ADJ: seditious

sedulous  diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N. sedulity

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

run-down  (of a place) dilapidated; in a bad condition; (of a
person) weak or exhausted

seemly  (of behavior) proper; appropriate

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

seethe  be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about
wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with dis-
content.

seine  net; net for catching fish

seismic  pertaining to earthquakes

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

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

seminary  school for training future ministers; secondary
school, especially for young women

senility  old age; feeblemindedness of old age; ADJ: senile:
resulting from old age; showing the weakness of body or
mind from old age; Ex. senile dementia

feebleminded  deficient in intelligence; very stupid

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

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

voluptuous  sensual; of or giving sensual pleasure; in-
dulging in sensual pleasures; Ex. voluptuous lines; Ex.
vulgar life of the Romans; N. voluptuary; voluptuous

sensuous  giving pleasure to the senses; pertaining to the
physical senses; operating through the senses; sensuous
feeling of soft velvet on the skin
sententious  pithy; terse; concise; aphoristic

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

sentinel  sentry; lookout

lookout  act of keeping watch; high place commanding a wide view; person who keeps watch

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

sepulcher  tomb; V: place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral
sequester isolate; segregate; seclude; retire from public life
sere sear; parched; dry
serendipity gift for finding valuable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck; CF. The Three Princes of Serendip
serenity calmness; placidity; ADJ. serene
serpent winding; twisting; of or like a serpent; Ex. serpentine course of the river; N. serpent: snake
serrated having a sawtoothed edge; Ex. serrated leaf
servile slavish; cringing; N. servility
servitude slavery; compulsory labor imposed as a punishment
sever separate; cut off (a part) from a whole; break up (a relationship); N. severance; CF. severance pay: extra pay given an employee upon leaving a position
severity harshness; intensity; sternness; austerity; ADJ. severe: harsh; strict; extremely violent or intense
sextant navigation tool used to determine a ship’s latitude and longitude (by measuring the altitudes of stars)
shackle chain; fetter; confine with shackles; N.
sham pretend; feign; ADJ: not genuine; fake; Ex. sham jewelry; N: something that is not what it appears; impostor; pretense; Ex. The agreement was a sham.
shambles (place or scene of) complete disorder or ruin; wreck; mess; Ex. After the hurricane, the coast was a shambles.
shard fragment generally of broken pottery (glass, clay bowl, or cup)
shaving very thin piece, usually of wood (cut from a surface with a sharp blade)
plane carpenter’s tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat
sheaf bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together
sheathe place into a case; insert into or provide with a sheath; Ex. He sheathed his dagger; N. sheath: case for a blade
sherbet flavored dessert ice
shimmer shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex. The moonlight shimmered on the water; N.
shirk avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malingering
shoddy made of inferior material; sham; not genuine; inferior; dishonest; Ex. shoddy goods/trick
shrew scolding woman; very small mouselike animal
shrewd clever; astute
shun keep away from; avoid deliberately; Ex. She has been shunned by her neighbors.
shunt move (a railway train) from one track to another; turn aside; divert; sidetrack; Ex. shunt traffic around an accident; N.
side track (a railroad car) to a siding; divert from a main issue; N. CF. siding: short section of railroad track connected by switches with a main track
shyster lawyer using questionable methods; unscrupulous practitioner
sibling brother or sister
sibyl line prophetic; oracular; N. sibyl: woman prophet (in the ancient world)
sidereal relating to stars; Ex. sidereal day
silt sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor or by a bend in a river)
simian monkeylike; N: ape or monkey
smile comparison of one thing with another, using the word like or as
simper smirk; smile in a silly way; smile affectedly
simplistic oversimplified
simulate feign; imitate
sinecure well-paid position with little responsibility; CF. sine cure: without care; CF. San Serif
sinewy (of meat) tough; strong and firm; muscular; N. sinew: tendon; strong cord connecting a muscle to a bone
singular being only one; individual; unique; extraordinary; odd; Ex. singular beauty/behavior
sinister evil; ominous
sinuous twisting; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest
skulduggery dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skulduggery in the election
skiff small light sailboat or rowboat
skimp provide or use scantily; live very economically; Ex. skimp on necessities; ADJ. skimpy: inadequate in amount; scanty; stingy; niggardly
skinflick miser; stingy person
skirmish minor fight; minor battle in war; V.
skittish inconstant; capricious; frivolous; not serious; Ex. charming but skittish young woman; CF. skit
frisk move about playfully; froric; ADJ. frisky: playful
skulduggery dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skulduggery in the election
skulk move furtively and secretly; Ex. He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city.
slacken slow up; loosen; make or become slack
slack moving slowly; sluggish; inactive; (of a rope) loose; negligent; lax; Ex. slack season; Ex. slack in one’s work; N. V.
slug glassy residue from smelting metal; dross; waste matter
slake satisfy (thirst); quench; sate
slander  defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements; V. ADJ. slanderous

slapdash  hasty and careless; haphazard; sloppy (carelessly done)
sleazy  shabby and dirty; flimsy; insubstantial; Ex. sleazy back-street hotel/fabric
sleeper  one that achieves unexpected success; something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable
sleight  dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks
slew  large quantity or number; Ex. slew of errands left
slight  insult to one’s dignity; snub; V: treat as if of small importance; insult; snub; ADJ. small in size; of small importance
slipshod  slovenly; careless; sloppy; untidy; shabby; Ex. slipshod work
slither  slip or slide
sloth  slow moving tree-dwelling mammal; laziness; ADJ. slothful; lazy; indolent
slough  (of a snake) shed or cast off (dead outer skin); N: outer layer that is shed
slenely  untidy; careless in work habits; slipshod; N. slen: one who is habitually untidy or careless
sledge  large sled drawn by work animals
sleigh  large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice
sluggard  lazy person
sluggish  lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug: nail with no shell
sluice  artificial channel for directing or controlling the flow of water (with a gate to regulate the flow)
slur  slander; insult to one’s character or reputation; V.
slur  pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble
smattering  slight knowledge; small scattered number or amount; Ex. smattering of German
smelt  melt (ore) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ores changing their chemical composition
smirk  conceited smile; offensively self-satisfied smile (often at someone else’s misfortune); V.
smolder  smoulder; burn slowly without flame; be liable to break out at any moment; exist in a suppressed state; Ex. smoldering anger
snicker  half-stifled (suppressed) laugh; V.
snivel  complain or whine tearfully; run at the nose; snuffle; Ex. Don’t come back sniveling to me.
snuffle  sniffle; sniff repeatedly (in order to keep liquid from running out of the nose)
sobriety  moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness
sober  serious; solemn; not drunken; abstemious or temperate; V: make or become sober
sodden  thoroughly soaked; dull or stupid as if from drink
sojourn  temporary stay; V: stay for a time
solace  comfort in sorrow or trouble; consolation; V: comfort or console in time of sorrow or trouble
solder  repair or make whole by using a metal alloy; N: metal alloy (usually tin and lead) used in the molten state to join metallic parts
solecism  nonstandard grammatical construction; construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically; violation of social etiquette
solemnity  seriousness; gravity
soliciot  entreat; request earnestly; seek to obtain; Ex. solicit votes; CF. solicitor: one who solicits; chief law officer
solicious  anxious; worried; concerned; eager; Ex. solicious to do something; N. soliciude
soliloquy  talking to oneself (esp. in a play); CF. monologue: soliloquy; long speech by one person (often monopolizing a conversation)
solitude  state of being alone; seclusion; ADJ. solitary: existing or living alone (esp. by choice); remote or secluded; single; sole; Ex. solitary life/inn; Ex. no solitary piece of proof
solstice  point or time at which the sun is farthest from the equator
soluble  able to be dissolved in a liquid; able to be worked out or solved
solvent  able to pay all depths; N. solvency
solvent  substance that dissolves another; ADJ: capable of dissolving another substance
somatic  pertaining to the body; bodily; physical
■ somber dark; gloomy; melancholy; depressing; CF. shadow

□ somnambulist sleepwalker; V. somnambulate; N. somnambulism

♠ somnolent half asleep; drowsy; N. somnolence

♠ sonorous resonant; producing a full deep sound; producing sound

♥ sonic of sound or its speed in air; CF. subsonic, supersonic

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

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

□ sophisticated worldly wise and urbane; refined; complex; N. sophistication; V. sophisticate

□ sophistry seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning; sophism

♠ sophomoric immature; half-baked; like a sophomore

♠ soporific sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness; drowsy

♠ sordid filthy; foul; base; vile; Ex. sordid bed/story

♠ spangle small shiny metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation

□ sparse not thick; thinly scattered; scanty

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

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

♠ spat squabble; minor dispute; minor quarrel

♠ spate sudden flood or rush; Ex. spate of accidents

□ spatial relating to space

♠ spatula broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing

□ spawn lay eggs (in large numbers); produce offspring (in large numbers); N: eggs of aquatic animals

□ specious seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often intentionally)

□ spectral ghostly; N. specter: spectre; ghost; phantom

□ spectrum colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism; broad and continuous range; Ex. whole spectrum of modern thoughts

♠ spendthrift someone who wastes money; CF. thrift: accumulated wealth

♠ sphinx-like enigmatic; mysterious

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

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

♠ spoonerism accidental transposition of sounds in successive words; Ex. “Let me sew you to your sheet” for “Let me show you to your seat”; CF. William Spooner

♥ transpose reverse the order or position of

□ sporadic occurring irregularly; intermittent

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

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

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

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

♠ spurious false; counterfeit; forged; illogical; Ex. spurious arguments

♠ spurn reject disdainfully; scorn; Ex. She spurned all offers of help.

♠ squab squall minor quarrel; bickering; V: engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children

♠ squalid condition of being squalid; filthy; degradation; dirty neglected state; ADJ. squalid: dirty; sordid; morally repulsive; Ex. squalid story

□ squander waste; spend foolishly

♠ squat short and thick; stocky; Ex. ugly squat tower; V. N.

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

♥ legato (of music) played smoothly

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

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

□ stalemate deadlock; situation in which further action is blocked

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

□ stamina power of endurance; strength; staying power

♠ stanch stop or check flow of blood; Ex. stanch the gushing wound

♠ stanza division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)

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

□ statute law enacted by the legislature

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

♠ steadfast steadily loyal; unswerving; steady

□ stealth action of moving secretly or unseen; slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ. stealthy
stilted
stigma
stem
stem from
stentorian
(stereotype) one regarded as embodying a set image or type; fixed and unvarying representation; standardized mental picture often reflecting prejudice; Ex. stereotype of the happy slave; V. make a stereotype of; represent by a stereotype; Ex. It is wrong to stereotype people; Ex. stereotyped answer

stickler
perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right

stiff suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate

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

suffocate
die or kill from lack of air; suppress

stifle suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate

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

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

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

stun
make unconscious or numb as by a blow; amaze; astound

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

stygian
unpleasantly dark; gloomy; hellish; deathly; CF. Styx: the chief river in the subterranean land of the dead

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

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

subjugate
conquer; bring under control

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

sublime
causing deep feelings of wonder, joy, respect, etc.; exalted; noble and uplifting; utter

stratagem
deceptive scheme; clever trick

stratified
divided into classes; arranged into strata; V. stratify

stratum
layer of earth’s surface; layer of society; PL. strata

strew
spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter; Ex. flower girl strewing rose petals

striated
marked with parallel bands; striped; grooved; Ex. striated rocks; V. striate; N. stria: thin groove or line

strict
severe and adverse criticism; critical comments; limit or restriction

strict
loud and harsh; insistent; N. stridency

strenuous (of rules) binding; rigid; marked by scarcity of money; Ex. stringent economic conditions

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

strut
supporting bar; CF. airplane wing

stump
base of a tree trunk left after the rest has been cut down; V. walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle

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

stout
supporting bar; CF. airplane wing
subliminal below the threshold of conscious perception; Ex. subliminal advertisement

submissive willing to obey orders; yielding; timid

subordinate occupying a lower rank; inferior; submissive; N. V: put in a lower rank or class

suborn persuade to act unlawfully (especially to commit perjury); N. subornation

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

subsequent following in time or order; later

subservient behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious; subordinate; N. subservience

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

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

subsidy direct financial aid by government, etc.; V. subsidize: assist with a subsidy

subsistence existence; means of subsisting; means of support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist; maintain life (at a meager level)

substantial of substance; material; solid; essential or fundamental; ample; considerable; well-to-do; wealthy

substantiate support (a claim) with evidence; establish with evidence; verify

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

subsume include (as a member of a group); encompass

subterfuge stratagem (deceptive scheme); pretense; evasion; Ex. resort to a harmless subterfuge

subtle perceptiveness; ingenuity; delicacy; ADJ. subtle: delicate; so slight as to be difficult to detect; able to make fine distinctions; clever; Ex. subtle mind/differences in meaning

subversive tending to overthrow or ruin; V. subvert: overthrow completely (an established system); destroy completely; CF. undermine?

succor assist (someone in difficulty); aid; comfort; N.

succulent juicy; full of juice or sap; full of richness; N: succulent plant such as a cactus

succumb yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex. succumb to the illness

suffragist advocate of the extension of voting rights (for women); CF. suffrage

suffuse spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks.

sully defile; soil; tarnish; Ex. sully one’s hands in menial labor

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

summation act of finding the total; summing-up; summary (esp. one given by the judge at the end of a trial)

sumptuous grand suggesting great expense; lavish; rich; Ex. sumptuous feast

sunder separate; part; CF. asunder

sundry miscellaneous; various; several; N. sundries: small miscellaneous items

supernumerary retired or disqualified because of age; outmoded; obsolete

superfluous excessive; overabundant; unnecessary; N. superfluity

superimpose place over something else

supernumerary person or thing excess of what is necessary; extra; ADJ: additional to the usual or necessary number

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

supine lying on back; passive; inactive; Ex. The defeated pugilist lay supine; Ex. supine acceptance of the decision

supplant take the place of unfairly; usurp; replace

supple flexible; limber; pliant

suppliant entreating; beseeching; N.

supplicate petition humbly; pray to grant a favor

supplicant one who supplicates; ADJ.

supposition assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V. suppose

supposititious assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical

suppress put an end to forcibly; subdue; stifle; overwhelm; inhibit the expression of; check; prevent from being published or made public; Ex. suppress a smile; Ex. suppress the magazine/truth

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

surly bad-tempered; rude; cross

cross bad-tempered; showing ill-humor; angry

surmise guess; N.

surmount overcome

surpass exceed

surreptitious done secretly; secret; furtive; sneaky; hidden

surrogate substitute; person or thing used in place of another; Ex. surrogate mother; ADJ.
surveillance  close observation of a person (esp. one under suspicion); watching; guarding

star 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

do sustain suffer (harm or loss); experience; support; prop; maintain; keep in existence; nourish (to maintain life); Ex. sustain the family/the trapped miners

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

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

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

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

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

star swerve deviate; turn aside sharply from a straight course; Ex. swerve from the principle; Ex. The car swerved to the right.

star swill drink greedily

do swindler cheater

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

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

do syllogism logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or specious argument

star sylvan pertaining to the woods or the country

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

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

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

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

star synoptic providing a general overview; summary; N. synopsis

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

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

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

star tactful careful no to cause offence; OP. tactless

star 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

star talisman charm; object believed to give supernatural powers to or protect its bearer

star talon claw of bird

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

star tangible able to be touched; real; concrete; palpable; possible to realize or understand; Ex. tangible proof

star tanner person who turns animal hides into leather

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

star tantalize tease; excite by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach; torture with disappointment; CF. Tantalus: Greek mythological figure

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heart tact skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offence

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

taper  very thin candle; gradual decrease in the width of a long object; V. make or become gradually narrower toward one end

tarantula  venomous spider

tarry  linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle

taut  tight; strained; tense; ready; OP. slack

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

tawdry  cheap and gaudy; Ex. tawdry jewelry

taxonomist  specialist in classifying (animals, etc.); CF. taxonomy: science of classification
		
tedium  boredom; weariness; ADJ. tedious

tend  to; make more bendable; as by heat; bend

temper  moderate; make less severe; tone down or restrain; OP. temper

temperament  characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ. temperamental: of temperament; ADJ. temperamental dis- like of sports; Ex. temperamental actress

temperate  moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF. temperance: moderation and abstinence of alcoholic drinks; Ex. temperance society

tempestuous  stormy; violent; impassioned; Ex. tempest: violent storm

tepid  lukewarm; slightly warm; 미지근한; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter

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

tenuous  thin; slim; rare

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

tepid  lukewarm; slightly warm; 미지근한; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter

terrestrial  on or relating to the earth

terminus  end; V. terminate

tenacious  holding fast (as to a belief); persistent

tendantious  promoting a particular point of view; biased; having an aim; designed to further a cause; Ex. tendentious rather than truth-seeking; CF. tend: move in a certain direction

tender  offer formally; extend; Ex. tender one’s resignation/the exact fare; N: formal offer; money; Ex. legal tender; ADJ: young and vulnerable; sensitive to the touch; sore; soft; delicate; Ex. child of tender years; Ex. tender wound

tenet  doctrine; dogma

tensile  capable of being stretched; of tension; Ex. tensile rubber
thwart block or hinder; baffle; frustrate

tightwad miser; excessively frugal person

tiller handle used to move boat’s rudder (to steer)

timbre quality of a musical tone produced by a musical instrument (which distinguishes it from others of the same pitch)

timidity lack of self-confidence or courage

timorous fearful; timid; demonstrating fear

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

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

tardy slow; sluggish; not on time; late; Ex. tardy arrival

titanic gigantic; N. titan

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

titillate tickle; excite pleasantly; Ex. not to titillate the audience but to enlighten it

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

title name (of a book, film, etc.); mark of rank; formal appellation as of rank or office (such as Lord or General); right or claim to possession; championship; Ex. title as head of the family; Ex. title to the estate

titter nervous giggle; nervous laugh; V.

titular of a title; in name only; nominal; having the title of an office without the obligations; Ex. titular head of the company

toady servile flatterer; yes man; sycophant; V: be a toady to; fawn

toga Roman outer robe

tome large volume; book

handsome large in quantity; generous; Ex. handsome reward
transure shaving of the head especially by person entering religious orders; V.

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

torpedo underwater explosive apparatus; V.

torpor lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy; ADJ. torpid: lethargic; lazy; inactive; (of an animal) dormant; hibernating

torque twisting force; force producing rotation

torrent rushing force; force producing rotation

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

torso trunk of statue with head and limbs missing; human trunk

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

tortuous winding; full of curves; Ex. tortuous mountain road

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

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

touchy oversensitive; easily offended; irascible; delicate; needing delicate handling; Ex. touchy situation
	
tout promote or publicize (one’s goods or service); praise excessively (as a form of advertisement); CF. advertise

toxic poisonous; N. toxicity

tract propaganda pamphlet (esp. by a religious or political group); expanse of land; region of indefinite size; system of related organs; Ex. digestive tract

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

traduce expose to slander

trajectory path taken by a projectile; Ex. trajectory of a bullet

elevation elevated position; altitude; height; flat upright side of a building; angle made by pointing a gun; Ex. The elevation of her style is much admired; Ex. front elevation of the house

tranquillity calmness; peace

transcendent exceeding ordinary limits; superior; surpassing; V. transcend: go beyond; exceed; surpass; N. transcendency

transcendental going beyond common thought or ideas; impossible to understand by practical experiences or practices; known only by studying thoughts or intuition; OP. empirical; CF. transcendentalism

transcribe copy; write a copy of; N. transcription

transgression violation of a law; sin; V. transgress: go beyond (a limit); violate; do wrong

transient staying for a short time; momentary; temporary; N: one that is transient

transition going from one state of action to another

transitory transient; impermanent; fleeting; N. transitoriness

translucent partly transparent

transmute transform; change; convert to something different

transparent permitting light to pass through freely; easily detected; obvious; clear; Ex. transparent lie

transpire (of a fact) become known; be revealed; happen; give off (watery waste matter) through pores

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

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

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

travail strenuous work; toil; painful labor; labor of childbirth

traverse go through or across

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

treatise article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly

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

tremor trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)

tremulous trembling; wavering

trenchant cutting; incisive; keen

furrow long shallow trench made by a plow; deep wrinkle in the skin; V.

trepidation fear; nervous apprehension

tribulation suffering; ordeal; distress; trial

tribunal court of justice

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

tribute tax levied by a ruler; payment made by one nation to another in acknowledgment of submission; mark of respect (such as praise or gift); Ex. pay tribute to

trident three-pronged spear

prong pointed projecting part

 trifling trivial; unimportant

trifle something of little importance or value; small amount; Ex. a trifile; V: treat without seriousness; flirt

trigger set off; start
trilogy  group of three related works (connected by a shared subject but each complete in itself)

trinket  knickknack; bauble; cheap jewelry

trite  hackneyed; commonplace

trivia  trifles; unimportant matters

troth  pledge of good faith especially in betrothal; betrothal; Ex. by my troth

trough  long narrow container for feeding farm animals; lowest point (of a wave, business cycle, etc.); long narrow depression as between waves

truculence  aggressiveness; ferocity; ADJ. truculent: aggressive; pugnacious; fierce

truism  self-evident truth

truncate  cut the top off; shorten

tryst  meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet

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

overblown  inflated; exaggerated

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

tundra  rolling treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America

rolling  (of land) rising and falling in long gentle slopes; happening continuously by stages; Ex. rolling devolution of power to local governments

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

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

tureen  deep dish for serving soup

turgid  swollen; distended (as from liquid)

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

turncoat  traitor

turpitude  depravity; baseness; Ex. moral turpitude

tutelage  guardianship; training; function of a tutor; instruction

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

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

typhoon  tropical hurricane or cyclone

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

tyro  beginner; novice

ubiquitous  being everywhere; omnipresent; N. ubiquity

wade  walk through a substance, such as water, that impedes movement
**ulterior** intentionally hidden; beyond what is evident; situated beyond; unstated and often questionable; Ex. ulterior motive

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

**eventual** happening at last as a result; Ex. eventual victory

**ultimatum** last demand; last warning; last statement of conditions that must be met; Ex. They have ignored our ultimatum.

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

**unaccountable** inexplicable; impossible to account for; unreasonable or mysterious

**unanimity** complete agreement; ADJ. unanimous

**unassailable** not open to attack; impregnable; not subject to question

**unassuaged** unsatisfied; not soothed

**unassuming** modest; Ex. the champion’s unassuming manner

**unbridled** violent; uncontrolled; Ex. unbridled rage/greed

**bridle** harness fitted about a horse’s head (used to restrain); curb; check; V: put a bridle on; control or restrain; show anger

**uncanny** strange; mysterious; Ex. uncanny knack

**knack** special talent; art

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

**uncouth** boorish; clumsy in speech or behavior; outlandish

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

**unctuous** oily; bland; insincerely suave

**underlying** lying below; fundamental

**undermine** weaken gradually; sap; dig a mine beneath

**underscore** underline; emphasize

**undulating** moving with a wavelike motion; V. undulate; CF. und: wave

**unearth** dig up; discover (facts) by careful searching; Ex. He unearthed some secrets about her; OP. conceal

**unearthly** not earthly; supernatural; weird; ghostly

**weird** eerie; strange; unnatural

**unequivocal** plain; clear; obvious

**unerringly** infallibly; ADJ. unerring: making no mistakes

**unexceptionable** entirely acceptable; not offering any basis for criticism

**unfaltering** steadfast; firm; not changing

**unfeigned** genuine; real

**unfetter** liberate; free from chains; V. unfetter

**hostage** person who is kept as a prisoner by an enemy so that the other side will do what the enemy demands

**unfledged** immature; not having the feathers necessary to fly; CF. fledging

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

**disbar** make (a lawyer) leave the bar or the legal profession

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

**bar** railing in a courtroom; legal profession; vertical line dividing a staff into equal measures; Ex. prisoner at the bar; V. shut in or out with bars; forbid; exclude; CF. barrister

**bastard** illegitimate child

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

**unguent** ointment

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

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

**unimpeachable** that cannot be impeached; beyond doubt or question; blameless and exemplary

**uninhibited** unrepressed; free in behavior and feelings

**unintimating** unfrightening

**unique** without an equal; single in kind

**unison** unity of pitch (in musical performance); complete accord; Ex. The choir sang in unison.

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

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

**unkempt** disheveled; uncared for in appearance; not combed; CF. comb

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

**unobtrusive** inconspicuous; not blatant

**unprecedented** having no previous example; novel; unparalleled

**unprepossessing** unattractive

**prepossessing** attractive; CF. preoccupying ?

**unravel** disentangle; solve

**unrequited** not requited; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love

**unruly** disobedient; lawless; difficult to control

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

**unscathed** unharmed; Ex. escape the accident unscathed
unseemly not proper in behavior; indecent; Ex. leave with unseemly haste
unsightly ugly; unpleasant to look at
unsullied untarnished; CF. sully
untenable (of a position, esp. in an argument) indefensible; not able to be maintained
untoward unexpected and adverse; unfortunate or unlucky; Ex. untoward encounter
unwarranted unjustified; having no justification; groundless; baseless; undeserved
unwieldy awkward (to carry or move); cumbersome; unmanageable
unwitting not knowing; unaware; unintentional; Ex. She was their unwitting accomplice; Ex. unwitting insult; CF. wit: know
unwonted unaccustomed; unusual; Ex. He arrived with unwonted punctuality.
upbraid reprimand; severely scold
braid plait; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; N: braided segment (as of hair)
uproarious marked by commotion or uproar; very noisy (esp. with laughter); hilarious; causing loud laughter; extremely funny
uproar noisy confusion
upshot outcome; final result
urbane suave; refined in manner; elegant
urchin mischievous child (usually a boy); CF. urchin: hedgehog; CF. porcupine: pig with spikes?; CF. sea urchin
ursine bearlike; pertaining to a bear
usurp seize another’s power or rank (without legal authority); supplant; appropriate; N. usurpation; CF. take for one’s own use
usury lending money at illegal high rates of interest
utopia ideal place, state, or society; ADJ. utopian
Shangri-la imaginary remote paradise on earth; CF. Lost Horizon
uxorious excessively submissive or devoted to one’s wife; CF. uxor: wife
vacillate waver (in opinion); fluctuate; sway to and fro; N. vacillation
vacuous empty; lacking in ideas; inane; stupid; Ex. vacuous expression; N. vacuity
vagabond wanderer (without a permanent home); tramp
tramp walk with a heavy step; travel on foot; N: vagrant; one who travels aimlessly about; long walk; sound of heavy walking
trample step heavily with the feet; crush under the feet
tread walk; trample; N: grooved face of a tire; horizontal part of a step
vagary capricious happening; caprice; whim; CF. wander
vagrant homeless wanderer
vainglorious boastful; excessively conceited; N. vainglory: great vanity
valedictory pertaining to farewell; N: farewell address (esp. at graduation exercises)
valediction saying farewell; expression of leave-taking
leave-taking farewell or departure
valid logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; effective; Ex. valid reasoning/passport
sound in good condition; showing good judgment or good sense; thorough; complete; Ex. sound mind/investment/training
validate make valid; confirm; ratify
valor bravery; ADJ. valiant: possessing valor; brave
vampire ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living
vanguard forerunners; foremost position of an army; advance forces; foremost position in a trend or movement; CF. rearguard
vantagade group of artists whose work is based on the newest ideas and methods; CF. vanguard
vantage position giving an advantage (such as a strategic point); CF. vantagepoint
vapid lacking liveliness; dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless; Ex. vapid lecture
variegated (esp. of a flower or leaf) many-colored
variegate change the appearance of (by marking with different colors)
vassal in feudalism, one who held land of a superior lord; subordinate or dependent
vaunted boasted; bragged; highly publicized; V. vaunt: boast; brag
veer change in direction; swerve
vegetate live in a monotonous way (without interests or activity); CF. vegetation: plants of an area; CF. vegetarian; CF. vegan
vehement forceful; intensely emotional; with marked vigor; strong; N. vehemence
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velocity speed

venal capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF. vernal

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

vendor seller

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

venerable deserving high respect; commanding respect; CF. command: deserve and get

venerate revere; treat with great respect

venial (of a fault or sin) forgivable; trivial

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

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

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

vent release or discharge through a vent; express (esp. unfairly); utter; Ex. He vented his wrath on his family.

ventilate admit fresh air into to replace stale air

ventral abdominal

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

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

brave face courageously; Ex. brave the storm

venturesome (of a person) bold; adventurous; daring; (of an action) risky

venue location; place (of a crime, trial, gathering, etc.); CF. come

veracious (of a person) truthful

veracity truthfulness; adherence to the truth

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

verbatim word for word; in the same words; repeating the actual words exactly

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

verbose wordy; N. verbosity

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

lush (of a plant or grass) growing very well

verdigris green coating or patina on copper which has been exposed to the weather

verge border; edge, rim, or margin; Ex. on the verge of: very near to; V: border on

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

verisimilitude appearance of truth; quality of appearing to be true or real; likelihood; Ex. verisimilitude of her performance as Lady Macbeth

veritable being truly so; real or genuine; actual; not false or imaginary

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

vernacular living language (as compared to the official language); language spoken in a country or region; natural style; Ex. lapse into the vernacular

vernal pertaining to spring

versatile having many talents; capable of working in many fields; having many uses or functions; N. versatility

vertex summit; highest point; PL. vertices

vertigo severe dizziness; giddiness

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

veto vested power to reject a bill; exercise of this right; V: prevent or forbid by exercising the power of veto

vex annoy; distress

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

viand food; CF. live

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

vicar parish priest; representative

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

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

vie contend; compete

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

vigil keeping watch (during normal sleeping hours); Ex. all-night vigil

vigilante one who without authority assumes law enforcement powers

vigor active strength; energy; enthusiasm; ADJ. vigorous

vignette small drawing placed at the beginning or end of a chapter; picture; short literary sketch; short written description of a character or scene

vilify slander; speak evil of; N. vilification

vindicate clear from blame; free from blame or accusation (with supporting proof); exonerate; substantiate; justify or support; avenge; Ex. vindicate one’s client; Ex. vindicate one’s claim; CF. vindicator

vindictive disposed to revenge; vengeful; out for revenge; spiteful; intended to cause harm; malicious; Ex. vindictive streak
♠ vintner  wine merchant; winemaker; seller of wine

☐ viper  poisonous snake

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

☐ virtual  in essence; existing in essence though not in actual form; for practical purposes; Ex. virtual ruler/space

☐ virtue  goodness; moral excellence; good quality; advantage; Ex. by virtue of; Ex. make a virtue of necessity

♠ virtuoso  highly skilled artist (esp. in music); Ex. piano virtuoso

♠ virulent  (of a disease or poison) extremely harmful or poisonous; (of a feeling) hostile; bitter; N. virulence; CF. virus; CF. venom

☐ virus  disease communicator

♠ visage  face; appearance

♠ visceral  felt in one’s inner organs; N. viscera: internal body organs; CF. eviscerate

♠ viscid  adhesive; gluey

☐ viscous  (of a liquid) thick and sticky; gluey; viscid; CF. consistency

♠ vise  vice; tool for holding work in place; clamping device

♠ visionary  produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical; showing foresight; N: one having foresight; one given to speculative impractical ideas

♥ vision  eyesight; foresight; mental image produced by the imagination; experience of seeing the supernatural

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

♥ vibrant  full of vigor or energy; vibrating

♠ vitiate  spoil the effect of; make inoperative; corrupt morally

♠ vitreous  of glass; pertaining to or resembling glass; V. vitrify: change into glass; CF. petrify

♠ vitriolic  causing sharp pain to the mind; caustic; corrosive; sarcastic; of vitriol; N. vitriol: sulphuric acid (which burns flesh deeply); bitterly abusive expression; caustic expression; CF. glass

♠ vituperative  abusive; scolding; V. vituperate: berate; scold; rail against abusively

♠ vivacious  lively or animated; sprightly

♥ sprightly  lively

☐ vivisection  act of dissecting living animals

♠ vixen  female fox; ill-tempered woman; CF. shrew

☐ vociferous  clamorous; noisy; V. vociferate: cry out loudly (when complaining)

♠ vogue  popular fashion; Ex. Jeans became the vogue.
volatile changeable; of a quickly changing nature (as of temper); mercurial; tending to violence; evaporating rapidly; Ex. volatile character/situation in the street

d □ volition act of using one’s will; act of making a conscious choice; Ex. She selected this dress of her own volition.

d □ voluble fluent; talkative; glib; N. volubility

♡ volley simultaneous discharge of a number of shots; V.

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

♡ 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

♡ voodoo religion practiced chiefly in Haiti

d □ voracious ravenous; eating large quantities of food; exceedingly eager; insatiable; Ex. voracious animal/reader

♡ vortex whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predication into which one is inexorably plunged

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

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

♠ voyeur Peeping Tom; person who derives sexual gratification from observing the sexual acts of others

□ vulnerable susceptible to wounds or attack; N. vulnerability

♠ vulpine like a fox; crafty

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

♡ vulture carrion-eating birds

♡ vying contending; CF. vie

♠ waffle speak equivocally about an issue; N.

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

♠ wagghish humorous; mischievous; tricky

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

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

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

♠ 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

♠ wallow roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury

♠ wan having a pale or sickly color; pal pallid

♠ wanderlust strong longing to travel

♠ wane decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.

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

♡ wiggle wriggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions

♡ fake not genuine; N: one that is not genuine; impostor; sham; V: counterfeit; Ex. fake the results of the experiment/the signature

♠ wanton unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; unchaste; sexually improper; promiscuous; Ex. wanton spending/killing; CF. having no just cause

♠ warble (of a bird) sing; babble; N.

♡ warp twist out of shape; N.

□ warranted justified; authorized

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

□ warranty guarantee; assurance by seller

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

□ wary very cautious; watchful

♠ wastrel waster; profligate

♠ wax increase gradually (as the moon); grow

♠ waylay ambush; lie in wait for and attack

♡ ambush act of lying in wait to attack by surprise; sudden attack made from a concealed position; Ex. lie in ambush; V.

♠ 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

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

♠ welt raised mark from a beating or whipping

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

♠ wender wender wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.

♠ wheelie deceive, persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her

♠ whelp young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.

♠ whet sharpen; stimulate; Ex. whet someone’s appetite

♠ whiff puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); short-lasting smell; hint; Ex. whiff of perfume/scandal

♠ whimsical capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange

♡ whim sudden capricious idea; fancy

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

♠ whinny neigh like a horse; CF. neigh: make the sound which horses make
whit • small amount; smallest speck; Ex. not a whit of

whittle • pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim

pare • cut away the outer covering or skin of (with a knife); trim; Ex. pare apples/expenses

whorl • ring of leaves around stem; ring; circular arrangement; Ex. whorls on the fingers

will • willful; wilful; intentional; headstrong

wilt • wilt • move suddenly or involuntarily; Ex. start at the sight of a snake

winds • windfill • fallen fruit; unexpected lucky event

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

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

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

wishy • wispy • thin; slight; barely discernible

wisp • wisp • small bunch (of hair); faint streak (of smoke)

wisdom • wispy • thin; slight; barely discernible

with • withhold • refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax

withdrawn • withdrawn • introverted; retiring; remote

remote • remote • distant in manner; aloof

wither • wither • (of a plant) dry up from loss of moisture; lose freshness; shrivel; decay

shrivel • shrivel • make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)

withhold • withhold • refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax

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

writhe • writhe • twist in coils; contort in pain

wry • wry • (esp. of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure)

xenophobia • xenophobia • fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe

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

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

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

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

yokel • yokel • rustic; country bumpkin

yore • yore • time long past; Ex. in the days of yore

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

zeal • zeal • eager enthusiasm (to a cause or ideal); ADJ. zealous

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

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

zephyr • zephyr • gentle breeze; west wind