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

abash: embarrass

abate: subside or moderate

abbreviate: shorten

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

aberrant: abnormal or deviant

aberration: deviation from the normal; mental disorder

abet: assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage

abetance: suspended action

abhor: detest; hate

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

abjure: renounce upon oath

ablution: washing

abnegation: renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation

abolish: cancel; put an end to

abominate: loathe; hate

abominable: detestable; extremely unpleasant

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

abortive: unsuccessful; fruitless

abrasive: rubbing away; tending to grind down

abridge: condense or shorten

abrogate: abolish

abscission: cutting off; separation

abscond: depart secretly and hide

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

☐ absolve :
  pardon (an offense)

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

☐ abstemious :
  sparing in eating and drinking; temperate

☐ abstinence :
  restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF. abstention: act of abstaining from vote

☐ abstract :
  theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational

♥ representational :
  (of a style of art) showing things as they actually appear in real life

☐ abstruse :
  obscure; profound; difficult to understand

☐ abusive :
  coarsely insulting; physically harmful

♠ abut :
  border upon; adjoin

☐ abysmal :
  bottomless

☐ abyss :
  enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit

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

☐ accede :
  agree

☐ accelerate :
  move faster

☐ accessible :
  easy to approach; obtainable

☐ accessory :
  additional object; useful but not essential thing

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

☐ acclimate :
  adjust to climate or environment; adapt

♠ acclivity :
  sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity

☐ accolade :
  award of merit; strong praise and approval

♥ merit :
  good quality deserving praise; merits: aspect of character or behavior deserving approval or disapproval; Ex. judge each plan on its own merits; V: deserve; earn

♥ demerit :
  fault; bad quality

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

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

☐ accomplice :
partner in crime

☐ accord :
agreement

☐ accost :
approach and speak first to a person

♠ accoutre :
equip. N. accoutrement

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

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

♠ acerbity :
bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic: bitter; acrid (in taste, manner, or tone)

♥ bitter :
having a sharp biting taste; ☼; causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter wind/sorrow/tears

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

♠ acetic :
vinegary

♠ acidulous :
slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic

☐ acknowledge :
recognize; admit

♠ acme :
peak; pinnacle; highest point

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

☐ acquiesce :
assent; agree passively; comply without protest

☐ acquittal :
delivery from a charge; V. acquit: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner

♠ acrid :
bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; 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 adaptation of a short novel.

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

**addiction**: compulsive habitual need

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

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

**adept**: expert at; very skilled

**adhere**: stick fast; be a devoted follower. N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty

**adherent**: supporter, follower

**adjacent**: adjoining; neighboring, close by

**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**: skilled (in using mind or hand)

**adulation**: flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved

**adulterate**: make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted (contaminated) substances
advent: arrival

adventitious: accidental; casual; happening by chance

adversary: opponent; enemy

adverse: going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile

adversity: great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event

advert: refer

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

advocate: speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for

aegis: shield; protection; defense

aerie(aery,eyrie,eyry): nest of a large bird of prey

aesthetic: artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful (of a person or building); CF. aesthete; CF. aesthetics

affable: easily approachable; easy to talk to; warmly friendly

affected: artificial; pretended

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

affiliation: joining; associating with

affinity: feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages

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

affliction: state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V. afflict: inflict grievous suffering on

affluence: abundance; wealth

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

agape: openmouthed

agenda: items of business at a meeting

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

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

aggregate: sum; total; ADJ. V. gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars
aghast: filled with great surprise or fear, horrified

agility: nimbleness; ability to move quickly

agitate: stir up; disturb

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

agog: highly excited; intensely curious

agrarian: pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform

alacrity: cheerful promptness without reluctance

alchemy: medieval chemistry

alcove: nook; recess

alias: an assumed name esp. by a criminal (usually to mislead people); ADV. alias

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

alimentary: supplying nourishment

alimony: payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce

allay: calm; pacify

allege: state without proof

allegiance: loyalty

allegory: story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols, fable

alleviate: relieve (pain)

allocate: assign; set apart for a particular purpose

earmark: set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose

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

allude: refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference

allure: 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.

aloft: upward; high up in the air

altercation: noisy quarrel

altruistic: unselfishly generous; concerned for others; 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

amass: collect (gradually, in a very large amount)

amazon: female warrior

ambidextrous: capable of using either hand with equal ease

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

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

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

ambler: walking at an easy unburdened pace; V: walk slowly and amably

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

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.
**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)

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

**analgesic:** causing insensitivity to pain; N.

**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

**ancestor:** family descent; ADJ. ancestral

**anchor:** secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage

**anecdote:** serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary; N.
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; 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
**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 humankind

**anthropomorphic**: having human form or characteristics

**anticlimax**: letdown in thought or emotion; something unexciting, ordinary, or disappointing coming after something important or exciting

**antidote**: remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles

**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

apolitical: 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

druggist; pharmacist

apothecary: druggist; pharmacist

apothegm: pithy, compact saying

apotheosis: elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something

appall: 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

apposite: appropriate; fitting

appraise: estimate value of; N: appraisal

appreciate: be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of; ADJ: appreciable: enough to be felt; Ex: appreciable difference

apprehend:
arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive; N. apprehension

♠ apprehensive :

fearful; discerning

☐ apprise :

inform

☐ approbation :

approval

☐ 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)

♠ arboreum :

place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited

♥ arboreal :

of or living in trees

☐ arcade :

a covered passageway usually lined with shops

☐ arcane :

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

☐ archaeology :

study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

♠ archaic :

antiquated; no longer used; belonging to the past; N.

♠ archetype :

prototype; primitive pattern

☐ arch- :

chief; first; Ex. archbishop

♠ archipelago :

group of closely located islands

♠ archives :

public records; place where public records are kept

☐ ardor :

heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent

♠ arduous :

hard; strenuous; Ex. arduous work
argot: slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people

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

arid: (of land) dry, barren, unproductive

aristocracy: hereditary nobility; privileged class; government by nobility; N. aristocrat

armada: fleet of warships

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

arraign: charge in court; indict

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

arrears: being in debt; money that should have been paid; work that should have been done

arrhythmic: lacking rhythm or regularity; N. arrhythmia

arrogance: pride; haughtiness; ADJ. arrogant: unpleasantly self-important (with a strong confidence in one's own importance and a lack of respect for other people)

arroyo: gully; narrow channel formed by rainwater

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 ascendant

ascertain: find out for certain; make certain

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

ascribe: refer; attribute; assign

aseptic: preventing infection; having a cleansing effect
ashen: 
ash-colored; deadly pale

asinine: 
stupid; Ex. asinine remarks

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

askew: 
crookedly; slanted, at an angle

asperity: 
sharpness; roughness; severity (of temper or weather); Ex. asperities of a Russian winter

aspersions: 
slanderous remark; Ex. cast aspersions on

aspirant: 
s seeker after position or status

aspire: 
seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the leadership

assail: 
assault

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

assent: 
agree; accept; N. assessment

assert: 
state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful action); Ex. assert one’s independence

assiduous: 
diligent

assimilate: 
absorb; take (food) into the body and digest it; understand (knowledge) completely and be able to use properly; cause to become homogeneous (the people of a country or race in the way of behaving or thinking)

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

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

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

assumption: 
agreed; accept; N. assumption

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agreed; accept; N. assumption

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agreed; accept; N. assumption

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agreed; accept; N. assumption

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agreed; accept; N. assumption

asteroid: 
small planet

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

astral: 
relating to the stars

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relating to the stars

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

astronomical: 
immensely 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

**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; wasting 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; Es. a monk's austerity

**attest** :: testify; bear witness
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/do ing 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

bacchanal: noisy party with a lot of drinking

Bacchanalia: the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus

badger: pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N: a kind of mountain animal

badinage: teasing conversation; banter; joking talk

baffle: frustrate; perplex

bait: harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other 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

banter: discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words) heatedly; quarrel; Ex. banter words with

baneful: poision; 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
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<td>trader; V. barter: trade; exchange good for other goods rather than money</td>
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<td>bask</td>
<td>luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth</td>
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<td>take pleasure in great comfort</td>
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<td>bastion</td>
<td>stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism</td>
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<td>bate</td>
<td>let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF: abate</td>
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<td>bauble</td>
<td>trinket; cheap jewel; trifle</td>
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<td>bawdy</td>
<td>indecent; obscene; about sex in a rude funny way; CF: bawd</td>
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<td>beatific</td>
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<td>complete happiness; ADJ: blissful</td>
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<td>blessedness; state of great happiness</td>
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<td>mystic</td>
<td>of hidden meaning and spiritual power; Ex. mystic ceremonies; N. CF: mysticism</td>
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<td>bedizen</td>
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<td>finery</td>
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<td>bedraggle</td>
<td>wet thoroughly; ADJ: bedraggled: draggled</td>
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<td>make stupid or confused as with alcoholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused</td>
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<td>envy; give or allow unwillingly; grudge; Ex. We shouldn't begrudge him his success.</td>
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beholden :
obligated; indebted; owing thanks; obliged or indebted from gratitude

behoove(behove) :
be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary. Ex. It behoves 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 :
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

bemoan :
lament; mourn for; express sorrow or disapproval of

bemused :
confused; lost in thought; preoccupied

beheath :
be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary. Ex. It behoves one to do.
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
bestial: beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel
bestow: confer
betoken: signify; indicate; be a sign of
token: outward sign, Ex. a token of our gratitude
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)
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

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blunder: error; stupid mistake

blur: make blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder
♠ 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 :
vicious, 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 :
moved or thrown suddenly and quickly

♥ gobble :
eat very quickly

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

♠ bombastic :
pompous, using inflated language

♥ bombast :

♠ boondoggle, 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

♠ bragadocio :
boasting

♥ brag :
boost
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 unashamed 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
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: mud 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; mud 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, jelly

plump:
pleasantly fat; nicely rounded

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

cache :
hiding place; V.

cabalastic :

'existent, 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

cajoled :
persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle

cajole :

persuade by flattery

♠ callage :
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 ulserous sore; ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer

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

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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:

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

□ cantankerous:

ill-tempered; irritable

♣ cantata:

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

♣ canter:

slow gallop; V. cf. trot

♣ canto:

division of a long poem

♣ canvass:

determine or 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

♣ capitulate:

surrender; give up all resistance

□ caprice:

whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause

□ capricious:

unpredictable; fickle

□ caption:

title; chapter heading; text under illustration

♣ captious:

faultfinding; too critical

♣ carafe:

glass water bottle; decanter

♣ carapace:

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

♣ 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:
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

carousal: drunken revel; V. carouse

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

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

cartographer: map-maker

cascade: small waterfall

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

castigation: punishment; severe criticism or disapproval

casualty: serious or fatal accident; person killed or wounded in an accident or battle

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

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

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

catapult: slingshot; hurling machine; V. fire from catapult

carousel: throw forcefully; shout out violently

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

catcall: 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

castigation: punishment; severe criticism or disapproval

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

hurl: throw forcefully; shout out violently
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
cauterize: burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection
cavalcade: procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry
cavalier: casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight
cavil: quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily
cede: yield (title or territory) to (esp. after losing a war); surrender formally; N. cession
celerity: speed; rapidity
celestial: heavenly

hereafter: life after death
afterlife: life after death; later part of one's life
celibate: abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy
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

□ chameleons :

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 :

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

♠ chisel :

swindle or cheat; N. wedge-like 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

♠ cholerical :

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

♠ ciliated :

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

☐ cipher :

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

☐ circlet :

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
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; outsmart; 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

**clairvoyant**: 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**: 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

clout: 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

cogulate: congeal; thicken; clot; N. coagulant

cog: tooth projecting from a wheel

cogent: convincing

cogitate: think over; ponder

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

codile: concluding section of a musical or literary composition

codify: arrange (laws or rules) as a code; classify; N. code: system of words used instead of ordinary writing; collection of laws, rules, established social customs

codiceil: supplement to the body of a will; later addition to a will

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

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

cog: tooth projecting from a wheel

cogitate: think over; ponder

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

cohabit: live together

cohere: stick together

cohesion: tendency to keep together

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

coiffure: hairstyle

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

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

colander: utensil with perforated bottom used for straining

collaborate: work together; cooperate treasonably with the enemy

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

desert: 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

homely: not good-looking; unattractive

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

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

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

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

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

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

compulsory: obligatory; that must be done

compulsive: resulting from compulsion

compendium: brief, comprehensive summary; ADJ: compendious
compensatory: making up for; repaying

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

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

complacency: self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ. complacent

smug: self-satisfied; complacent

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

complement: complete; consummate; make perfect; N.
complementary: serving to complete something

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

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

complacency: 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:
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<td>concatenate</td>
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<td>concave</td>
<td>hollow, curved inwards, OP convex</td>
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| condole       | }
express condolences; N. condolence: sympathy for someone who has experienced great sorrow

condone:

overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse

condusive:

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

conduit:

aqueduct; passageway for fluids

confidant (confidante):

trusted friend (to whom one tells one’s secret)

confide:

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

confidence:

self-assurance; calm 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

confidential:

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

confinement:

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

confiscate:

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

conflagration:

great fire

confluence:

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

conformity:

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

conformist:

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

confound:

confuse; puzzle

congeal:

freeze; coagulate

congenial:

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

congenital:

existing at birth

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
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

conspicuous: having a common ancestor

conscription: draftee; person forced into military service; V. conscript

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; allay the sorrow of; N. consolation

consolidation: unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger; V. consolidate: merge; strengthen

consent: agreement

consonant: harmonious; in agreement; N.

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

conspiracy: treacherous plot; secret plan against the law (by two or more people)
**conspire**: take part in a conspiracy; (of events) work together; combine. 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

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**thesis**: opinion put forward and supported by reasoned arguments

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illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.

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

□ contrite :

penitent; repentant; N. contrition

♠ contrived :

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

♥ contrive :

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)

□ contusion :

bruise

♥ bruise :

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

□ converse :

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

□ convolve :

call together; Ex. convolve 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
coquette: flirt; flirtatious woman; woman who tries to attract the admiration of men without sincere feelings; V.

flirt: behave in a way that attracts (sexual) attention; deal triflingly with; N: 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 자르고 밑으로 질척킨 장식 비로) 장식 비로

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

**covenant**

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

**bargain**

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

**covert**

secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt

**covetous**

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

**cow**

terrorize; intimidate

**cower**

shrink quivering as from fear; cringe

**coy**

shy (flirtatiously); showing a (pretended) lack of self-confidence; modest; coquettish; CF. job offer

**cozen**

cheat; hoodwink; swindle

**crabbed**

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

**crass**

very unrefined; grossly inexpressible; crude and undiscriminating; Ex. crass behavior

**craven**

cowardly

**credence**

belief

**credo**

creed

**credulity**

belief on slight evidence; gullibility; naive; ADJ. credulous

**creed**

system of religious or ethical belief

**crescendo**

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

**far-fetched**

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

**overture**

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

**crestfallen**

depressed, dispirited

**crest**

top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird
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<td>criteria</td>
<td>standards used in judging; CF. criterion</td>
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<td>crone</td>
<td>hag; ugly old woman</td>
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<td>crotchety</td>
<td>(of someone old) eccentric; odd; whimsical; N. crotchet: odd or whimsical notion</td>
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<td>greed (for wealth); CF. cupid; CF. Cupid</td>
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<td>curator</td>
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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

dais: raised platform for speakers or other important people

dally: 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

death: 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 man) 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:
début; first public appearance; formal presentation of a young woman to society

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

decant:
pour off gently (wine or liquid)

decapitate:
behead

decelerate:
slow down

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

decimate:
k ill (usually one out of ten or every tenth man); destroy or kill a large part of

decipher:
decode; CF. indecipherable

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

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

decoy:
lure or bait; V.

decrepitude:
state of collapse or weakness caused by illness or old age

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

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

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

deface:
mar; disfigure
mar: spoil the appearance of
defame: harm someone’s reputation; malign; speak evil of; slander; N. defamation; ADJ. defamatory
default: failure to act; failure to perform a task or be present; V.
defeatist: resigned to defeat or failure; accepting defeat or failure as a natural outcome; N. CF. defeatism
defection: desertion
defect: shortcoming; V: desert (in order to join the opposite one)
defer: give in respectfully; submit; delay till later; exempt temporarily; N. deferment; CF. show respect, comply with, courteous
deference: courteous regard for another’s wish; courteous yielding to another’s wish or opinion (showing respect); ADJ. deferential; OF. effrontery
defiance: refusal to yield; resistance; V: defy; ADJ. defiant
defile: pollute; make filthy or dirty; corrupt morally; profane; desecrate; N: narrow passage or gorge through mountains
definitive: most reliable; authoritative and complete; that cannot be improved; conclusive; decisive; definite; Ex. definitive decision by the supreme court
deflect: turn aside; turn away from a straight course
defoliate: destroy leaves; deprive of leaves (by the use of chemicals); N. defoliant
defray: provide for the payment of; undertake the payment of; pay
defrock: strip a priest or minister of church authority; unfrock
defrock: long loose garment (worn by monks)
def: neat, skillful
defunct: dead; no longer in use or existence
degenerate: become worse in quality; deteriorate; ADJ. having become worse; Ex. a degenerate species; N: depraved or corrupt person
degradation: humiliation; debase, demote; reduce (something) in worth; degrade; debase; disgrace; demote (someone); reduce in rank

dishonor: disgrace; N. ADJ. dishonorable
dehydrate: remove water from; dry out
deify: turn into a god; make a god of, idolize; Ex. Kings were deified; CF. deity
deign:
condescend; stoop

stoop :

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

delete :

erase; strike out

deletious :

harmful

deliberate :

consider; ponder; ADJ: done on purpose; slow

delineate :

portray; depict; sketch; describe; N. delineation

delirium :

mental disorder marked by confusion; uncontrolled excitement; ADJ. delirious

delta :

flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river

delude :

deceive

deluge :

flood; rush; V.

delusion :

false belief; hallucination; deluding; Ex. delusions of grandeur; Ex. under the delusion that
delusive :

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fiend :

evil spirit; devil

demonic(demoniacal) :

fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil

demographic :

related to population balance; N. demography: statistical study of human population

demolition :

destruction; V. demolish

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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

delve :

dig, search deeply; investigate
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derision; 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

dermatologist
acne: skin disease (on the face)
derogatory: expressing a low opinion; disparaging; V. derogue: detract; disparate
desecrate: profane; violate the sanctity of

desecrate

violating: 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
despoil

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

desolate

impoverish

impoverish

desolate

desolate: make desolate; forsake; abandon and desert
♦ determination :
resolve; firmness of purpose; measurement or calculation; decision

☐ deterrent :
something that discourages or deters

□ detonation :
explosion

♦ detraction :
slandering; aspersion; detracting; CF: detractor

☐ detrimental :
harmful; damaging; N: detriment

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

♠ devious :
roundabout; erratic; deviating from the straight course; not straightforward; not completely honest; Ex. devious route

♣ 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, non-binding remark (something said in passing)

♠ didactic :
(of speech or writing) intended to teach a moral lesson; teaching; instructional; N: didacticism

♠ die :
enthusiastic follower; enthusiastic; Ex. devotee of Bach

♠ die :
metal block used for shaping metal or plastic; device for stamping or impressing; mold; CF: dyes
**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. sufluse

**digression**: wandering away from the subject; V. digress

**dilapidated**: falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined because of neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N. dilapidation

**dilate**: expand; dilate on/upon: speak or write at length on (a subject)

**dilatory**: delaying; tending to delay

**dilemma**: situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives

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

**diligence**: steadiness of effort; persistent hard work

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

**diminution**: lessening; reduction in size; V. diminish

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

**dinghy**: small boat (often ship’s boat)

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

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

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

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

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**dirt**: 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. disafflict: cease to love affection or loyalty

**disapproval**: disapproval; condemnation

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

♠ disavowal :
denial; disclaiming; repudiating; disowning; V. disavow; CF. disclaim

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

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

□ discernible :
distinguishable; perceivable; Ex. discernible improvement

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

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

□ disclose :
reveal; N. disclosure

♠ discombobulated :
discomposed; confused

♥ discompose :
disturb the composure of; confuse

□ discomfit :
frustrate; put to rout; defeat; disconcert; embarrass; perturb

♠ disconcert :
confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb

□ disconsolate :
hopelessly sad (at the loss of something)

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

□ discordant :
not harmonious; conflicting

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

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

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

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

□ discrete :
separate; unconnected

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

□ discriminating :
able to see differences; 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)

□ disdain :
disembark : treat with scorn or contempt
disembark; go ashore (from a ship); unload cargo from a ship; CF: embark
disengage :
uncouple; separate; disconnect; stop fighting; OP: engage
disfigure :
mur the appearance of; spoil
disgorgel surrender something (stolen); eject; vomit; OP: gorge
disgruntle :
make discontented
disheveled :
untidy (of hair or clothing); V: dishevel
disinterest :
uninterested; free from bias and self-interest; objective
disjointed :
disconnected; lacking coherence; V: disjoint; disconnect; disjoin
disjunction :
act or state of separation; disunity; CF: disjunctive: expressing a choice between two ideas; CF: conjunction; CF: conjunctive
dislodge :
remove (forcibly); force out of a position; Ex. dislodge the food caught in his throat; CF: lodge
dismantle :
take apart; disassemble
mantle :
loose sleeveless outer garment; cloak; something that covers or envelops, the layer of the earth between the crust and the core
crust :
hard outer covering (as of earth or snow)
dismember :
cut into small parts; cut (a body) apart limb from limb
dismiss :
eliminate from consideration; no longer consider; put out of court without further hearing; reject; discharge from employment; direct to leave; ADJ: dismissive; N: dismissal
disparage :
belittle
maneuver (manoeuver) :
strategic military or naval movement (done for training purposes); carefully planned process; stratagem; V: carry out a military maneuver; use maneuvers in gaining an end
disparate :
basically different; impossible to compare; unrelated
disparity :
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

disquisition: 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

dissimulate: pretend; conceal by feigning; dissemble

dissipate: squander; waste foolishly; scatter

dissolution: disintegration; reduction to a liquid form; looseness in morals; sensual indulgence; debauchery; ADJ. dissolute: lacking in moral restraint; leading an immoral life

dissuade: persuade not to do; discourage; N. dissuasion

dissonance: discord

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

dissent: disagree

dissertation: formal essay; treatise

dissident: dissenting (with an opinion, a group, or a government); rebellious; N.
dissimulate: disguise; hide the real nature of; pretend

disseminate: distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)
dispersal
distill: refine (a liquid by evaporating and subsequent condensation); concentrate; separate the most important parts from; Ex. distill fresh water from sea water; Cf. brew

distinction: honor; excellence; difference; contrast; discrimination; Ex. graduated with distinction; Ex. a writer of real distinction

distinct: clearly different; clearly noticed

distinctive: clearly different from others of the same kind

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

distrait: absentminded; distracted

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

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

diurnal: daily; occurring during the daytime

diva: operatic singer; prima donna

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

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

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

divest: strip (as of clothes); deprive (as of rights); dispossess; N. divestiture (divestment)

divine: perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foretell; dowse; ADJ. N. divination

dowse: use a divining rod to search for underground water or minerals

divulge: reveal

docile: obedient; easily managed; submissive

docious: fierce; violent; N. ferocity

docket: program as for trial; book where such entries are made; list of things to be done; agenda; label fixed to a package listing contents or directions; V. describe in a docket

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

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

document: provide written evidence (for a claim); record with documents; N.
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| shaky; infirm from old age; V. do
dder
| rule over tyrannically |
| **♥ merit** | **♥ dominate** |
| deserve; ADJ. meritorious: deserving reward or praise |
| control; rule; enjoy a commanding position in; overlook from a height; 대단하고 |
| **♠ doff** | **♥ persever** |
| take off; OP. don |
| persevere |
| continue steadily in spite of difficulties |
| **♠ dogerel** | **♥ outfit** |
| poor verse |
| clothing or equipment for a special purpose; Ex. cowboy outfit |
| **□ dormant** | **□ domineer** |
| sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent |
| dormer |
| window projecting upright from roof; CF. sleeping room |
| **♠ doldrums** | **♠ dominant** |
| blues; listlessness(lack of spirit or energy); slack(inactive) period; period of stagnation; ocean area near the equator where ships cannot move because there is no wind; Ex. in the doldrums |
| exercising the most influence; high and easily seen; stronger than the other part of a system; not recessive |
| **♠ don** | **♥ outfit** |
| put on; OP. doff |
| **♥ dolt** | **♀ dolorous** |
| slow-thinking stupid person; CF. dull |
| dolor |
| sorrowful; N. dolor |
| **♠ dour** | **♠ dotage** |
| sullen; gloomy; stubborn |
| be excessively fond of; show signs of mental decline |
| **♠ dotage** |
| sensitivity; feeblemindedness of old age; Ex. in one’s dotage |
| **♠ dossier** |
| file of documents on a subject or person; file; CF. bundle of papers labeled on the back |
| **♠ dormer** |
| window projecting upright from roof; CF. sleeping room |
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| sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent |
| **♠ dossiers** |
| file of documents on a subject or person; file; CF. bundle of papers labeled on the back |
| **♠ dormant** |
| sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent |
silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark, gloomy

♥ brood :

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

♠ douse :

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

♠ dowdy :

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

♠ downcast :

disheartened; dejected; sad; directed downward

♠ drab :

dull; lacking color; cheerless; Ex. drab coat/life

♠ draconian :

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

♠ dregs :

sediment in a liquid; less; worthless residue

♠ drivel :

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

♥ drip :

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

♥ trickle :

flow in drops or in a thin stream; N.

♠ droll :

quer and amusing

♥ queer :

strange; eccentric; deviating from the normal

♠ drone :

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

♠ drudge :

do drudgery; N: person who drudges

♠ dubious :

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

♠ ductile :

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

♠ dulcet :

sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious

♠ dumbfound(dumfound) :

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

♠ dupe :
someone easily fooled or deceived; V: deceive

♠

duplicity:

double-dealing, hypocrisy; being dishonest and deceitful; ADJ: duplicitous

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duration:

length of time something lasts

♠

duress:

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

♠

dutiful(duteous):

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

♠

dwindle:

shrink; reduce gradually

□

dynamic:

energetic; vigorously active

♥

dynamo:

generator for producing electricity; energetic person

♠

dyspeptic:

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

♥

dys-:

abnormal; impaired

♥

dyslexia:

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

♥

dysentery:

inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract

♠

earthy:

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

♥

earthly:

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

□

ebb:

(of the tide) needs; 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

♥

chapel:

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

♥

chaplain:

clergyman attached to a chapel

♥

padre:

chaplain (in the armed forces)

□

eclectic:

selective, composed of elements drawn from disparate sources; selecting individual elements from a variety of sources; N. eclecticism

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selective:

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

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eclipse:

darken; extinguish; outshine; surpass; cause an eclipse
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<td>rapture; very strong feeling of joy and happiness; ADJ: ecstatic: causing or experiencing ecstasy</td>
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<td>ruler in a monarchy; ADJ: (of a country) independent and self-governing; having supreme power; supreme; excellent</td>
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<td>having lost one's original power; barren; worn out; exhausted</td>
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<td><strong>efficacy</strong></td>
<td>power to produce desired effect; ADJ: efficacious: effectual</td>
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<td>dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex: burn an effigy of the President</td>
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dummy: imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy

effluvium: noxious (smelly) smell

effrontery: rudeness without any sense of shame; shamelessness; presumption; 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.

ego: one's opinion of oneself; self-esteem

egotistical: egotistic; excessively self-centered (ego-centric); self-important; conceited

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

egregious: notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking

egress: exit; opening for going out; OP. ingress

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

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

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
excl. / excl. the hunter / excl. 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(embeded):
enclose; place in something; fix firmly in a surrounding mass

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

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

□ embrace:
hug, clasp with the arms; adopt or espouse; accept readily; encircle; include; Ex. embrace the cause/socialism; Ex. all-embracing, CF brace, CF braclet

♥ encircle:
surround

□ emboider:
decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embellish

□ embroil:
throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF imbroglio

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

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

♠ emetic:
substance causing vomiting, ADJ.

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

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

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

♠ emolument:
salary; payment for an office; compensation
empathy: ability to identify with another’s feelings, ideas, etc.; identification with and understanding of another’s feelings; V. empathize; CF. sympathy

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

empirical: based on experience

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

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

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

enclave: territory enclosed within an alien land

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

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

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

encumber: burden; N. encumbrance

endearment: fond word or act; expression of affection

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

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

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

endue: provide with some quality; endow

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

energize: invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active

enervate: weaken; take away energy from

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

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

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 :

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

☐ enjoin :

command; order; forbid

☐ enmity :

ill will; hatred; hostility

♠ ennuı :

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; 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; held the complete attention of (as if magic); held 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 surroundings (as in contemplation or daydreaming); CF. transition

♥ hypnosis :

induced sleeping state; ADJ. hypnotic; V. hypnotize

☐ entreat :

plead; ask earnestly
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<td>enclose; surround; N. environs: surrounding area (as of a city)</td>
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<td>long period of time; an age; longest division of geologic time containing two or more eras</td>
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<td>ornament worn on the shoulder (of a uniform, etc.)</td>
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<td>decorative edge of hanging threads; edge</td>
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<td>long heroic poem, novel, or similar work of art (celebrating the feats of a hero); ADJ. (of stories or events) resembling an epic; grand</td>
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| **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 |
| **epoch:**       | period of time |
| **equable:**     | tranquil; of even calm temper; (of temperature) steady; uniform |
| **equanimity:**  | calmness of temperament; composure |
rider on horseback; ADJ.

**equilibrium**

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

**equipoise**

balance; balancing force; equilibrium

**equitable**

fair; impartial; OP. inequitable

**equity**

fairness; justice; OP. inequity

**equivocal**

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

**equivocate**

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

**erode**

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

**erotic**

pertaining to passionate love or sexual love

**errant**

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

**erratic**

odd; irregular in movement or behavior; unpredictable

**erroneous**

mistaken; wrong; incorrect

**erudite**

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

**errad**

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

**escapade**

prank; flighty conduct; reckless adventure that disobeys rules

**prank**

mischiefous trick

**flighty**

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

**eschew**

avoid habitually; Ex. eschew alcoholic drinks

**esoteric**

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

**espionage**

spying

**espouse**

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

**esteem**

respect; value; judge; N.

**estimable**

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

**inestimable**
impossible to estimate; (approc) invaluable; of immeasurable worth

☐ estranged:

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

♠ ethereal:

like a spirit or fairy; unearthly light; heavenly; unusually refined; Ex. She has an ethereal beauty; CF. ether: upper air

♥ airy:

of air; high in the air; lofty; immaterial; unreal

♠ ethnic:

relating to races

♠ ethnology:

study of humankind, study of the different races of human beings; CF. anthropology

♠ ethos:

underlying character of a culture, group, etc.; character or ideas peculiar to a specific person, group, or culture; Ex. the company ethos

☐ etymology:

study of word parts; study of the origins of words

☐ eugenic:

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

☐ eulogistic:

praising; full of eulogy

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♠ eulogy:

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

☐ euphemism:

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

☐ euphony:

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. exaction

☐ 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)

♠ exasperating

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.

❤ excise

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

• 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 picture exemplifies 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; important; 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

exigous : 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
expeditious: done with speed; quick; N. expedition
expenditure: payment or expense; expending; something expended; output; Ex. receipt for the expenditure; Ex. expenditure of all the energy
expertise: specialized knowledge (in a particular field); expert skill
expiate: make amends for (a sin)
expletive: meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word
interjection: exclamation; Ex. “Ouch”
swear: vow; promise; use profane oaths; use offensive words
swear-word: word considered offensive; Ex. “bloody”
oath: solemn promise; blasphemous use of sacred words to express strong feelings; swear-word; Ex. “For Christ’s sake”
explicate: 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
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
extant: (of something written or painted) still in existence
extemporaneous: not planned; impromptu; extempor
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: extortionate: 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: not essential; irrelevant; superfluous; external; coming from the outside; Ex. extraneous details/noise/to the subject

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

extricate: free from an entanglement or difficulty; disentangle

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

extrinsic: external; not essential or inherent; extraneous; OP: intrinsic

e extrovert: person interested mostly in external objects and actions

mingle: mix together in close association

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

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

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

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

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

exult: rejoice

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

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

facet: small plane surface (of a gem [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
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

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<td>smugly and unconsciously foolish; insane; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness</td>
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<td>□ fauna</td>
<td>animals of a period or region; CF. flora</td>
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<td>courting favor by cringing and flattering; V. fawn: exhibit affection as a dog; seek favor or attention by obsequiousness</td>
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<td>attempt to gain; seek; woo; risk; behave so as to invite; attempt to gain the favor of by attention; Ex. court disaster</td>
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<td>cruel; (of a disease) deadly</td>
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<td>♠ felon</td>
<td>person convicted of a grave crime; CF. felony: serious crime</td>
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<td>(of an animal) not domestic; wild</td>
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<td>agitation; commotion(noisy and excited activity); unrest (of a political kind); V. produce by fermentation; undergo fermentation; cause (a state of trouble)</td>
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<td>drive or hunt out of hiding; hunt with ferrets; drive out (as from a hiding place); espel; uncover or discover by searching, Ex. ferret out the secret; N. small fierce animal which catches rats and rabbits by going into their holes</td>
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ardent; zealous; hot

♠ fervid :
(of speech) filled with passion; fervent

♥ impassioned :

♠ 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.

□ festive :
joyous; celebratory; relating to a feast or festival

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

♠ fetid(foetid) :
malodorous; foul

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

♥ fetish(fetich) :
object believed to have spiritual powers; object of excessive attention or reverence; CF. fetishism

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

♠ fiasco :
total failure; CF. bottle

♠ 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(speech) 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: crimsbust

filigree:

delicate ornamental lace-like metalwork

lace:

cord used to draw and tie together two opposite edges (as of a shoe); delicate fabric made of fine threads; V: draw together by tying a lace

filing:

particle removed by a file

finale:

conclusion; concluding part

finesse:

delicate skill; V: handle with finesse

finicky:

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

fussy:

fastidious, finicky; easily upset

fuss:

trouble or worry over trifles; make nervous; pay too much attention to; N: needless concern or worry (about a trivial thing); anxious nervous condition; display of attention; Ex: make a fuss over the baby

finite:

limited

firebrand:

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

hothead:

person who does things too quickly without thinking; ADJ: hotheaded

fissure:

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

flair:

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!”

♠ flay :

strip off skin; plunder; remove the skin from; criticize harshly

♠ fleck :

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

♠ fledgling(fledgeling) :

inexperienced; N: young bird that has acquired wing feathers and is learning to fly; inexperienced person

♠ fleece :

wool coat of a sheep; V: shear the fleece from; rob by a trick; swindle; plunder

♥ shear :

remove (fleece or hair) by cutting; remove the hair or fleece from; cut 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; flutter; N.

♠ flinch :

hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger

♥ flip :

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

♠ flit :

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

♥ florescence :

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. tinge with grey/pale/somewhat

♥ 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)

♠ floundering:

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

♥ thrashing:

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.

□ flourishing:

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)

♠ flouting:

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

♥ curbing:

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

□ fluctuating:

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

□ fluency:

smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent

♠ fluking:

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

♥ flustering:

confuse; make nervous and confused; N.

♠ flushed:

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

♥ grooving:

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

♥ stammering:

speak with involuntarily pauses or repetitions

♠ fluxing:

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

♠ foddering:

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

♠ foiling:

small weakness of character; slight fault; CF. feeble

♠ foiling:

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

♠ foisting:

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

♥ palming:

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

♥ passoff:

present falsely; represent falsely to be

♠ foliaging:


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

foray:

raid; sudden raid or military advance; V.

forbearance:

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

ford:

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

forebears (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

forum:

public square of an ancient Roman city; public place for open discussion; court of law

foreshadow:

give an indication beforehand; be a sign of; forewarn

forerunner:

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

foresight:

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

forestall:

prevent by taking action in advance

nuptial:

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

forfeit:

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

forge:

counterfeit; reproduce fraudulently; form by heating in a forge and hammering into shape; move with a sudden increase of speed or power; Ex. forged ahead in the last two years; N: furnace where metals are heated

forgo (forego):

give up; do without

forlorn:

sad and lonely; stricken; 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

prefigure:

give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend; prefigure
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□ 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

♠ frolicsome : prankish; gay; playful; merry; frisky

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

♠ frond : fern leaf; palm or banana leaf

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

♠ fructify : bear fruit; produce fruit

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

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

□ frustrate : thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose

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

♠ fulcrum : support on which a lever rests or pivots

♠ fulminate : thunder; explode; issue a severe denunciation

♠ fulsome : disgustingly excessive; obtrusively flattering; Ex. fulsome praise; expressions of admire

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

♠ functionary : official (who performs a particular function)

♥ functional : made for practical use only (without decoration); functioning; Ex. functional modern furniture; CF. functionalism

□ fundamental : basic; primary; essential

♠ funereal : sad, solemn; suitable for a funeral

♠ furor :
frenzy; great anger and excitement; CF. fury

♠ furtive:

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

♥ sneak:

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

♥ underhand(underhanded):

done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)

♥ sly:

clever in deceiving; secretive; not telling one's intentions

♠ fusillade:

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

□ fusion:

union; coalition; V. fuse

□ futile:

useless; hopeless; ineffectual

♠ gadfly:

animal-biting fly; irritating person

♠ gaffe:

social blunder

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♠ gainsay:

deny

♠ gait:

manner of walking or running; speed

□ galaxy:

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

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

♠ gall:

bitterness of feeling; nerve; effrontery; bile; CF. gall bladder

♠ gall:

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

□ galleon:

large three-masted sailing ship

♥ galley:

low ship with sails (rowed along by slaves)

♥ clipper:

sailing vessel built for great speed

♥ pinnace:

small boat

♥ clip:

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

♠ galvanize:

stimulate or shock by an electric current; stimulate by shock; shock into action; stir up; coat with rust-resistant zinc by using electricity

♥ galvanic:

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

♠ gambit:

opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed; action made to produce a future advantage

♥ ploy:

strategem to gain an advantage; tactic; Ex. management ploy
gambol: 
romp; skip about; leap about playfully; frolic; N.

romp: 
play or frolic boisterously; gambol; N.

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

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

gamut: 
entire range

gape: 
open widely; open the mouth wide; stare wonderingly with the mouth open; CF. agape

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

jumble: 
mix in a confused way

gaudy: 
overbright in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy

flashy: 
showy; gaudy; giving a momentary brilliance

gild: 
cover with a thin layer of gold

trim: 
make neat or tidy by clipping; reduce by removing what is unnecessary; ornament; decorate (round the edges); Ex.

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gamer: 
gather, store up; amass

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

garrulous: 
loquacious; wordy; talkative; N. garrulity

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

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

gaunt: 
lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; barren

gavel: 
hammerlike tool; mallet (wooden hammer) used by a presiding officer or an auctioneer; V.
bid: 
command; utter (a greeting); offer as a price; N: offer of a price; amount offered; earnest effort to gain something; Ex.
gawk: 
look in open-mouthed awe
(card) gazette: official periodical publication; newspaper

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

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

generate: cause; produce; create

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

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

genesis: beginning; origin

geniality: cheerfulness; kindliness; sympathy; ADJ. genial: cheerful and good-tempered

genre: particular variety of art or literature

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

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

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

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

gentle: kindly; soft; mild; of good family

genuflect: bend the knee as in worship

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

germinal: pertaining to a germ, creative; Ex. germinal idea

germin: 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. Elbridge Gerry = (sal)mander

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

 gingerly: very carefully; ADJ.

girth: distance around something; circumference

gist: essence; main point; substance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

 glor: compelling charm; ADJ. glamorous

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

♦ gloss over:

explain away with the intention of deceiving or hiding faults

♥ gloss:

brief explanation note or translation of a difficult expression; V.

☐ glossary:

brief explanation of words used in the text

♦ glossy:

smooth and shining; N. glossy: 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:

gnarled:

twisted

♥ 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

♦ 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

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grill: 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

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

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

grudge: unwilling; reluctant; stingy (giving reluctantly)

gruel: thin liquid porridge

porridge: soft food made by boiling oatmeal

oatmeal: crushed oats used for making porridge

gruesome: ghastly; horrible

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

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

grotto: small cavern

grouse: complain; fuss; grumble; grouch; N: plump chickenlike game bird

grumble: boisterous laughter; V.

guffaw: boisterous laughter; V.

guile: deceit; duplicity; wile; Ex. persuade her by guile

grunting: 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

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<td><strong>hackles</strong></td>
<td>hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone's hackles rise</td>
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<td><strong>growl</strong></td>
<td>low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)</td>
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<td><strong>hackneyed</strong></td>
<td>commonplace; trite</td>
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<td>wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners</td>
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<td><strong>haggle</strong></td>
<td>argue about prices (as an attempt to bargain)</td>
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<td><strong>halcyon</strong></td>
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<td><strong>topple</strong></td>
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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. wavering between accepting and refusing

hamper: obstruct; prevent the free movement of; N:

hap: chance; luck

hapless: unfortunate; luckless

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

harass: annoy by repeated attacks

harbinger: forerunner (which foreshadows what is to come)

harbor: give protection (by giving food and shelter); provide a refuge for; hide; keep in mind (thoughts or feelings); Ex. harbor a grudge/criminal; N: place of shelter, refuge

habitat: natural home of a plant or animal; CF: habitation

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

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

harrowing: agonizing, distressing, traumatic; V. harrow: break up and level (soil) with a harrow; inflict great distress on, agonize; N: farming machine to break up the earth

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

hatch: deck opening; lid covering a deck opening; V. emerge from an egg; produce (young) from an egg

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

notch: V-shaped cut in a surface; V.

haughtiness: pride; arrogance; ADJ. haughty

haunt: (of a spirit) visit (a place); come to mind continually; visit (a place) regularly; frequent; Ex. haunted house; Ex. haunted by his last words; N: place much frequented

haven: place of safety; refuge; harbor; Ex. tax haven

havoc: widespread damage; disorder, chaos

hazardous: dangerous

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

- hazy:
  slightly obscure; misty; unclear; N: haze: light mist or smoke; confused state of mind

- headlong:
  hasty; rash; headfirst; ADV.
  moving with the head leading; headlong

- headfirst:
  hasty; rash; headfirst; ADV.

- headstrong:
  willful, stubborn, unyielding, determined to have one’s own way; CF: no ‘excessive’

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

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

- heedless:
  not noticing; disregarding

- heed:
  pay attention to; N: close attention

- hegemony:
  dominance especially of one nation over others

- heinous:
  atrocious; wicked, hatefully bad; Ex. heinous crime

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

- helm:
  steering wheel of a ship; position of control

- herbivorous:
  grain-eating; CF: herbivore

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

- hermetic:
  sealed by fusion so as to be airtight; airtight

- heretical:
  concerning alchemy or magic; obscure and mysterious; occult

- sterile:
  incapable of producing young; free from microorganism; V: sterilize

- hermitage:
  home of a hermit

- herpetologist:
  one who studies reptiles; CF: herpetology: branch of zoology that deals with reptiles and amphibians

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

- heterogeneous:
  dissimilar, mixed; not homogeneous; consisting of dissimilar elements or plants

- hew:
  cut to pieces with an or sword; chop; N.

- heyday:
  time of greatest success or power; prime

- prime:
  period of ideal or peak condition; earliest or beginning stage; Ex. in the prime of life; Ex. prime of the year (spring);
  ADJ: first in importance or rank; first; V: make ready; prepare
**primary**: first in rank or importance; principal; earliest in time; Ex. primary stages; N. CF. first

**primal**: first in rank or importance; being first in time; original; Ex. man's primal innocence

**primate**: group of mammals including humans

**hiatus**: gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break

**hibernal**: wintry; wintery; of or like winter

**hibernate**: sleep throughout the winter; N. hibernation

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

**totem**: animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex. totem pole

**hieroglyphic**: picture writing; ADJ

**hilarity**: boisterous mirth (merriment; laughter); ADJ. hilarious: full of laughter

**hindmost**: farthest behind; farthest to the rear

**wage**: begin and continue (a war)

**hindrance**: block; obstacle; V. hinder

**hinterlands**: back country; inner part of a country; OF. 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**: 90
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 farming or growing crops

□ hostility :

unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ. hostile

♠ hovel :

shack; small wretched house

♥ hut :

crude dwelling, shack

♥ shack :

crude cabin

♥ shed :

small roofed structure for storage and shelter; V: pour forth; lose by natural process; repel without allowing penetration; radiate; cast; Ex. shed tears/light/water/skin/leaves

♠ hover :

hang about; (of birds or aircraft) stay in the air in one place; (of people) wait nearby; stay around one place; waver; be in an uncertain state

♠ hubbub :

confused uproar; loud noise; din

♠ hubris :

arrogance; 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 :

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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

♠ hyperbole:

exaggeration; overstatement; ADJ. hyperbolic: of hyperbole; of a hyperbola

□ hypercritical:

excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)

♠ hypochondriac:

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

□ hypocritical:

pretending to be virtuous; deceiving; N. hypocrisy: profession of beliefs one does not possess; CF. hypocrite

□ hypothetical:

based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N. hypothesis

♠ ichthyology:

study of fish; CF. 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:

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

♠ 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.
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

idsyncrasy :

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

imbecility :

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

imbibe :

drink in

imbroglio :

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

imbue :

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

immaculate :

spotless; flawless; absolutely clean

tenant :

one that pays rent to use property owned by another

tenancy :

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

illusion :

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

□ impasse :

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

♠ impeach :

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

♠ impeccables :

faultless

♥ credential :

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

□ impetuous :

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: unnoticeable; impossible to perceive; undetectable

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

imperil: put in danger

imperious: domineering; too commanding; haughty; CF: imperial/emperor

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

impertinent: insolent; rude; not pertinent; N: impertinence

imperturbable: unbeknown; placid

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

implie: suggest a meaning not expressed; signify

implode: burst inward; CF: vacuum tube

implor: beg

implausible: unlikely (to be true); unbelievable; Ex: implausible alibi

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

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

implication: something hinted at or suggested; implying; implicating

impolitic: impolitic

impious: irreverent

implacable: incapable of being pacified; impossible to appease; Ex: implacable enemy

imping: infringe; encroach; influence; touch; collide with; Ex: The effects are impinging on every aspect of our lives.

impinge: impinging

implicate: implicating

implant: something implanted; implanting; implanted
- not wise; not expedient; not politic
- weightless; that cannot undergo precise evaluation; CF. pound
- significance; importance; meaning
- expressing a meaning; important; Ex. significant smile; N. significance: importance; meaning; V. signify: denote; mean; signal; make known; matter; be significant
- urging; always demanding; troublesome; urgent or persistent
- assuming a false identity; masquerade; CF. impostor
- weak; ineffective; lacking in physical strength or power
- desire; want intensely
- curse; swearword
- invulnerable; impossible to capture or enter by force; Ex. impregnable fort/argument; CF. take
- make pregnant; fill thoroughly; saturate
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:
anonist; ADJ: causing fire; of arson; Ex. incendiary bomb

□ incense:
emerge; 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

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♠ 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

incinerate: burn to ashes

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

incognito: with identity concealed; using an assumed name; ADJ.

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

incommodious: not spacious; inconvenient

incompatible: inharmonious; N. incompatibility

incongruity: lack of harmony; absurdity; ADJ. incongruous: lacking in harmony; inappropriate

attire: clothe; N: clothing; array; apparel

inconsequential: insignificant; unimportant

inconsistency: state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness; ADJ. inconsistent: displaying a lack of consistency; erratic; contradictory; incompatible

incontinent: lacking self-restraint; not continent; licentious

incontrovertible: indisputable; impossible to dispute; not open to question; unquestionable

incorporate: introduce something into a larger whole; include; embody; give material form to; ADJ.

incorporeal: without a material body; insubstantial

incognito:
uncorrectable

- **incredulity**: tendency to disbelief
- **incredulous**: withholding belief; skeptical; showing disbelief

- **increment**: increase

- **incriminate**: accuse 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

- **indentation**: notch; deep recess; V. indent: CF. tooth

- **indenture**: bind as servant or apprentice to master; bind by indenture; N: contract binding one party into the service of another for a specified time (as between an apprentice and his master)

- **indeterminate**: uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite

- **indicative**: suggestive; implying; serving to indicate

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

- **indict**: charge; N. indictment

- **indifferent**: unmoved or unconcerned by; having no interest in; mediocre; neither good nor bad

- **indigence**:
poverty

□ indigenous :

native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World

□ indigent :

poor, destitute

□ indignation :

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

♥ righteous :

morally upright; just

♥ rightful :

legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

□ indignity :

treatment or situation that causes shame or loss of dignity; respectful; 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 :

unexpressable, unutterable; N. ineffability
unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; impossible; Es.

ineffable name/joy

not effective; not having a desired effect; weak

ineffectual

inevitable

inept

inequity

inevitable

ineffable

ineffectual

inept

inequity

inevitable

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

infelix: (of statements or ideas) inappropriate

infeld:

unbeliever (with respect to a particular religion)

infector:

pass into or through; penetrate or enter (an organization) sneakily; Es. infiltrate the troops into enemy territory; CF. infiltrator

infector:

very small

inflated

flowing into

infraction

violation (of a rule or regulation), breach

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

ingenious

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

resourceful

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

☐ ingenuous :

naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid

♥ ingenue :

ingenuous; young innocent girl

☐ ingrained :

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

☐ ingrate :

ungrateful person (not expressing thanks)

♠ ingratiating :

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

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

☐ inopportune :

untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly chosen

♠ inordinate :

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

☐ inquisitor :

questioner (especially harsh); investigator; person making an inquisition

♥ inquisitive :

eager for knowledge; unduly curious

♠ insalubrious :

unwholesome; not healthful; Ex. insalubrious place
healthful:

- conducive to good health; Ex. healthful mountain air

healthy:

- possessing good health; healthful

wholesome:

- conducive to mental or physical health; healthful

insatiable:

- not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite

inscrutable:

- difficult to understand; impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious

insensate:

- without feeling; lacking sense; foolish

insensible:

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

insidious:

- insidious spreading of dry rot

insightful:

- discerning; perceptive

insinuate:

- hint; imply; suggest indirectly; creep in; introduce or insert (oneself) by artful means; Ex. insinuate himself into the boss’s favor; CF. ingratiate

creep:

- move with body close to the ground; move stealthily or slowly; N.

artful:

- exhibiting art or skill; deceitful; cunning; CF. artifices

insipid:

- lacking in flavor; lacking interest; dull; Ex. insipid food/character

insolence:

- 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; unacconcerned; indifferent

instigate:

- start; urge; provoke; incite; Ex. instigate a search/querrel

insubordination:

- disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. insubordinate

insubstantial:

- lacking substance; insignificant; frail; immaterial

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.
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

♥ 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

☐ interdict :

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

☐ internecine :

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; 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

intrinsic: essential; inherent; built-in

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

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

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

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: 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

inured: accustomed; hardened; Ex. inured to the Alaskan cold; V. inure: make used to something undesirable; harden; CF. unfeeling

invalidate: weaken; destroy; make invalid; nullify

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

invective: abuse

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

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

inverse: opposite

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

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

ironic
expressing irony; occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner

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

irrefutable
indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable

irrelevant
not applicable; unrelated

irremediable
incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy

irreparable
not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair

irrepressible
unable to be restrained or held back; impossible to hold back

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

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

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

**jab**: poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows

**jaded**: tired or uninterested by surfeit; fatigued; worn out; wearied; Ex. jaded appetite

**jargon**: language used by special group; technical terminology; gibberish; nonsensical or incoherent talk

**jaundiced**: yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs; Ex. with a jaundiced eye

**jaundice**: medical condition in which the skin, the white part of the eyes, etc. turn yellow; V. affect with jaundice; affect with prejudice, envy, or hostility; bias

**jaunt**: trip; short journey

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

**jibe**: agree; be in harmony with; gibe

**jibe**: throw overboard (from a ship or plane)

**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.

**jovial**: good-natured; merry; cheerful

**jubilation**: rejoicing; great joy

**judicious**: sound on judgment; wise

**juggernaut**: 107
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)

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

grouch:
humbugged complaint; person who keeps complaining; V: complain; grumble

spoilsport:
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

♠ lacement :
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 :
brie 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

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

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; dissolute or licentious person; roué; CF. free

levee  
earthwork 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

lewd

permissive  
allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society

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

levee
lustful

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♠ 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

♥ abode :
dwelling place; home

♥ abide :
dwell, abide by: comply with, put up with, tolerate; Ex: abide by the rules; Ex: I can’t abide rude people.

♠ limn :
draw, outline, describe; CF: line?

♠ limpid :
crystal clear

☐ lineage :
descent; ancestry

♠ lineaments :
features especially of the face; distinctive shape or contour of the face; CF: line

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

♥ linger :
lister 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 :
draw, outline, describe; CF: line?
supplicatory prayer; prayer in which the priest calls out and the people replies in the same words

♠ lithe:

flexible, supple; CF: limber

♥ willowy:

flexible; plant; 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. log

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

lamp:

hang about/around; stand idly about; linger

♠ loll:

lounge about

lamp:

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

♥ noose:

loop formed in a rope

lamp:

gallop slowly

□ loquacious:

talkative; N. loquacity

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lamp:

clumsy person; ADJ. loutish; CF: from countryside

♠ lout:

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
lucrative: profitable; producing wealth
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)
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/poem; 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

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♠ mace:
ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority; clublike medieval weapon

♠ macerate:
soften by soaking in liquid; waste away; Ex. macerate powdered wood to make paper

♠ Machiavellian:
crafty; double-dealing; of the political doctrine of Machiavelli, which holds that craft and deceit are justified in pursuing political power

♠ machinations:
evil schemes or plots; schemes or plots to achieve an evil end; v. machinate

♠ maculated:
spotted; stained; cf. immaculate

♠ madrigal:
pastoral song; song for several singers without instruments

♠ maelstrom:
vast 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 lasting; 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:
ilness

♠ 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:
evildoer; criminal

♥ maleficient:
doing evil; n. maleficence

□ malevolent:

malfeasance: wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence
malfeasance: wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)
malicious: hateful; spiteful; expressing malice; 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
maligner: one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malinger: 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
vertibrate: vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young
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
mandate: order; change; 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
manifest: evident; visible; obvious; V: show plainly
manifestation: outward demonstration; manifesting; indication of the presence of something; Ex. manifestation of his pronounced musical bent
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

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

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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

Maxim : proverb; truth pithily stated

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

Meager : scanty; inadequate

Mealymouthed : indirect in speech (when something unpleasant must be said); hypocritical; aversive

Meander : wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and silly

Meek : submissive; patient and long-suffering

Medley : mixture

Meditation : reflection; thought; V: meditate

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

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

Mediation : reflection; thought; V: meditate

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

Melancholy : gloomy; morose; blue; N: ADJ: melancholic; CF: melancholia

Blue : gloomy; depressed

Melee : fight
◇ memento:

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

□ memorialize:

- commemorate

♥ memorial:

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

◇ menagerie:

- collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo

◇ mendacious:

- lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity

◇ mendicant:

- beggar; ADJ: living as a beggar

♥ alms:

- money or goods given to the poor

◇ menial:

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

◇ mentor:

- counselor; teacher

◇ mercantile:

- concerning trade or merchants

□ mercenary:

- motivated solely by money or gain; N.

◇ mercurial:

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

♥ quicksilver:

- like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Ex. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor

□ methodical:

- measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment
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<td>metropolis</td>
<td>large city</td>
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<td>miasma</td>
<td>courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ. mettlesome</td>
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<td>mincing</td>
<td>affectedly daintily (delicate); V: mince (esp. meat) into very small pieces; walk with exaggerated primness; walk in an unnatural way, taking little short steps; Ex. The actor minced across the stage; CF. mincer; CF. mincer</td>
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<td>exquisite</td>
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<td>minor</td>
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<td>minuscule</td>
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<td>minute</td>
<td>extremely small; CF. minutes: official record of the proceedings at a meeting</td>
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♠ minutiae:

petty or trivial details; CF. minutia

□ mirage:

unreal reflection; optical illusion

♠ mire:

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

♠ mirth:

merriment; laughter

♠ misadventure:

mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure

□ misanthrope:

one who hates mankind; misanthropist

♥ vile:

despicable; unpleasant; disgusting; Ex. vile slander

□ misapprehension:

error; misunderstanding; V. misapprehend

♠ mischance:

ill luck

□ misconstrue:

interpret incorrectly; misinterpret; misjudge

♠ miscreant:

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

♥ wretch:

miserable person; bad or despicable person; ADF. wretched; miserable; bad; contemptible; vile

□ misdemeanor:

minor error; misdeed; wrongdoing

♥ misconduct:

immoral behavior; bad management; V.

□ miserly:

stingy; mean

♠ misgivings:

doubts

♠ mishap:

unfortunate accident

♠ misnomer:

wrong or improper name; incorrect designation

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□ 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
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<td>movable; not fixed; N: mobility</td>
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<td>ridicule; deride; imitate often in derision</td>
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<td>prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life</td>
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<td>limited quantity; small amount; Ex. He does not have a modicum of sense; CF: moderate</td>
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<td>powerful person; Ex. oil moguls, CF: Mogol, Moghad, CF: Mongolian</td>
<td>painting in only one color; ADJ.</td>
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<td>the smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance that has all the properties of that substance</td>
<td>design composed of one or more initials of a name; V.</td>
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<td>pamper; coddle; baby; indulge excessively</td>
<td>solidly uniform; unchangeable; unwieldy; N: monolith: large block of stone</td>
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belief in one God

monotony:
sameness leading to boredom; monotonousness; ADJ. monotonous; CF. monotonously

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; (appre.) 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

mortify:
humiliate by embarrassing excessively; shame; punish the flesh; discipline (one’s body) by self-denial; Ex. mortify 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)
speck:
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:
brevi statement used to express a principle

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

blotch:
spot; blot; CF. blotch

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

♠ multifarious :
varied; greatly diversified; Ex. multifarious activities

☐ multiform :
having many forms

☐ multilingual :
having many languages; fluent in several languages

☐ multiplicity :
state of being numerous or multiple; large number; Ex. multiplicity of details; ADJ. multiple: of more than one element

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

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

♠ mural :
wall painting

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

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

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

♠ muster :
gather, assemble (troops); Ex. muster up one's strength for the ordeal; N.

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

☐ mutablility :
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. naive(naïve): ingenuous; lacking worldly wisdom; 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

natation: swimming

natty: neatly or smartly dressed; dapper; smart; Ex. natty dresser

smart: intelligent; quick and energetic; fashionable; Ex. smart pace/restaurant; V. cause or feel a sharp pain; N. smarting pain

nauseate: cause to become sick; fill with disgust; fill nausea

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

nauseous: causing nausea; feeling nauseous

nautical: pertaining to ships or navigation

navigable: (of a body of water) wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; (of a ship or aircraft) able to be steered

nebula: diffuse mass of interstellar dust or gas, galaxy

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

nefarious: very wicked

negate: cancel out; nullify; cause to have no effect; deny; N. negation

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

negligible: so small, trifling, or unimportant as to be easily disregarded

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

neologism: new or newly coined word or phrase

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

nepotism: favoritism (to a relative); CF. nephew

favoritism: display of partiality toward a favored person

nether: lower; Ex. nether garments/regions
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<td>nib</td>
<td>beak(bill); pen point</td>
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<td>nicety</td>
<td>precision; accuracy; minute distinction or difference; Ex. to a nicety: exactly; precisely; Ex. distinguish between niceties</td>
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<td>niggardly</td>
<td>meanly stingy; parsimonious; N. niggard: stingy person</td>
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<td>spend too much time on minor points (esp. when finding fault); find fault; Ex. niggled over details; ADJ. niggling</td>
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<td>nihilist</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>nip</td>
<td>snap off, stop something’s growth or development; bite, make numb with cold; Ex. nipped the plan; Ex. A guard dog nipped the postman; Ex. fingers nipped by the extreme chill</td>
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<td>snip</td>
<td>short quick cut with scissors; V: cut with scissors</td>
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<td>pinch</td>
<td>squeeze between the thumb and a finger, or other edges; Ex. I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn’t dreaming. N: amount that can be held between the thumb and a finger</td>
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<td>indifference; lack of concern; composure; ADJ. nonchalant: unconcerned; cool; indifferent; Ex. nonchalant attitude to his debts</td>
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<td>nonentity</td>
<td>person of no importance; nonexistence</td>
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<td>nonplus</td>
<td>questionable medicine; quack medicine; CF. our (remedy)</td>
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<td>nonplussed</td>
<td>put at a loss; bring to a halt by confusion; perplex; CF. no more</td>
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<td>homesickness; longing (for the past); Ex. nostalgia for the clothes of 1920s; ADJ. nostalgic</td>
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<td>not being a person; not showing personal feelings; Ex. impersonal force/manner/organization</td>
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notable: conspicuous, worthy of note, remarkable, important, distinguished, noted

notoriety: disrepute, ill fame

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

novelty: something new, novelty: new, original

novice: beginner

noxious: harmful, CF. obnoxious

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, CF. malnutrition

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; wipes 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)

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

obeisance: of or like a slave; servile; showing no originality; copied very closely; Ex. slavish devotion/copy of the original

obsequy: funeral ceremony

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

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

obstreperous: boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable

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

obviate: blunt, not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding

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

☐ Occident :

the West

♠ occlude :

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

☐ occult :

mysterious; secret; supernatural; beyond human comprehension; C.F. mysterious to human; OP. bane

☐ oculist :

physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes

♠ odious :

arousing strong dislike; hateful (causing hatred); vile

♠ odium :

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

♠ odoriferous :

giving off an odor

☐ odorous :

having an odor

♠ odyssey :

long, eventful, adventurous journey

☐ offensive :

attacking; insulting; distasteful; V. offend: violate; hurt the feelings of; N. offense: offending; violating of a moral or social code; crime; attack; Ex. first offense

☐ offhand :

casual; done without prior thought or preparation

♠ officious :

bureaucratic; 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

☐ oligarchy :

government by a privileged few

☐ ominous :

threatening; of an evil omen

♥ 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

☐ omnipresent :

universally present; ubiquitous

☐ omniscient :

all-knowing

☐ omnivorous :

eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything

♠ onerous :

bureaucratic

♠ onomatopoeia :
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<td>make slight sounds like silk moving or being rubbed together</td>
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<td>onslaught</td>
<td>vicious assault; fierce attack; Ex. unexpected onslaught of the enemy</td>
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<td>slaughter</td>
<td>killing of animals for food; massacre; Y: butcher (animals) for food; kill in large numbers</td>
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<td>onus</td>
<td>burden; responsibility</td>
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<td>spare</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>iridescent; lustrous; like an opal; N: opalescence</td>
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<td>opaque</td>
<td>dark; not transparent; N: opacity</td>
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<td>opiate</td>
<td>medicine to induce sleep or deaden pain; something that relieves emotions or causes inaction; sleep-producing drug containing opium</td>
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<td>opportune</td>
<td>timely; well-chosen</td>
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<td>opportunist</td>
<td>individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances; N: opportunism</td>
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<td>opprobrium</td>
<td>infamy; disgrace arising from shameful conduct; vilification(slander); scorn; contempt; Ex. opprobrium hurled against him; ADJ: opprobrious: expressing contempt; shameful or infamous</td>
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<td>maker and seller of eyeglasses</td>
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<td>optimist</td>
<td>person who looks on the bright side; N: optimism</td>
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<td>optimum</td>
<td>most favorable; optimal; N: most favorable condition</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>opulence</td>
<td>extreme wealth; luxurioseness; abundance; ADJ: opulent: possessing great wealth, abundant</td>
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<td>opus</td>
<td>work (esp. musical composition); Ex. magnum opus: masterpiece; CF: opera</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>public speaker</td>
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<td>oratorio</td>
<td>dramatic poem set to music; long musical work with singing but without acting; CF: cantata</td>
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<td>ordain</td>
<td>decree or command; grant holy orders; predestine; install as a minister, priest, or rabbi; N: ordainment; CF: ordination</td>
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<td>severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial(test of patience or endurance); affliction</td>
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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; Ex. ostensible purpose of the expedition

 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

 ostracize: 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: outwit:
outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly

ovation: enthusiastic applause
	noverbearing: bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing manner/importance; V. overbear: dominate

ovet: open to view; public; not secret; CF. overt

overweening: arrogant; presumptuous

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

hysteia: excessive or uncontrollable excitement; N. hysteriac: person suffering from hysteria; CF. hysteriac: attack of hysteria

ovoid: egg-shaped; CF. ovum; CF. ovulate

pachyderm: thick-skinned animal

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

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

paean: song of praise or joy; Ex. paeans celebrating the victory

paitstaking: taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and thorough

palatable: agreeable; pleasing to the taste

palate: roof of the mouth; sense of the taste

palatial: of or suitable for a palace; magnificent

palaeontology: study of prehistoric life or fossils; CF. paleo-: ancient or prehistoric; Ex. paleography: study of ancient written documents

palette: board on which painter mixes pigments(coloring matters)

palimpsest: parchment or piece of writing material used for second time after original writing has been erased

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

pall: become boring; grow tiresome

pallet: small poor bed; Ex. straw pallet

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palpitate: throb; beat rapidly; flutter; tremble; Ex. Her heart began to palpitate.

throb: (of a heart or machine) beat rapidly or violently; N. Ex. heartbeat; sweetheart

paltry: insignificant; pitiful; contemptible; Ex. paltry sum; CF. trash

pan: criticize harshly

panacea: cure-all; remedy for all diseases

panache: flair, manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache; CF. kef, kdf, k96, ka6, k4e, k5, k53, k3f, k2f, k8d, k0f, k48, k35, kc5, k75, k7d, k1b

pandemic: widespread; affecting the majority of people; N. pandemic disease; CF. all people

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

pander: cater to (the low desires of others)

cater: provide food and drink (for); cater to: try to satisfy (desires of a bad kind)

panegyric: formal praise; encomium; Ex. I don't deserve such panegyrics.

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

pantomime: acting without dialogue; V.

papyrus: ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant

parable: short simple story teaching a moral

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

paradox: something apparently contradictory in nature (that may nonetheless be true); statement that looks false but is actually correct

paragon: model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue

parallelism: state of being parallel; similarity; analogy

parallel: similar; analogous; corresponding; N: parallel line; person or thing that is parallel (to another); similarity; Ex. know of no parallel to the case; Ex. without parallel; V: be similar to; make parallel; Ex. Your experience parallels mine; CF. unparalleled

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

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

paramour: illicit lover

inamorata:
woman whom a man loves

paranoia:

psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N: ADJ: paranoid, paranoiac

paraphernalia:

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

paraphrase:

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

paraphrase:

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

infest:

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

paried:

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

pariah:

social outcast; Ex: Mariah the pariah

outcast:

one that has been excluded from a society; ADJ.

parity:

equality; close resemblance; CF: disparate

parlance:

language; manner of speaking; idiom; Ex: in legal/common parlance

parley:

conference (between opponents); CF: speak

parochial:

narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes

parish:

area in the care of a single priest and served by one main church

outlook:

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

parody:

humorous imitation; spoof; takeoff; travesty; V.

spoof:

parody

takeoff:

paroxysm:

fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outburst

parquet:

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

parry:

ward off a blow; deflect; Ex: He parried the unwelcome question very skillfully; N: CF: ward off: avert

ward:

administrative division of a city; division in a hospital or prison; incompetent person placed under the protection of a guardian; V: guard; ward off: avert

parsimony:

stinginess; excessive frugality; ADJ: parsimonious

partial:

incomplete; favoring one side over another; having a liking for something
| **partiality** | state of being partial; inclination; favorable bias; special fondness; preference |
| **partisan** | one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party (with dislike of any others); N: strong supporter of a party; guerrilla |
| **parvenu** | upstart; newly rich person |
| **partition** | divide into parts |
| **passé** | old-fashioned; past the prime |
| **passive** | not active; acted upon; receiving an action without acting in return; accepting without resistance |
| **pastiche** | imitation of another's style in musical composition or in writing; work of art openly imitating the works of other artists |
| **pastoral** | rural; of rural life; idyllic; of a pastor |
| **patent** | obvious; easily seen; open for the public to read; of or protected by a patent; Ex. patent to everyone; N. |
| **pathetic** | causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching |
| **touching** | causing a feeling of pity or sympathy; pathetic; V. touch: cause to feel pity or sympathy; ADJ. touched |
| **pathological** | pertaining to disease; N. pathology: study of disease |
| **patina** | green crust on old bronze works or copper; tone slowly taken by varnished painting |
| **patrician** | noble; aristocratic; N: person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF. plebian |
| **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. |
| **patmos** | imitation of another's style in musical composition or in writing; work of art openly imitating the works of other artists |
| **pauper** | very poor person |
teacher; child leader

pedagogy:

In the art of teaching

pedant:

A 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: pedantry.

precinct:

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

pedigree:

Ancestry; lineage.

pendant:

Hanging down from something; pending; N: ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)

pending:

Not yet decided or settled; impending; Ex: pending decision; PREP. while awaiting; until; Ex: delay the decision pending his return.

pendulous:

Hanging; suspended.

suspend:

Cause to stop for a period; interrupt; hold in abeyance; defer; hang from above; exclude for a period from a position; Ex: suspended state; Ex: suspended judgment; Ex: suspended from the team; N: suspension.

suspense:

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.

pejorative:

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

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:
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<td>causing plague; tending to cause death; harmful; N: pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)</td>
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<td>tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar</td>
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<td>mortar</td>
<td>vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle</td>
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<td>mash</td>
<td>crush into mash; convert into mash; N: mixture of ground grain and nutrients fed to livestock and fowl</td>
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**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)

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

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

**self-righteous**: sure of one's own righteousness; moralistic

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

**philanderer**: faithless lover; flirt

**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)
pillar : 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
piquant : pleasantly tart-tasting; spicy; pleasantly stimulating; Ex. piquant situation when my old enemy asked for my help
tart : sharp to the taste; acid-tasting; caustic; sarcastic; Ex. tart apple/reply
sour : having a sharp or acid taste; acid; tart; bad-tempered; V
pique : irritation; resentment from wounded pride (eg. loss in a contest); V. provoke; arouse; annoy; cause to feel resentment; Ex. pique her curiosity
piscatorial : pertaining to fishing; CF. Pisces
pitfall : hidden danger; concealed trap
beware : be cautious (of)
pith : core or marrow; spongelike substance in the center of stems; essence; substance
marrow : soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells
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/lake
plagiarize : steal another's ideas or writings and pass them off as one's own; Ex. ideas plagiarized from my article; N. plagiarism; CF. kidnap
plaintive : expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song
plait: braid; interwine; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex. plaited hair; N: braided length as of hair or fabric; CF: pigtail, ponytail

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

platitude: trite remark; commonplace statement; ADJ: platitudinous

commonplace: ordinary; N: something ordinary or common; trite remark

commonwealth: nation governed by the people; republic; people of a nation

platonic: purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire

plaudit: praise; enthusiastic approval; round (succession 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: complete; full; fully attended by all qualified members; Ex. plenary power

plentiful: abundance; plenty; great amount; completeness; fullness; CF: plenary, plenty

plethora: excess; overabundance; Ex. a plethora of excuses

pliable: flexible, easily influenced, yielding; adaptable

pliant: flexible, easily influenced

plight: difficult condition; condition or state (esp. a bad state or condition); predicament

pluck: courage; V: pull off or out; pull out the hair or feathers of; ADJ: plucky: courageous, brave

plumage: feathers of a bird;

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

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

plumber: one who installs and repairs pipes and plumbing(pipes)

plummet: fall sharply; fall straight down; Ex. Stock prices plummeted.

plutocracy: society ruled by the wealthy
pose:

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

posternity:

Descendants; future generations; Ex. go down to posterity; CF. postente; anterior:

posthumous:

After death (as of child born after father’s death or book published after author’s death); coming or occurring after one’s death; Ex. posthumous fame/novel:

postmortem:

Autopsy; ADF: occurring after death; of a postmortem:

postulate:

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

posture:

Assume an affected pose; act artificially; N. pose; attitude:

potable:

Suitable for drinking; drinkable:

potent:

Powerful; convincing; persuasive; greatly influential:

potentate:

Monarch; sovereign:

potential:

Expressing possibility; latent; N. capacity for growth:

potion:

dose (of liquids); liquid dose:

potpourri:

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

canyon; 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; 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 :

former; 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 :

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

dule:

introduction; introductory performance or event; forerunner

dinate:

plan in advance; Ex. premeditated murder

premise:

assumption; postulate; proposition upon which an argument is based

monition:

forewarning; presentiment; foreboding

onitory:

serving to warn

ponderance:

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

posterous:

absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous

ogative:

privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before

rage:

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

ence:

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

entiment:

premonition, foreboding; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear

tige:

prestige;

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

im:

proper to the point of affectation; very precise and formal; exceedingly proper

 presumptuous:

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

sume:

take for granted; assume; act overconfidently; take liberties; presume on/upon: take unfair advantage of (someone’s kindness or connection); N: presumption

tentious:

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

end:

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

tension:

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

ternatural:

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

excuse

prevail:

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

alent:

widespread; generally accepted

aricate:

lie; hide the truth (by equivocating)

ey:

target of a hunt; victim; V: hunt and eat as prey; victimize; Ex. Cats prey on mice.

im:

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

probitity: uprightness; honesty; incorruptibility

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

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 mind prodigal of ideas; N. prodigality

prodigious: enormous; marvelous; extraordinary; Ex. prodigious amount/memory

prodigy: highly gifted child; person with exceptional talents; marvelous; wonder

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profanity: profane

profuse: plentiful; copious; giving or given abundantly; extravagant

progenitor: ancestor

progeny: children; offspring; descendants

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

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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

prognosis:
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. feudish; feudulism

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

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:
temporary; tentative

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:
annoying; anger or sexual interest; annoying; Ex. provocative in tight jeans; V: provoke: incite to anger; cause (an unpleasant action or feeling); N: provocation

prowess:
extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle

proximity:
nearness; ADJ: proximate

proxy:
authorized agent; authority to act for another

prude:
excessively modest or proper person (who is easily shocked by improper things, esp. of a sexual nature); N: prudery; ADJ: prudish: excessively concerned with propriety

prudent:
cautious; careful; 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: prying: 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

psyche: soul; mind

psychiatrist: doctor who treats mental diseases

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

psychopathic: pertaining to mental dearrangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder

psychosis: 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: combative; disposition to fight; ADE: 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: rhythmic 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

purgatory: 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); CF. sip

quagmire: bog; marsh; soft, wet, soggy land; predicament; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself

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

quash: crush; suppress; squash; subdue; annul; Ex. quash a rebellion/the decision of the low court

squash: crush; quash; suppress

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

querulous: given to complaining; complaining; fretful; whining

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

query: inquiry; question; V.

queue: line (of waiting people or vehicles)

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

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

quietude: tranquility; calmness

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

quip: taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.

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

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

quisling: traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling
quiver: case for arrows

quiver: tremble; shake; N.

leash: restraining rope fastened to the collar of an animal (to control it); Ex. a dog on a leash

quirotic: idealistic but impractical; CF: Don Quixote

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

quorum: minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting

quotidian: daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine

rabid: of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; CF: rabies: hydrophobia

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

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

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/wued

ramshackle: (of a building or vehicle) poorly constructed; rickety; falling apart
rant: search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); Ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.

ransack:

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; bother; annoy

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

rapacious: voracious; ravenous; taking everything one can; excessively grasping; plundering; subsisting on live prey; Ex. rapacious birds
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 :
mov[e in search of plunder; Ex. marauding army

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

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

♦ ravenous :
extremely hungry; voracious

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

♦ 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 :
sound harshly; criticize severely

♦ 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

♢ recalcitrant :
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
\[\text{recession:}\]
withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity

\[\text{recess:}\]
pause; temporary cessation; alcove; secret inner place; Ex. parliament in recess; V. recessive

\[\text{recidivism:}\]
habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N. recidivist

\[\text{recipient:}\]
receiver

\[\text{reciprocal:}\]
mutual; given and received in return; exchangeable; interacting; Ex. reciprocal trade agreement

\[\text{reciprocate:}\]
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

\[\text{recluse:}\]
hermit; loner; ADJ. reclusive

\[\text{reconcile:}\]
make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one's political principles with one's religious beliefs

\[\text{recondite:}\]
abstruse; not easily understood; profound; secret

\[\text{reconnaissance:}\]
survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter; make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)

\[\text{recount:}\]
narrate or tell (a story); count over again

\[\text{recourse:}\]
resorting to help when in trouble; Ex. without recourse to

\[\text{resort:}\]
turn to for help; Ex. resort to violence; N.

\[\text{makeshift:}\]
temporary expedient or substitute (in the case of urgent need); Ex. makeshift shelter

\[\text{recurrent:}\]
 occurring again and again

\[\text{redolent:}\]
odorous; fragrant; suggestive (of an odor); Ex. redolent of onions/mystery

\[\text{redoubtable:}\]
formidable; causing fear
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**Additional Meanings:**

- **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
- **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
- **regiment**: military unit; V: subject to strict order; Ex. regimented society
- **rehabilitate**: restore to proper condition (health or useful life); restore the former rank of
reimburse: repay; pay back
reiterate: repeat
rejoinder: reply; retort; comeback; v. rejoin: say in reply
comeback: retort; quick clever reply; return to former status
rejuvenate: make young again
relegate: put into a lower or worse place; banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign; ex. relegate the old furniture to the children’s room; ex. relegated to the second division
relent: become less severe; give in (surrender); adj. relentless: unyielding; continuously severe
relevant: having importance; pertinent; referring to the case in hand; n. relevance, relevancy
relic: surviving remnant (from an extinct culture); memento; keepsake; relics: corpse; ex. ancient relics; ex. relics of his travels; ex. his relics are buried at X.
relinquish: give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; ex. relinquish power/the claim to the land/his hold on my arm
relish: enjoy; savor; n. enjoyment; zest
remediable: reparable
reminiscence: recollection; v. reminisce: recollect the past
reminiscent: suggestive of something (in the past); of reminiscence
remiss: negligent; careless about a duty
remission: temporary moderation (of disease symptoms); remitting of a debt or punishment; cancellation of a debt; pardon; ex. The disease went into remission; ex. Christians pray for the remission of sins.
remit: transmit (money) in payment; free someone from a debt or punishment
remittance: remitting of money; amount of money remitted
remnant: remainder
remonstrate: protest; objection; v. remonstrate: say in protest
remorse: deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach
remunerative: (of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; v. remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble
rend: split; tear apart; n. rent; cf. heartrending: causing deep sorrow
render: give; deliver; provide; represent in verbal or artistic form; depict; perform; make; translate; ex. render the song beautifully
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<td>deserter; traitor; <strong>ADJ</strong>.</td>
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<td>break a promise; deny; go back on; Ex. renge on the contract; paying off the debt</td>
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<td>abandon; give up (by formal announcement); disown; repudiate; Ex. renounce one's claim to the property; one's religion; N. renunciation</td>
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<td>renovate</td>
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<td>restore to good condition; renew</td>
<td>list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present; CF. repertory</td>
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<td>renown</td>
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<td>fame; <strong>ADJ.</strong> renowned</td>
<td>fret; complain; be annoyed; Ex. repine over the undone work</td>
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<td>messenger; sign of something to come; V: announce; proclaim; Ex. heralded researcher</td>
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<td>tear made by rending, rip; split</td>
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<td>compensation (for loss or wrong); amend, Ex. make repARATION for the damage; CF. repair</td>
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reproduce; duplicate

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storehouse

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resting; state of being at rest; calmness; V: lie at rest; relax; put or place; Ex. repose our hopes in a single man

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deserving blame; blameworthy; V: reprehend: blame

_repository_

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

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postponement or cancellation of a punishment; temporary stay; V: postpone or cancel the punishment of

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reprove severely; rebuke; N.

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retaliation

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

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

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morally disapproved person; person hardened in sin; devoid of a sense of decency; CF: disapproved by God

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severe disapproval; CF: approbation

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censure; reprove; N. reproof

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rescind

dissolve; disavow; deny

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disgust; strong dislike; loathing; ADJ: repugnant: arousing disgust; repulsive

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repulsion

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

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repulse

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

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reputable

respectable; having a good reputation

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reputed

supposed; Ex. reputed father of the child; V: repute: consider; N. repute: reputation; esteem

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requiem

mass for the dead; dirge

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Christian religious ceremony; CF: Mass: ceremony of the Eucharist

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requisite

necessary requirement; something required; ADJ: required; necessary

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requisition

formal demand or request; Ex. requisition for more computing equipment; V.

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requite

make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. requittal
resentment: indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about

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

residue: remainder; balance; ▼ residual: remaining; left over; of a residue; N. residue

resignation: patiently submissiveness; statement that one is quitting a job; ADJ. resigned: acquiescent
▼ resign: give up (a position, right, or claim); submit (oneself) passively

resilient: elastic; having the power of springing back; able to recover quickly (as from misfortune)
▼ elastic: able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N. elastic material

resolution: determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose
▼ resolve: determine; resolution; firmness of purpose

resuscitate: revive; (of a sound) echoing; resounding (sounding loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice;
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<td>cut down; cut down expenses; economize</td>
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<td>deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back</td>
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<td>recover; put right; find and bring in; regain; Ex. retrieve the situation</td>
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<td>looking back on the past; N. retrospection; V. retrospect</td>
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<td>echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley</td>
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<td>respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect</td>
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<td>deserving reverence; N. priest</td>
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<td>revert</td>
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cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable

♠ revulsion :

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

♦ rhapsodize :

spoke 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?"

♠ rile :

irritate; vex; muddy

♦ riveting :

holding one's attention; absorbing; engrossing

♥ rivet :

metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V: equip (a ship) with rigging; ADJ. rigging: ropes that hold up a ship's sails

♠ 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)

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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
rout  put to rout; stampede; drive out; N. complete defeat and disorderly retreat
rubble  fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)
mason  one who builds or works with stone or brick; N. masonry: work of a mason; stonework or brickwork
rubric  title or heading (in red print); directions for religious ceremony; protocol
ruddy  reddish; (of the face) reddish and healthy-looking
rudimentary  elementary; not developed; crude; N. rudiment: fundamental element or principle; Ex. rudiments of the language
rue  regret; lament; mourn; Ex. He will rue the day; N. ADJ. rueful
ruffian  violent scoundrel; bully
ruminate  chew over and over (mentally or, like cows, physically); muld over; ponder
ruminant  animal that ruminates; ADJ.
rummage  ransack; thoroughly search
runic  mysterious; set down in an ancient alphabet; N. rune: one of the letters of an alphabet used by ancient Germanic peoples (cut on stone or wood); magic charm
ruse  trick to deceive; stratagem
rustic  pertaining to country people; unsophisticated; simple; crude; uncouth; (of furniture) rough with the bark left on; N. rural person; rustic person
rusticate  banish to the country; dwell in the country
ruthless  pitiless; merciless; cruel
saboteur  one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property; N. sabotage: destruction of property (usually carried out secretly)
saccharine  cloying sweet; characteristic of sugar or saccharin
sacrosanct: invisibly sacred, most sacred, inviolable

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

saga: Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative

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

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

salacious: lascivious; lustful; Ex. salacious monk

salient: prominent; projecting beyond a line; conspicuous; Ex. salient features

saline: salty

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

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

salutary: tending to improve; beneficia, wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF: health

salute: salve

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satellite: satellite

sane: sane

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.

sanguinary: bloody; with much bloodshed

sanguine: optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red

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

sardonic: scornfully mocking; disdainful; sarcastic; cynical; Ex. sardonic smile

sartorial: pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex. a man of great sartorial elegance; CF: sartor: tailor

sate: satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy

doze: doze

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

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

sanction: sanction

sanctuary: sanctuary

sanguinary: sanguinary

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sarcasm: sarcasm
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<td>□ satirical : using satire; mocking</td>
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<td>□ saturate : soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity</td>
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<td>▲ saturnine : morose; gloomy; Ex. Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance.</td>
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<td>▲ 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</td>
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<td>▲ saunter : stroll (go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.</td>
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<td>▲ savant : scholar; learned person; CF: savoir: know</td>
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<td>▲ savor : enjoy; have a distinctive flavor; small, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality</td>
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<td>▲ savory : pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex. savory reputation</td>
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<td>▲ scabbard : case for a sword blade; sheath</td>
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<td>▲ scad : a great quantity; Ex. scads of clothes</td>
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<td>▲ scaffold : temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution</td>
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<td>□ scale : climb up; ascend; remove or come off in scales; N: flake of epidermis; ascending or descending series of musical tones</td>
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<td>□ scanty : meager; insufficient</td>
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<td>▲ scavenge : hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N. scavenger: one who scavengets; animal that feeds on refuse and carrion</td>
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<td>▲ refuse : anything discarded or rejected as worthless; trash</td>
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<td>□ scenario : plot outline; screenplay (script for a movie); opera libretto; outline of possible future events</td>
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<td>□ schematic : of a schema or scheme; relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols; N. schema: diagrammatic representation; outline</td>
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<td>▲ 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</td>
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<td>▲ schism : division into factions (esp. within a religious body); split</td>
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<td>▲ scintilla : trace; minute amount; shred; least bit; Ex. There is not a scintilla of truth; CF: spark</td>
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| ▲ 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. 끊어내는 것

♥ 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.

♠ 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

☐ scrupulous :

conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrupulous 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 remark

♠ scurry :

move hastily; hurry; move briskly

♠ scurvy :

contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin C

♠ scuttle :

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

♥ hull :

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 quality; Ex. base motives/conduct; Ex. base metal such as iron

♠ sear :

burn the surface of; char or burn; brand; parch; cause (a plant) to wither

♥ char :

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

♥ scorch :

scurry; stamping; impress or leave a mark

♥ 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 employment

seasonable  

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

secession  

withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from membership

seclusion  

isolation; solitude; V. seclude: set apart from others; isolate

secrete  

conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism; CF. secretive

sect  

separate religious body; faction; group of people with common beliefs within a larger group

sectarian  

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

denomination  

religious group; unit in a system; name or designation; CF. denominator: common trait or characteristic

secular  

worldly; not pertaining to church matters or religion; temporal

sedate  

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

sedentary  

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

sedition  

conduct or language inciting rebellion; rebellion; resistance to authority; insubordination; ADJ. seditious

sedulous  

diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N. sedulity

seedy  

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

run-down  

(of a plane) dilapidated; in a bad condition; (of a person) weak or exhausted

seemly  

(of behavior) proper; appropriate

seep  

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

seethe  

be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.

seine  

seine net; net for catching fish

seismic  

pertaining to earthquakes

semblance  

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

seminal  

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

seminary  

school for training future ministers; secondary school, especially for young women

senility  

school for training future ministers, secondary school, especially for young women

sedition
old age; feeblemindedness of old age; ADJ. senile: resulting from old age; showing the weakness of body or mind from old age; Ex. senile dementia

feebleminded

deficient in intelligence; very stupid

sensitization

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

sensual

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

voluptuous

sensual; of or giving sensual pleasure; indulging in sensual pleasures; Ex. voluptuous life of the Romans; N. voluptuary: voluptuous person

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

serpentine

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; imposter; pretense; Ex. The agreement was a sham.

shambles:
(place or scene of) complete disorder or ruin; wreck; mess; Ex. After the hurricane, the coast was a shambles.

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

shaving:
very thin piece, usually of wood (cut from a surface with a sharp blade)

plane:
carpenter’s tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat

sheaf:
bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together

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

sherbet:
flavored dessert ice

shimmer:
shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex. The moonlight shimmered on the water; N.

shirk:
avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malingering

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

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

shyster:
lawyer using questionable methods; unscrupulous practitioner

sibling:
brother or sister

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

sidereal:
relating to 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

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

simper:
smirk; smile in a silly way; smile affectingly
simplistic: oversimplified
simulate: feign; imitate
sinecure: well-paid position with little responsibility; CF: sine cure: without care; CF: Sans Serif
sinewy: (of meat) tough, strong and firm; muscular; N. sinew: tendon; strong cord connecting a muscle to a bone
singular: being only one; individual; unique; extraordinary; odd; Ex. singular beauty/behavior
sinister: evil; ominous
sinuous: twisting; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest
skeptic: sceptic; doubter; person who suspends judgment until he has examined the evidence supporting a point of view; ADJ. skeptical; N. skepticism; scepticism
skiff: small light sailboat or rowboat
skimp: provide or use scantily; live very economically; Ex. skimp on necessities; ADJ. skimpy: inadequate in amount; scanty; stingy; niggardly
skinflint: miser; stingy person
skirmish: minor fight; minor battle in war; V
skittish: inconstant; capricious; frivolous; not serious; Ex. charming but skittish young woman; CF: skit
frisk: move about playfully; frolic; ADJ. frisky: playful
skullduggery: dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skullduggery in the election
skulk: move furtively and secretly; Ex. He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city
slacken: slow up; loosen; make or become slack
slack: moving slowly; sluggish; inactive; (of a rope) loose; negligent; lax; Ex. slack season; Ex. slack in one’s work; N. V.
slag: glassy residue from smelting metal; dross; waste matter
slake: satisfy (thirst); quench; sate
slander: defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements; V. ADJ. slanderous
slapdash: hasty and careless; haphazard; sloppy (carelessly done)
sleazy: shabby and dirty; flimsy; insubstantial; Ex. sleazy back-street hotel/fabric
sleeper: one that achieves unexpected success; something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable
sleight: dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks

slew: large quantity or number; Ex. slew of errands left

slight: insult to one’s dignity; smurf; treat as if of small importance; insult; smush; 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

slumber: lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug: nail with no shell

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

smelt: melt (one) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ones 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; Ex. Don’t come back sniveling to me.

sneeze: 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

sledge: large sled drawn by work animals

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

slugard: lazy person

sluggish: lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug: nail with no shell
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**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

**spare**: 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 saw 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
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.

squabble:
minor quarrel; bickering; V: engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children

squalor:
condition of being squalid; filth; 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

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

stamina:
power of endurance; strength; staying power

stanch:
stop or check flow of blood; Ex. stanch the gushing wound

stanza:
division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)

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

statue:
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

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

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

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

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

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

stalemate:
stalemate; situation in which further action is blocked
stem from:

- arise from; originate from

stentorian:

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

stereotype:

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

stickler:

perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right

stifle:

suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate

smother:

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

suffocate:

die or kill from lack of air; suppress

stigma:

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

stilted:

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

stint:

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

stipend:

pay for services

stipple:

paint or draw with dots or short strokes

stipulate:

state as a necessary condition (of an agreement); make express conditions; specify; Ex. He stipulated payment in advance

stock:

standard; kept regularly in stock or supply; typical; routine; common; Ex. stock sizes of paper; Ex. stock excuse/character; N: goods for sale in a shop; OF: unique

stockade:

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

pen:

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

stodgy:

dull; stiffly; boringly conservative; Ex. stodgy book

stoic:

stoical; impassive; unmoved by joy or grief; N: CF: stoicism

stoke:

stir up a fire or furnace; feed plentifully

stolid:

dull; impassive; showing little emotion when strong feelings are expected

stratagem:

deceptive scheme; clever trick

stratified:

divided into classes; arranged into strata; V: strify

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 |
| **stricture** | severe and adverse criticism; critical comments; limit or restriction |
| **strident** | loud and harsh; insistent; N. stridency |
| **stringent** | (of rules) binding; rigid; marked by scarcity of money; Ex. stringent economic conditions |
| **strut** | pompous walk; V: walk in a self-important manner |
| **studied** | carefully contrived; calculated; unspontaneous; deliberate; thoughtful; Ex. studied remark |
| **stultify** | make stupid in mind; cause to appear or become stupid or inconsistent; suppress; frustrate or hinder; Ex. stultifying effect of uninteresting work; Ex. stultify free expression |
| **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 |
| **stymie** | thwart; present an obstacle; stump |
| **stump** | base of a tree trunk left after the rest has been cut down; V: walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle |
| **suavity** | urbanity; polish; ADJ. suave: smooth and courteous |
| **subaltern** | subordinate |
| **subdue** | less intense; quieter; Ex. subdued lighting; Ex. subdue: conquer; make less intense; quiet; Ex. subdue one’s anger |
| **subjective** | influenced by personal feelings; occurring or taking place within the mind; unreal; Ex. subjective sensation of the ghostly presence |
| **subjugate** | conquer; bring under control |
| **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 |
| **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: 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

♠ subsides :
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

☐ subtlety :

perceptiveness; ingenuity; delicacy; ADJ. subtle: delicate; so slight as to be difficult to detect; able to make fine distinctions; clever; Ex. subtle mind / differences in meaning

♠ subversive :

tending to overthrow or ruin; V. subvert: overthrow completely (an established system); destroy completely; CF. undermine ?

☐ succor :

assist (someone in difficulty); aid; comfort; N.

♠ succulent :

juicy; full of juice or sap; full of richness; N: succulent plant such as a cactus

☐ succumb :

yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex. succumb to the illness

♠ suffragist :

advocate of the extension of voting rights (for women); CF. suffrage

♠ suffuse :

spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks.

♠ sully :

defile; soil; tarnish; Ex. sully one’s hands in menial labor

♥ tarnish :

make or become dull or discolored; N.
sultry: (of weather) hot; 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

superannuated: retired or disqualified because of age; outmoded; obsolete

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

supererogatory: superfluous; more than needed or demanded

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; plant

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

susceptible:
impressionable; easily influenced; sensitive; having little resistance as to a disease; likely to suffer, responsive to; capable of accepting; Ex. susceptible to persuasion/colds; Ex. The agreement is not susceptible of alteration; N. susceptibility

sustain:
suffer (harm or loss); experience; support; prop; maintain; keep in existence; nourish (to maintain life); Ex. sustain the family/the trapped miners

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

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

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

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

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

swerve:
deviate; turn aside sharply from a straight course; Ex. swerve from the principle; Ex. The car swerved to the right.

swill:
drink greedily

swindler:
cheater

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

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

syllogism:
logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or specious argument

sylvan:
pertaining to the woods or the country

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

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

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

synchronous:
similarly timed; simultaneous with; occurring at the same time; V. synchronize
synoptic: providing a general overview; summary; N. synopsis

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

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

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

tact: habitually silent; talking little

tactile: pertaining to the organs or sense of touch

tactful: skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offense

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

tantalize: tease; excite by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach; torture with disappointment; CF. Tantalus: Greek mythological figure

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

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

taper: very thin candle; gradual decrease in the width of a long object; V. make or become gradually narrower toward one end

tarantula: venomous spider

tarry: linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle

taut: tight; strained; tense; ready; OP. slack

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

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<td>Boredom; weariness; ADJ: tedious</td>
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<td>Practice of abstaining totally from alcoholic drinks; N: teetotaler; ADJ: teetotal; CF: T + total</td>
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<td>Characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ: temperamental; of temperament; having frequent changes of temper; Ex: temperamental dislike of sports; Ex: temperamental actress</td>
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<td>Moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF: temperance: moderation and self-restraint; abstinence of alcoholic drinks; Ex: temperance society</td>
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<td>Stormy; violent; impassioned; N: tempest: violent storm</td>
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<td><strong>tempo</strong></td>
<td>Speed of music</td>
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<td><strong>temporal</strong></td>
<td>Of time; not lasting forever; limited by time; temporary; secular; worldly</td>
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<td><strong>temporize</strong></td>
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<td>Offer formally; extend; Ex: tender one’s resignation/the exact fare; N: tender; ADJ: young and vulnerable; sensitive to the touch; sore; soft; delicate; Ex: child of tender years; Ex: tender wound</td>
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<td>Stretching; condition of being stretched; mental strain; strained relationship between groups or people</td>
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terms used in a science or art; study of nomenclature

♠ terminus :

last stop of railroad; end

♥ terminal :

part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; Adj. forming an end; ending in death; fatal; Ex. terminal cancer

□ terrestrial :

on or relating to the earth

◆ terse :

concise; abrupt; pithy

♠ tertiary :

third in order or rank

♠ tessellated :

mosaic; inlaid; Ex. tessellated pattern

♠ testator :

maker of a will; CF. testatrix

♠ testy :

irritable; impatient and bad-tempered; short-tempered; N. testiness

♠ tether :

tie (an animal) with a rope or tether; N: rope or chain to which an animal is tied; limit of one’s endurance; Ex. the end of one’s tether

□ thematic :

of a theme; relating to a unifying motif or idea

♠ theocracy :

government run by religious leaders

□ theoretical :

based on theory; not practical or applied; hypothetical

□ therapeutic :

curative; N. therapy

♠ thermal :

pertaining to heat; producing heat; warm; Ex. thermal bath; N: rising current of warm air

♠ thespian :

pertaining to drama; N. actor or actress

♥ drama :

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

♠ thrall :

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

♠ threadbare :

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

□ thrifty :

careful about money; economical; N. thrift

□ thrive :

prosper; flourish

□ throes :

violent anguish

♠ throng :

crowd (of people or things); V.

♠ throttle :

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

♥ strangle :

kill by choking or suffocating; suppress

□ thwart :


block or hinder; baffle; frustrate

♠ tightwad : miser; excessively frugal person

♠ tiller : handle used to move boat’s rudder (to steer)

♠ timbre : quality of a musical tone produced by a musical instrument (which distinguishes it from others of the same pitch)

☐ timidity : lack of self-confidence or courage

☐ timorous : 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

☐ 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

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♠ 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

name (of a book, film, etc.); mark of rank; formal appellation as of rank or office (such as Lord or General); right or claim to possession; championship; Ex. title as head of the family; Ex. title to the estate

♠ titular : of a title; in name only; nominal; having the title of an office without the obligations; Ex. titular head of the company

♠ titter : nervous giggle; nervous laugh; V.

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torrent: rushing stream; flood; Ex. The rain fell in torrents.

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
transmute: transform; change; convert to something different

transparent: permitting light to pass through freely; easily detected; obvious; clear; Ex. transparent lie

transpire: (of a fact) become known; be revealed; happen; give off (watery waste matter) through pores

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

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; OE. 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

trifle: trivial; unimportant

something of little importance or value; small amount; Ex. a trifle; V: treat without seriousness; flirt
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tycoon: wealthy and powerful businessperson; wealthy leader, magnate; Ex. business tycoon

typhoon: tropical hurricane or cyclone

tyremony: 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: unexplicable; 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

☐ unaltering:

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: fledgling

☐ unfrock:

defrock; strip a priest or minister of church authority

♥ disbar:

make (a lawyer) leave the bar or the legal profession

♥ debar:

bar, forbid; exclude; Ex: debarred from jury services

♥ bar:

railing in a courtroom; legal profession; vertical line dividing a staff into equal measures; Ex. prisoner at the bar; V: shut in or out with bars; forbid; exclude; CF: barrister

♥ bastard:

illegitimate child

♠ ungainly:

(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

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: unbecoming; not proper in behavior; indecent; Ex. leave with unseemly haste

unsightly: ugly; unpleasant to look at

unsullied: unmarred; CF. sully

untenable: 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

♠ 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 :
weaver (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 :
wandering from place to place; roving; straying; moving in a random fashion; Ex. vagrant thoughts; N. vagrancy

♥ vainglorious :
homeless wanderer
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

♥ avantgarde :

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

☐ vantage :

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

♠ vapid :

lacking liveliness; dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless; Ex: vapid lecture

☐ vaporize :

turn into vapor (steam, gas, fog, etc.)

♠ variegated :

(esop. of a flower or leaf) many-colored

♥ variegation :

change the appearance of (by marking with different colors)

♠ vassal :

in feudalism, one who held land of a superior lord; subordinate or dependent

♠ vaunted :

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

♠ 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: venal

♠ 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.

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


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.

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

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venue: location; place (of a crime, trial, gathering, etc.); CF: come

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veritable: being truly so; real or genuine; actual; not false or imaginary

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

vernacular: living language (as compared to the official language); language spoken in a country or region; natural style; Ex. lapse into the vernacular

vernal: pertaining to spring

versatile: having many talents; capable of working in many fields; having many uses or functions; N. versatility

vertex: summit; highest point; PL. vertices

vertigo: severe dizziness; giddiness

verve: enthusiasm (as in artistic performance or composition); liveliness; vigor

vestige: trace; remnants; 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; avenger, Es. vindicate one's client; Es. 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

vicious: (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

virtuoso: highly skilled artist (esp. in music); Es. 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

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:

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.
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

vulture:

carrion-eating birds

vying:

contending; CF. vie

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

voracious:

ravenous; eating large quantities of food; exceedingly eager; insatiable; Ex. voracious animal/reader

vortex:

whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predicament 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

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♣ 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

♣ welt :

confusion; turmoil; bewildering jumble; Ex. welter of data

♣ welter :

swallowed (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.

♣ wheedle :

decive, 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

♣ whimsy :

whinny :

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

♣ whit :

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

♣ whistle :

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

♢ willful :

willful, intentional; headstrong

♡ wilt :

loose freshness; droop

♢ wily :

crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile deceitful stratagem

♣ wince :

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

♡ start :

move suddenly or involuntarily; Ex. start at the sight of a snake

♣ windfall :

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wrest: obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp.

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

writhe: twist in coils; contort in pain.

wry: (esp. of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure).

xenophobia: fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe.

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

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

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

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

yokel: rustic; country bumpkin; ゆき。

yore: time long past; Ex. in the days of yore.

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

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

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

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

zephyr: gentle breeze; west wind.