

1. bastion  stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism
2. growl  low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)
3. maverick  rebel; nonconformist (in a group)
4. lethargic  drowsy; dull; N. lethargy: state of sluggishness and inactivity
5. paraphernalia  equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity; personal belongings; Ex. photographic paraphernalia; CF. married woman’s property exclusive of her dowry
6. mores  conventions; moral standards; moral customs
7. timidity  lack of self-confidence or courage
8. understatement  state with less truth than seems warranted by the facts; Ex. He understated the seriousness of the crime; N. understatement; OP. overstate
9. 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.
10. braid  plait; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; N: braided segment (as of hair)
11. acquiesce  assent; agree passively; comply without protest
12. favoritism  display of partiality toward a favored person
13. wake  trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before; Ex. hunger followed in the wake of the war
14. 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
15. betoken  signify; indicate; be a sign of
16. aviary  enclosure for birds; large cage
17. waggish  humorous; mischievous; tricky
18. 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.
19. bugaboo  bugbear; object of baseless terror
20. foliage  masses of leaves; CF. defoliate
21. satellite  small body revolving around a larger one
22. bungle  mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior
23. reinstate  restore to a previous condition or position
24. mnemonic  pertaining to memory; assisting the memory; N: device, such as as formula or rhyme, used as a mnemonic aid
25. draftee; person forced into military service; V.
26. functional  made for practical use only (without decoration); functioning; Ex. functional modern furniture; CF. functionalism
27. 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
28. imbecility  weakness of mind; state of being an imbecile; N. imbecile: stupid person; fool
29. rebuke  scold harshly; criticize severely
30. 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
31. hardy  (of people or animals) sturdy; robust; (of plants) able to stand inclement(stormy) weather
32. penury  extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy
33. venal  capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF. vernal
34. flit  fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower
35. magnate  person of prominence or influence; powerful or influential person (in business or industry); Ex. oil magnate
36. botch  mismanage; blow
37. citadel  fortress
38. libidinous  lustful
39. mendicant  beggar; ADJ: living as a beggar
40. oaf  stupid awkward person; CF. elf
41. voyeur  Peeping Tom; person who derives sexual gratification from observing the sexual acts of others
42. docile  obedient; easily managed; submissive
43. vitiate  spoil the effect of; make inoperative; corrupt morally
44. narrative  related to telling a story; N: narrated account; story; V. narrate: tell (a story); CF. narration
45. derision  ridicule; ADJ. derisive; CF. derisory
46. cupidity  greed (for wealth); CF. cupid; CF. Cupid
47. savory  pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex. savory reputation
48. rank  offensive in odor or flavor
49. quisling  traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling
50. tact  skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offence
51. fallacious  false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument
52. trim  make neat or tidy by clipping; reduce by removing what is unnecessary; ornament; decorate (round the edges); Ex. trim the cost; Ex. jacket trimmed with fur; N. ADJ: tidy; in good order
53. compartment  one of the parts into which an enclosed space is divided
| squander  | waste; spend foolishly |
| colloquy  | informal discussion; conversation |
| refurbish | renovate; make clean, bright, or fresh (make new) again; make bright by polishing; Ex. refurbish an old theater; CF. furbish: polish |
| desolate  | make desolate; forsake; abandon and desert |
| fumble    | move the fingers and hands awkwardly (in search of something); mishandle or drop a ball that is in play; bungle; botch; spoil by mishandling; N. |
| misapprehension | error; misunderstanding; V. misapprehend |
| ameliorate | improve |
| isthmus | narrow neck of land connecting two larger bodies of land |
| skulduggery (skullduggery) | dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skullduggery in the election |
| celibate | abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy |
| odium | detestation; quality of being odious; hatefulness; disrepute (resulting from hateful conduct) |
| deserts | what someone deserves |
| nugatory | worthless; futile |
| rendition | rendering; translation; artistic interpretation of a song, etc |
| incursion | temporary invasion; CF. excursion: short journey |
| terrestrial | on or relating to the earth |
| stigma | token of disgrace; brand; V. stigmatize: mark with a stigma; characterize as disgraceful |
| gross | total; fragrant; clearly wrong; (of people’s behavior) coarse; corputulent; Ex. gross insolence/behavior; V: earn as a total amount; N: 12 dozens |
| doctrine | teachings in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught; dogma; tenet; ADJ. doctrinal |
| misnomer | wrong or improper name; incorrect designation |
| proliferate | grow rapidly (in numbers); spread; multiply; N. proliferation |
| hindsight | understanding the nature of an event after it has actually happened |
| lucid | easily understood; clear; intelligible; N. lucidity |
| impenetrable | not able to be pierced or entered; beyond understanding; impossible to understand; Ex. impenetrable mystery |
| ghastly | horrible; terrifying; resembling ghosts; CF. aghast |
| tremulous | trembling; wavering |
| garish | overbright in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy |
| euphony | sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious |
| pithy | concise and meaningful; substantial; meaty |
| girth | distance around something; circumference |
| lap | take in food or drink with one’s tongue; splash gently; Ex. waves lapping the shore; N: front area from the waist to the knees of a seated person |
| asteroid | small planet |
| adulation | flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved |
| array | marshal; draw up in order; arrange in order; clothe splendidly; adorn; N: fine clothes; ordered group; Ex. in battle array |
| redoubtable | formidable; causing fear |
| approbation | approval |
| attrition | rubbing away by friction; gradual decrease in numbers or strength; reduction in the work force without firing employees; wearing away of opposition by means of harassment; Ex. a war of attrition |
| secession | withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from membership |
| poignancy | quality of being deeply moving; keenness of emotion; ADJ. poignant: touching; deeply moving; (of sorrow, grief, etc.) painful; keenly distressing to the mind; Ex. poignant memory/anxiety; CF. prick |
| fodder | coarse food for cattle, horses, etc.; feed for livestock; CF. food |
| regale | entertain |
| warren | tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live |
| distant | reserved or aloof; cold in manner; Ex. distant greeting; ADV. distantly |
| entrance | put under a spell(condition caused by magical power); carry away(fill with strong feeling) with emotion; put into a trance; fill with delight |
| heterogeneous | dissimilar; mixed; not homogeneous; consisting of dissimilar elements or plants |
| temperate | moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF. temperance: moderation and self-restraint; abstinence of alcoholic drinks; Ex. temperance society |
| glamor | compelling charm; ADJ. glamorous |
| disinterested | unprejudiced; free from bias and self-interest; objective |
| mosaic | picture made of small colorful inlaid tiles; ADJ. |
| arboreal | of or living in trees |
| uninhibited | unpressed; free in behavior and feelings |
| amnesty | pardon (allowed by government to political criminals) |
| stint | supply; allotted amount of work; assigned portion of work; limitation; Ex. two-year stint in the army; Ex. without stint |
| spin | rotate swiftly; make (thread) by twisting (cotton, wool, etc.); N. |
- sartorial: pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex. a man of sartorial elegance; CF. sartor: tailor
- tribulation: suffering; ordeal; distress; trial
- stickler: perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right
- incontinent: lacking self-restraint; not continent; licentious
- inclined: tending or leaning toward; bent; V. incline: slant; dispose; be disposed; tend
- episodic: (of a story or play) loosely connected; made up of separate and loosely connected parts; N. episode: incident in the course of an experience
- seasonable: occurring at the proper time or season; opportunity; Ex. seasonable intervention in the dispute
- astringent: binding; causing contraction (stopping bleeding); harsh or severe; stringent; Ex. astringent criticism
- quotidian: daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine
- stanza: division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)
- sentinel: senry; lookout
- saga: Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative
- aristocracy: hereditary nobility; privileged class; government by nobility; N. aristocrat
- innuendo: indirect or subtle (derogatory) hint; insinuation; Ex. sexual innuendo
- rag: scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance
- conducive: helpful; contributive; V. conduct: Ex. conduct to/towards
- slight: insult to one’s dignity; snub; V: treat as if of small importance; insult; snub; ADJ. small in size; of small importance
- tout: promote or publicize (one’s goods or service); praise excessively (as a form of advertisement); CF. advertise
- repugnance: disgust; strong dislike; loathing; ADJ. repugnant: arousing disgust; repulsive
- cue: word or signal (as in a play to prompt another actor’s speech or entrance); reminder or hint; V: give a cue to
- soliloquy: talking to oneself (esp. in a play); CF. monologue: soliloquy; long speech by one person (often monopolizing a conversation)
- fruition: bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization; Ex. come to/be brought to fruition
- termination: end; V. terminate
- intermittent: periodic; on and off; stopping and starting at intervals
- jocose: given to(having a tendency of) joking
- blasphemy: irreverence; sacrilege; cursing; bad language about God or holy things; V. blasphem; ADJ. blasphemous; CF. sacrilege
- consummate: complete; V.
- consequential: self-important; significant; consequent; following as a result; Ex. consequential air; CF. subsequent
- gainsay: deny
- abolish: cancel; put an end to
- convivial: pleasantly merry; festive; joyous; gay; characterized by joviality; jovial
- gawk: stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe
- betray: be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly); Ex. Her trembling hands betray her anxiety.
- cession: yielding to another; ceding
- cogent: convincing
- flaunt: display ostentatiously; Ex. “Honey, if you’ve got it, flaunt it!”
- chaperon: older person who accompanies and supervises a young unmarried woman
- conspire: take part in a conspiracy; (of events) work together; combine; Ex. Events conspired to produce great difficulties.
□ **clemency** disposition to be lenient in deciding punishments; mildness as of the weather; ADJ. clement

□ **nostrum** questionable medicine; quack medicine; CF. our (remedy)

□ **scrutinize** examine closely and critically; N. scrutiny

□ **archetype** prototype; primitive pattern

□ **trite** hackneyed; commonplace

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

□ **conflagration** great fire

□ **subliminal** below the threshold of conscious perception; Ex. subliminal advertisement

□ **duplicity** double-dealing; hypocrisy; being dishonest and deceitful; ADJ. duplicitous

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

□ **peon** landless agricultural worker; bond servant; menial worker; N. peonage

□ **thematic** of a theme; relating to a unifying motif or idea

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

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

□ **labile** likely to change; unstable; Ex. emotionally labile; N. lability

□ **panegyric** formal praise; encomium; Ex. I don’t deserve such panegyrics.

□ **apothecary** druggist; pharmacist

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

□ **ample** enough; abundant; spacious; large in size; Ex. ample opportunity/garden; N. amplitude: quality of being ample; abundance; largeness of space

□ **unassuaged** unsatisfied; not soothed

□ **exigency** urgent situation; ADJ. exigent

□ **voodoo** religion practiced chiefly in Haiti

□ **furrow** long shallow trench made by a plow; deep wrinkle in the skin; V.

□ **gerontocracy** government ruled by old people

□ **rarefied** made less dense (of a gas); V. rarefy: make less dense; N. rarefaction

□ **madrigal** pastoral song; song for several singers without instruments

□ **multilingual** having many languages; fluent in several languages

□ **adept** expert at; very skilled

□ **suffocate** die or kill from lack of air; suppress

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

□ **laconic** brief and to the point; using few words; terse

□ **false** not genuine; N: one that is not genuine; impostor; sham; V: counterfeit; Ex. fake the results of the experiment/sig.

□ **apparition** ghost; phantom

□ **scurrilous** abusive; obscene; indecent; Ex. scurrilous remark

□ **consanguineous** (consanguine) having a common ancestor

□ **diabolical** diabolic; devilish; fiendish

□ **wither** (of a plant) dry up from loss of moisture; lose freshness; shrivel; decay

□ **fresco** painting on wet plaster (usually fresh)

□ **masochist** person who enjoys his own pain; CF. masochism

□ **progenitor** ancestor

□ **odoriferous** giving off an odor

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

□ **salient** prominent; projecting beyond a line; conspicuous; Ex. salient features

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

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

□ **subversive** tending to overthrow or ruin; V. subvert: overthrow completely (an established system); destroy completely; CF. undermine?

□ **monotony** sameness leading to boredom; monotonousness; ADJ. monotonous; CF. monotone

□ **inkling** hint; slight indication

□ **corrode** destroy or wear away gradually by chemical action (over a long period)

□ **nirvana** in Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in which the individual loses himself in the attainment of an impersonal beatitude

□ **rival** marked by vulgar lewd humor; wanton; profane; N. ribaldry: ribald language or joke

□ **elastic** able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N: elastic material

□ **biennial** every two years

□ **pugilist** boxer; CF. pugilism: boxing

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

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□ exploit brave and successful act; deed or action, particularly a brave deed; CF. crossing the Atlantic ocean
□ sibylline prophetic; oracular; N. sibyl: woman prophet (in the ancient world)
□ serrated having a sawtoothed edge; Ex. serrated leaf
□ cohere stick together
□ wistful sadly thoughtful (because of desires or memories); sadly pensive; vaguely longing
□ gamely in a spirited manner; with courage; Ex. fight gamely against a superior boxer; ADJ. game
□ spurn reject disdainfully; scorn; Ex. She spurned all offers of help.
□ conservatory(conservatoire) school of the fine arts (especially music or drama); glass-enclosed area; CF. conservancy
□ malcontent person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs; discontented person; ADJ. discontented
□ killjoy grouch; spoilsport; one who intentionally spoils the pleasure of others
□ discourse serious speech, writing, or conversation; formal discussion (either written or spoken); conversation; V.
□ bifurcated divided into two branches; forked
□ lucrative profitable; producing wealth
□ qualms uneasy feelings; misgivings; uneasy fears especially about matters of conscience; Ex. I have no qualms about giving this assignment to Helen.
□ fusion union; coalition; V. fuse
□ clarion shrill, trumpetlike sound; kind of trumpet used in former times
□ traverse go through or across
□ cherubic angelic; innocent-looking; N. cherub; CF. seraph: winged angel of the highest order
□ parasite animal or plant living on another; toady; sycophant; CF. para-: beside
□ decomposition decay; V. decompose: decay; break and separate into simple parts
□ industrious diligent; hard-working; N. industry
□ metallurgical pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores; N. metallurgy: science that deals with extracting metals from ores
□ dutiful(duteous) (of people or their behavior) respectful; obedient (filled with a sense of duty)
□ indices signs; indications; Ex. indices of a student’s potential; CF. index: something that reveals or indicates; sign; Ex. cost-of-living index
□ disband dissolve; disperse; (of a group) break up and separate; Ex. The club has disbanded.
□ supposititious assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical
□ despot tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; CF. despotism
□ topple become unsteady and fall down
□ apprise inform
□ tardy slow; sluggish; not on time; late; Ex. tardy arrival
□ sheer pure; thin and transparent; very steep
□ optician maker and seller of eyeglasses
□ deposition testimony under oath; deposing; dethroning
□ legend explanatory list of symbols on a map
□ aseptic preventing infection; having a cleansing effect
□ farce broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening; ADJ. farcical
□ acrid bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent
□ raconteur story-teller; one who tells stories with wit and skill
□ reduce diminish; bring to a weaker or more difficult condition; demote; lower in rank; separate into components by analysis; Ex. reduced to the ranks; Ex. reduce the house to rubble; N. reduction
□ dart move or throw suddenly and quickly
□ scholarly full of learning; erudite; like a scholar; Ex. scholarly journal
□ cohesion tendency to keep together
□ epoch period of time
□ canard unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report
□ toss throw lightly; move or lift (the head) with a sudden motion; flip (a coin) to decide something
□ phalanx formation of infantry carrying overlapping shields and long spears; group of men packed together (for attack or defense)
□ bar railing in a courtroom; legal profession; vertical line dividing a staff into equal measures; Ex. prisoner at the bar; V. shut in or out with bars; forbid; exclude; CF. barrister
lineaments features especially of the face; distinctive shape or contour of the face; CF. line

validate make valid; confirm; ratify

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

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

furoren frenzy; great anger and excitement; CF. fury

obituary death notice (esp. in a newspaper); ADJ.
dialectical relating to the art of debate; mutual or reciprocal; Ex. dialectical situation; N. dialectic: art of arriving at the truth by the exchange of logical arguments

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

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

simian monkeylike; N: ape or monkey

inter bury; N. interment

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

coronern public official who investigates any death thought to be of other than natural causes

perspicuity clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity

succulent juicy; full of juice or sap; full of richness; N: succulent plant such as a cactus

ransack search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); Ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.
dorsal relating to the back of an animal; Ex. dorsal fin

protean able to take on many forms; versatile; CF. Proteus: sea god to change his shape at will

consciousness scrupulous; through and careful; Ex. conscientious worker

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

pervene purposely continuing to do something wrong; stubbornly wrongheaded; perverted; directed away from what is right; wicked and unacceptable; Ex. perverse satisfaction; Ex. Hannibal Lecter in a perverse mood; N. perversion

nexus connection

mercantile concerning trade or merchants

inestimable impossible to estimate; (apprec) invaluable; of immeasurable worth

quixotic idealistic but impractical; CF. Don Quixote

antipathy aversion; dislike or opposition

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

incident event; event that causes a crisis
distraught upset; distracted by anxiety; very anxious and troubled almost to the point of madness; Ex. distraught with grief/worry
dracet disloyal; cowardly; N: disloyal and cowardly person
disport amuse; Ex. disport oneself; CF. divert
proxy authorized agent; authority to act for another
leave-taking farewell or departure

tender offer formally; extend; Ex. tender one’s resignation/the exact fare; N: formal offer; money; Ex. legal tender; ADJ: young and vulnerable; sensitive to the touch; sore; soft; delicate; Ex. child of tender years; Ex. tender wound

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

junta group of persons joined in political intrigue; cabal; group of military officers ruling a country after seizing power (by force)

materialism preoccupation with physical comforts and things; excessive regard for worldly concerns (rather than spiritual matters)
algreosic causing insensitivity to pain; N.
jurisprudence science of law
doossier file of documents on a subject or person; file; CF. bundle of papers labeled on the back

transparent permitting light to pass through freely; easily detected; obvious; clear; Ex. transparent lie

virent (of a disease or poison) extremely harmful or poisonous; (of a feeling) hostile; bitter; N. virulence; CF. virus; CF. venom

blister blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptily; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; CF. breeze, gust, gale

capacious spacious

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

lectern reading desk or stand for a public speaker

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

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

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

insatiable not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite

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

bohemian unconventional (in an artistic way)
tortuous winding; full of curves; Ex. tortuous mountain road

cross bad-tempered; showing ill-humor; angry

murmur low, indistinct, continuous sound; V. CF. mumble

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

gaffe social blunder

divest strip (as of clothes); deprive (as of rights); dispos-
sess; N. divestiture(divestment)

beatitude blessedness; state of great happiness

sinecure well-paid position with little responsibility; CF. sine cure: without care; CF. San Serif

squat short and thick; stocky; Ex. ugly squat tower; V. N.

unintimating unfrightening

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

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

tarry linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle

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

apotheosis elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something

pinnacle small boat

transition going from one state of action to another

maudlin effusively sentimental

chameleon lizard that changes color in different situations

aspersion slanderous remark; Ex. cast aspersions on

ape imitate or mimic (a person’s behavior or manner)

render give; deliver; provide; represent in verbal or artistic form; depict; perform; make; translate; Ex. render the song beautifully

galley low ship with sails (rowed along by slaves)

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

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

seemly (of behavior) proper; appropriate

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

protuberance protrusion; swelling; bulge

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

memorialize commemorate

condign adequate; (of punishment) severe and well de-
served

oscillate vibrate pendulumlike; waver

theoretical based on theory; not practical or applied; hypo-

thetical

pundit authority on a subject; expert; learned person

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

brawny muscular; having well-developed muscles

surfeit satiate; feed or supply to excess; stuff; indulge to ex-
cess in anything; N: surfeiting; excessive amount; Ex. sur-
feit of food

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

elocution expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. elo-
quent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that 
the hearers can be influenced

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

factious inclined to form factions; causing dissension

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

inopportune untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly 
chosen

alcove nook; recess

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

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

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

undertaker funeral director; one whose business is to ar-
range burials

complementary serving to complete something

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

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

lofty very high

mordant biting; sarcastic; stinging; (apprec.) incisive; cut-
ting; Ex. mordant pen/wit

bombast grandiloquent, pompous speech

shift change position or place; exchange (one thing) for an-
other; change in direction or position; Ex. shift the stolen 
goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other 
groups; working period of such a group
- deff neat; skillful
- homily sermon; tedious moralizing lecture; serious warning; ADJ. homiletic
- rankle irritate; fester; annoy
- mingle mix together in close association
- indeterminate uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite
- rotundity roundness; sonorouness of speech
- enumerate list; mention one by one
- congenial pleasant; friendly; in agreement with one's tastes and nature; Ex. congenial weather
- gist essence; main point; substance
- privation lack of the basic necessities or comforts of life; hardship; want; CF. deprive
- cataclysm deluge; upheaval; earthquake; violent and sudden event or change
- toxic poisonous; N. toxicity
- mutter utter (complaining words) indistinctly in low tones
- abjure renounce upon oath
- extradition surrender of prisoner by one state to another; Ex. extradition treaty; V. extradite
- quirk sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate
- aspire seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the leadership
- stratagem deceptive scheme; clever trick
- arrogance pride; haughtiness; ADJ. arrogant: unpleasantly self-important (with a strong confidence in one's own importance and a lack of respect for other people)
- commune small (often rural) community whose members share work and income; V: exchange thoughts or feelings; Ex. commune with nature
- forestall prevent by taking action in advance
- inundate flood; overflow; submerge; cover completely; Ex. inundated with work
- fussy fastidious; finicky; easily upset
- estranged separated; alienated; V. estrange: alienate (people in a family); N. estrangement
- jetsam things thrown from a ship (to lighten the ship)
- bequeath leave to someone by means of a will; hand down in his will; N. bequest
- dauntless bold; fearless
- lien legal claim or right on a property
- congruent in agreement; harmonious; corresponding; coinciding exactly; CF. congruous
- expound explain
- obtuse blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding
- detrimental harmful; damaging; N. detriment
- mangy shabby; wretched; suffering from mange; of bad appearance
- putrefy make or become putrid; N. putrefaction
- hideous repulsive to the sight; ugly; repugnant; Ex. hideous face/scream
- abate subside or moderate
- annul make void
- skeptic sceptic; doubter; person who suspends judgment until he has examined the evidence supporting a point of view; ADJ. skeptical; N. skepticism; scepticism
- audacious daring; bold; N. audacity
- compost mixture of decaying organic matter used as fertilizer; V: put or make compost
- heresy opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion; ADJ. heretical; CF. heretic
- high-flown highly pretentious or inflated
- maniacal raging mad; insane; N. maniac: insane person; CF. mania: disorder of the mind; intense enthusiasm
- whorl ring of leaves around stem; ring; circular arrangement; Ex. whorls on the fingers
- petulant touchy; peevish; ill-tempered
- decimate kill (usually one out of ten or every tenth man); destroy or kill a large part of
- resolve decide; settle; solve; separate; make a determined decision; N. resolution
- brave face courageously; Ex. brave the storm
- viscous (of a liquid) thick and sticky; gluey; viscid; CF. consistency
- grovel crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate; behave in a servile manner
- compliance conformity in fulfilling requirements; readiness to yield; disposition to yield to others; V. comply
- invalid one incapacitated(disabled) by a chronic illness; ADJ: incapacitated by illness; not valid; null; V: allow to leave (a military force) because of ill-health
- spurious false; counterfeit; forged; illogical; Ex. spurious arguments
- lechery gross lewdness; lustfulness; ADJ. lecherous; N. lecher: lecherous man
- entomology study of insects
- molt(moult) periodically shed or cast off hairs or feathers (for replacement by a new growth)
- expatiate talk at length; speak or write in detail
- tribute tax levied by a ruler; payment made by one nation to another in acknowledgment of submission; mark of respect (such as praise or gift); Ex. pay tribute to
- askance with a sideways or indirect look (with disapproval or distrust); Ex. look askance at
- dour sullen; gloomy; stubborn
- prate talk idly; speak foolishly; boast idly
vaporize turn into vapor (steam, gas, fog, etc.)

lackadaisical lacking interest or effort; lacking purpose or zest; lazy; halfhearted; languid

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

bulk size or volume (esp. when very large); main part; Ex. The bulk of the work has already been done; ADJ. bulky: having great size

rectitude moral correctness; moral uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment

vainglorious boastful; excessively conceited; N. vainglory: great vanity

filing particle removed by a file

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

pathetic causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching

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

supererogatory superfluous; more than needed or demanded

engross occupy fully; absorb

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

feral (of an animal) not domestic; wild

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

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

forebears(forbears) ancestors

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

slink move furtively; ADJ. slinky: stealthy; furtive; sneaky (as in ambush)

besmirch soil; defile; make dirty

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

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

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

sophomoric immature; half-baked; like a sophomore

exculpate clear from blame or guilt

perturb disturb greatly

variegated (esp. of a flower or leaf) many-colored

excerpt selected passage (written or musical) taken from a longer work; V.

insolvent bankrupt; lacking money to pay; N. insolvency

parley conference (between opponents); CF. speak

compendium brief, comprehensive summary; ADJ. compendious

gusty windy

benison blessing

don put on; OP. doff

chaffing bantering; joking

hive box for bees; V: cause to go in a hive

catapult slingshot; hurling machine; V: fire from catapult

aspirant seeker after position or status

magistrate official with power to administer the law

finite limited

suppliant one who supplicates; ADJ.

scrappy quarrelsome

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

crochet make (a piece of needlework) by looping thread with a hooked needle; N. CF. crotchet

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

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

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

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

philatelist stamp-collector; N. philately: stamp collecting
avalanche great mass of falling snow and ice
accessible easy to approach; obtainable
inane silly; senseless; Ex. inane remarks; N. inanity
orientation act of finding oneself in society; orienting
acidulous slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic
crabbed sour; bad-tempered; peevish; difficult to read as handwriting
lagoon shallow body of water or lake near a sea; lake separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs
unprepossessing unattractive
airy of air; high in the air; lofty; immaterial; unreal
acuity sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)
integrate make whole; combine; make into one unit
dispatch speediness; prompt execution; message sent with all due speed; V: send to a specified destination; finish promptly; kill
knead mix; work dough; mix and work into a uniform mass (with the hands); Ex. knead dough
spry (esp. of older people) vigorously active; nimble
addiction compulsive habitual need
bizarre fantastic; violently contrasting; noticeably odd; strikingly unconventional
human marked by kindness or consideration; kind and compassionate; humanitarian
sycophant servile flatterer; bootlicker; yes man; ADJ. sycophantic
swear-word word considered offensive; Ex. “bloody”
sedate composed (with no excitement); grave; V: administer a sedative to; CF. sedative
abet assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage
monograph scholarly article
preternatural beyond what is normal in nature; supernatural; Ex. preternatural strength/forces
jurisdiction right and power to apply the law; authority
despoil plunder; sack; Ex. despoil the village
voluminous having great volume (as of a garment or container); bulky; large
dapper neat and trim (in appearance); (of small men) neat in appearance and quick in movements; neat; spry
sleigh large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice
sullen silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark; gloomy
anathema solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse; V: anathematize
destitute extremely poor; lacking means of subsistence; utterly lacking; devoid; Ex. destitute of any experience
dismantle take apart; disassemble
imperative absolutely necessary; that must be done; critically important; expressing command; Ex. It is imperative that; N: something that must be done
disclaim disown; renounce claim to; deny; CF. disclaimer
indoctrinate cause to accept a doctrine without questioning it; Ex. indoctrinated with mindless anti-communism
indigence poverty
interstice narrow space between things
abode dwelling place; home
avuncular of or like an uncle
matine´e(dramatic or musical performance given in the afternoon
welt raised mark from a beating or whipping
strangle kill by choking or suffocating; suppress
flotsam drifting wreckage
eclipse darken; extinguish; outshine; surpass; cause an eclipse
putative supposed; reputed; generally regarded as such; Ex. putative father of the child
gerrymander change voting district lines in order to favor a political party; N. CF. Elbridge Gerry + (sala)mander
implicate incriminate; involve incriminatingly; show to be involved (in a crime); Ex. implicate someone in the crime

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oblivion obscurity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness
incompatible inharmonious; N. incompatibility
assent agree; accept; N. assessment
momentous very important; N. moment; CF. momentary
seminal related to seed or semen; germinal; creative; providing a basis for further development; influencing future developments; Ex. seminal research in a new field
histrionic theatrical; excessively dramatic or emotional; affected; of actors or acting; N. histrionics: histrionic behavior
stockade wooden enclosure or pen; fixed line of posts used as defensive barrier
stem stop or check (the flow of); Ex. stem the bleeding from the slashed artery; N: main axis of a plant; stalk
vagary capricious happening; caprice; whim; CF. wander
inculcate teach (ideas or principles); instill
countermand cancel; revoke (an order)
insularity narrow-mindedness; isolation; ADJ. insular: of an island; isolated; narrow-minded; CF. peninsula
discriminating able to see differences; discerning; prejudiced; N. discrimination
vouchsafe grant condescendingly; guarantee; Ex. vouchsafe your fair return on your investment
□ rubble  fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)
□ abeyance  suspended action
□ sate  satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy
□ asymmetric  not identical on both sides of a dividing central line
□ rote  repetition; memorization through repetition without understanding; Ex. learn poetry by rote
□ immolate  offer or kill as a sacrifice (by fire)
□ malignant  tending to cause death; highly injurious; aggressively malevolent; Ex. malignant tumor
□ dysentery  inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract
□ fray  brawl; fight; V: wear away or unravel by rubbing; have loose threads developing; cause to become worn out (a person’s temper or nerves); CF. rub
□ agglomeration  collection; heap; V. agglomerate: jumble mass; heap
□ phyllum  major classification, second to kingdom, of plants and animals; category ranking below a kingdom and above a class; division
□ hiatus  gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break
□ irrevocable  unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke
□ contrivance  something contrived; machine or apparatus; clever deceitful plan; scheme
□ apostate  one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs; N. apostasy
□ ratify  approve formally; confirm; verify
□ loft  room or space under the roof; attic
□ defray  provide for the payment of; undertake the payment of; pay
□ discerning  mentally quick and observant; having insight; perceptive; able to make good judgments; V. discern: perceive
□ chagrin  annoyance and disappointment; vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride)
□ magisterial  authoritative; imperious; commanding; of a magistrate; Ex. magisterial study of Roman law; Ex. magisterial manner
□ warp  twist out of shape; N.
□ phenomena  observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation; SG. phenomenon: observable fact; very unusual person, thing, or event; marvel; wonder; CF. phenomenons; ADJ. phenomenal: very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Ex. phenomenal strength
□ plaudit  praise; enthusiastic approval; round(succession or series) of applause; ADJ. plauditory; CF. applaud
□ litter  waste material thrown away (as bits of paper scattered untidily); V: cover untidily with scattered litter
□ advent  arrival
□ tenacious  holding fast (as to a belief); persistent
□ touchstone  stone used to test the fineness of gold alloys; criterion; standard
□ resound  (of a place) be filled with sound; (of a sound) sound loudly; sound back; echo; Ex. hall resounded with laughter
□ aperture  opening; hole; adjustable opening in a camera that limits the amount of light
□ coalition  partnership; league; union of separate political parties
□ defame  harm someone’s reputation; malign; speak evil of; slander; N. defamation; ADJ. defamatory
□ nutrition  process of nourishing or being nourished; CF. malnutrition
□ sustenance  sustaining; means of livelihood, support, food, nourishment; something that maintains life; food
□ waive  give up temporarily; yield; N. waiver: waiving a right or claim; document that waives a right or claim
□ facilitate  help bring about; make less difficult
□ glean  gather leavings; gather grain left behind by reapers; gather bit by bit (facts or information) often with difficulty
□ novelty  something new; newness; ADJ. novel: new; original
□ avenge  take vengeance for something or on behalf of someone; Ex. They avenged his death by burning the village; Ex. He swore to avenge his brother; Ex. They avenged themselves on their enemy.
□ emanate  issue forth; come out
□ shrink  make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)
□ swell  long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V.
□ misconduct  immoral behavior; bad management; V.
□ fell  cruel; (of a disease) deadly
□ swear  vow; promise; use profane oaths; use offensive words
□ immune  resistant to; free or exempt from; N. immunity
□ decry  express strong disapproval of; condemn openly (something dangerous to the public); disparage; Ex. decry the violence of modern films
□ nomenclature  terminology(system of specialized words); system of names or naming things
□ stock  standard; kept regularly in stock or supply; typical; routine; common; Ex. stock sizes of paper; Ex. stock excuse/character; N: goods for sale in a shop; OP. unique
imperceptible  unnoticeable; impossible to perceive; undetectable  
collusion  conspiring in a fraudulent scheme to cheat or deceive others; V. collude  
depravity  extreme corruption; wickedness; V. deprave  
quorum  minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting  
allude  refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference  
pendulous  hanging; suspended  
pith  core or marrow; spongelike substance in the center of stems; essence; substance  
psychosomatic  of the influence of the mind on the body (esp. with respect to disease)  
nominal  in name only; of a name; trifling; (of a sum of money) very small; CF. nominate: propose as a candidate; appoint  
soar  rise or fly high in the air; Ex. The rocket soared into the sky.  
marred  damaged; disfigured; V. mar: spoil; disfigure  
etymology  study of word parts; study of the origins of words  
reprise  musical repetition; repeating of a piece of music; repeat performance; recurrent action; Ex. reprise in the finale; Ex. constant reprises  
mammal  vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young  
allure  entice; attract; tempt  
fracas  brawl(noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; melee  
embitter  make bitter; fill with painful or bitter feelings; make sad and angry; Ex. He was embittered by many disappointments.  
saunter  stroll(go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.  
determinate  having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; invariable; fixed; conclusive; final  
alimentary  supplying nourishment  
adore  love deeply and respect highly  
condiments  seasonings; spices  
forsaken  sad and lonely; wretched; desolate  
certitude  certainty  
outcast  one that has been excluded from a society; ADJ. lower; Ex. nether garments/regions  
comity  courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations  
bout  match; short period of great activity; Ex. wrestling bout; bout of drinking/flu  
fell  cut or knock down (a tree or a person); bring down (with a missile)  
barefaced  shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; un concealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie  

demented  insane  
subsume  include (as a member of a group); encompass  
shun  keep away from; avoid deliberately; Ex. She has been shunned by her neighbors.  
um impeachable  that cannot be impeached; beyond doubt or question; blameless and exemplary  
retard  delay (in development); ADJ. retarded: (as of a child) slower in development  
toga  Roman outer robe  
decree  authoritative order; edict; judgment of a court of law; V: order or judge by decree  
conversant  familiar with; having knowledge of  
douse  plunge into water or liquid; dip; immerse; drench; wet thoroughly; extinguish; throw water over; douse  
brooch  ornamental clasp; pin  
indict  charge; N. indictment  
gossamer  sheer; very light; like cobwebs; N: soft and sheer fabric; cobweb  
pyromaniac  person with an insane desire to set things on fire  
husband  use sparingly; conserve; save; Ex. husband one’s energy; CF. householder  
avoid  egg-shaped; CF. ovum; CF. ovulate  
desecrate  profane; violate the sanctity of  
relinquish  give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; Ex. relinquish power/the claim to the land/his hold on my arm  
pervasive  spread throughout; V. pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate  
in effable  unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Ex. ineffable name/joy  
abstract  theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational  
disproportion  lack of proportion (between the parts); ADJ. disproportionate  
crevise  crack; fissure  
extenuate  weaken; mitigate; lessen the seriousness of (bad behavior)  
apathy  lack of caring; indifference; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Ex. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; ADJ. apathetic  
secrete  conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism; CF. secretive  
meteoric  like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Ex. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor  
vertex  summit; highest point; PL. vertices  
raspy  making a harsh noise; grating; harsh
□ authoritative having the weight of authority; regarded as providing knowledge that can be trusted; reliable; peremptory and dictatorial; Ex. authoritative dictionary/manner; CF. definitive

□ tatter torn piece of cloth; ADJ. tattered: (of clothes) old and torn; (of a person) dressed in old torn clothes

□ discordant not harmonious; conflicting

□ recidivism habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N: recidivist

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

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

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

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

□ effusion pouring forth; unrestrained outpouring of feeling; V. effuse: pour out; ADJ. effusive: pouring forth; gushing

□ imprecation curse; swearword

□ replicate reproduce; duplicate

□ hibernal wintry; wintry; of or like winter

□ unsullied untarnished; CF. sully

□ figure written symbols; number; amount represented in numbers; outline or silhouette of a thing or human body; person (well-known); impression; diagram; pattern; group in a dance; Ex. figure of speech; V. calculate with numbers; adorn with figures; appear; consider; Ex. My name did not figure in the list.

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

□ sow plant or scatter seed

□ require make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. re-quittal

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

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

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

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

□ notch V-shaped cut in a surface; V.

□ translucent partly transparent

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

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

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

□ riveting holding one’s attention; absorbing; engrossing

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

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

□ satyr half-human, half-bestial being in the court of Dionysus (resembling a goat), portrayed as wanton(unrestrained) and cunning; lecher; CF. faun; CF. goat: lecherous man

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

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

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

□ filch steal (things of small value)

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

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

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

□ galleon large three-masted sailing ship

□ dissemble disguise; hide the real nature of; pretend

□ missive letter; written statement; CF. sent

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

□ veracity truthfulness; adherence to the truth

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

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

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

□ plumage feathers of a bird;

□ molecule the smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance that has all the properties of that substance

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

□ endue provide with some quality; endow

□ parsimony stinginess; excessive frugality; ADJ. parsimonious

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

□ homely not good-looking; unattractive

□ trajectory path taken by a projectile; Ex. trajectory of a bullet

□ gallows framework from which a noose is suspended (used for execution by hanging)
□ censorious severely critical
□ aggregate sum; total; ADJ. V: gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars
□ gnarled twisted
□ beeline direct quick route
□ baroque highly ornate
□ anecdote short story of an amusing or interesting event
□ serendipity gift for finding valuable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck; CF. The Three Princes of Serendip
□ lackluster lacking luster(shine; gloss); dull
□ flag droop; grow feeble; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ. flagging; CF. unflagging
□ egoism excessive interest in one’s self; belief that one should be interested in one’s self rather than in others; selfishness; ADJ. egoistic, egoistical
□ gazette official periodical publication; newspaper
□ scurvy contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin C
□ stringent (of rules) binding; rigid; marked by scarcity of money; Ex. stringent economic conditions
□ unwitting not knowing; unaware; unintentional; Ex. She was their unwitting accomplice; Ex. unwitting insult; CF. wit: know
□ patois local or provincial dialect

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□ exact demand and obtain by force; Ex. exact a promise from him; N. exaction
□ emaciated thin and wasted (from hunger or illness)
□ guileless without deceit
□ centaur mythical figure, half man and half horse
□ droop bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.
□ finished properly made and complete; Ex. finished product/performance
□ imbibe drink in
□ dissertation formal essay; treatise
□ discursive (of a person or writing) digressing; rambling (without any clear plan)
□ dappled spotted
□ servitude slavery; compulsory labor imposed as a punishment
□ humor indulge; comply with the wishes of; N. quality that makes something amusing; state of mind; mood; Ex. in a bad humor; Ex. out of humor
□ drudgery hard unpleasant work; menial work
□ apex tip; summit; climax; highest point
□ lancet small surgical tool for making incisions

□ smart intelligent; quick and energetic; fashionable; Ex. smart pace/restaurant; V: cause or feel a sharp pain; N: smarting pain
□ foul very bad or disagreeable; very dirty; Ex. foul smell/flavor/temper/language/air/deed/weather/means; N. act against the rules; V. make or become foul; commit a foul
□ negate cancel out; nullify; cause to have no effect; deny; N. negation
□ comestible something fit to be eaten
□ plump pleasantly fat; nicely rounded
□ interdict prohibit; forbid; N.
□ urgent compelling immediate action; pressing; persistent; importunate; Ex. urgent in his demands
□ isotope varying from of an element
□ gusto eager enjoyment; zest; enthusiasm
□ nihilist one who considers traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless; absolute skeptic; revolutionary terrorist; CF. nihilism: belief that nothing has meaning or value; belief that destruction of existing political or social institutions is necessary for future improvement
□ obliterate destroy completely; wipe out; Ex. obliterate the village
□ sleek smooth and shining (as from good health); V.
□ relapse return to a former state (esp. after improvement); N.
□ acetic vinegary
□ frivolous lacking in seriousness; flippant; self-indulgently carefree; unworthy of serious attention; relatively unimportant; trivial
□ anomaly irregularity
□ insouciant without concern or care; unconcerned; indifferent
□ commodious spacious and comfortable
□ prize pry; move with a lever; value highly; esteem; Ex. his most prized possession; N: something captured during war-time (esp. an enemy ship)
□ rapture great joy and delight; ecstasy; ADJ. rapturous
□ grotto small cavern
□ macerate soften by soaking in liquid; waste away; Ex. macerate powdered wood to make paper
□ incite arouse to action; goad; motivate; induce to exist; Ex. incite a riot/the crowd to rebellion
□ crass very unrefined; grossly insensible; crude and undiscriminating; Ex. crass behavior
□ yore time long past; Ex. in the days of yore
□ calorific heat-producing; N. calorie
□ rake immoral or dissolute person
□ invective abuse
□ judicious sound on judgment; wise
- **categorical** without exceptions; made without any doubt in mind; unqualified; absolute
- **chafe** warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.
- **captious** faultfinding; too critical
- **expropriate** take possession of (often for public use and without payment)
- **palm** conceal in the palm of the hand; palm off: pass off; Ex. palm off some bad oranges onto the lady/the painting as a real Renoir
- **intermediary** intermediate; acting as a mediator; N: mediator; go-between
- **implode** burst inward; CF. vaccum tube
- **credo** credo
- **malapropism** comic misuse of a word; CF. Mrs. Malaprop
- **pretension** pretentiousness; claim (without foundation); Ex. I make no pretensions to skill as an artist.
- **stint** set limits in amount or number; be thrifty; ADJ. stinting, unstinting; CF. stint:savings
- **lubricate** apply a lubricant to; N. lubricant: substance that reduces friction
- **advert** refer
- **comely** attractive; agreeable; having a pleasing appearance
- **ambivalence** the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes or opinions
- **bereaved** deprived of (someone beloved through death)
- **glutton** someone who eats too much; ADJ. gluttonous: given to gluttony; greedy; CF. gluttony: habit of eating too much
- **lurk** stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist unperceived
- **profound** deep; not superficial; complete; Ex. profound thinker/remark/silence/deafness; N. profundity
- **stipend** pay for services
- **mountebank** charlatan; boastful pretender
- **parchment** writing material made from the skin of a sheep or goat
- **cursory** casual; hastily done with little attention to detail
- **vilify** slander; speak evil of; N. vilification
- **doom** condemnation to a severe penalty; ruin; fate (esp. a tragic or ruinous one); V.
- **apposite** appropriate; fitting
- **hem** surround tightly so that movement is impossible; Ex. hem in; N.
- **venom** poison (of an animal); hatred; Ex. remarks full of venom; ADJ. venomous
- **retort** quick sharp reply; V.
- **saline** salty
- **plausible** conceivably true; having a show of truth but open to doubt; specious
- **gall** annoy; exasperate; chafe; N: skin sore caused by rubbing (as on the skin of a horse); exasperation
- **foster** rear; bring up (for a certain period only); encourage; promote the development of (feelings or ideas); Ex. help foster friendly relations; ADJ: giving parental care although not related by blood; Ex. foster parents
- **mortician** undertaker; CF. death
- **legerdemain** sleight(dexterity) of hand; CF. light of hand
- **obscene** related to thinking about something constantly; of an obsession; preoccupying; N. obsession: compulsive preoccupation with a fixed idea; compulsive idea; V. obsess: preoccupy the mind of excessively
- **expiration** breathing; exhalation; ADJ. respiratory
- **charisma** divine gift; great popular charm or appeal; magnetism
- **empirical** based on experience
- **causal** implying a cause-and-effect relationship; N. causality
- **barterer** trader; V. barter: trade; exchange good for other goods rather than money
- **fundamental** basic; primary; essential
- **hostility** unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ. hostile
- **breed** produce young; rear; bring up; produce (an undesirable condition); N: kind or sort of animal or plant
- **gravity** seriousness; ADJ. grave
- **enact** make (a bill) into law
- **demur** object (because of doubts, scruples); raise an objection (showing qualms); hesitate; Ex. demur at the idea of working on Sunday
- **manumit** emancipate; free from slavery or bondage
- **omnipresent** universally present; ubiquitous
- **condole** express condolences; N. condolence: sympathy for someone who has experienced great sorrow
- **sour** having a sharp or acid taste; acid; tart; bad-tempered; V.
- **relic** surviving remnant (from an extinct culture); memento; keepsake; relics: corpse; Ex. ancient relics; Ex. relics of his travel; Ex. His relics are buried at X.
- **reckon** count; calculate; regard as; think; suppose
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- **hoax** trick which makes someone take action; practical joke; Ex. hoax mail; V.
- **disparage** belittle
- **sphinx-like** enigmatic; mysterious
- **base** contemptible; morally bad; inferior in value or quality; Ex. base motives/conduct; Ex. base metal such as iron
- **extant** (of something written or painted) still in existence
- **puny** tiny; weak; insignificant
epistemologist philosopher who studies the nature of knowledge; N. epistemology

sprightly lively

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

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

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

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

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

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

orthography correct spelling; CF. ortho-: straight; correct; Ex. orthodontics

diffuse wordy; verbose; rambling; spread out (like a gas); V: spread out in all directions; disperse; N. diffusion; CF. suffuse

taper very thin candle; gradual decrease in the width of a long object; V. make or become gradually narrower toward one end

bearing deportment; connection

ideology system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture

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

malady illness

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

advocacy support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something

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

wage begin and continue (a war)

primogeniture seniority by birth; state of being the first-born child; right of the eldest child (to inherit the entire property of one or both parents)

execrable very bad; detestable

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

malign speak evil of; bad-mouth(criticize spitefully); defame; ADJ: harmful; Ex. malign influence

resumption taking up again; recommencement; V. resume: begin or take up again; take or occupy again; Ex. Kindly resume your seats.

denounce condemn; criticize; N. denunciation

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

enmity ill will; hatred; hostility

demagogue person who appeals to people’s prejudice; false leader of people; CF. demagoguery

misogynist hater of woman; CF. misogyny

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

buffoon stupid person; clown

horticultural pertaining to cultivation of gardens; N. horticulture: science or art of cultivating fruits, vegetables, or ornamental plants; CF. agriculture: science or art of farming or growing crops

depredation plundering; destruction

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

pellucid transparent; limpid(crystal clear); clear in meaning; easy to understand

cathartic purgative; medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ.

knell tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V.

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

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

deleterious harmful

insuperable insurmountable; unbeatable; Ex. insuperable difficulties

irksome annoying; tedious; V. irk: annoy

component element; ingredient

scintillate sparkle; flash; be animated; be full of life; Ex. scintillating conversation

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

weird eerie; strange; unnatural

dawdle loiter; hang around; waste time doing nothing

nascent incipient; coming into being or existence; Ex. nascent ability in music

valid logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; effective; Ex. valid reasoning/passport

shambles (place or scene of) complete disorder or ruin; wreck; mess; Ex. After the hurricane, the coast was a shambles.

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

commandeer take (private property) for military use without needing permission or giving payment; draft for military purposes
rig arrangement of masts and sails; V: equip (a ship) with rigging; ADJ. rigging: ropes that hold up a ship’s sails

disbar make (a lawyer) leave the bar or the legal profession

fitful spasmodic; intermittent; irregular

altercation noisy quarrel

apropos with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.

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

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

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

dys- abnormal; impaired

cornice projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars); 치마 뼈석

alchemy medieval chemistry

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

effarious very wicked

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

equitable fair; impartial; OP. inequitable

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

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

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

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

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

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

explicit totally clear; definite; outspoken

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

engender cause; produce; give rise to

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

bestial beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

tempo speed of music

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

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

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

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

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

odyssey long, eventful, adventurous journey

abstemious sparing in eating and drinking; temperate

gale windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughter, tears); Ex. gale of laughter
sentimental swayed by sentiment; appealing to the sentiments

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

beneficial helpful; useful; advantageous

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

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

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

disconsolate hopelessly sad (at the loss of something)

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

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

epigram witty thought or saying, usually short

mealymouthed indirect in speech (when something unpleasant must be said); hypocritical;2
evasive

unerringly infallibly; ADJ. unerring: making no mistakes

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

founder person who establishes (an organization or business)

disgruntle make discontented

monastic related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns

unfaltering steadfast; firm; not changing

porous full of pores; like a sieve

snip short quick cut with scissors; V: cut with scissors

canto division of a long poem

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

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

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

abbreviate shorten

superfluous excessive; overabundant; unnecessary; N. superfluity

unassuming modest; Ex. the champion’s unassuming manner

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

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

ephemeral short-lived; fleeting

tough long narrow container for feeding farm animals; lowest point (of a wave, business cycle, etc.); long narrow depression as between waves

morbid given to unwholesome or unhealthy thought; moody; characteristic of disease; Ex. morbid curiosity; N. morbidity; CF. disease

grandiose affectedly grand; pretentious; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated; impressive; great in size or scope; grand; Ex. grandiose ideas

itinerant wandering; traveling from place to place (to perform work); Ex. itinerant preacher

onslaught vicious assault; fierce attack; Ex. unexpected onslaught of the enemy

executor person designated to execute the terms of a will; 예술 작품의 제작자

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

exemplify show by example; furnish an example; serve as an example of; Ex. His pictures exemplify that sort of painting.

expostulation protest; remonstrance; reasoning with someone to correct or dissuade; V. expostulate

temery boldness; nerve; rashness; Ex. temery to ask for a pay increase after only three day’s work

misanthrope one who hates mankind; misanthropist

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

gall bitterness of feeling; nerve; effrontery; 염증(bile); CF. gall bladder

obloquy slander; disgrace; infamy

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

avarice greediness for wealth

flutter (of a bird with large wings) wave (the wings) lightly, rapidly, and irregularly; vibrate rapidly or erratically; fly by waving quickly; flutter; N.

transpire (of a fact) become known; be revealed; happen; give off (watery waste matter) through pores

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

console lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort; alleviate the sorrow of; N. consolation

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

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

claustrophobia fear of being locked in

dispirited lacking in spirit

historical connected with history; based on events in history (whether regarded as important or not)

circuit closed circular line around an area; circumference; regularly repeated journey from place to place
□ elaborate  work out carefully; add more detail or information; ADJ.

□ censure  blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N: severe criticism; strong disapproval

□ vampire  ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living

□ obnoxious offensive; disagreeable; Ex. obnoxious smell

□ cubicle  small chamber used for sleeping or working

□ residual remaining; left over; of a residue; N: residue

□ vogue  popular fashion; Ex. Jeans became the vogue.

□ cardiologist doctor specializing in ailments of the heart

□ purveyor  furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer; V. purvey: supply (e.g. food); furnish; CF. provide

□ spatial relating to space

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

□ frail weak; N. frailty

□ incorporeal without a material body; insubstantial

□ sear burn the surface of; char or burn; brand; parch; cause (a plant) to wither

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

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

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

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

□ insubordination disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. insubordinate

□ granary storehouse for grain

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

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

□ contest dispute; argue about the rightness of; compete for; try to win; Ex. contest the election results; Ex. contest a seat in Parliament; N.

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

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

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

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

□ herbivorous grain-eating; CF. herbivore

□ battalion army unit made up of four or more companies

□ academic related to a school; not practical or directly useful

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

□ perfidious treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery

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

□ dearth scarcity

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

□ superannuated retired or disqualified because of age; outmoded; obsolete

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

□ bemused confused; lost in thought; preoccupied

□ probe explore with a probe or tools; investigate; N: slender instrument used to explore a wound or body cavity; device designed to investigate an unknown region; thorough investigation; Ex. space probe

□ wreak inflict; Ex. wreak one’s vengeance on

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

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

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

□ conundrum riddle; difficult problem

□ premeditate plan in advance; Ex. premeditated murder

□ pillage plunder

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

□ spangle small shiny metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation

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

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

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

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

□ unctuous oily; bland; insincerely suave

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

□ epaulet(epaulette) ornament worn on the shoulder (of a uniform, etc.)
clipper  sailing vessel built for great speed
oculist  physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes
rattle  mob; noisy crowd
habituate  accustom or familiarize; addict
broil  cook by direct heat; N. broil
ingratiate  become popular with; bring (oneself) in favor of another; Ex. ingratiate himself with the boss
accommodate  oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodative; CF. accommodating: helpful and obliging
cognizance  knowledge; ADJ. cognizant; having knowledge; aware
prolong  lengthen; extend; draw out
herd  group of animals; crowd; one who looks after a herd; Ex. shepherd/goatherd; Ex. herd instinct; Ex. herdsman; V: come together in a herd; look after a herd; Ex. herd cattle
equanimity  calmness of temperament; composure
lethal  deadly
appoxely  stroke; loss of consciousness caused by too much blood in the brain
fauna  animals of a period or region; CF. flora
appreciate  be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of; ADJ. appreciable: enough to be felt; Ex. appreciable difference
intransigence  refusal of any compromise; stubbornness; ADJ. intransigent: uncompromising
intellect  higher mental powers; person of great intellectual ability
credulity  belief on slight evidence; gullibility; naiveté; ADJ. credulous
damn  condemn; criticize severely; condemn to everlasting punishment; doom; bring to ruin; N. damnation
embark  commence; go on board a boat; begin a journey
exult  rejoice
concerted  mutually agreed on; done together by agreement; Ex. concerted effort; CF. in concert: working together
innocuous  harmless
minatory  menacing; threatening
insurrection  rebellion; uprising
evanescence  fleeting; vanishing; soon disappearing; V. evanesce
hoard  stockpile; accumulate for future use; N: supply stored for future use
stealth  action of moving secretly or unseen; slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ. stealthy
incognito  with identity concealed; using an assumed name; ADJ.
deflect  turn aside; turn away from a straight course
refectory  dining hall; room where meals are served (in a school)
exacerbate  worsen; aggravate; embitter
diverse  differing in some characteristics (from each other); various; N. diversity: variety; dissimilitude; lack of resemblance
ovation  enthusiastic applause
plane  carpenter’s tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat
verbatim  word for word; in the same words; repeating the actual words exactly
flagrant  conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous
impale  pierce (with a sharp point); Ex. impaled by the spear
vigor  active strength; energy; enthusiasm; ADJ. vigorous
gourmet  connoisseur of food and drink; epicure
precocious  advanced in development; N. precocity
smug  self-satisfied; complacent
seethe  be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.
equilibrium  balance of opposing forces; balance of the mind; equanimity
inextricable  from which it is impossible to get free; that cannot be untied; Ex. inextricable troubles; Ex. inextricable two histories
composure  mental calmness
inviolable  secure from corruption, attack, or violation(or profanation); unassailable; Ex. inviolable oath/rights; N. inviolability
avid  greedy; extremely eager for; Ex. avid learner; N. avidity
aureole  sun’s corona; halo; bright circle of light
holster  leather pistol case (that hangs on a belt around the waist)
blunt  having a dull edge; abrupt and frank in speech or manner; brusque; V: make or become blunt
championship  position of champion; defense or support; competition held to determine a champion
incline  slope; slant; Ex. steep incline
cog  tooth projecting from a wheel
apprehensive  fearful; discerning
actuate  motivate; activate; cause to act
gerontology  study of the sociological phenomena associated with old age
bard  poet
larder  pantry; place where food is kept
cope  N: split
☐ rider amendment or clause added to a legislative bill
☐ jostle shove; bump; push against (someone) rather roughly; Ex. jostled by the crowds
☐ coquette flirt; flirtatious woman; woman who tries to attract the admiration of men without sincere feelings; V.
☐ crypt secret recess or vault usually used for burial; underground room (under a church)
☐ resurrect revive

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☐ zenith point directly overhead in the sky; summit; acme; highest point
☐ stamina power of endurance; strength; staying power
☐ blurt utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement
☐ extrapolation projection; conjecture; V. extrapolate: infer (unknown information) from known information
☐ vagabond wanderer (without a permanent home); tramp
☐ check stop motion; curb or restrain
☐ sophisticated worldly wise and urbane; refined; complex; N. sophistication; V. sophisticate
☐ solstice point or time at which the sun is farthest from the equator
☐ amalgamate (of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body
☐ auspicious favoring success; giving signs of future success; Cf. auspices
☐ pediatrician physician specializing in children’s diseases; N. pediatrics
☐ elucidate explain; make clear; clarify; enlighten; Cf. lucid
☐ foolhardy rash; reckless; foolishly daring
☐ erroneous mistaken; wrong; incorrect
☐ title name (of a book, film, etc.); mark of rank; formal appellation as of rank or office (such as Lord or General); right or claim to possession; championship; Ex. title as head of the family; Ex. title to the estate
☐ fallible liable to err
☐ alimony payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce
☐ hirsute hairy; having a lot of hair
☐ militia army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers
☐ sheaf bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together
☐ rusticate banish to the country; dwell in the country
☐ ardor heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent
☐ sonic of sound or its speed in air; CF: subsonic, supersonic
☐ leaven add leaven to; cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven; N: agent, such as yeast, that causes dough to rise (by fermentation); element that lightens or enlivens

☐ suborn persuade to act unlawfully (especially to commit perjury); N. subornation
☐ pare cut away the outer covering or skin of (with a knife); trim; Ex. pare apples/expenses
☐ misdeemeanor minor crime; misdeed; wrongdoing
☐ tendentious promoting a particular point of view; biased; having an aim; designed to further a cause; Ex. tendentious rather than truth-seeking; Cf. tend: move in a certain direction
☐ throes violent anguish
☐ nova star that suddenly becomes much brighter and then returns to its original brightness
☐ savor enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality
☐ apolitical having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs
☐ emancipate set free; liberate
☐ bovine cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm
☐ expletive meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word
☐ agape openmouthed
☐ lampoon ridicule; N: written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution
☐ forte strong point or special talent in a person’s character
☐ supple flexible; limber; pliant
☐ demerit fault; bad quality
☐ callus area of thick hard skin
☐ defoliate destroy leaves; deprive of leaves (by the use of chemicals); N. defoliant
☐ credence belief
☐ flip send (something) spinning, often into the air; by striking with a light quick blow; turn over; Ex. flip over
☐ prognosis forecasted course of a disease; prediction; CF. prognostic
☐ flounder struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter (as in water, mud, snow, etc.); proceed in confusion
☐ skiff small light sailboat or rowboat
☐ demoniac(demoniacal) fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil
☐ ruse trick to deceive; stratagem
☐ sequester isolate; segregate; seclude; retire from public life
☐ transgression violation of a law; sin; V. transgress: go beyond (a limit); violate; do wrong
☐ analogous comparable; similar
☐ eclectic selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources; selecting individual elements from a variety of sources; N. eclecticism
☐ mangle tear or cut to pieces; mutilate or disfigure; Ex. badly mangled bodies
- waver: move or swing back and forth; be uncertain or unsteady in decision or movement; Ex. wavering between accepting and refusing
- buccaneer: pirate
- placid: peaceful; calm; Ex. placid child/lake
- inescrutable: difficult to understand; impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious
- gaudy: flashy; showy
- pigment: coloring matter (usually powder to be mixed with water or oil)
- skittish: inconstant; capricious; frivolous; not serious; Ex. charming but skittish young woman; CF. skit
- precept: practical rule guiding conduct; Ex. mother’s precept
- contumacious: stubborn and disobedient; resisting authority (esp. disobedient to an order made by a court)
- solace: comfort in sorrow or trouble; consolation; V: comfort or console in time of sorrow or trouble
- affliction: state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V: afflict: inflict grievous suffering on
- introspective: looking within oneself; N. introspection: self-examination
- contravene: contradict; oppose; violate (a rule, law, or custom); N. contravention
- daunt: intimidate; frighten; discourage; dishearten
- apogee: highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP. perigee
- mar: spoil the appearance of
- temperament: characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ. temperamental: of temperament; having frequent changes of temper; Ex. temperamental dislike of sports; Ex. temperamental actress
- misadventure: mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure
- flick: light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex. flick the switch
- plenitude: abundance; plenty; great amount; completeness; fullness; CF. plenary, plenty
- preposterous: absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous
- benefactor: gift giver; patron; person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose
- suspense: state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty
- gobble: eat very quickly
- unfetter: liberate; free from chains; V. unfetter
- incarnation: act of assuming a human body and human nature; one who personifies something; personification; Ex. previous incarnation/reincarnation
- palette: board on which painter mixes pigments(coloring matters)
- erudite: (of a person or book) learned; full of learning; scholarly; N. erudition
- askew: crookedly; slanted; at an angle
- ostensible: apparent; appearing as such; professed(pretended); pretended; Ex. ostensible purpose of the expedition
- cringe: shrink back as if in fear; cower
- perennial: something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring
- generate: cause; produce; create
- appraise: estimate value of; N. appraisal
- executioner: person administering capital punishment
- imperil: put in danger
- uncanny: strange; mysterious; Ex. uncanny knack
- sonnet: 14-line poetic verse form with a fixed rhyme pattern
- compromise: adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of; put into danger, disrepute, or a dishonorable position; Ex. compromise one's principle; N.
- bestow: confer
- addendum: addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)
- anonymity: state of being nameless; anonymousness; ADJ. anonymous
- maritime: bordering on(adjacent to) the sea; nautical; of the ships or the sea; Ex. Maritime Provinces

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- solicit: entreat; request earnestly; seek to obtain; Ex. solicit votes; CF. solicitor: one who solicits; chief law officer
- fatuous: smugly and unconsciously foolish; inane; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness
- ingrained: deeply established; firmly rooted; Ex. ingrained dirt/prejudice
- inclement: stormy; unkind; unmerciful; CF. clement
- biting: sharply painful to the body or mind; Ex. biting wind/remarks
- pronounced: distinct; very noticeable; Ex. pronounced limp
- abstain: refrain; withhold from participation; intentionally not use one’s vote; 기권하다
- meditation: reflection; thought; V. meditate
- unguent: ointment
- sift: put through a sieve to separate fine from coarse particles; sort or examine carefully
- authoritarian: subordinating the individual to the state; completely dominating another’s will; Ex. authoritarian regime/father
complacency

hierarchy

confiscate

quiescent

shard

notable

belabor

commemorate

macabre

inordinate

assurance

dilettante

pitfall

antique

handsome

conclusive

headlong

kaleidoscope

defection

arrangement by rank or standing; authoritarian

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

appellation name; title

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

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

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

baffle frustrate; perplex

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

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

blase bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored

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

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

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

prudent cautious; careful; prudential

seamy sordid; base; filthy; unworthy; Ex. seamy side of city life

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

hindmost furthest behind; farthest to the rear

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

recluse hermit; loner; ADJ. reclusive

ventilate admit fresh air into to replace stale air

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

horde crowd; swarm

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

impropriety impropriety; unsuitableness

ostracize banish from a group; exclude from public favor; ban; Ex. His friends ostracized him. N. ostracism
□ ravine narrow valley with steep sides; gorge; CF. gully, canyon
□ vigilant watchful; on the alert; watchfully awake; alert to spot danger; N. vigilance
□ sway swing from side to side; influence (someone) to change one’s opinion; N.
□ ascertain find out for certain; make certain
□ eccentric irregular; odd; unconventional; whimsical; bizarre; not concentric
□ rasp (of a sound) grate on (eg. nerves); make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; rub with something rough; Ex. The cat’s tongue rasped my hand.
□ recast reconstruct (a sentence, story, statue, etc.); fashion again
□ effervescence inner excitement or exuberance; showing high spirits; emitting bubbles forming inside; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation; ADJ. effervescent; V. ef-
fervesce
□ succumb yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex. succumb to the illness
□ encipher encode; convert a message into code; put into cy-pher
□ complaisant trying to please; obliging; willing to please others
□ negligible so small, trifling, or unimportant as to be easily disregarded
□ import significance; importance; meaning
□ disinclination unwillingness
□ scale climb up; ascend; remove or come off in scales; N: flake of epidermis; ascending or descending series of musical tones
□ precipitous steep; overhasty; precipitate
□ torpor lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy; ADJ. torpid: lethargic; lazy; inactive; (of an animal) dormant; hibernat-
ing
□ bliss complete happiness; ADJ. blissful
□ buffoonery clowning
□ autocratic having absolute unchecked power; dictatorial; N. autocrat, autocracy
□ denomination religious group; unit in a system; name or designation; CF. denominator: common trait or characteristic
□ rickety (of buildings) likely to break or fall apart; of rickets; CF. rickets; CF. vitamin D
□ drone talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee; N.
□ impertinent insolent; rude; not pertinent; N. impertinence
□ enjoin command; order; forbid
□ commonwealth nation governed by the people; republic; people of a nation
□ idle not working; not employed or busy; lazy; without pur-
purpose; useless; lacking substance; baseless; not based on truth; Ex. idle worker; Ex. talk idly; V.
□ exhort urge (by strong argument or advice); Ex. The gen-
eral exhorted his men to fight bravely; N. exhortation
□ rout put to rout; stampede; drive out; N: complete defeat and disorderly retreat
□ tundra rolling treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America
□ indisputable too certain to be disputed; beyond doubt
□ indulgent humoring; yielding; lenient; showing indulgence
□ arable fit for growing crops; Ex. arable land
□ imprudent lacking caution; not prudent; injudicious
□ impel drive or force onward; drive to take action; urge to action

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□ scrupulous conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrupu-
los worker
□ rigid hard and unbending; stiff and unyielding; fixed in be-
havior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex. rigid rule
□ versatile having many talents; capable of working in many fields; having many uses or functions; N. versatillity
□ mediocre ordinary; commonplace; neither good nor bad
□ nourishment something that nourishes; food
□ orthodox traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine
□ adherent supporter; follower
□ hybrid mongrel; mixed breed; V. hybridize
□ glaze cover with a thin and shiny surface; apply a glaze to; N: thin, smooth, shiny coating (as for pottery); Ex. unglazed pottery
□ memorial something, such as a monument or holiday, in-
tended to honor the memory of a person or event; ADJ: commemoorative
□ satiate satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); sate; N. satiety: condition of being satiated
□ righteous morally upright; just
□ castigation punishment; severe criticism or disapproval
□ incarnate endowed with flesh; invested with bodily form; personified; Ex. devil incarnate; V: give bodily form to; em-
body
□ expeditious done with speed; quick; N. expedition
□ homespun domestic; made at home; spun or woven at home; simple and ordinary; Ex. homespun philosophy
□ abscission cutting off; separation
□ phoenix symbol of immortality or rebirth; Ex. phoenix ris-
ing from its ashes
□ perceptive insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception
□ taunt deride or provoke; challenge in derision; N.
□ polarity state of having two opposite qualities
largess generous gift (given to people who do not have enough)
endorse approve; support; write one’s signature on the back of; N. endorsement; CF. dorsal
pall become boring; grow tiresome
frantic wild; distraught as from fear or worry; Ex. frantic with fear
voluptuous sensual; of or giving sensual pleasure; indulging in sensual pleasures; Ex. voluptuous lines; Ex. voluptuous life of the Romans; N. voluptuary: voluptuous person
clip cut off with shears; fasten; N: something clipped off (as a short extract from film); clasp or fastener
podiatrist doctor who treats ailments of the feet; chiropodist; N. podiatrics
philistine narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain; uncultured person who is indifferent to artistic and cultural values; member of an ancient people in Palestine; OP. aesthete
assail assault
boost lift by pushing up from below; increase; raise; N: push upward; increase
diverge vary; go in different directions from the same point; ADJ. divergent: differing; deviating
indelible not able to be erased
hoodwink deceive; delude
fabricate build; lie; make up (a story) in order to deceive; Ex. fabricate the whole story; CF. fabric: underlying structure; Ex. fabric of society
minuscule(miniscule) extremely small
bigotry stubborn intolerance
forthcoming happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming.
seine seine net; net for catching fish
enamored in love; Ex. enamored of his own beauty; V. enamor: inspire with love
stammer speak with involuntarily pauses or repetitions
obsequy funeral ceremony
subdue less intense; quieter; Ex. subdued lighting; Ex. subdue: conquer; make less intense; quiet; Ex. subdue one’s anger
dominate control; rule; enjoy a commanding position in; overlook from a height; 내려다보다
acrimonious stinging; caustic; bitter in words or manner; N. acrimony: bitter ill-natured animosity in speech or behavior
inadvertently unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly
antiquated obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated
dregs sediment in a liquid; lees; worthless residue
peer one who has equal standing with another; nobleman; V: look intently; N. peerage; CF. peeress
rabies disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)
rabid of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; CF. rabies: hydrophobia
absolute complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/ruler; CF. absolutism
illicit illegal
inveigle deceive; lead astray by deception; wheel (cajole); Ex. inveigle her into joining the club; CF. wheel
prosperity good fortune and financial success; physical well-being
blare loud or harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light
candor frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid
talisman charm; object believed to give supernatural powers to or protect its bearer
ubiquitous being everywhere; omnipresent; N. ubiquity
multiplicity state of being numerous or multiple; large number; Ex. multiplicity of details; ADJ. multiple: of more than one element
renovate restore to good condition; renew
natal connected with birth; CF. prenatal; CF. postnatal
nuptial of marriage or the wedding ceremony; N; nuptials; wedding ceremony
premonition forewarning; presentiment; foreboding
tempestuous stormy; violent; impassioned; N. tempest: violent storm
ballast heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast
accolade award of merit; strong praise and approval
gentility those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteel
retentive holding; able to retain things (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory
□ desperate having lost all hope; despairing; reckless and violent because of loss of hope or despair; undertaken as a last resort

□ manifesto public declaration of principles; statement of policy

□ covert secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt

□ overweening arrogant; presumptuous

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

□ trifle something of little importance or value; small amount; Ex. a trifle; V. treat without seriousness; flirt

□ pungent stinging; acrid; sharp in taste or smell; (of speech or writing) caustic; N. pungency

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

□ surmise guess; N.

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

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

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

□ lull moment of calm; period of reduced activity; Ex. a lull in the rain; V. cause to become less active; cause to sleep or rest; Ex. lull the opponents into a false sense of security; CF. lullaby

□ politic prudent; judicious; well judged; expedient; well devised

□ papyrus ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant

□ specious seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often intentionally)

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

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

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

□ leonine like a lion

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

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

□ queer strange; eccentric; deviating from the normal

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

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

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

□ lateral of or coming from the side

□ onomatopoeia words formed in imitation of natural sounds

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

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

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

□ waffle speak equivocally about an issue; N.

□ sparse not thick; thinly scattered; scanty

□ melee fight

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

□ partition divide into parts

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

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

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

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

□ precise exact

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

□ immutable unchangeable

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

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

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

□ irrelevant not applicable; unrelated

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

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

□ concentric having a common center

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

□ friction clash or conflict in opinion; rubbing against

□ scenario plot outline; screenplay (script for a movie); opera libretto; outline of possible future events
concession an act of yielding; conceding; something conceded; point, right, etc. given unwillingly; privilege of maintaining a business in a certain place; Ex. oil concessions in the North sea; CF. concessionaire

serenity calmness; placidity; ADJ. serene

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

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

incarcere imprison

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

blithe or blithesome gay; joyous

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

plaintive expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song

inguinal small stream; CF. rill; rivulet; river

warranty guarantee; assurance by seller

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

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

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

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

retrench cut down; cut down expenses; economize

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

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

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

deplete reduce; exhaust

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

chasm abyss; very deep crack

maternal motherly; N. maternity: motherhood

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

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

immune imprison; shut up in confinement; CF. wall

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

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

deface mar; disfigure

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

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

fickle changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless

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

consonant harmonious; in agreement; N.

gaucho clumsy (in social behavior); coarse and uncouth

falsify make (something written) false by changing

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

integral complete; necessary for completeness; Ex. integral part

ursine bearlike; pertaining to a bear

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

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

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

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

decapitate behead

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

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

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

verbose wordy; N. verbosity

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

masticate chew

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

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

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

retiring shy and reserved (of a person); modest; Ex. her retiring personality
detonation explosion
visceral felt in one’s inner organs; N. viscera: internal body organs; CF. eviscerate
palate roof of the mouth; sense of the taste
cleave split or sever; cling to; remain faithful to; N. cleavage; ADJ. cloven
detonation explosion
levitate rise and float in the air (especially by magical means); CF. light
fit sudden outburst of an illness or feeling; convulsion caused by epilepsy
default failure to act; failure to perform a task or be present; V.
stampedede sudden frenzied rush (of panic-stricken animals or people); V: participate in or cause stampede; Ex. stampede before the price rises
factitious artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears
bastard illegitimate child
outlook point of view; view from a particular place; expectation for the future; prospect; Ex. outlook on life; Ex. pleasing outlook; Ex. weather outlook
dank damp; unpleasantly wet
brevity conciseness; shortness of duration
whimsy whim; tendency to behave amusingly strangely; Ex. story full of whimsy
gust strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster
trinket knickknack; bauble; cheap jewelry
extemporaneous not planned; impromptu; extempore
universal characterizing or affecting all; general; present everywhere; of the universe; cosmic; Ex. universal agreement; Ex. a subject of universal interest
interrogate question closely; cross-examine; cross-question
ferment agitation; commotion (noisy and excited activity); unrest (of a political kind); V. produce by fermentation; undergo fermentation; cause (a state of trouble)
apotheon (apophthegm) pithy, compact saying
transport strong emotion; rapture; Ex. in a transport/transports of; V: move to strong emotion; enrapture
tickle touch (the body) lightly so as to cause laughter; please
chaff worthless products of an endeavor; husk (outer seed cover) separated from grain; Ex. separate the wheat from the chaff
irreverence lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent
trifling trivial; unimportant
chronicle report; record (in chronological order)
gourmand epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink
regal royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner
earn gain for the performance of service or labor; gain (something that one deserves); deserve
glower scowl; glare; look or stare angrily
prefatory introductory; of a preface
gruff rough-mannered; (of a voice) rough; hoarse
harangue long, passionate, and vehement speech; V.
carrion rotting flesh of a dead body; CF. vulture
broach introduce as a subject; moot; open up
enigma puzzle; mystery; ADJ. enigmatic: obscure; puzzling
disinter dig up; unearth; OP. inter
defrock strip a priest or minister of church authority; unfrock
craft skill (esp. with one’s hands); skill in deceiving people; guile; ADJ. crafty: cleverly deceitful; cunning
collateral security given for loan; ADJ. secondary; descended from the same person but through different sons or daughters
reek emit (an unpleasant odor or smoke); give off an unpleasant odor; give out smoke; Ex. reeking chimney; N: unpleasant odor; stench
staid serious and sedate; sober; Ex. staid during the funeral ceremony
satire form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack human vice and folly
solicitor lawyer in the lower court of law
synthesis combining parts or separate things into a whole; the whole so formed; PL. syntheses; V. synthesize
mange skin disease (esp. of domestic animals) marked by loss of hair
camp group sharing a common cause or opinion
viable capable of maintaining life; feasible; practical or workable; Ex. viable scheme
obviate make unnecessary; get rid of; Ex. obviate the need

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confound confuse; puzzle
conifer pine tree (usu. evergreen); cone-bearing tree; ADJ. coniferous; CF. deciduous; CF. evergreen
dissonance discord
dehydrate remove water from; dry out
cauterize burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection
suture stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing; V: sew together a wound
□ epicure connoisseur of food and drink; gourmet; ADJ. epicurean; CF. Epicurus
□ prelate church dignitary; priest of high position in the church (esp. bishop)
□ defect shortcoming; V: desert (in order to join the opposite one)
□ incriminate accuse of or implicate in a crime; serve as evidence against; cause to seem or make guilty of a crime; Ex. incriminating evidence
□ sectarian of a sect; narrow-minded; parochial; N: member of a sect; narrow-minded person
□ forsake desert; abandon; renounce
□ inerrancy infallibility
□ somatic pertaining to the body; bodily; physical
□ die metal block used for shaping metal or plastic; device for stamping or impressing; mold; CF. dice
□ gavel hammerlike tool; mallet(wooden hammer) used by a presiding officer or an auctioneer; V.
□ monochrome painting in only one color; ADJ.
□ thrash beat with a whip or flail; defeat utterly; talk about thoroughly in order to find the answer; move wildly or violently; Ex. The fishes thrashed about in the net.
□ geriatrics medical treatment and care of old age
□ discretion prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances; freedom of action or judgment; ADJ. discreet; CF. discretionary
□ dictum authoritative and weighty statement (made by a judge in court); saying; maxim; CF. obiter dictum: incidental, nonbinding remark (something said in passing)
□ animus hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition
□ acclaim applaud; praise; greet with great approval; announce with great approval; Ex. The new drung has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N: strong expression of approval and praise
□ reprobate morally disapproved person; person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency; CF. disapproved by God ?
□ kleptomaniac person who has a compulsive desire to steal
□ tycoon wealthy and powerful businessperson; wealthy leader; magnate; Ex. business tycoon
□ resignation patiently submissiveness; statement that one is quitting a job; ADJ. resigned: acquiescent
□ microcosm small representative world; world in miniature; Ex. microcosm of English society
□ prosaic lacking in imagination; dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact(concerned with facts, not imagination or feelings); factual; CF. prosaic
□ fuss: trouble or worry over trifles; make nervous; pay too much attention to; N: needless concern or worry (about a trivial thing); anxious nervous condition; display of attention; Ex. make a fuss over the baby
□ compassion sympathy for the suffering of others; ADJ. compassionate
□ anthropoid manlike; resembling a human being; N.
□ pauper very poor person
□ fallow (of land) plowed but not sowed (to improve the quality); uncultivated
□ entreat plead; ask earnestly
□ disconcert confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb
□ unruly disobedient; lawless; difficult to control
□ potion dose (of liquids); liquid dose
□ bigot one who is intolerant (in matters of religion or politics)
□ ingenuous naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid
□ illusive deceiving; based on illusion; causing illusion; deceptive
□ orient get one’s bearings; adjust; make familiar with a situation; orientate
□ raiment clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.
□ Bacchanalia the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus
□ puckering gather into wrinkles or folds; N: wrinkle or fold
□ casual happening by chance; irregular; occasional; informal; showing or feeling little interest; Ex. casual reader/labor/remark
□ pummel pommel; beat or pound with fists
□ curmudgeon churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person
□ coup highly successful action or sudden attack; coup(s) d’état; CF. coup de grâce: deathblow or shot which kills
□ glimmer shine erratically; twinkle; N: dim or unsteady light; faint indication; Ex. glimmer of hope
□ synchronous similarly timed; simultaneous with; occurring at the same time; V. synchronize
□ impudence impertinence; insolence
□ quaff drink with zest; drink with relish(zest; hearty enjoyment); 꼬,Object 마시다; CF. sip
□ paramount foremost in importance; supreme; CF. para-: beyond; above; Ex. paranormal
□ violate break (a law); defile; desecrate; assault sexually; Ex. violate graves
□ stellar pertaining to the stars; of a star performer; outstanding; Ex. stellar attraction of the entire performance
□ affected artificial; pretended
□ notoriety disrepute; ill fame
□ fluctuate waver; shift; rise and fall as if in waves; change or vary irregularly
levee earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding; CF. raise
embroider decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embellish
correlation mutual relationship
crossbreed hybridize; N: hybrid; CF. interbreed; CF. in-breed
centripetal tending toward the center
malefactor evildoer; criminal
loquacious talkative; N. loquacity
garrulous loquacious; wordy; talkative; N. garrulity
Occident the West
lilliputian extremely small; CF. Lilliput in Gulliver’s Travels
prude excessively modest or proper person (who is easily shocked by improper things, esp. of a sexual nature); N. prudery; ADJ. prudish: excessively concerned with propriety
pallid pale; wan; Ex. pallid complexion
flinch hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger.
romp play or frolic boisterously; gambol; N.
acerbity bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic: bitter; acrid (in taste, manner, or tone)
cumulative growing by addition; accumulative
dignitary person of high rank or position
berserk mad with violent anger; frenzied; madly excited
languish lose animation or strength
outsskirts fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston
paranoia psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N: ADJ: paranoid, paranoiac
paradox something apparently contradictory in nature (that may nonetheless be true); statement that looks false but is actually correct
infinitesimal very small
masquerade wear a mask or disguise; pretend; N: costume party or ball at which masks are worn; pretense; disguise
shade slight difference in degree; nuance; degree of color; Ex. shades of meaning/grey
merit good quality deserving praise; merits: aspect of character or behavior deserving approval or disapproval; Ex. judge each plan on its own merits; V: deserve; earn
charlatan quack; pretender to knowledge (esp. in medicine)
legacy gift made by a will; something handed down from an ancestor
suffuse spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks.
prelude introduction; introductory performance or event; forerunner
cursive (of writing) flowing; running; having the successive letters joined
alleviate relieve (pain)
hiring one who serves for hire (usually used contemptuously); one who works solely for compensation; Ex. hiring politician
palatial of or suitable for a palace; magnificent
execute curse; express abhorrence for; detest
disheveled untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel
geniality cheerfulness; kindliness; sympathy; ADJ. genial: cheerful and good-tempered
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sanguinary bloody; with much bloodshed
impediment hindrance; stumbling-block; speech defect preventing clear articulation; Ex. speech impediment
dolt slow-thinking stupid person; CF. dull
sacriligious desecrating; profane; N. sacrilege: desecration, misuse, or theft of something sacred
nutritious providing nourishment
menace threat; V: threaten
dilapidated falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined because of neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N. dilapidation
cataract great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight)
usury lending money at illegal high rates of interest
impute attribute; ascribe; charge; N. imputation
jaundiced yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs; Ex. with a jaundiced eye
lace cord used to draw and tie together two opposite edges (as of a shoe); delicate fabric made of fine threads; V: draw together by tying a lace
prophylactic used to prevent disease; N: something prophylactic; condom; N. prophylaxis: prevention of disease
paroxysm fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outburst
transmute transform; change; convert to something different
submerge place under water; dip; go under water; cover completely (as with water); Ex. submerged in work
foppish vain about dress and appearance; N. fop: man who takes too much interest in his clothes and appearance
psychopathic pertaining to mental derangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder
□ porridge  soft food made by boiling oatmeal
□ religious  of religion; (of a person) pious; having reverence for a deity
□ cumbrous  heavy and awkward to carry or wear; burdensome; Ex. cumbrous parcel/uniform
□ volley  simultaneous discharge of a number of shots; V.
□ silt  sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor or by a bend in a river)
□ catcall  shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V.
□ sleeper  one that achieves unexpected success; something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable
□ replete  fully filled; filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed; abundantly supplied; Ex. report replete with errors
□ rakish  jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolute; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.
□ writhe  twist in coils; contort in pain
□ satirical  using satire; mocking
□ nauseate  cause to become sick; fill with disgust; fill nausea
□ muddle  confuse; mix up confusedly; N: state of confusion
□ varnish  paint used to coat a surface with a glossy film; glossy coating produced by using this substance; Ex. nail varnish; V.
□ chortle  chuckle with delight; N.
□ multiform  having many forms
□ dilate  expand; dilate on/upon: speak or write at length on (a subject)
□ monarchy  government under a single ruler
□ layman  man who is not a cleric; man who is nonprofessional
□ flair  talent
□ fluke  unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune; accidental stroke of good luck; ADJ. fluky
□ ornithologist  scientific student of birds; N. ornithology: scientific study of birds
□ bank  heap; piled-up mass; embankment; lateral tilting (as of an aircraft in turning); V: pile up; protect with a bank; tilt in turning
□ ruthless  pitiless; merciless; cruel
□ entail  make necessary; require; necessitate; involve; limit the inheritance of (property) to a specified succession of heirs; Ex. entail A on/upon B
□ prosody  art of versification; study of the metrical structure of verse
□ acme  peak; pinnacle; highest point
□ delusive  deceptive; likely to delude; misleading; raising vain hopes; Ex. delusive promises
□ torso  trunk of statue with head and limbs missing; human trunk
□ asinine  stupid; Ex. asinine remarks
□ adulterate  make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted(contaminated) substances
□ economy  efficiency or conciseness in using something; thrifty management of resources
□ derelict  negligent; (of someone) neglectful of duty; (of something) deserted by an owner; abandoned; N: abandoned property; homeless or vagrant person
□ lust  intense sexual desire; intense eagerness; V.
□ ignite  kindle; light; catch fire or set fire to
□ convex  curving outward
□ vociferous  clamorous; noisy; V. vociferate: cry out loudly (when complaining)
□ knack  special talent; art
□ matrimony  state of being married
□ self-righteous  sure of one’s own righteousness; moralistic
□ caustic  burning; corrosive; able to burn by chemical action; sarcastically biting; (of remarks) intended to hurt; bitter; harmful; OP: harmless
□ icon(ikon)  religious image; idol; image or representation
□ static  having no motion; unchanging; lacking development; N. stasis: stable state
□ allege  state without proof
□ victuals  food; provisions; V. victual: provide with food
□ ennu  boredom; listlessness and dissatisfaction resulting from lack of interest; CF. annoy
□ heyday  time of greatest success or power; prime
□ obese  excessively fat; N. obesity
□ maxim  proverb; truth pithily stated
□ stupefy  stun; make numb (as with a drug); amaze
□ ecstasy  rapture; very strong feeling of joy and happiness; any overpowering emotion; ADJ. ecstatic: causing or experiencing ecstasy
□ impotent  weak; ineffective; lacking in physical strength or power
□ tureen  deep dish for serving soup
□ statute  law enacted by the legislature
□ stoop  bend forward and down; lower or debase oneself; fall to a lower standard of behavior by doing something; condescend; Ex. stoop to lying
□ aromatic  fragrant; having a sweet smell; N. aroma: strong pleasant smell
□ frustrate  thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose
□ hothead  person who does things too quickly without thinking; ADJ. hotheaded
□ abut  border upon; adjoin
□ litigation  lawsuit; N. litigant: one party in a lawsuit; V. litigate
□ despise  catch sight of (something distant)
□ squeamish  easily shocked or sickened by unpleasant things; fastidious; Ex. A nurse should not be squeamish.

□ abrogate  abolish
□ grill  question severely; cook on a grill; broil; N: cooking surface of parallel metal bars
□ conciliatory  reconciling; soothing; V: conciliate: reconcile; soothe; win the friendly feelings (by removing anger)
□ burgeon  grow rapidly; grow forth; send out buds; Ex. burgeoning computer industry; CF. bludgeon
□ freebooter  pirate or plunderer who makes war in order to grow rich
□ bruise  injure without breaking the skin; N.
□ amorphous  formless; lacking shape or definition
□ seditious  conduct or language inciting rebellion; rebellion; resistance to authority; insubordination; ADJ. seditious
□ groom  man employed to take care of horses; V: make neat and trim; clean and brush (an animal)
□ circuitous  roundabout
□ determination  resolve; firmness of purpose; measurement or calculation; decision
□ peerless  having no equal; incomparable
□ mobile  movable; not fixed; N. mobility
□ sultry  (of weather) hot; sweltering; sensual; voluptuous
□ banal  hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd
□ prehensile  capable of grasping or holding (esp. by wrapping around); Ex. prehensile tails
□ unction  the act of anointing with oil; Ex. extreme unction

□ repulsion  distaste; disgust; act of driving back; ADJ. repulsive: causing disgust; tending to drive away; V. repel (not ‘repulse’)
□ deliberate  consider; ponder; ADJ: done on purpose; slow
□ carafe  glass water bottle; decanter
□ permissive  allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society
□ touching  causing a feeling of pity or sympathy; pathetic; V. touch: cause to feel pity or sympathy; ADJ. touched
□ symmetry  arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity; ADJ. symmetrical
□ serpentine  winding; twisting; of or like a serpent; Ex. serpentine course of the river; N. serpent: snake
□ stygian  thwart; present an obstacle; stump
□ canvass  determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region) to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.
□ primary  first in rank or importance; principal; earliest in time; Ex. primary stages; N. CF. first

□ consecrate  dedicate; sanctity; declare as sacred; Ex. consecrate one’s life to helping the poor
□ provisional  tentative; temporary
□ marsupial  one of a family of mammals that nurse their offspring in a pouch(pocket of skin or leather); CF. kangaroo, wombat
□ debunk  expose as false, exaggerated, worthless, etc.; ridicule
□ bilk  swindle; cheat
□ well-bred  of good upbringing; well-mannered and refined
□ harbinger  forerunner (which foreshadows what is to come)

□ ramshackle  (of a building or vehicle) poorly constructed; rickety; falling apart
□ consensus  general agreement; opinion reached by a group
□ postmortem  autopsy; ADJ: occurring after death; of a post-mortem
□ robust  strong; vigorous
□ dismember  cut into small parts; cut (a body) apart limb from limb
□ veneer  thin surface layer (of good quality wood, glued to a base of inferior material); cover; surface show; façade; V.
□ capillary  having a very fine bore; resembling a hair; fine and slender; Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hairlike tube; CF. capillarity
□ bust  piece of sculpture showing a person’s head, shoulders, and upper chest; V: break up; arrest; Ex. crimebuster
□ lot  object used in making a determination at random; fate; piece of land
□ minion  servile dependent; obsequious follower
□ incorrigible  uncorrectable
□ fancied  imagined; unreal
□ institutionalize  make into an institution; put or confine in an institution
□  forfeit  something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N. forfeiture
□ rendezvous  meeting place; meeting at a set time or place; V.
□ replenish  fill up again
□ defunct  dead; no longer in use or existence
□ occlude  shut; close; obstruct; Ex. A blood clot occluded an artery.
□ arboretum  place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited
□ kindred  related; belonging to the same group; similar in nature or character; Ex. kindred languages; N: relative; kin; kinship
□ intrude  put or force in without being asked; trespass; enter as an uninvited person; Ex. intrude one’s own opinion into the report; CF. thrust in
□ maul handle roughly; batter; injure by beating; Ex. mauled by his overexcited fans; N: heavy long-handled hammer
□ fructify bear fruit; produce fruit
□ rife (of something bad) widespread; abundant; current
□ niggardly meanly stingy; parsimonious; N. niggard: stingy person
□ doze sleep lightly; nap
□ ratiocination reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises; V. ratiocinate: reason logically
□ mollycoddle pamper; coddle; baby; indulge excessively
□ warble (of a bird) sing; babble; N.
□ anthem song of praise or patriotism; Ex. national anthem
□ defalcate embezzle
□ plutocracy society ruled by the wealthy
□ doze sleep lightly; nap
□新型冠状病毒肺炎
□ humbleness of spirit
□ snub ignore or behave coldly toward; Ex. I made a suggestion but she snubbed me; N.
□ fetid malodorous; foul
□ slipshod slovenly; careless; sloppy; untidy; shabby; Ex. slipshod work
□ fluted having vertical parallel grooves (as in a pillar); V. flute: make long parallel inward curves in; N. flute: long rounded groove incised on the shaft of a column
□ gangrene decay of body tissue caused by insufficient blood supply (usually following injury); ADJ. gangrenous
□ dynamic energetic; vigorously active
□ fanaticism excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause; N. fanatic; ADJ. fanatic
□ ambrosia food of the gods
□ zealot one who is zealous; fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal
□ inimitable matchless; not able to be imitated
□ catalyst agent which brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged; CF. catalysis
□ synthetic not natural; artificial; resulting from synthesis; Ex. synthetic fiber; N.
□ grandiloquent (of a person or speech) using high sounding or important-sounding language; pompous; bombastic
□ solitude state of being alone; seclusion; ADJ. solitary: existing or living alone (esp. by choice); remote or secluded; single; sole; Ex. solitary life/inn; Ex. no solitary piece of proof
□ allegiance loyalty
□ begrudge envy; give or allow unwillingly; grudge; Ex. We shouldn’t begrudge him his success.
□ bereft deprived of (something valuable); lacking
□ faculty mental or bodily powers; teaching staff
□ infamous notoriously bad; notorious; well known for being bad; Ex. infamous behavior; N: infamy: infamous act; evil fame or reputation
□ importunate urging; always demanding; trouble-somely urgent or persistent
□ conformist person who uncritically conforms to the cus-
toms of a group; OP. nonconformist: one who does not con-
form to accepted beliefs of norms
□ prank mischievous trick
□ wily crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile: deceitful stratagem
□ merger combination (of two business corporations); act of merging

□ heedless not noticing; disregarding
□ provenance place of origin; origin or source of something;
Ex. Gunpowder is of Chinese provenance; CF. come
□ detached emotionally removed; free from emotional in-
volvement; calm and objective; physically separate; N. de-
tachment; CF. attachment
□ converse opposite; ADJ.
□ invalidate weaken; destroy; make invalid; nullify
□ invert turn upside down or inside out; reverse the position or condition of
□ plagiarize steal another’s ideas or writings and pass them off as one’s own; Ex. ideas plagiarized from my article; N. plagiaria
ism; CF. kidnap
□ forensic suitable to debate or courts of law; of or used in legal proceedings and the tracking of criminals; Ex. forensic science/medicine
□ culvert artificial channel for water; drain crossing under a road
□ generic characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus
□ coalesce combine; fuse; N. coalescence
□ erotic pertaining to passionate love or sexual love
□ incense enrage; infuriate(make furious); make extremely angry; outrage; N: aromatic substance burned to produce a pleasant odor
□ prattle talk idly; babble; N. CF. prate
□ imbalance lack of balance or symmetry; disproportion
□ pseudonym pen name; fictitious name assumed by an au-
тор; ADJ. pseudonymous
□ supernumerary person or thing excess of what is neces-
sary; extra; ADJ: additional to the usual or necessary num-
er
□ transitory transient; impermanent; fleeting; N. transitori-
ness
□ alacrity cheerful promptness without reluctance
□ remittance remitting of money; amount of money remitted
□ timbre quality of a musical tone produced by a musical in-
strument (which distinguishes it from others of the same pitch)

□ resuscitate revive; bring back to life or consciousness; Ex.
resuscitate the drowned child
□ culmination highest point; climax; V. culminate in: reach the highest point in; end in; Ex. a series of minor clashes culminating in war
□ figurine small ornamental statuette(very small statue)
□ ravel fall apart into tangles; entangle; unravel or untwist
□ stem from arise from; originate from
□ decipher decode; CF. indecipherable
□ endear make beloved; Ex. endear her to everyone; ADJ.
dear: loved; cherished; high-priced
□ prohibitive so high as to prohibit purchase or use; tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; prohibiting; inclined to prevent or forbid; Ex. prohibitive tax
□ obdurate stubborn; refusing to change one’s belief
□ millennium thousand-year period (as in the New Testa-
ment); hoped-for period of happiness and prosperity
□ pittance small amount (of money); small allowance or wage
□ admonish warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; re-
prove
□ bane posion; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poi-
sonous
□ cliché phrase dulled in meaning by repetition; platitude;
ADJ. clichéd
□ sovereignty complete independence and self-government (of a country); supremacy of authority; power to govern
□ juridical of the law and its administration; CF. judicial: of courts of law; CF. judiciary
□ mace ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority; club-
like medieval weapon
□ incrustation hard coating or crust; V. incrust: encrust; cover with a crust
□ abject (of a condition) wretched; as low as possible; lacking pride; very humble; showing lack of self-respect; Ex. abject apology
□ aberration deviation from the normal; mental disorder
□ despenado reckless, desperate outlaw
□ concurrent happening at the same time; in agreement
□ subservient behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious; sub-
ordinate; N. subservience
□ civil having to do with citizens; not military or religious; courteous and polite; Ex. married in a civil ceremony; Ex. civil strife/disorder/law; N. civility; CF. civic
□ sully defile; soil; tarnish; Ex. sully one’s hands in menial labor
□ tend have a tendency; take care of; minister; serve at; apply one’s attention; attend
□ prone inclined to; likely to (suffer); prostrate; lying with the front downward; Ex. prone to disease/make mistakes; Ex. accident-prone
sonorous resonant; producing a full deep sound; producing sound
chalice goblet; consecrated cup
blighted suffering from a disease; destroyed
lank long and thin; Ex. Lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln
migrant changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N: one that migrates
collage work of art put together from fragments
somnambulist sleepwalker; V. somnambulate; N. somnambulism
flush 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
dismiss eliminate from consideration; no longer consider; put out of court without further hearing; reject; discharge from employment; direct to leave; ADJ. dismissive; N. dismissal
benediction blessing
libretto text of an opera or oratorio; CF. book
vegetate live in a monotonous way (without interests or activity); CF. vegetation: plants of an area; CF. vegetarian; CF. vegan
navigable (of a body of water) wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; (of a ship or aircraft) able to be steered
salacious lascivious; lustful; Ex. salacious monk
neologism new or newly coined word or phrase
codici supplement to the body of a will; later addition to a will
tension stretching; condition of being stretched; mental strain; strained relationship between groups or people
cordon extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress; (어깨에서 가드랑 밑으로 걸치는) 장식 리본; V.
disjunction act or state of separation; disunity; CF. disjunctive: expressing a choice between two ideas; CF. conjunctive; CF. conjunctive
wary very cautious; watchful
effectuate effect; produce; achieve; Ex. effectuate a reconciliation
vex annoy; distress
cracker striker (tongue) of a bell
décolleté (of a dress) having a low-cut neckline; CF. découlletage: low neckline (on a dress)
rag boast
injurious harmful; causing injury
ciliated having minute hairs; CF. cilium; CF. cilia: eyelash
precursor forerunner; predecessor
repudiate disown; disavow; deny
tome large volume; book
flirt behave in a way that attracts (sexual) attention; deal triflingly with; N: one (or woman) given to flirting; ADJ. flirtatious
diligence steadiness of effort; persistent hard work
draw; outline; describe; CF. line?
beset harass or trouble from all directions; hem in
platonic purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire
parallel similar; analogous; corresponding; N: parallel line; person or thing that is parallel (to another); similarity; Ex. know of no parallel to the case; Ex. without parallel; V: be similar to; make parallel; Ex. Your experience parallels mine; CF. unparalleled
restitution returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury
unsightly ugly; unpleasant to look at
domineer rule over tyrannically
billowing swelling out in waves; surging
aboriginal being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native; indigenous; N. aborigine
recount narrate or tell (a story); count over again
disarray state of disorder; a disorderly or untidy state; Ex. with her clothes in disarray
convoluted coiled around; twisted; involved; complicated; intricate; complex; N. convolution: twist; one of the convex folds of the surface of the brain
indulge yield to; gratify; allow oneself a special pleasure; Ex. indulge one’s every whim/a child/in a big cigarette; N. indulgence
gesticulation motion; gesture; V. gesticulate: make gestures (while speaking)
vixen female fox; ill-tempered woman; CF. shrew
tarnish make or become dull or discolored; N.
hypercritical excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)
- **defile** pollute; make filthy or dirty; corrupt morally; profane; desecrate; N: narrow passage or gorge through mountains
- **pine** long for; yearn; languish from longing or grief; decline
- **revulsion** sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture
- **refractory** unmanageable; disobedient and stubborn; Ex. refractory horse
- **decorum** propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners; appropriateness of behavior or conduct
- **tirade** long angry denunciatory speech; diatribe; harangue; extended scolding; denunciation
- **paradigm** model; example that serves as a model; pattern; list of all the inflectional forms of a word
- **sibling** brother or sister
- **peripheral** of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex. peripheral nerve/interest
- **squelch** produce a splashing sound (when stepping through mud); crush; squash; CF. 진흙을 위해서 발을 때
- **dislodge** remove (forcibly); force out of a position; Ex. dislodge the food caught in his throat; CF. lodge
- **preeminent** outstanding; superior
- **mesmerize** hypnotize; N. mesmerism; CF. Franz Mesmer
- **lax** careless; negligent; not paying enough attention; Ex. lax service
- **scoff** laugh (at); mock; ridicule; Ex. scoff at their threats
- **infantile** childish; infantlike
- **imperious** domineering; too commanding; haughty; CF. imperial/emperor
- **pastoral** rural; of rural life; idyllic; of a pastor
- **herald** messenger; sign of something to come; V. announce; proclaim; Ex. unheralded researcher
- **hapless** unfortunate; luckless
- **wan** having a pale or sickly color; pallid
- **saboteur** one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property; N. sabotage: destruction of property (usually carried out secretly)
- **curfew** regulation requiring all people to leave the streets at stated times; signal (as a bell) announcing the hour of a curfew
- **pariah** social outcast; Ex. Mariah the pariah
- **slake** satisfy (thirst); quench; sate
- **unfeigned** genuine; real
- **plebeian** common; vulgar; pertaining to the common people; N: common people in ancient Rome; CF. patrician
- **mock** ridicule; deride; imitate often in derision
- **impregnate** make pregnant; fill thoroughly; saturate
- **vacuous** empty; lacking in ideas; inane; stupid; Ex. vacuous expression; N. vacuity
- **unobtrusive** inconspicuous; not blatant
- **devotee** enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach
- **veer** change in direction; swerve
- **resonant** (of a sound) echoing; resounding(sounding loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice; N. resonance
- **bullion** gold and silver in the form of bars
- **somber** dark; gloomy; melancholy; depressing; CF. shadow
- **amble** walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly
- **impecunious** without money
- **spectral** ghostly; N. specter: spectre; ghost; phantom
- **dichotomy** division into two opposite parts; split; branch into two parts (especially contradictory ones)
- **hovel** shack; small wretched house
- **artful** exhibiting art or skill; deceitful; cunning; CF. artifice
- **deputize** work or appoint as a deputy; N. deputy: person who has the power to take charge when the leading person is away
- **responsiveness** state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc.; ADJ. responsive: readily reacting; Ex. responsive to treatment
- **precipice** cliff; dangerous position; Ex. on the edge of the precipice
- **bauble** trinket; cheap jewel; trifle
- **primate** group of mammals including humans
- **sterile** incapable of producing young; free from microorganism; V. sterilize
- **occult** mysterious; secret; supernatural; beyond human comprehension; CF. mysterious to human ?; OP. bare
- **opus** work (esp. musical composition); Ex. magnum opus: masterpiece; CF. opera
- **fringe** decorative edge of hanging threads; edge
- **whet** sharpen; stimulate; Ex. whet someone’s appetite
- **knoll** little round hill; hillock
- **graphite** black form of carbon used in lead pencils
- **diadem** crown
- **peripatetic** walking about from place to place (to work); moving; Ex. peripatetic school of philosophy
- **tenet** doctrine; dogma
insightful  discerning; perceptive
atrophy  wasting away; V: weaken and lose flesh and muscle (through lack of blood or lack of use)
nectar  drink of the gods; sweet liquid collected by bees
augment  increase; add to
frond  fern leaf; palm or banana leaf
saturnine  morose; gloomy; Ex. Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance.
predilection  preference; partiality
sybarite  lover of luxury; person devoted to pleasure and luxury; CF. Sybaris: an ancient Greek city in Italy
bucolic  rustic; pastoral
onerous  burdensome
hypnosis  induced sleeping state; ADJ. hypnotic; V. hypnotize
anneal  reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)

foray  raid; sudden raid or military advance; V.
spasmodic  fitful; periodic; of or like a spasm; N. spasm: sudden involuntary muscular contraction; sudden burst of energy or emotion
dwindle  shrink; reduce gradually
equable  tranquil; of even calm temper; (of temperature) steady; uniform
offhand  casual; done without prior thought or preparation
affirmation  positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath; V. affirm; ADJ. affirmative; CF. affirmative action: positive discrimination
reparable  capable of being repaired
malaise  uneasiness; vague feeling of ill health (without any particular pain or appearance of disease)
fecundity  fertility; fruitfulness; ADJ. fecund: very productive of crops or young
frieze  ornamental horizontal band on a wall
canter  slow gallop; V. CF. trot
reserve  self-control; self-restraint; formal but distant manner; reticence; Ex. without reserve: freely and openly; ADJ. reserved: shy and uncommunicative
whimsical  capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange
feebleminded  deficient in intelligence; very stupid
exodus  departure (of a large number of people)
collate  examine and compare in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order (the sheets of a book before they are bound)
whittle  pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim
soporific  sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness; drowsy
pterodactyl  extinct flying reptile; CF. wing+finger
mass  Christian religious ceremony; CF. Mass: ceremony of the Eucharist
coagulate  congeal; thicken; clot; N. coagulant
metaphysical  pertaining to speculative philosophy; of metaphysics; N. metaphysics: branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality
compulsive  resulting from compulsion
incumbent  obligatory; imposed as an obligation; currently holding an office; N: person who holds an office
swipe  hit with a sweeping motion; N.
deify  turn into a god; make a god of; idolize; Ex. Kings were deified; CF. deity
prodigy  highly gifted child; person with exceptional talents; marvel; wonder
hazy  slightly obscure; misty; unclear; N. haze: light mist or smoke; confused state of mind
incidental  not essential; minor; N: something incidental
decrepit  weak and in bad condition from old age or hard use; Ex. decrepit old chair/man
methodical  systematic; N. method: systematic method of procedure
malapropos  inappropriate; ADV.
capacity  mental or physical ability; role; position or duty; ability to accommodate; Ex. in my capacity as president
preempt  prevent in advance; head off (forestall); forestall by acting first; appropriate for oneself before others; supplant; take the place of; displace; Ex. preempt any attempts; ADJ: preemptive
testator  maker of a will; CF. testatrix
libertine  debauched person; dissolute or licentious person; roué; CF. free
consolidation  unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger; V. consolidate: merge; strengthen
veto  vested power to reject a bill; exercise of this right; V: prevent or forbid by exercising the power of veto
dishonor  disgrace; N. ADJ. dishonorable
hull  husk; dry outer covering of a seed; frame or body of a ship
inception  start; beginning
grandeur  impressiveness; stateliness; majesty
extirpate  root up; uproot; destroy completely
bicker  quarrel
euphemism  mild expression in place of an unpleasant one; ADJ. euphemistic
ordeal  severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial (test of patience or endurance); affliction
limber  flexible; supple; pliable; V.
□ astronomic(al) enormously large or extensive
□ presage foretell; be a warning or sign of; N: presentiment; foreboding; omen
□ uproar noisy confusion
□ nuptial related to marriage or the wedding ceremony; N: nuptials: wedding ceremony
□ chaotic in utter disorder
□ shack crude cabin
□ caucus private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF: the Caucus club of Boston
□ inveterate deep-rooted; habitual; CF: grow old
□ besiege surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually
□ relish enjoy; savor; N: enjoyment; zest
□ dull (of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; boring; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V.
□ monumental massive; impressively large; built as a monument
□ attire clothe; N: clothing; array; apparel
□ theocracy government run by religious leaders
□ cerebral pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF: cerebrum
□ affluence abundance; wealth
□ carnage destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals
□ whelp young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.
□ smother kill from lack of air; suppress; cover thickly; Ex. smothered in little stickers
□ granulate form into grains or granules; N: granule: grain or particle
□ tessellated mosaic; inlaid; Ex. tessellated pattern
□ mutability ability to change in form; fickleness; ADJ. mutable: able to change; fickle; CF: mutate; CF: mutant
□ Epicurean believing that pleasure is good and suffering is bad and should be avoided; N.
□ abyss enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit
□ retrograde go backwards; recede; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.
□ psychic of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers
□ encircle surround
□ tantrum fit of bad temper; fit of petulance; caprice; Ex. The child went into tantrums.
□ abhor detest; hate
□ lassitude languor; weariness; listlessness
□ wean accustom a baby not to nurse; accustom (the young of a mammal) to take nourishment other than by suckling; give up a cherished activity; cause to gradually leave (an interest or habit); Ex. wean oneself from cigarettes
□ propellant(propellant) substance which propels or drives forward (such as an explosive charge or a rocket fuel)
□ sententious pithy; terse; concise; aphoristic
□ elysian relating to paradise; blissful
□ adversity great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event
□ hermetic concerning alchemy or magic; obscure and mysterious; occult
□ artisan a manually skilled worker
□ annex attach; add to a large thing; take possession of; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force); N: building added to a large one
□ refulgent effulgent; brilliant; brightly shining; gleaming; Ex. refulgent moon
□ enrapture please intensely; fill with rapture and delight
□ primp groom oneself with care; adorn oneself
□ resort turn to for help; Ex. resort to violence; N.
□ beget father; become the father of; produce; give rise to
□ rostrum raised platform for speech-making; pulpit
□ agility nimbleness; ability to move quickly
□ conjugal pertaining to marriage
□ woeful sad; (of something bad) deplorable; deplorably bad; Ex. woeful housing conditions
□ oatmeal crushed oats used for making porridge
□ periphery outside edge especially of a round surface; perimeter; Ex. periphery of the town
□ chivalrous courteous; faithful; brave; N. chivalry

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□ harry harass, annoy, torment (by repeated attacks); raid
□ prologue introduction (to a poem or play)
□ piebald of different colors; mottled; spotted in different colors (esp. in black and white); Ex. piebald horse; CF: pie+bald
□ polemical(polemical) aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious (rather than simply expressing opinions)
□ maroon leave helpless on a deserted island or coast; ADJ. red brown
□ talon claw of bird
□ pander cater to (the low desires of others)
□ archives public records; place where public records are kept
□ impious irreverent
□ discompose disturb the composure of; confuse
□ residue remainder; balance
wanderlust  strong longing to travel
paraphrase  restate a passage in one’s own words while retaining thought of author; N: restatement of a text in other words
stoic  stoical; impassive; unmoved by joy or grief; N. CF. stoicism
clap  strike the palms of the hands together with a sudden explosive sound; come together suddenly with a sharp sound; put or send promptly; Ex. clap the thief in jail; N: clapping; loud or explosive sound; CF. applause
wanderlust  strong longing to travel
pliable  flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable
pedagogue  teacher; CF. child leader
protagonist  leader or noticeable supporter of an idea; chief character in a play or story
unmitigated  (of something bad) not moderated; unrelieved or immoderate; without qualification; absolute; Ex. unmitigated disaster
obelisk  tall column tapering(becoming gradually narrower toward the end) and ending in a pyramid
blowhard  talkative boaster; braggart
interpolate  insert between
anarchy  absence of governing body; state of disorder
felon  person convicted of a grave crime; CF. felony: serious crime
braggadocio  boasting
curator  superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)
nimble  quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind
perdition  damnation; complete ruin; hell
cajoled  persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle
run-down  (of a place) dilapidated; in a bad condition; (of a person) weak or exhausted
swindler  cheater
nip  snip off; stop something’s growth or development; bite; make numb with cold; Ex. nip the plan; Ex. A guard dog nipped the postman; Ex. fingers nipped by the extreme chill
parvenu  upstart; newly rich person
impolitic  not wise; not expedient; not politic
remunerative  (of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V. remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble
epic  long heroic poem, novel, or similar work of art (celebrating the feats of a hero); ADJ: (of stories or events) resembling an epic; grand
disparity  difference; condition of inequality; OP. parity
dispel  scatter; drive away; cause to vanish
brand  trademark; mark burned on the hide of an animal; mark burned into the flesh of criminals; mark of disgrace; V: mark with a brand; give a lasting bad name; stigmatize; Ex. The press branded him a liar.
increment  increase
accost  approach and speak first to a person
scad  a great quantity; Ex. scads of clothes
abstinence  restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF. abstention: act of abstaining from vote
slough  (of a snake) shed or cast off (dead outer skin); N: outer layer that is shed
execute  put into effect; carry out; kill as a lawful punishment; N. execution
parochial  narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes
affidavit  written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)
chaplain  clergyman attached to a chapel
entourage  group of attendants; retinue; CF. surround
induct  place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N. induction: inducting; process of deriving general principles from particular facts
remote  distant in manner; aloof
doldrums  blues; listlessness(lack of spirit or energy); slack(inactive) period; period of stagnation; ocean area near the equator where ships cannot move because there is no wind; Ex. in the doldrums
dulcet  sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious
dyslexia  word blindness; learning disorder marked by impairment of the ability to read
malleable  (of a metal) capable of being shaped by pounding(beating); pliable; (of someone) impressionable(easily influenced); easily controlled; tractable
eventual  happening at last as a result; Ex. eventual victory
imponderable  weightless; that cannot undergo precise evaluation; CF. pound
pervert  corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural
climactic  relating to the highest point; N. climax; CF. climatic
superficial  of the surface; not deep; shallow; not thorough; trivial; Ex. superficial analysis/knowledge
argot  slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people
genus  division of animals or plants, below a family and above a species
withdrawn  introverted; retiring; remote

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pore study industriously; ponder; scrutinize; Ex. pore over the book; N.
demise death
hyperbole exaggeration; overstatement; ADJ. hyperbolic: of hyperbole; of a hyperbola
yoke join together; unite; N: crossbar used to joining two draft animals
lament grieve; express sorrow; N. lamentation
totem animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex. totem pole
empathy ability to identify with another’s feelings, ideas, etc.; identification with and understanding of another’s feelings; V. empathize; CF. sympathy
hypothesis a supposition or assumption; N. hypothesis
autopsy examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.
venturesome (of a person) bold; adventurous; daring; (of an action) risky
indefatigable tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired
insensible unconscious; unresponsive; insensitive; un-aware; imperceptible; Ex. insensible of his danger/to pain; Ex. insensible change; CF. not the opposite of sensible
squabble minor quarrel; bickering; V: engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children
volatile changeable; of a quickly changing nature (as of temper); mercurial; tending to violence; evaporating rapidly; Ex. volatile character/situation in the street
ewes female sheep
covetous avaricious; desirous of (someone else’s possessions); V. covet: desire eagerly (someone else’s possessions)
meek submissive; patient and long-suffering
impetuous violent; hasty; rash; impulsive; without careful thought; Ex. impetuous decision
sundry miscellaneous; various; several; N. sundries: small miscellaneous items
scurry move hastily; hurry; move briskly
ineffectual not effective; not having a desired effect; weak
potent powerful; convincing; persuasive; greatly influential
barrage barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex. a barrage of criticism
anchor secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage
graphic pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described
cunning clever in deceiving; sly; N: cleverness in deceiving; deceit
subjugate conquer; bring under control
turgid swollen; distended (as from liquid)
scabbard case for a sword blade; sheath
reactionary strongly opposed to social or political change; opposing progress; politically ultraconservative; N. OP. radical
illicit infinite; limitless
undulating moving with a wavelike motion; V. undulate; CF. und: wave
pass off present falsely; represent falsely to be
interloper intruder; one who interferes
concord harmony; accord
wade walk through a substance, such as water, that impedes movement
delusion false belief; hallucination; deluding; Ex. delusions of grandeur; Ex. under the delusion that
sublime causing deep feelings of wonder, joy, respect, etc.; exalted; noble and uplifting; utter
convoked call together; Ex. convoked Parliament; N. convocation
effective effectual; producing a strong response; striking; in operation; in effect; Ex. effective speech/photograph
hortatory encouraging; exhortive; marked by exhortation; CF. exhort
squally condition of being squally; filth; degradation; dirty neglected state; ADJ. squally: dirty; sordid; morally repulsive; Ex. squally story
bivouac temporary encampment; camp without tents; V.
anguish acute pain; extreme suffering
severity harshness; intensity; sternness; austerity; ADJ. severe: harsh; strict; extremely violent or intense
omnivorous eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything
smear spread or cover with a sticky substance; N: mark made by smearing
edifice building (of imposing size)
hydrophobia fear of water; rabies
grouch bad-tempered complaint; person who keeps complaining; V: complain; grumble
tedium boredom; weariness; ADJ. tedious
carcinogenic causing cancer; N. carcinogen
adage wise saying; proverb
obsidian black volcanic rock
pulpit raised platform used in preaching (in a church)
luxuriate take pleasure in great comfort
skim read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid
belligerent quarrelsome
vise vice; tool for holding work in place; clamping device
dissipate squander; waste foolishly; scatter
cascade small waterfall
□ tart sharp to the taste; acid-tasting; caustic; sarcastic; Ex. tart apple/reply
□ miscreant wretch; wrongdoer; villain; Ex. kindness to the miscreant; CF. believe
□ doggerel poor verse
□ atheistic denying the existence of God; N. atheism
□ uninhibited having no inhibitions; free in behavior and feelings
□ frolicsome prankish; gay; playful; merry; frisky
□ inexorable relentless; unyielding; implacable; not capable of being changed by entreaty or efforts; Ex. inexorable price rises
□ surge powerful movement of or like a wave; V.
□ surrogate substitute; person or thing used in place of another; Ex. surrogate mother; ADJ.
□ hue and cry outcry; loud cry or clamor; strong protest; Ex. hue and cry against the new rule
□ pachyderm thick-skinned animal
□ emetic substance causing vomiting; ADJ.
□ ironic expressing irony; occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner
□ discrete separate; unconnected
□ problematic causing a problem; open to doubt; doubtful; unsettled; questionable; Ex. Whether the arena will ever be completed is problematic.
□ purgatory place of spiritual expiation; temporary state or place in which the souls must expiate their sins

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□ insalubrious unwholesome; not healthful; Ex. insalubrious place
□ meddlesome interfering; V. meddle: interfere
□ cadet student at a military school
□ spruce neat and trim in appearance; smart; Ex. Be spruce for your job interview; V.
□ jumble mix in a confused way
□ grimace facial distortion to show feeling such as pain, disgust, etc; V.
□ humble of low rank or position; modest; having a low opinion of oneself and a high opinion of others; unassuming; not proud; V. humiliate: make humble; cause to feel ashamed or to lose the respect of others
□ lurid wild; sensational; graphic; gruesome; horrible; Ex. lurid details of the murder
□ application diligent attention; diligence; V. apply oneself
□ psychosis mental disorder; ADJ. N. psychotic
□ hoary white with age
□ vacillate waver (in opinion); fluctuate; sway to and fro; N. vacillation
□ sturdy strong and firm (in the body)
□ emblazon ornament richly (a shield or flag); N. emblazonment
□ optometrist one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects
□ impetus moving force; momentum; force of a moving body; incentive; stimulus; impulse
□ optional not compulsory; left to one’s choice; N. option: act of choosing; choice; freedom or power to choose; something available as a choice; Ex. have no option; Ex. two options
□ nadir lowest point; point on the celestial sphere diametrically opposite the zenith
□ low moo; make the sound of a cow
□ pastiche imitation of another’s style in musical composition or in writing; work of art openly imitating the works of other artists
□ selective careful in choosing; having an effect only on certain things; not general; Ex. eclectic weed killer
□ eddy swirling current of water, air, etc.; V.
□ languid lacking energy or vitality; weary; sluggish; listless
□ vestige trace; remains; Ex. vestiges of some ancient religion
□ partisan one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party (with dislike of any others); N: strong supporter of a party; guerrilla
□ implicit understood but not stated; implied; unquestioning and complete; Ex. implicit trust
□ thesis opinion put forward and supported by reasoned arguments
□ symbiosis interdependent relationship (between groups, species) often mutually beneficial; ADJ. symbiotic; CF. together + life
□ sneak move, give, or take in a quiet, stealthy way; N: one who sneaks; ADJ. sneaky
□ minutiae petty or trivial details; CF. minuita
□ passé old-fashioned; past the prime
□ dissent disagree
□ centigrade denoting a widely used temperature scale (basically same as Celsius)
□ whit small amount; smallest speck; Ex. not a whit of
□ arroyo gully; narrow channel formed by rainwater
□ splice join together end to end to make one continuous length; fasten together; unite; Ex. splice two strips of tape; N.
□ makeshift temporary expedient or substitute (in the case of urgent need); Ex. makeshift shelter
□ monochromatic having only one color
□ irate angry; CF. ire: anger; wrath
□ imposture assuming a false identity; masquerade; CF. impostor
□ flux flowing; series of changes; fluctuation; Ex. in a state of flux
bulwark  strong wall built for defense; earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends
harping  tiresome dwelling on a subject; V. harp: dwell on (think or speak a lot about) tediously
profane  violate; desecrate (something holy); treat unworthily; be profane for; ADJ: secular; nonreligious; irrelevant for holy things
mincing  affectedly dainty (delicate); V. mince: cut (esp. meat) into very small pieces; walk with exaggerated prissiness; walk in an unnatural way, taking little short steps; Ex. The actor minced across the stage; CF. mincemeat; CF. mincer
partial  incomplete; favoring one side over another; having a liking for something
sedentary  requiring sitting; done while sitting; not moving from one place to another; settled; Ex. sedentary job/population
tan  convert (hide) into leather; make brown by exposure to the sun
equipoise  balance; balancing force; equilibrium
re recuperate  recover; return to health; regain; Ex. recuperate losses
fiat  command; arbitrary order; Ex. presidential fiat; CF. let it be done
crave  desire; want intensely
putrid  decayed and foul-smelling; foul; decayed; N. putridity
puissant  powerful; strong; potent; N. puissance: power
vendor  seller
infirmity  weakness
shoot  new growth from a plant
arcade  a covered passageway usually lined with shops
propriety  fitness; quality of being proper; correct conduct; conformity to prevailing customs and usages; CF. propri- etor, proprietary
medium  element that is a creature’s natural environment; nutrient setting in which microorganisms are cultivated; appropriate occupation or means of expression; channel of communication; compromise; middle position between extremes; intervening substance through which something else is transmitted
deploy  spread out (troops) in an extended though shallow battle line; distribute (persons or forces) systematically or strategically
rectify  set right; correct; CF. rect-: right
jabber  chatter rapidly or unintelligibly
petrify  turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze
condone  overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse
strut  pompous walk; V. walk in a self-important manner
collaborate  work together; cooperate reasonably with the enemy
rationalize  make rational; devise false reasons for (one’s behavior); offer an excuse; give a plausible reason for an action in place of a true, less admirable ones; N. rationalization
sensitization  process of being made sensitive or acutely responsive to an external agent or substance; V. sensitize: make or become sensitive
underlying  lying below; fundamental
bureaucracy  overregulated administrative system marked by red tape; ADJ: bureaucractic
martinet  strict disciplinarian; person who demands total obedience to rules and orders; CF. Jean Martinet
remediable  reparable
urchin  mischievous child (usually a boy); CF. urchin: hedgehog; CF. porcupine: pig with spikes ?; CF. sea urchin
squash  crush; quash; suppress
impassioned  (of speech) filled with passion; fervent
perpetuate  make perpetual; make something last for a long time; preserve from extinction; N. perpetuity
anthropomorphic  having human form or characteristics
nondescript  undistinctive; ordinary; ordinary-looking; Ex. nondescript fellow in a crowd
prognosticate  predict (according to present indications)
agog  highly excited; intensely curious
apparent  evident; easily seen or understood; appearing as such; Ex. apparent improvement
bogus  counterfeit; not authentic; intentionally false; Ex. bogus interview
miserly  stingy; mean
vanguard  forerunners; foremost position of an army; advance forces; foremost position in a trend or movement; CF. rearguard
mitigate  appease; moderate; make or become less in force or intensity
objective  not influenced by emotions; fair; N: goal; aim
acoustics  science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in
savant  scholar; learned person; CF. savoir: know
fraught  filled (with something unpleasant); full; Ex. fraught with danger and difficulties; CF. freight
nonsense  speech or writing with no meaning; foolish behavior or language; Ex. make (a) nonsense of: spoil; cause to fail
penance  self-imposed punishment for sin; Ex. do penance for one’s sins; CF. penitent
cede  yield (title or territory) to (esp. after losing a war); surrender formally; N. cession
unanimity  complete agreement; ADJ. unanimous
reprimand  reprove severely; rebuke; N.
expertise  specialized knowledge (in a particular field); expert skill
□ amicable peaceful; politely friendly; not quarrelsome; Ex. amicable settlement

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

□ dilatory delaying; tending to delay

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

□ revoke cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable

□ peruse read through with care; N. perusal

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

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

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

□ asunder into parts; apart; V. sunder

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

□ hallucination delusion; false idea; false perception of objects with a compelling sense of their reality; objects so perceived; V. hallucinate; ADJ. hallucinatory

□ impervious impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed; incapable of being affected (in one’s opinions); Ex. impervious to water/criticism

□ jaunt trip; short journey

□ solemnity seriousness; gravity

□ thermal pertaining to heat; producing heat; warm; Ex. thermal bath; N: rising current of warm air

□ scotch stamp out(put an end to); thwart; hinder; Ex. scotch the rumor; CF. cut; CF. 황동을 줄이는 의미

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

□ unwieldy awkward (to carry or move); cumbersome; unmanageable

□ stygian unpleasantly dark; gloomy; hellish; deathly; CF. Styx: the chief river in the subterranean land of the dead

□ touchy oversensitive; easily offended; irascible; delicate; needing delicate handling; Ex. touchy situation

□ skinflint miser; stingy person

□ insurgent rebellious; N.

□ replica copy

□ suckle give or take milk at the breast or udder

□ frolic play and jump about happily; frisk; Ex. frolicking young lambs

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

□ maladroit clumsy; not skillful; awkward; bungling

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

□ sever separate; cut off (a part) from a whole; break up (a relationship); N. severance; CF. severance pay: extra pay given an employee upon leaving a position

□ diurnal daily; occurring during the daytime

□ predator predatory animal or bird; predatory person; creature that seizes and devours another animal; person who robs or exploits others; ADJ. predatory: living by preying on other organisms; plundering; N. predation

□ motility ability to move spontaneously; ADJ. motile: moving spontaneously

□ litotes understatement for emphasis; Ex. “not bad(=pretty good)”

□ renown fame; ADJ. renowned

□ blues state of depression or melancholy; style of slow, mournful music (evolved from southern Black American songs)

□ concomitant that which accompanies; Ex. Deafness is a frequent concommitant of old age; ADJ: existing or happening together with something else

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

□ deccelerate slow down

□ indigent poor; destitute
shrewd clever; astute
incredulous withholding belief; skeptical; showing disbelief
tremor trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)
concur agree; coincide; happen at the same time
smelt melt (ore) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ores changing their chemical composition
hap chance; luck
deducible derived by reasoning; V. deduce: infer; derive by reasoning
demolition destruction; V. demolish
aphorism pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic
motto brief statement used to express a principle
confluence flowing together; the place where two rivers flow together; crowd; gathering together
bludgeon club; heavy-headed weapon; V.
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vile despicable; unpleasant; disgusting; Ex. vile slander
glare shine intensely and blindingly; stare fixedly and angrily; N.
convert one who has adopted a different religion or opinion; V: change into another form; (persuade to) adopt a particular religion or belief
chisel swindle or cheat; N: wedgelike tool for cutting
avocation secondary or minor occupation
finery beautiful clothes for a special occasion
lush (of a plant or grass) growing very well
marrow soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells
vulgar of the common people; deficient in refinement; not refined; coarse; Ex. vulgar display of wealth; N. vulgarity: crassness; crudely indecent word; CF. vulgar: vulgar person; boor; lout
eomolument salary; payment for an office; compensation
abysmal bottomless
cavalcade procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry
idiosyncrasy individual trait usually odd in nature; behavioral peculiarity; eccentricity; attitude, behavior, or opinion peculiar to a person; anything highly individual or eccentric; ADJ. Idiosyncratic
constitution constituting; system of laws; composition of something; physical makeup or structure of a person; Ex. men with strong constitutions
enterprising full of initiative; showing enterprise
invulnerable incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure
prime period of ideal or peak condition; earliest or beginning stage; Ex. in the prime of life; Ex. prime of the year(spring); ADJ: first in importance or rank; first; V: make ready; prepare
corollary natural consequence (which naturally follows from something else)
brocade rich, figured(patterned) fabric
laceration torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound
pretentious ostentatious; showy; pompous; making unjustified claims; overambitious; Ex. pretentious films that claim to be art
Pharisee Pharisee: member of an ancient Jewish group that emphasized strict observance of the Mosaic law (considering themselves very holy); hypocritical self-righteous person
chore daily domestic task (such as cleaning, cooking, and shopping); unpleasant task
ethnic relating to races
cognate having a common origin; related linguistically; allied by blood; similar or akin in nature; Ex. cognate languages; N.
stagnant (of water) not flowing (often bad-smelling); motionless; stale; not developing; inactive; dull; Ex. stagnant industrial output
hide skin of an animal
consternation great shock; dismay
torrid (of weather) hot or scorching; passionate; Ex. torrid love affairs
delirium mental disorder marked by confusion; uncontrolled excitement; ADJ. delirious
wastrel waster; profligate
overthrow topple; N.
smattering slight knowledge; small scattered number or amount; Ex. smattering of German
throng crowd (of people or things); V.
document provide written evidence (for a claim); record with documents; N.
mongrel plant or animal (esp. a dog) of mixed breed; ADJ.
dazzle make blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder
vouch give a personal guarantee; Ex. I can vouch for his integrity; N. voucher
lopsided heavier or larger on one side than the other; Ex. lopsided way of walking
indigenous native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World
rivet metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V: fasten with a rivet; engross
overture musical introduction to a long musical piece; first offer or proposal (to begin talks in the hope of reaching an agreement); Ex. overtures for peace
□ solemnis nonstandard grammatical construction; construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically; violation of social etiquette
□ jaunty cheerful and pleased with life; lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree; dapper in appearance; Ex. jaunty person/hat
□ practical based on experience; of or acquired through practice (rather than theory); useful; Ex. practical man
□ factotum handyman; person who does all kinds of work; CF. do everything
□ parable short simple story teaching a moral
□ voluble fluent; talkative; glib; N. volubility
□ castrate remove the sex organs (of a male animal or person)
□ malevolent wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence
□ camaraderie good-fellowship; CF. comrade
□ implore beg
□ nettle irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettlesome
□ blackball vote against (an applicant); ostracize; N: negative vote
□ ecosystem ecological community together with its environment
□ discrepant defame; disgrace; destroy confidence in; disbelieve; N. CF. discrepant: causing discredit; shameful
□ bilious suffering from indigestion; sick from having too much bile; irritable; easily irritated
□ rococo ornate; highly decorated; N. CF. 18th century
□ disapproval disapproval; condemnation
□ shear remove (fleece or hair) by cutting; remove the hair or fleece from; cut with or as if with shears; N: shears; pair of scissors
□ verbiage pompous array of words; too many unnecessary words; wordiness
□ invincible unconquerable
□ truncate cut the top off; shorten
□ allay calm; pacify
□ disdain treat with scorn or contempt
□ surmount overcome
□ shoddy made of inferior material; sham; not genuine; inferior; dishonest; Ex. shoddy goods/trick
□ phlegmatic calm and unexcitable; not easily disturbed; CF. phlegm: sticky mucus produced in the respiratory tract
□ topography physical features of a region (such as the shape and height); CF. topo-: place
□ nurse suckle; take care of (as a nurse); bear in mind; Ex. nursing mother; Ex. nurse a hope/grudge against someone
□ fractious unruly; peevish; cranky; bad-tempered; Ex. fractious horse
□ negligence neglect; failure to take reasonable care; ADJ. negligent: neglectful; lax; not taking enough care
□ trappings outward decorations; ornaments (as an outward sign of rank)
□ amoral nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong
□ ascendancy controlling influence; position of controlling influence; CF. in the ascendant
□ swelter (of a person) suffer from oppressive heat; be oppressed by heat
□ exploit make use of, sometimes unjustly; N. exploitation
□ slap hit quickly with the flat part of the hand; N. CF. smack
□ magnitude greatness (in size or extent); extent
□ slander defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements; V. ADJ. slanderous
□ insomnia wakefulness; inability to sleep
□ florescence condition or period of flowering
□ plenary (of power) complete; full; fully attended by all qualified members; Ex. plenary power
□ portend foretell; presage; be a sign or warning of; N. portent: sign; omen; forewarning
□ vaunted boasted; bragged; highly publicized; V. vaunt: boast; brag
□ pernicious very harmful; deadly; very destructive; Ex. pernicious effect/anemia
□ philanthropist lover of mankind; doer of good; N. philanthropy
□ amplify increase in size or effect; expand; broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger; Ex. amplify one’s remarks with a graph
□ perforate pierce; put a hole through
□ latent present but not yet noticeable or active; dormant; hidden; N. latency; CF. potential
□ blemish mar; spoil the beauty or perfection of; N: flaw or defect (that spoils perfection); Ex. blemishes in the crystal; CF. unblemished
□ gibe mock; make jeering remarks; N: jeering remarks
□ inebriate make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person
□ tertiary third in order or rank
□ wry (esp. of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure)
□ dowdy untidy (of a woman or clothes); slovenly; dressed in an unattractive way; shabby; CF. unattractive woman
□ aphasia loss of speech due to injury or illness
□ coax persuade by flattery
□ jeopardize endanger; imperil; put at risk; N. jeopardy: danger
□ congeal freeze; coagulate
□ recite  repeat aloud (something learned); describe; Ex. recite his complaints; N. recitation

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

□ primordial existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary

□ dynamo generator for producing electricity; energetic person

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

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

□ clavicle collarbone

□ legato (of music) played smoothly

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

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

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

□ mishap unfortunate accident

□ impiety irreverence; lack of respect for God or piety

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

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

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

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

□ vibrant full of vigor or energy; vibrating

□ atrocity brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious

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

□ underscore underline; emphasize

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

□ incur bring upon oneself

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

□ haggle argue about prices (in an attempt to bargain)

□ pious devout; religious; N. piety

□ lewd lustful

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

□ august impressive; majestic

□ oligarchy government by a privileged few

□ ruffian violent scoundrel; bully

□ obligatory binding; required; compulsory; V. oblige: constrain; make grateful; do a favor; accommodate

□ disquietude uneasiness; anxiety; V. disquiet: make anxious

□ adversary opponent; enemy

□ grueling exhausting; Ex. grueling marathon race

□ dissection analysis; cutting apart in order to examine

□ vivisection act of dissecting living animals

□ equestrian rider on horseback; ADJ.

□ wax increase gradually (as the moon); grow

□ adventitious accidental; casual; happening by chance

□ sarcasm cutting ironic remark; scornful remarks; stinging rebuke; ADJ. sarcastic

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

□ repast meal; feast; banquet

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

□ rue regret; lament; mourn; Ex. He will rue the day; N. ADJ. rueful

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

□ precarious unsafe; lacking in stability; uncertain; risky; Ex. precarious living

□ stun make unconscious or numb as by a blow; amaze; astound

□ expedient suitable (for a particular purpose although not necessarily morally correct); practical; politic prudent); N: something expedient
□ gyroscope apparatus used to maintain balance, ascertain direction, etc.
□ irremediable incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy
□ shaving very thin piece, usually of wood (cut from a surface with a sharp blade)
□ unbridled violent; uncontrolled; Ex. unbridled rage/greed
□ cogitate think over; ponder
□ proselytize (induce someone to) convert to a religion or belief; N. proselyte: new convert to a doctrine or religion
□ amalgam combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth
□ expansive (of a person) outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size
□ gait manner of walking or running; speed
□ connoisseur person competent to act as a judge of art, etc. (whose judgments are respected); a lover of an art
□ alloy mixture as of metals; something added that lowers in value or purity; V: mix; make less pure; lower in value or quality; spoil; CF. unalloyed: not in mixture with other metals; pure; complete; unqualified; Ex. unalloyed happiness
□ wizardry sorcery; magic
□ abrasive rubbing away; tending to grind down
□ swill drink greedily
□ liability drawback; handicap; debts; obligation; responsibility; condition of being liable; ADJ. liable: likely; responsible (for paying)
□ precipitant something that causes a substance in a chemical solution to separate out in solid form; 참견체; OP. solvent
□ chastise punish as by beating; criticize severely
□ effulgent shining brightly; brilliant
□ lode metal-bearing vein (long deposit of an ore)
□ impair injure; hurt; damage
□ Elysium place or condition of bliss
□ adamant hard; inflexible
□ vicar parish priest; representative
□ ken range of knowledge; Ex. beyond one’s ken
□ upshot outcome; final result
□ corpuscle red or white cell in the blood
□ plasticity ability to be molded; ADJ. plastic: capable of being shaped or molded; Ex. plastic material such as clay
□ espouse adopt; support (an idea or aim); marry; N. espousal
□ insubstantial lacking substance; insignificant; frail; immaterial
□ allocate assign; set apart for a particular purpose
□ sylvan pertaining to the woods or the country
□ sluice artificial channel for directing or controlling the flow of water (with a gate to regulate the flow)
□ wince move back suddenly; shrink back; flinch; Ex. She winced as she touched the cold body.
□ parish area in the care of a single priest and served by one main church
□ itinerary plan of a trip; record of a trip
□ modulate tone down in intensity; change the intensity or tone of; regulate; change from one musical key to another; Ex. modulate from E to G
□ regiment military unit; V: subject to strict order; Ex. regimented society
□ mayhem injury to body; crime of willfully maiming or crippling a person; violent disorder; Ex. mayhem in the zoo; CF. maim
□ wrangle quarrel noisily; obtain through arguing; herd cattle; N.
□ declivity downward slope
□ proclivity inclination; natural tendency (esp. towards something bad)
□ proscribe prohibit; ostracize; banish; outlaw
□ recumbent reclining; lying down completely or in part
□ draconian extremely severe; Ex. draconian punishment; CF. Draco: Athenian politician
□ dispassionate calm; impartial; not influenced by personal feelings
□ withstand stand up against; resist successfully
□ garner gather; store up; amass
□ mediate settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate a cease-fire
□ gibberish nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk or writing; babbling
□ resurge rise again; flow to and fro; N. resurgence; ADJ. resurgent: (of ideas or beliefs) experiencing revival; surging again
□ refuse anything discarded or rejected as worthless; trash
□ dogmatic opinionated; holding stubbornly to one’s opinion; arbitrary; doctrinal
□ dispense distribute; prepare and give out (medicines); N. dispensation: dispensing; religious system; official exemption from an obligation or a rule
□ germinal pertaining to a germ; creative; Ex. germinal idea
□ connotation suggested or implied meaning of an expression; V. connote
□ equivocate use equivocal language to deceive people; lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivocation
□ débâcle sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; complete disaster
□ beneficiary person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will
- grudging unwilling; reluctant; stingy (giving reluctantly)
- bromide platitude; chemical compound used to calm excitement
- jug pitcher; container for holding liquids
- apocalyptic prophetic; pertaining to revelations especially of disaster; N. apocalypse
- scourge lash; whip (formerly used for punishment); source of severe punishment; V. whip; afflict
- fulsome disgustingly excessive; offensively flattering; Ex. fulsome praise/expressions of admire
- guy cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied; CF. guide
- jollity gaiety; cheerfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry; gay
- subsistence existence; means of subsisting; means of support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist; maintain life (at a meager level)
- grapple wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar
- simplistic oversimplified
- tenacity firmness; persistence
- extrovert person interested mostly in external objects and actions

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- pert (esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; trim; jaunty; Ex. pert young miss/hat
- steadfast steadily loyal; unwavering; steady
- wispy thin; slight; barely discernible
- cartographer map-maker
- perpetrate commit an offense; do (something wrong)
- divulge reveal
- disingenuous not naive; not candid; sophisticated; worldly wise; OP. ingenuous
- recess pause; temporary cessation; alcove; secret inner place; Ex. parliament in recess; V. CF. recessive
- cosmic pertaining to the universe; vast
- gratify please; satisfy; Ex. gratify a desire
- slack moving slowly; sluggish; inactive; (of a rope) loose; negligent; lax; Ex. slack season; Ex. slack in one’s work; N. V.
- truculence aggressiveness; ferocity; ADJ. truculent: aggressive; pugnacious; fierce
- healthy possessing good health; healthful
- mash crush into mash; convert into mash; N: mixture of ground grain and nutrients fed to livestock and fowl
- humanitarian one devoted to the promotion of human welfare; CF. humanism

- idyllic charmingly carefree; simple and happy; Ex. idyllic scene
- chase ornament a metal surface by indenting; follow rapidly to catch
- recline lie down
- militate work against; Ex. militate against the chances of promotion; CF. serve as a soldier
- astute wise; shrewd; keen; seeing quickly something that is to one’s advantage
- cantankerous ill-humored; irritable
- berate scold strongly
- artery blood-vessel; CF. vein
- mantle loose sleeveless outer garment; cloak; something that covers or envelops; the layer of the earth between the crust and the core
- unassailable not open to attack; impregnable; not subject to question
- gnome dwarf; underground spirit who guards treasure hoards
- limpid crystal clear
- embed(imbed) enclose; place in something; fix firmly in a surrounding mass
- lachrymose producing tears; tearful
- creep move with body close to the ground; move stealthily or slowly; N.
- confidant(confidante) trusted friend (to whom one tells one’s secret)
- fissure crevice; crack
- draw choosing of a lot or card
- sanction approve; ratify; N: permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance
- amend correct; change; generally for the better
- irony hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean; use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning
- galvanize stimulate or shock by an electric current; stimulate by shock; shock into action; stir up; coat with rust-resistant zinc by using electricity
- efface rub out; remove the surface of
- meander wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly
- virtual in essence; existing in essence though not in actual form; for practical purposes; Ex. virtual ruler/space
- shimmer shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex. The moonlight shimmered on the water; N.
- visionary produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical; showing foresight; N: one having foresight; one given to speculative impractical ideas
- prosper become successful (esp. financially); thrive; grow well; Ex. children prospering under his care
imminent, mercurial, plait, narcissist, curtail, wiggle, historic, pejorative, levity, ration, posthumous, rolling, polarize, armada, quagmire, practicable, inanimate, wrest, spate, doff, corrugated, esteem, ambiguous, wret, spate, spate, subterfuge, propensiy, aplomb, adher, doff, corrugated. /* NOTE TO SELF: Add definitions to words */
marginal  of a margin; barely within a limit; Ex. marginal effect/writing ability
ultimatum  last demand; last warning; last statement of conditions that must be met; Ex. They have ignored our ultimatum.
lascivious  lustful
suspend  cause to stop for a period; interrupt; hold in abeyance; defer; hang from above; exclude for a period from a position; Ex. suspended state; Ex. suspend judgment; Ex. suspended from the team; N. suspension
turncoat  traitor
pique  irritation; resentment from wounded pride (eg. loss in a contest); V: provoke; arouse; annoy; cause to feel resentment; Ex. pique her curiosity
exalt  raise in rank or dignity; praise highly; inspire; Ex. exaltation

comprehensive  broad; including a lot or everything; thorough; inclusive
dilemma  situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives
initiate  begin; originate; receive into a group; introduce to a new field or activity; Ex. initiate someone into the mysteries of a secret religion; N: one who has been initiated
osseous  made of bone; bony
distrait  absentminded; distracted
calligraphy  beautiful writing; excellent penmanship
halting  hesitant; faltering; not fluent; Ex. halting steps/voice; V: halt: proceed or act with uncertainty; falter; hesitate; waver; stop
overt  open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert
upright  (sitting or standing) straight up; honest; moral
pathos  tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings; Ex. pathos that runs through the novel
probitity  uprightness; honesty; incorruptibility
stratified  divided into classes; arranged into strata; V. stratify
embroil  throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF. imbroglio
exalt  raise in rank or dignity; praise highly; inspire; Ex. exalt the imagination; ADJ. exalted; N. exaltation
scruple  hesitate for ethical reasons; fret about; Ex. She did not scruple to read his diary; N: uneasy feeling arising from conscience; conscience
willful  wilful; intentional; headstrong
sepulcher  tomb; V: place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral
carping  petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble
boor  rude, insensitive person

lure  money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre
eerie  weird; causing fear because strange
archaeology  study of artifacts and relics of early mankind
gamut  entire range
plumber  one who installs and repairs pipes and plumbing(pipes)
address  direct a speech to; speak to; deal with or discuss; direct one’s efforts or attention to; make with a destination; N: formal speech
stamp  step on heavily (so as to crush or extinguish); put an end to; imprint or impress with a mark, design, or seal; shape with a die; characterize; Ex. machine stamping out car bodies; Ex. newspaper stamping him as a liar; N. stamping; implement used to stamp; impression stamped; mark; Ex. Her remarks bear the stamp of truth.
inhibit  restrain; prohibit; retard or prevent; N. inhibition
celerity  speed; rapidity
detraction  slandering; aspersions; detracting; CF. detractor
gruesome  grisly; horrible
beneficent  kindly; doing good
knot  intricate; difficult; tangled; CF. knot
prescience  ability to foretell the future; knowledge of actions before they occur; ADJ. prescient
vicissitude  change (esp. from good to bad); change of fortune; CF. the last emperor of China
debauch  corrupt morally; seduce from virtue; N. debauchery: wild behavior (with sex and alcohol)
renge  break a promise; deny; go back on; Ex. renege on the contract/ paying off the debt
trivia  trifles; unimportant matters
inert  inactive; lacking power to move; unable to move or act; Ex. chemically inert; N. inertia: state of being inert; force which keeps a thing in the position or state
arduous  hard; strenuous; Ex. arduous work
browse  graze; feed on growing grass; skim or glance at c-

pertinacious  holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn; persistent
patrimony  property inherited from a father
flail  beat with or as if with a flail; move wildly; thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; toss about; N: threshing tool consisting of a stick swinging from the end of a long handle
environ  enclose; surround; N. environs: surrounding area (as of a city)
annihilate  destroy
provision  act of providing; something provided; preparatory measure; provisions: necessary supplies (esp. food); stipulation; condition in an agreement; Ex. According to the provisions of the agreement

boor  soft and mild (of air); fragrant
□ remorse deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach
□ fiend evil spirit; devil
□ incoherent unintelligible; muddled; unable to express one’s thoughts in an orderly manner; illogical; lacking cohesion; not coherent
□ tyro beginner; novice
□ roil make liquids murky by stirring up sediment; disturb
□ idyll(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
□ repository storehouse
□ churlish boorish; rude; N. churl: boor; yahoo
□ discriminate distinguish; make distinctions on the basis of preference
□ repeal revoke; annul
□ sallow (of the skin) yellowish and unhealthy-looking; sickly in color; Ex. sallow complexion due to jaundice
□ havoc widespread damage; disorder; chaos
□ chary cautious; unwilling to take risks; sparing or restrained about giving; OP. bold
□ turbulence state of violent agitation; ADJ. turbulent: violently agitated or disturbed
□ lithe flexible; supple; CF. limber
□ pushy disagreeably aggressive
□ luxuriant abundant; growing healthily and in large amounts; excessively ornate; rich and splendid; fertile; Ex. luxuriant forests/prose; CF. luxurious, luxuriate
□ trample step heavily with the feet; crush under the feet
□ contrive invent or fabricate in a clever way (by improvisation); manage; Ex. contrive to attract his attention
□ instigate start; urge; provoke; incite; Ex. instigate a search/quarrel
□ braggart boaster; braggar
□ confine shut in an enclosed space; restrict; keep within limits; N. confinement
□ motif theme; recurrent thematic element in a musical or literary work; single or repeated pattern; figure
□ willowy flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow
□ apologist one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia
□ cloying distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental; V. cloy: become unpleasant through too much sweetness or excess
□ seep pass slowly through small openings; ooze; trickle; N. seepage
□ vicarious experienced as if one were taking part in the experience of another; done by a deputy for other people; acting as a substitute; Ex. vicarious thrill at the movies; Ex. the vicarious sufferings of Christ
□ finicky too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food
□ antithesis contrast; direct opposite of or to; ADJ. antithetic or antithetical
□ culpable deserving blame; blameworthy
□ quiver tremble; shake; N.
□ brawn human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness
□ chagrin disappointment; regret; sorrow; bitterness; N. chagrin
□ inflict infuse; pour (a liquid) into (an instrument); infuse
□ disburse pay out (as from a fund); N. disbursement; CF. purse
□ untenable (of a position, esp. in an argument) indefensible; not able to be maintained
□ demotic of or pertaining to the people
□ spat squabble; minor dispute; minor quarrel
□ persist continue in existence; last; continue in a course of action in spite of opposition; Ex. persist in/with something; ADJ. persistent
□ cacophonous discordant; inharmonious; N. cacophony: unpleasant mixture of loud sounds

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

□ contortions twistings; distortions; V. contort: twist violently out of shape; CF. contortionist
□ corpulent very fat; N. corpulence
□ clamor loud continuous noise; continuous demand or complaint made by a large number of people; V: make a clamor; express (a demand) continually and loudly; ADJ. clamorous
□ amity friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations
□ sensuous giving pleasure to the senses; pertaining to the physical senses; operating through the senses; sensuous feeling of soft velvet on the skin
□ continence self-restraint; sexual chastity; sexual abstinence; voluntary control over bladder and bowel functions; ADJ. continent
□ anoint consecrate; put oil on (in a religious ceremony)
□ dermatologist one who studies the skin and its diseases
□ rational (of a person) having reason; (of ideas) based on reason; logical
□ fete(fête) honor at a festival; celebrate or honor with a feast; N. (outdoor) festival or feast; CF. feast
□ vortex whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predicament into which one is inexorably plunged
□ mason one who builds or works with stone or brick; N. masonry: work of a mason; stonework or brickwork
□ cadaver corpse; dead human body
□ exotic not native; from another part of the world; strange; intriguingly unusual; Ex. exotic flower/dress
□ exhale breathe out; OP . inhale
□ reverberate echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley.
□ rationale fundamental reason or principle (on which a system or principle is based); fundamental reason or justification; grounds for an action
□ humus substance or rich soil formed by decaying vegetable matter; CF. soil
□ defer give in respectfully; submit; delay till later; exempt temporarily; N. deferment; CF. show respect, comply with, courteous
□ carnivorous meat-eating; N. carnivore; CF. herbivore
□ venerate revere; treat with great respect
□ carefree free from worries; having no problems
□ subsidiary serving to assist; subordinate; secondary; of a subsidy; N.
□ disaffected disloyal; lacking loyalty; V. disaffect: cause to lose affection or loyalty
□ errant wandering (esp. in search of adventure); straying from proper moral standards; Ex. knight-errant
□ rake angle of a slope; V: slant from the perpendicular
□ assay analyze (to discover what materials are present); evaluate (soil or ore)
prompt cause; urge; provoke; provide a cue (for an actor); ADJ: done without delay; done at the right time; punctual; on time; N: reminder or cue

enclave territory enclosed within an alien land

bedraggle wet thoroughly; ADJ. bedraggled: dragged

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

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

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

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

tutelage guardianship; training; function of a tutor; instruction

adjutant staff officer assisting the commander; assistant

callow youthful; immature; inexperienced

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

persevere continue steadily in spite of difficulties

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

wholesome conducive to mental or physical health; healthful

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

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

frenzied madly excited; N. frenzy: violent wild excitement

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

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

misogamy hatred of marriage

blunder error; stupid mistake

dais raised platform for speakers or other important people

privy secret; hidden; not public; made a participant in something secret; Ex. privy chamber government; Ex. be privy to a discussion; CF. private

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

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

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

skirmish minor fight; minor battle in war; V.

avow declare openly; N. avowal

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

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

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

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

craven cowardly

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

arid (of land) dry; barren; unproductive

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

listless lacking in spirit or energy; languid

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

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

prune cut away; trim

amphitheater oval building with tiers of seats; CF. arena

fulcrum support on which a lever rests or pivots

befuddle confuse thoroughly

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

germ earliest form of an organism; seed or bud; something that may develop into something larger or more important; microbe

flamboyant ornate; highly elaborate; richly colored; ostentatious; showy; CF. flame

magnanimity generosity; ADJ. magnanimous: generous

atypical not normal; not typical

enterprise willingness to take new ventures; initiative; business organization; plan (that is difficult or daring); Ex. their latest enterprise to sail round the world in a small boat
incidence rate of occurrence; particular occurrence; Ex. high incidence of infant mortality

accord agreement

crestfallen dejected; dispirited

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

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

pertinent suitable; to the point; relevant

surpass exceed

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

ragamuffin dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes

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

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

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

quarantine isolation of a person, place, or ship to prevent spread of infection; V: isolate in quarantine

passive not active; acted upon; receiving an action without acting in return; accepting without resistance

mammoth gigantic; enormous

somnolent half asleep; drowsy; N. somnolence

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

sidetrack switch (a railroad car) to a siding; divert from a main issue; N. CF. siding: short section of railroad track connected by switches with a main track

limbo region near heaven or hell where certain souls are kept; prison (slang); Ex. Purgatory and Limbo

gregarious sociable; (of an animal) tending to form a group

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

prerogative privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before

paragon model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue

gadfly animal-biting fly; irritating person

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

artifacts object made by human beings, either hand-made or mass-produced

mirth merriment; laughter

nomadic wandering; N. nomad: tribe who migrates from place to place

summation act of finding the total; summing-up; summary (esp. one given by the judge at the end of a trial)

knit contract into wrinkles; grow together; join together closely; make (a fabric or garment) by interwining yarn or thread; Ex. knit the brow; Ex. The bones should knit together in a few weeks.

gruel thin liquid porridge

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

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

crux essential or main point; Ex. the crux of the problem; ADJ. crucial: of deciding importance

pied piebald; variegated(many-colored); multicolored

hysteria excessive or uncontrollable excitement; N. hysteretic: person suffering from hysteria; CF. hysteric: attack of hysteria

condescend (derog.) bestow courtesies with a superior air; descend to the level of one considered inferior

surveillance close observation of a person (esp. one under suspicion); watching; guarding

balk stop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil; stop or get in the way of; frustrate

complement complete; consummate; make perfect; N.

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

swagger walk or behave with an over-confident manner

ornate excessively or elaborately decorated

exertion effort; expenditure of much physical work; V. exert oneself: make a great effort

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

circumspect prudent; cautious; acting after careful thought

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

taxonomist specialist in classifying (animals, etc.); CF. taxonomy: science of classification

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

contentious quarrelsome; controversial; likely to cause arguments

pensive dreamily or deeply thoughtful; sadly thoughtful; thoughtful with a hint of sadness; contemplative; CF. think over

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

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

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☐ sprout begin to grow; give off shoots or buds; N. new growth on a plant; shoot
☐ insurmountable overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable
☐ waif homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays
☐ irresolute uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N. irresolution
☐ furtive stealthy; quiet and secret (trying to escape notice); sneaky; Ex. furtive glance
☐ yield amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V. produce; give in; surrender
☐ precinct division of a city for election or police purposes; precincts: space that surrounds a building; Ex. precincts of the college
☐ flora plants of a region or era
☐ garnish decorate; add a garnish to; decorate (food or drink) with small items such as lemon slices; N.
☐ congenital existing at birth
☐ uniformity sameness; monotony; ADJ. uniform: the same all over
☐ dereliction neglect of duty; abandonment
☐ whinny neigh like a horse; CF. neigh: make the sound which horses make
☐ junket trip especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense
☐ inverse opposite
☐ thrive prosper; flourish
☐ floe flat mass of floating ice
☐ enunciate announce; proclaim; utter or speak, especially distinctly; pronounce clearly; articulate; Ex. This theory was first enunciated by him.
☐ therapeutic curative; N. therapy
☐ nocturnal done or active at night; Ex. nocturnal animals/raids; CF. nocturne
☐ luscious pleasing to taste or smell; delicious
☐ hew cut to pieces with ax or sword; chop; N.
☐ repulse reject with rudeness or coldness (an offer or friendship); drive back (an enemy attack); CF. repulse ≠ cause repulsion
☐ deranged insane
☐ anachronism an error involving time in a story; something or someone misplaced in time; ADJ. anachronistic
☐ debar bar; forbid; exclude; Ex. debarred from jury services
☐ trickster person who cheats people
☐ maleficient doing evil; N. maleficience
☐ tenant one that pays rent to use property owned by another
☐ integrity honesty; uprightness; wholeness; state of being whole and undivided; completeness
☐ doctrinaire unable to compromise about points of doctrine; dogmatic; unyielding; marked by inflexible attachment to a doctrine without regard to its practical difficulties
☐ hermitage home of a hermit
☐ gush (of liquid) pour out in large quantities from a hole; make an excessive display of feeling (without true feeling); Ex. Blood gushed from the wound.
☐ leeway room to move; margin; latitude; Ex. leeway for the deadline
☐ subpoena writ (written command issued by a court) summoning a witness to appear in court; V: summon with a subpoena
☐ compilation listing of information in tabular or book form; compiling
☐ indubitable unable to be doubted; which cannot be doubted; unquestionable
☐ stoke stir up a fire or furnace; feed plentifully
☐ predispose give an inclination toward (in advance); make susceptible to; Ex. predispose people to certain cancer; N. predisposition
☐ ludicrous laughable; ridiculous; trifling
impassable  not able to be traveled or crossed
combustible  easily burned; N. CF. combustion
court  attempt to gain; seek; woo; risk; behave so as to in-vite; attempt to gain the favor of by attention; Ex. court disaster
tyranny  oppression; cruel government; ADJ. tyrannical: of a tyrant or tyranny; despot; T. tyrannize: treat tyrannically; oppress
peregrination  journey; V. peregrinate
iconoclastic  attacking cherished traditions; N. iconoclast: one who attacks traditional ideas; one who destroys sacred images
consanguinity  kinship; relationship by birth
potable  suitable for drinking; drinkable
crone  hag; ugly old woman
gargantuan  huge; enormous; gigantic; CF. the hero of Gargantua and Pantagruel
seasoned  experienced
scuttle  sink (a ship) by cutting holes in the hull; scrap; discard; N: small hatch in a ship’s deck or hull
peregrination  journey; V. peregrinate
caption  title; chapter heading; text under illustration
outstrip  outrun; surpass; outdo
stalwart  physically strong; brawny; steadfast; strong in mind or determination; Ex. stalwart supporter; N: stalwart follower
engaging  charming; attractive
iconoclastic  attacking cherished traditions; N. iconoclast: one who attacks traditional ideas; one who destroys sacred images
parched  extremely dry; very thirsty; V. parch: make or become extremely dry (by exposure to heat)
discernible  distinguishable; perceivable; Ex. discernible improvement
decorous  proper (in behavior, conduct, or appearance)
quail  cower; shrink back in fear; lose heart
brazen  insolent; without shame; bold; Ex. brazen lie; V: face with bold self-assurance or with unshamed confidence
comprehend  include; understand
opalaceous  iridescent; lustrous; like an opal; N: opalescence
dilute  make (a liquid) less concentrated; reduce in strength; Ex. dilute the influence of the president
spawn  lay eggs (in large numbers); produce offspring (in large numbers); N: eggs of aquatic animals
mentor  counselor; teacher
leash  restraining rope fastened to the collar of an animal (to control it); Ex. a dog on a leash
drab  dull; lacking color; cheerless ; Ex. drab coat/life
matrix  point of origin; array of numbers or algebraic symbols; mold or die; Ex. the matrix of Western civilization
fervid  ardent; zealous; hot
pestilential (pestilent)  causing plague; tending to cause death; baneful; N. pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)
feign  pretend
podium  pedestal; raised platform
horoscope  diagram of the positions of stars at a given moment (eg. of a person’s birth) used by astrologers
scion  detached plant shoot used in grafting; descendant
vision  eyesight; foresight; mental image produced by the imagination; experience of seeing the supernatural
restive  impatiently restless (induced by external coercion or restriction); restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control; Ex. restive horses because of wolves; CF. not a general synonym for ‘restless’
bolt  door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric; large roll of cloth; V: dash or dart off; fasten (a door); gobble down
screech  unpleasant high sharp sound; shriek; V.
conveyance  vehicle; transfer; act of conveying; Ex. public conveyance
ecclesiastic  ecclesiastical; pertaining to the church; N: minister; priest; cleric; clergyman
tepid  lukewarm; slightly warm; 미지근한; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter
enthrall  capture; enslave; captivate; hold the complete attention of (as if magic); hold spellbound
fathomless  too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable
vivacious  lively or animated; sprightly
disperse  scatter; Ex. disperse the cloud/crowd
dispatch  strong inclination; strong liking (esp. for something that is disapproved of by other people); Ex. penchant for fast cars
brindled  tawny or grayish with streaks or spots (of animals)
compensatory  making up for; repaying
emissary  agent (sent on a mission to represent another); messenger
ensue  follow (as a result)
outwit  outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly
brisk  quick and active; defeat by behaving more cleverly
sprinkled  marked by liveliness and vigor
gild  cover with a thin layer of gold
assiduous  diligent
regatta  boat or yacht race
remonstrate  protest; objection; V. remonstrate: say in protest
rent  tear made by rending; rip; split
- dissension disagreement of opinions causing strife within a group
- velocity speed
- scaffold temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution
- beleaguer besiege or attack (with an army); harass; beset
- browbeat bully; intimidate
- marshal put in order; guide ceremoniously to the correct place; Ex. marshal the children into the museum; N: military officer; official
- vulpine like a fox; crafty
- shirk avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malinger
- fermentation chemical reaction that splits complex organic compounds; unrest; agitation
- deride ridicule; treat with contempt; make fun of; OP respect
- plume feather, esp. large or showy one; something that rises into the air (like the shape of a feather); Ex. plume of smoke: 비섯 구름
- penumbra partial shadow (in an eclipse); CF. almost shadow
- provender dry food for livestock; fodder
- emulate imitate; rival; try to equal or excel (through imitation)
- tawdry cheap and gaudy; Ex. tawdry jewelry
- simper smirk; smile in a silly way; smile affectedly
- omnipotent all-powerful; having unlimited power
- repose resting; state of being at rest; calmness; V: lie at rest; relax; put or place; Ex. repose our hopes in a single man
- surly bad-tempered; rude; cross
- perigee point of moon’s orbit when it is nearest the earth; CF. apogee
- elated filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed; in high spirits; joyful and proud; Ex. elated crowd; V. elate; N. elation
- sect separate religious body; faction; group of people with common beliefs within a larger group
- stolid dull; impassive; showing little emotion when strong feelings are expected
- desolate (of a place) deserted; unpopulated; (of a person) lonely; forlorn; joyless
- morgue mortuary; place where bodies are kept before burial or cremation
- burnish make shiny by rubbing; polish
- wisp small bunch (of hair); faint streak (of smoke)
- belated delayed
- perpetual everlasting
- calumny malicious misrepresentation; slander
- obtrude push (oneself or one’s ideas) forward or intrude; impose (oneself or one’s ideas) on others; butt in; stick out or extrude; thrust out; Ex. obtrude A on B; ADJ. obtrusive; N. obtrusion; CF. unobtrusive
- compact agreement; contract; ADJ: tightly packed; firm; brief; concise; Ex. compact statement
- meretricious flashy; tawdry; attractive on the surface but of no real value; Ex. metericious argument/jewel; CF. prostitute
- polygamist one who has more than one spouse at a time; CF. bigamy; CF. polyandry
- painstaking taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and through
- sinewy (of meat) tough; strong and firm; muscular; N. sinew: tendon; strong cord connecting a muscle to a bone
- stump base of a tree trunk left after the rest has been cut down; V: walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle
- bitter having a sharp biting taste; 쏙, causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter wind/sorrow/tears
- promontory headland
- cull pick out from others (to kill the weakest members); reject; select; collect (information); N.
- induce persuade; lead to do something; bring about; N. inducement
- petty trivial; unimportant; very small; small-minded; petty-minded
- edify instruct; correct morally
- teetotalism practice of abstaining totally from alcoholic drinks; N. teetotaler; ADJ. teetotal; CF. T + total
- extrude force or push out; thrust out; shape (plastic or metal) by forcing through a die
- potpourri heterogeneous mixture; medley; mixture of dried flower petals a pot (to give a pleasant smell to a room)
- militant combative; bellicose; N.
- sporadic occurring irregularly; intermittent
- chronic long established as a disease
- crescendo increase in the volume or intensity as in a musical passage; climax; CF. crescent
- adjourn suspend until a later time; move from one place to another
- gingerly very carefully; ADJ.
- meter arrangement of words in the form of poetry (by accentual rhythm)
- pedestrian ordinary; dull; unimaginative(lacking in imagination); going on foot; Ex. pedestrian prose; N.
- irretrievable impossible to recover or regain; CF. retrieve
- disputative argumentative; fond of argument
- woe great sorrow; deep inconsolable grief; affliction; suffering; Ex. financial woes
- incubus - burden; very worriying problem; mental care; nightmare; male devil; CF. succubus
- facetious - joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous
- cryptic - mysterious; hidden; secret
- totter - shake or move unsteadily; sway as if about to fall
- drama - prose or verse composition to be performed by actors; play; exciting and unusual situation
- obsequious - slavishly attentive; servile; full of servile compliance; sycophantic
- mortify - humiliate by embarrassing excessively; shame; punish the flesh; discipline (one's body) by self-denial; Ex. mortify by her blunder; Ex. mortify the flesh; CF. cause to die
- anthology - book of literary selections by various authors; CF. omnibus
- intrigue - make secret plans; plot; arouse the curiosity of; N: secret scheme; plot; secret love affair
- nourish - provide with food necessary for life and growth
- whine - complain (in a sad voice); make a high sad sound (as in pain or supplication)
- cloister - monastery or convent
- invidious - designed to create ill will or envy; tending to rouse ill will or envy; Ex. invidious comparison
- turpitude - depravity; baseness; Ex. moral turpitude
- smolder - smoulder; burn slowly without flame; be liable to break out at any moment; exist in a suppressed state; Ex. smoldering anger
- emasculate - weaken; castrate
- revelry - boisterous merrymaking; V. revel: engage boisterous festivities; enjoy greatly; N: boisterous festivity or celebration
- kismet - fate; destiny; Ex. Kismet is the Arabic word for fate.
- impeach - charge (a public official) with crime in office; raise doubts about; indict; Ex. impeach a witness's credibility
- conjure - cause to appear by magic; summon (a devil or a spirit) by magical power; practice magic (esp. by very quick movement of the hands); evoke; conjure up: bring into the mind; Ex. The magician conjured a rabbit out of his hat.
- uncouth - boorish; clumsy in speech or behavior; outlandish
- forswear - renounce under oath; abandon; make a solemn promise to give up; CF. abjure
- canker - any ulcerous sore; ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer
- sluggard - lazy person
- inarticulate - speechless; producing indistinct speech; not articulate; not expressing oneself clearly
- clown - act stupidly; play the fool; N.
- dross - waste matter; worthless impurities
- intangible - not able to be perceived by touch; vague
- fraudulent - cheating; deceitful; Ex. fraudulent means; N. fraud: deception; swindle
- scintilla - trace; minute amount; shred; least bit; Ex. There is not a scintilla of truth; CF. spark
- contingent - dependent on something uncertain or in the future; conditional; happening by chance; accidental; N: a group of soldiers, ships to a larger force; CF. contingency: future event that may or may not occur; possibility; Ex. prepare for every contingency
- linguistic - pertaining to language
- exchequer - treasury; Ex. Chancellor of the exchequer
- chip - lose a small piece from the surface or edge; N: small piece broken off something; CF. French fry; Potato chip/crisp
- variegate - change the appearance of (by marking with different colors)
- nepotism - favoritism (to a relative); CF. nephew
- finale - conclusion; concluding part
- countenance - approve; support; tolerate; Ex. countenance his rude behavior; N: face; appearance
- ascetic - practicing self-denial; avoiding physical pleasures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism
- tenancy - possession of land or building by rent; period of a tenant's occupancy
- vain - full of self-admiration; conceited; without result; unsuccessful; N. vanity
- evenhanded - impartial; fair
- cynosure - object of general attention; person or thing that is a center of attention; CF. Ursa Minor
- rummage - ransack; thoroughly search
- jocund - merry
- uproarious - marked by commotion or uproar; very noisy (esp. with laughter); hilarious; causing loud laughter; extremely funny
- metropolis - large city
- repertoire - list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present; CF. repertory
- pluck - courage; V. pull off or out; pull out the hair or feathers of; ADJ. plucky: courageous; brave
- ensconce - settle comfortably; place comfortably (in a secure place)
- auroral - pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. aurora australis
- vitriolic - causing sharp pain to the mind; caustic; corrosive; sarcastic; of vitriol; N. vitriol: sulphuric acid (which burns flesh deeply); bitterly abusive expression; caustic expression; CF. glass
- draft - first rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; conscript
peremptory demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock

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

disfigure mar the appearance of; spoil

disrupt demands and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. disrupt decree/knock

mode prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life

resolve determination; resolution; firmness of purpose

faze disconcert; dismay; embarrass

tryst meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet

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

viper poisonous snake

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

aptitude fitness; talent

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

spectrum colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism; broad and continuous range; Ex. whole spectrum of modern thoughts

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

vent release or discharge through a vent; express (esp. unfairly); utter; Ex. He vented his wrath on his family.

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

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

mortar vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle

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

censor (in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.

recipient receiver

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

delineate portray; depict; sketch; describe; N. delineation

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

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

rejoinder reply; retort; comeback; V. rejoin: say in reply

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

context writings preceding and following the passage quoted; circumstance in which an event occurs

ominous threatening; of an evil omen

purchase secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing

slur pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble

impartial not biased; fair; N. impartiality

peccadillo slight offense or fault; CF. sin

abridge condense or shorten

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

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

lope gallop slowly

quarry dig into (to get stone); N: mine; 大 hạn

genuflect bend the knee as in worship

ploy strategem to gain an advantage; tactic; Ex. management ploy

facsimile copy

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

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

accoutre equip; N. accoutrement

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

azure sky blue

repercussion rebound; reaction; reverberation; Ex. serious repercussion

intoxicate make drunk; stimulate or excite; Ex. intoxicated by all the money he might win

attribute essential quality; V: ascribe; explain

recalcitrant disobedient or resisting authority even after being punished; obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly; Ex. recalcitrant child

nebulous vague; hazy; cloudy; of a nebula; Ex. nebulous proposal

remiss negligent; careless about a duty

lunatic insane; Ex. lunatic asylum

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

rubric title or heading (in red print); directions for religious ceremony; protocol

taut tight; strained; tense; ready; OP. slack

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

kindle start a fire; ignite; inspire; arouse
□ volition act of using one’s will; act of making a conscious choice; Ex. She selected this dress of her own volition.
□ capricious unpredictable; fickle
□ delve dig; search deeply; investigate
□ harbor give protection (by giving food and shelter); provide a refuge for; hide; keep in mind (thoughts or feelings); Ex. harbor a grudge/criminal; N: place of shelter; refuge
□ abstruse obscure; profound; difficult to understand
□ illusory illusive; deceptive; not real
□ rapport close relationship; emotional closeness; harmony
□ antecedents preceding events that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background
□ vie contend; compete
□ murky dark and gloomy; thick with fog; vague; Ex. murky night/fog; N. murk: partial or complete darkness; gloom
□ whim sudden capricious idea; fancy
□ accessory additional object; useful but not essential thing
□ indifferent unmoved or unconcerned by; having no interest in; mediocre; neither good nor bad
□ slavish of or like a slave; servile; showing no originality; copied very closely; Ex. slavish devotion/copy of the original
□ foresight ability to foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future
□ collation a light meal; collating
□ venerable deserving high respect; commanding respect; CF. command: deserve and get
□ balm something that relieves pain; oily liquid with a pleasant smell from trees
□ spoonerism accidental transposition of sounds in successive words; Ex. “Let me sew you to your sheet” for “Let me show you to your seat”; CF. William Spooner
□ toll sound (a large bell) slowly at regular intervals; N: sound of a bell; fixed tax or charge
□ pathological pertaining to disease; N. pathology: study of disease
□ forbearance patience; forgiveness; V. forbear: refrain from (in a generous and forgiving way); be patient; Ex. forbear to send him to prison
□ impede hide; retard or obstruct the progress of; block
□ quench assuage or satisfy (thrust); slake; douse or extinguish; put out; suppress

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□ optimum most favorable; optimal; N: most favorable condition
□ tumult commotion of a great crowd; riot; noise; uproar; ADJ. tumultuous: noisy and disorderly
□ bristle short stiff hair; V: (hair or fur) stand up stiffly
□ extricate free from an entanglement or difficulty; disentangle
□ coin make coins; invent or fabricate (a word or phrase); N. coinage: word or phrase recently invented
□ brusque blunt; abrupt; curt; not wanting to waste time being nice
□ outlandish bizarre; peculiar; unconventional
□ wizened shriveled; withered; Ex. wizened apple/old lady
□ incessant uninterrupted; unceasing
□ noncommittal neutral; refusing commitment to a particular opinion; unplugged; undecided
□ distill refine (a liquid by evaporating and subsequent condensation); concentrate; separate the most important parts from; Ex. distill fresh water from sea water; CF. brew
□ refraction bending of a ray of light
□ qualified limited; restricted; V. qualify: limit the meaning of; modify
□ awe solemn wonder; feeling of respect mixed with wonder and fear; V: fill with awe; ADJ. awesome
□ waft move gently (in air or in seas) by wind or waves; Ex. leaves wafting past the window
□ degradation humiliation; debasement; degeneration; V. degrade: debase; disgrace; degenerate; reduce (something) in worth; demote (someone); reduce in rank
□ consistency absence of contradictions; uniformity; degree of thickness or firmness; Ex. consistency of thick cream; CF. viscous
□ bid command; utter (a greeting); offer as a price; N: offer of a price; amount offered; earnest effort to gain something; Ex. bid for freedom
□ debase degrade; reduce in quality or value; degenerate; lower in esteem; disgrace; N. debasement
□ mausoleum monumental tomb; large stately tomb; CF. Mausolos
□ preclude make impossible; prevent; exclude; eliminate
□ impending nearing; approaching; about to happen
□ abdicate renounce; give up (position, right, or responsibility)
□ motley multi-colored (as of a garment worn by a jester); mixed; heterogeneous; CF. jester: one who jests (as a paid fool at medieval courts)
□ profusion great amount; plenty; overabundance; excess; lavish expenditure; Ex. profusion of choices; ADJ. profuse: plentiful; copious; giving or given abundantly; extravagant
□ bedizen dress with vulgar finery
□ witless lacking intelligence or wit; foolish; idiotic
□ query inquiry; question; V.
□ bemoan lament; moan for; express sorrow or disapproval of
□ affable easily approachable; easy to talk to; warmly friendly
□ shudder shake uncontrollably; tremble; V.
brochure pamphlet
badinage teasing conversation; banter; joking talk
grouse complain; fuss; grumble; grouch; N: plump chickenlike game bird
trepidation fear; nervous apprehension
trenchant cutting; incisive; keen

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

miniature small model; small painting; ADJ: supervision
vivid (of light or color) bright and distinct; evoking lifelike mental images; Ex. vivid red hair/description
snicker half-stifled(suppressed) laugh; V.
hibernate sleep throughout the winter; N. hibernation
wrongheaded stubbornly wrong
rend split; tear apart; N. rent; CF. heartrending: causing deep sorrow
enervate weaken; take away energy from
convulsion violent uncontrollable shaking movement (caused by illness); V. convulse; ADJ: convulsive
gloss over explain away with the intention of deceiving or hiding faults
proviso stipulation; condition in an agreement; provision
definitive most reliable; authoritative and complete; that cannot be improved; conclusive; decisive; definite; Ex. definitive decision by the supreme court
perimeter outer boundary; length of the outer boundary; circumference
angular sharp-cornered; having an angle; not rounded (body); bony; lean; gaunt; stiff in manner
ambush act of lying in wait to attack by surprise; sudden attack made from a concealed position; Ex. lie in ambush; V.
shyster lawyer using questionable methods; unscrupulous practitioner
denizen (animal, person, or plant) inhabitant or resident of a particular place; regular visitor
preponderance superiority of power, quantity, etc.; V. preponderate: be greater in power, weight, or importance; ADJ. preponderant
laggard slow; sluggish; N: one who lags; straggler
dint means; effort; Ex. by dint of hard work
pedigree line of ancestors; ancestry; lineage; ADJ. (of an animal) descended from of a chosen family; Ex. pedigree dog; CF. crane’s foot
impunity freedom from punishment or harm; CF. punish

levy impose (a fine); collect (a payment); impose or collect (a tax); Ex. levy a tax on tobacco
compatible harmonious; in harmony with; able to exist together
efficacy power to produce desired effect; ADJ. efficacious; effectual
collected composed; calm; self-possessed
dupe someone easily fooled or deceived; V: deceive
mettle courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ. mettlesome
salutary tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF. health
remnant remainder
burlesque give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly
aerie(aery,eyrie,eyry) nest of a large bird of prey
enormity hugeness (in a bad sense); excessive wickedness; Ex. enormity of the crime; ADJ. enormous
salubrious healthful; conducive to health or well-being; socially desirable; Ex. salubrious area; CF. health
vitreous of glass; pertaining to or resembling glass; V. vitrify: change into glass; CF. petrify
premonitory serving to warn
elevation elevated position; altitude; height; flat upright side of a building; angle made by pointing a gun; Ex. The elevation of her style is much admired; Ex. front elevation of the house
gorge narrow canyon; steep rocky cleft; ravine (made by a stream which runs through it)
contempt scorn; disdain; ADJ. contemptuous; CF. contemptible
cache hiding place; V.
sophistry seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning; sophism
penitent repentant; N.
vignette small drawing placed at the beginning or end of a chapter; picture; short literary sketch; short written description of a character or scene
extol praise very highly; glorify
slew large quantity or number; Ex. slew of errands left
expenditure payment or expense; expending; something expended; output; Ex. receipt for the expenditure; Ex. expenditure of all the energy
piety devoutness; reverence for God; ADJ. pious
delude deceive
poultice soothing application applied to sore and inflamed portions of the body
cynical skeptical or distrustful of human motives; N. cynicism; CF. cynic: person who believes all people are motivated by selfishness

hibernate sleep throughout the winter; N. hibernation
square

- inebriated habitually intoxicated; drunk; N. inebriety
- psyche soul; mind
- eschew soul; mind
- irrepresible able to be restrained or held back; impossible to hold back
- exorbitant (of costs or demands) excessive; exceeding reasonable bounds
- innate inborn
- receptive quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal
- assuage mak less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)
- inasmuch as since; owing to the fact that
- exposé public revelation of something discreditable
- précis abstract; concise summing up of main points; concise summary of a text
- abominate loathe; hate
- underhand (underhanded) done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)
- atavism resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; reversion to an earlier type; throwback; ADJ. atavistic
- seminary school for training future ministers; secondary school, especially for young women
- personable attractive (in personality or appearance)
- stink stench; V: emit a strong foul odor
- duress forcible restraint, especially unlawfully; coercion by threat; illegal coercion; Ex. a promise made under duress
- peevish bad-tempered; irritable; V. peeve: make angry
- swerve deviate; turn aside sharply from a straight course; Ex. swerve from the principle; Ex. The car swerved to the right.
- indentation notch; deep recess; V. indent; CF. tooth
- quandary dilemma; state of uncertainty; Ex. She is in a quandary about whether to go.
- coiffure hairstyle
- demure (of a woman or child) grave; quiet and serious; coy; pretending to be demure
- sanguine optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red
- bombardment attack (as with missiles or bombs); V. bombard
- flaccid flabby; lacking firmness; weak; Ex. flaccid muscles
- unearthly not earthly; supernatural; weird; ghostly
- fiasco total failure; CF. bottle
- threat sign or warning (of coming danger); Ex. threat of rain; V. express a threat; give warning of (something bad); Ex. The cloud threatens rain.
- deplore regret; express sorrow and severe disapproval for something bad; Ex. deplore their violent behavior; ADJ. deplorable: very bad; deserving severe disapproval; Ex. deplorable living condition
- retribution deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back
- titillate tickle; excite pleasantly; Ex. not to titillate the audience but to enlighten it
- manifestation outward demonstration; manifesting; indication of the presence of something; Ex. manifestation of his pronounced musical bent
- irrefutable indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable
- clangor loud resounding noise; sound of repeated clanging
- random without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; Ex. random shots; Ex. chosen at random
- reverend deserving reverence; N: priest
- engaged employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict
- repartee quick clever reply
- enfranchise admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote); CF. franchise
- suppliant entreating; beseeching; N.
- rampant growing or spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion; unrestrained; Ex. rampant lawlessness/weed
- compute reckon; calculate
- fusillade simultaneous firing or outburst (of missiles, questions, etc.)

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defiance refusal to yield; resistance; V. defy; ADJ. defiant
disabuse correct a false impression; undeceive; free from a wrong belief
wrath anger; fury
transcendental going beyond common thought or ideas; impossible to understand by practical experiences or practices; known only by studying thoughts or intuition; OP. empirical; CF. transcendentalism
multifarious varied; greatly diversified; Ex. multifarious activities
resourceful clever and imaginative (in dealing with difficult situations); N. resource, resourcefulness
omniscient all-knowing
callous hardened; unfeeling; without sympathy for the sufferings of others; unkind
seduce lead away from proper conduct; entice; ADJ. seductive
retroactive taking effect before its enactment (as a law) or imposition (as a tax); (of a law) having effect on the past as well as the future
analogy similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things
energize invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active
submissive willing to obey orders; yielding; timid
antidote remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles
lookout act of keeping watch; high place commanding a wide view; person who keeps watch
prevalent widespread; generally accepted
colander utensil with perforated bottom used for straining
projectile missile; fired or thrown object (such as stone or bullet)
pantomime acting without dialogue; V.
welter wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims welters in their blood.
slovenly untidy; careless in work habits; slipshod; N. sloven: one who is habitually untidy or careless
matriarch woman who rules a family or larger social group
abusive coarsely insulting; physically harmful
titanic gigantic; N. titan
entice lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt
hypocritical pretending to be virtuous; deceiving; N. hypocrisy: profession of beliefs one does not possess; CF. hypocrite
paramour illicit lover
reprimand postponement or cancelation of a punishment; temporary stay; V: postpone or cancel the punishment of
filigree delicate ornamental lacelike metalwork
deterrent something that discourages or deters
backslide revert (to bad habits); N. reverter
metamorphosis change of form; Ex. metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly; V. metamorphose: change by metamorphosis
caricature distortion; burlesque
appurtenances subordinate possessions; something added to a more important thing
animadversion critical remark; V. animadvert: comment critically with disapproval
coercion use of force to get someone to object; compelling; V. coerce
quell suppress; put an end to; put down forcibly; extinguish; quiet; Ex. “Army Quells Rebellion” in newspaper; CF. kill
hover hang about; (of birds or aircraft) stay in the air in one place; (of people) wait nearby; stay around one place; waver; be in an uncertain state
studious given to diligent study
antler bony growth on the head of a deer
palpable tangible; (of something bad) easily perceptible; obvious; Ex. palpable blunder
palatable agreeable; pleasing to the taste
cremate incinerate (a corpse); N. crematory, crematorium
tablet small round piece of medicine; flat piece of stone or metal bearing an inscription; Ex. stone tablet on the wall
grunt utter a deep guttural sound (as a pig does); N.
supine lying on back; passive; inactive; Ex. The defeated pugilist lay supine; Ex. supine acceptance of the decision
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palpable tangible; (of something bad) easily perceptible; obvious; Ex. palpable blunder
palatable agreeable; pleasing to the taste
☐ moribund  dying; at the point of death; CF. death
☐ upbraid  reprimand; severely scold
☐ parody  humorous imitation; spoof; takeoff; travesty; V.
☐ jovial  good-natured; merry; cheerful
☐ encumber  burden; N. encumbrance
☐ giddy  light-hearted; not serious; frivolous; dizzy; causing dizziness; Ex. giddy youth; Ex. giddy climb/height
☐ implausible  unlikely (to be true); unbelievable; Ex. implausible alibi
☐ drudge  do drudgery; N: person who drudges
☐ suitor  man who is courting a woman
☐ far-fetched  too improbable to be believed; implausible; Ex. far-fetched story
☐ intimidate  frighten; N. intimidation
☐ ventral  abdominal
☐ utopia  ideal place, state, or society; ADJ. utopian
☐ hazardous  dangerous
☐ drastic  strong; violent and severe; Ex. drastic changes/measures
☐ impinge  infringe; encroach; influence; touch; collide with; Ex. The effects are impinging on every aspect of our lives.
☐ misgivings  doubts
☐ siren  apparatus for making sounds; womanlike creature
☐ piecemeal  one part at a time; gradually; in stages; Ex. read a novel piecemeal
☐ regimen  prescribed course of diet or exercise; prescribed diet and habits; Ex. daily regimen of a dancer
☐ temporal  of time; not lasting forever; limited by time; temporary; secular; worldly
☐ relegate  put into a lower or worse place; banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign; Ex. relegate the old furniture to the children’s room; Ex. relegate to the second division
☐ beatific  giving or showing bliss; blissful
☐ arraign  charge in court; indict
☐ antagonism  hostility; active opposition; V. antagonize: cause to become an enemy; N. antagonist: person who is opposed to another; opponent; adversary; principal character in opposition to the protagonist
☐ inchoate  (of desire, wish, plan) recently begun; not explicit; at the beginning of development; rudimentary; elementary; Ex. inchoate mass
☐ bridle  harness fitted about a horse’s head (used to restrain); curb; check; V: put a bridle on; control or restrain; show anger
☐ significant  expressing a meaning; important; Ex. significant smile; N: significance: importance; meaning; V: signify: denote; mean; signal; make known; matter; be significant
☐ aloof  apart; not open in one’s relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.
☐ stratum  layer of earth’s surface; layer of society; PL. strata
☐ lounge  stand, sit, or lie in a lazy, relaxed way
☐ lineage  descent; ancestry
☐ pendant  hanging down from something; pendant; V: hang, dangle, descend; N: ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)
☐ modish  fashionable; conforming to the current fashion
☐ circumvent  outwit; defeat by behaving more cleverly; outsmart; baffle; avoid; get around
☐ livid  lead-colored; black and blue (as from a bruise); ashen; enraged; extremely angry
☐ leery  (of someone) suspicious; wary; cautious
☐ veracious  (of a person) truthful
☐ vigil  keeping watch (during normal sleeping hours); Ex. all-night vigil
☐ parlance  language; manner of speaking; idiom; Ex. in legal/common parlance
☐ litany  supplicatory prayer; prayer in which the priest calls out and the people replies in the same words
☐ offensive  attacking; insulting; distasteful; V. offend; violate; hurt the feelings of; N. offense: offending; violating of a moral or social code; crime; attack; Ex. first offense
☐ stench  strong foul odor; reek; stink
☐ incapacitate  disable; N. incapacity: lack of capacity
☐ tramp  walk with a heavy step; travel on foot; N: vagrant; one who travels aimlessly about; long walk; sound of heavy walking
☐ functionary  official (who performs a particular function)
☐ rapacious  voracious; ravenous; taking everything one can; excessively grasping; plundering; subsisting on live prey; Ex. rapacious birds
☐ simulate  feign; imitate
☐ depose  dethrone; remove from office; give a deposition; testify
☐ conduit  aqueduct; passageway for fluids
☐ flighty  (esp. of a woman’s behavior) capricious; often changing, esp. from one lover to another; impulsive
☐ referendum  direct vote by all the people
☐ worldly  engrossed in matters of this earth; not spiritual; of the material world
☐ contrived  unnatural and forced; artificial; not spontaneous; Ex. The ending was rather contrived.
☐ ethos  underlying character of a culture, group, etc.; character or ideas peculiar to a specific person, group, or culture; Ex. the company ethos
☐ disjointed  disconnected; lacking coherence; V: disjoint: disconnect; disjoin
☐ hallowed  blessed; consecrated; Ex. hallowed ground; V. hallow: set apart as holy
☐ ecologist  person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment; person concerned with the detrimental effects of human civilization on the environment; CF. ecology
disclose  reveal; N. disclosure
weary  tired after long work; V.
encroachment  gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable time; V. encroach: take another’s possessions or right gradually or stealthily; intrude; Ex. encroach on/upon
spoof  parody
noxious  harmful; CF. obnoxious
puzzle  baffle or confuse by a difficult problem; ponder over a problem in an effort to solve; clarify or solve by reasoning; Ex. puzzle out the answer; N.
reprove  censure; rebuke; N. reproof
paleontology  study of prehistoric life or fossils; CF. paleography: study of ancient written documents
stout  rather fat; strong in body; sturdy; resolute; determined; strong in determination; Ex. stout stick/supporter
plebiscite  direct vote by the entire electorate (on an important issue)
circumlocution  indirect or roundabout expression (by using an unnecessarily large number of words esp. when trying to avoid answering a difficult question directly)
swarm  large group of insects moving in a mass; crowd of people or animals; V. move in a crowd or mass
culprit  one guilty of a crime
generality  vague statement; general statement which is not detailed; quality of being general; greater part; most; Ex. generality of people
veritable  being truly so; real or genuine; actual; not false or imaginary
respite  time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; reprieve
pragmatic  practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with practical worth or impact of something; Ex. pragmatic test of the skill
sledge  large sled drawn by work animals
seasonal  of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employment
lag  move or develop more slowly; straggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N.
tactful  careful no to cause offence; OP. tactless
unprecedented  having no previous example; novel; unparalleled
opiate  medicine to induce sleep or deaden pain; something that relieves emotions or causes inaction; sleep-producing drug containing opium
musky  having the odor of musk; N. musk: odorous substance secreted by an Asian deer
malediction  curse
fritter  waste (time or money on unimportant things)
brandish  wave around (a weapon); flourish
pugnacity  combative; disposition to fight; ADJ. pugnacious: of people belligerent; combative in nature
exasperate  vex; annoy or make angry (by testing the patience)
germinate  cause to sprout; sprout
memento  token; reminder of the past; keepsake; Ex. memento of your visit
reconnaissance  survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter: make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)
oath  solemn promise; blasphemous use of sacred words to express strong feelings; swear-word; Ex. “For Christ’s sake”
thwart  block or hinder; baffle; frustrate
vehement  forceful; intensely emotional; with marked vigor; strong; N. vehemence
contraband  illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.
wrench  twist; pull; strain; Ex. He wrenched the gun out of her hands.
dainty  delicate; delicately beautiful; fastidious; not easy to please; Ex. dainty movement/dress
zephyr  gentle breeze; west wind
waylay  ambush; lie in wait for and attack
contrite  penitent; repentant; N. contrition
treasure  keep as precious; cherish
ford  place where a river can be crossed on foot; V.
patrician  noble; aristocratic; N: person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF. plebian
 languor  lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression
foreshadow  give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend; prefigure
germane  pertinent; bearing upon(having connection with) the case at hand; appropriate
reprehensible  deserving blame; blameworthy; V. reprehend: blame
eontaenon  long period of time; an age; longest division of geologic time containing two or more eras
daub  smear (as with paint); cover with something sticky; Ex. daub one’s clothes with mud/paint; N: small bit of sticky substance; Ex. a daub of paint
subordinate  occupying a lower rank; inferior; submissive; N. V: put in a lower rank or class
antediluvian  antiquated; extremely ancient
stately  formal; ceremonious; grand in style or size; majestic
interminable  endless
☐ sobriety  moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness
☐ graduated  arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.)
☐ thespian  pertaining to drama; N: actor or actress
☐ ligneous  like wood
☐ felicity  happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.); quality of being felicitous
☐ malfeasance  wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)

☐ mural  wall painting
☐ forgo(forego)  give up; do without
☐ fuddle  make stupid or confused as with alcoholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused
☐ sustain  suffer (harm or loss); experience; support; prop; maintain; keep in existence; nourish (to maintain life); Ex. sustain the family/the trapped miners
☐ slacken  slow up; loosen; make or become slack
☐ presentiment  premonition; foreboding; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear
☐ superimpose  place over something else
☐ supplicate  petition humbly; pray to grant a favor
☐ potential  expressing possibility; latent; N: capacity for growth
☐ quip  taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.
☐ dissuade  persuade not to do; discourage; N. dissuasion
☐ hypothetical  based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N. hypothesis
☐ withhold  refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax
☐ acute  (of the senses) sharp; quickly perceptive; keen; penetrating; brief and severe; Ex. acute sense of smell/analysis/pain
☐ paltry  insignificant; petty; trifling; contemptible; Ex. paltry sum; CF. trash
☐ travail  strenuous work; toil; painful labor; labor of childbirth
☐ atone  make amends for; pay for; Ex. atone for
☐ requisite  necessary requirement; something required; ADJ: required; necessary
☐ vernacular  living language (as compared to the official language); language spoken in a country or region; natural style; Ex. lapse into the vernacular
☐ gargoyle  waterspout carved in grotesque figures on a building
☐ unfrock  defrock; strip a priest or minister of church authority
☐ apocryphal  (of a story) widely believed but untrue
☐ gnarl  protruding knot on a tree; V.
☐ riddle  pierce with holes; permeate or spread throughout; Ex. The gunman riddled the car with bullets; Ex. The whole report is riddled with errors; N. large sieve (separating earth from stone)

☐ torrent  rushing stream; flood; Ex. The rain fell in torrents.
☐ unscathed  unharmed; Ex. escape the accident unscathed
☐ anarchist  person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority
☐ strut  supporting bar; CF. airplane wing이나 building 등을 support
☐ luster  shine; gloss (of a polished surface)
☐ verisimilitude  appearance of truth; quality of appearing to be true or real; likelihood; Ex. verisimilitude of her performance as Lady Macbeth
☐ enliven  make lively or spirited; animate
☐ vulture  carrion-eating birds
☐ flowery  full of flowers; full of ornate expressions
☐ harass  annoy by repeated attacks
☐ sinister  evil; ominous
☐ devolve  deputize; pass or be passed to others (power, work, or property); Ex. devolve on/upon/to
☐ heinous  atrocious; wicked; hateful; bad; Ex. heinous crime
☐ adverse  going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile
☐ rigor  severity; Ex. rigors of the Russian winter
☐ shackle  chain; fetter; confine with shackles; N.
☐ prop  support placed under or against something; V.
☐ sumptuous  grand suggesting great expense; lavish; rich; Ex. sumptuous feast

☐ fullminate  thunder; explode; issue a severe denunciation
☐ prim  proper to the point of affectation; very precise and formal; exceedingly proper
☐ clout  great influence (especially political or social); hard blow with fist
☐ sluggish  lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug: nail with no shell
☐ dribble  flow or fall in drops; let saliva flow out slowly from the mouth; move a ball; N.
☐ prong  pointed projecting part
☐ sedulous  diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N. sedulity

☐ fashion  give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay
☐ apprehend  arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive; N. apprehension
☐ panacea  cure-all; remedy for all diseases
☐ recurrent  occurring again and again
☐ plethora  excess; overabundance; Ex. a plethora of excuses
☐ bloated  (unpleasantly) swollen or puffed as with water or air
☐ subsequent  following in time or order; later
☐ traduce  expose to slander

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prod poke (with a pointed object); stir up; urge; goad to action; N: pointed object used to prod; prodding
inequity unfairness; ADJ. inequitable
demean disgrace; humiliate; debase in dignity; behave
torque twisting force; force producing rotation
wallow roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury
foment stir up; incite; instigate; promote the growth of (something evil or unpleasant)
flashy showy; gaudy; giving a momentary brilliance
inamorata woman whom a man loves
forum public square of an ancient Roman city; public place for open discussion; court of law
blandishment flattery
 adjunct something attached to but holding an inferior position
realm kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility
anemia condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic
pinch squeeze between the thumb and a finger, or other edges; Ex. I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn’t dreaming. N: amount that can be held between the thumb and a finger
prurient having or causing lustful desires and thoughts; arousing immoderate sexual desire
erratic odd; irregular in movement or behavior; unpredictable
incinerate burn to ashes
adjoin be next to
tactile pertaining to the organs or sense of touch
fluency smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent
prolific producing offspring or fruit in abundance; fertile; fecund; abundantly fruitful; producing abundant works; Ex. prolific writer
snivel complain or whine tearfully; run at the nose; snuffle; Ex. Don’t come back sniveling to me.
philanderer faithless lover; flirt
laborious demanding much work or care; tedious
rancor long-lasting hatred; bitterness; Ex. negotiation without rancor; ADJ. rancorous
palpitate throb; beat rapidly; flutter; tremble; Ex. Her heart began to palpitate.
tread walk; trample; N: grooved face of a tire; horizontal part of a step
mat not shiny; matte; having a dull finish; N: flat piece of material used as a floor covering; V.
dissimulate pretend; conceal by feigning; dissemble
enlist (cause to) join the armed forces; obtain (help, sympathy, or support)
rally come or bring together; call up or summon (forces, vital powers, etc.); revive or recuperate (after illness or difficulty); N: act of rallying; mass gathering
crest top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird
cadaverous like a corpse; pale
outrage act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; ADJ. outrageous: offensive
reciprocate do or give something in return; repay in kind; give or take mutually; interchange; move backwards and forwards; Ex. reciprocate his invitation by inviting him; N. reciprocity: reciprocal relationship; mutual interchange of advantages between two groups; Ex. reciprocity in trading rights
mischief behavior (of children) causing trouble with no serious harm; damage; harm; Ex. mischief to the crops; ADJ. mischievous: causing mischief; playfully troublesome
mite very small object or insect-like creature; small coin
placebo harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill
impeccable faultless
terminal part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; ADJ. forming an end; ending in death; fatal; Ex. terminal cancer
figment invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination
refute disprove; prove to be false; N. refutation
pretend feign; pretend to: claim to possess; make pretensions to; Ex. I don’t pretend to much expertise; N. pretense
rampart defensive mound of earth
wont (the stated person’s) habit or custom; habitual procedure; ADJ. wonted: customary
animated lively; spirited
indomitable unconquerable; unyielding
feasible practical; able to be carried out; practicable
indignity treatment or situation that causes shame or loss of dignity, respect; offensive or insulting treatment; humiliating or degrading treatment; Ex. I suffered the indignity of having to say that in front of them.
contusion bruise
dotage senility; feeblemindedness of old age; Ex. In one’s dotage
wrinkle small ridge on a smooth surface (face or cloth); V.
amazon female warrior
ambidextrous capable of using either hand with equal ease
malicious hateful; spiteful; expressing malice; N. malice: desire to harm others; spite
- disseminate: distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)
- grim: causing great fear; unrelenting; determined in spite of fear; Ex. grim smile
- lavish: liberal; wasteful; generous or wasteful in giving or using; abundant; profuse; great; Ex. decorated lavishly; V. give in abundance
- impenitent: not repentant
- obstreperous: boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable
- substantial: of substance; material; solid; essential or fundamental; ample; considerable; well-to-do; wealthy
- affinity: feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages
- executive: person having administrative authority; one branch of government executing laws; ADJ: relating to executing
- gullible: easily deceived
- subsidy: direct financial aid by government, etc.; V. subsidize: assist with a subsidy
- Shangri-la: imaginary remote paradise on earth; CF. Lost Horizon
- recrimination: countercharges; V. recriminate
- procrastinate: postpone; delay or put off
- agitate: stir up; disturb
- disquisition: formal systematic inquiry; explanation of the results of a formal inquiry; long formal speech or written report
- contaminate: pollute
- amiss: wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.
- potentate: monarch; sovereign
- pristine: unspoiled; remaining in a pure state; characteristic of earlier times; primitive; Ex. an old book in pristine condition
- homage: honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to
- choleric: hot-tempered; bad-tempered; irritable; easily angered; CF. cholera
- heed: pay attention to; N: close attention
- extraneous: not essential; irrelevant; superfluous; external; coming from the outside; Ex. extraneous details/noise/to the subject
- suffragist: advocate of the extension of voting rights (for women); CF. suffrage
- finesse: delicate skill; V: handle with finesse
- propagate: increase in number by producing young; multiply; spread; Ex. Most plants propagate by seed; Ex. newspaper propagating their ideas
- foil: contrast; one that by contrast enhances the distinctive characteristics of another
- transcendent: exceeding ordinary limits; superior; surpassing; V. transcend: go beyond; exceed; surpass; N. transcendency
- hermetic: sealed by fusion so as to be airtight; airtight
- ablation: washing
- dinghy: small boat (often ship’s boat)
- propinquity: nearness (in space or relationship); proximity; kinship
- innovation: change; something newly introduced; introduction of something new; V. innovate: begin or introduce (something new); be creative; ADJ. innovative
- writ: written command issued by a court (telling someone to do or not to do something)
- schematic: of a schema or scheme; relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols; N. schema: diagrammatic representation; outline
- ego: one’s opinion of oneself; self-esteem
- score: number of points; written form of a musical composition; reason; group of 20; notch or incision; Ex. full/vocal score; Ex. Don’t worry on that score; V. mark with lines or notches; Ex. score the paper to make it easy to fold
- venture: risk; expose to risk; dare; undertake a risk; N.
- garbled: mixed up; jumbled; distorted; V. garble: mix up or distort (a message) to such an extent as to make misleading or unintelligible
- iniquitous: wicked; immoral; unrighteous; N. iniquity; Ex. den of iniquity
- existential: pertaining to existence; pertaining to the philosophy of existentialism
- catholic: (of likings and interests) universal; general; broad; including many different parts; wide-ranging liberal; Ex. catholic opinions/tastes
- lunar: pertaining to the moon
- mirage: unreal reflection; optical illusion
- tawny: brownish yellow
- actuary: someone who advises insurance companies
- predecessor: former occupant of a post
- axiom: self-evident truth requiring no proof
- cessation: stoppage
- raffle: lottery; V: award as a prize in a raffle; Ex. raffle off a new car
- indecisive: marked by indecision; inconclusive; Ex. indecisive battle
- euthanasia: mercy killing
- sodden: thoroughly soaked; dull or stupid as if from drink
- precedent: preceding (in time, rank, etc.)
- evince: show clearly
- flourish: grow well; prosper; make sweeping gestures; wave; brandish; Ex. The trees flourished in the sun. N: showy movement or gesture; embellishment or ornamentation (esp. in handwriting)
- rescind: repeal; annul; cancel (a law, decision, or agreement)
intrepid fearless

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

alliteration repetition of beginning sound in poetry

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

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

compunction remorse; strong uneasiness caused by guilt

circumscribe limit; confine; draw a line around

takeoff burlesque; act of leaving the ground

elope run away secretly with the intention of getting married

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

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

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

overblown inflated; exaggerated

artless without guile; open and honest

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

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

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

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

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

rile irritate; vex; muddy

fortitude bravery; courage; strength of mind

piscatorial pertaining to fishing; CF. Pisces

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

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

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

jab poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows

panache flair; manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache; CF. 잔 아레로 찬을 빼내는 습식

stanch stop or check flow of blood; Ex. stanch the gushing wound

testy irritable; impatient and bad-tempered; short-tempered; N. testiness

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

animosity active enmity

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

mandatory obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate

perspicacious (of someone) having insight; penetrating; astute

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

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

espionage spying

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

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

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

compulsory obligatory; that must be done

halcyon calm; peaceful; Ex. halcyon days

suppress put an end to forcibly; subdue; stifle; overwhelm; inhibit the expression of; check; prevent from being published or made public; Ex. suppress a smile; Ex. suppress the magazine/truth

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

fortuitous accidental; by chance; N. fortuity

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

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

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

phobia morbid fear

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

cerebration thought; working of the brain

annuity yearly allowance

unexceptionable entirely acceptable; not offering any basis for criticism

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

platitude trite remark; commonplace statement; ADJ. platitudinous
charm  quality of pleasing; amulet; action or formula thought to have magical power; spell; V: attract; cast a spell on; bewitch

hubbub  confused uproar; loud noise; din

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

morose  ill-humored; sullen; sullenly melancholy

maneuver (manoeuvre)  strategic military or naval movement (done for training purposes); carefully planned process; stratagem; V: carry out a military maneuver; use maneuvers in gaining an end

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

amnesia  loss of memory

pedestal  support or base as for a pillar or statue

clime  climate

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

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

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

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

peddle  travel about selling (wares); CF. foot

unceremonious  not done politely without due formalities

festive  joyous; celebratory; relating to a feast or festival

typhoon  tropical hurricane or cyclone

antecede  precede

apiary  a place where bees are kept

humdrum  dull; monotonous

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

roseate  rosy; optimistic; Ex. roseate views

forthright  straightforward; direct; frank

degenerate  become worse in quality; deteriorate; ADJ: having become worse; Ex. a degenerate species; N: depraved or corrupt person

incipient  beginning; in an early stage

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

antiseptic  substance that prevents infection in a wound; ADJ.

virtue  goodness; moral excellence; good quality; advantage; Ex. by virtue of; Ex. make a virtue of necessity

exemplary  serving as a model; outstanding; Ex. exemplary punishment/behavior; N. exemplar: typical example; model

indecision  irresolution; inability to make up one’s mind

ponderous  having great weight; weighty; unwieldy; lacking lightness; dull; Ex. ponderous body/style of writing

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

posture  assume an affected pose; act artificially; N: pose; attitude

comeback  retort; quick clever reply; return to former status

acclivity  sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity

dummy  imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy

purport  intention; purpose; meaning; V: claim; profess; Ex. order which purports to be signed by the general

terminus  last stop of railroad; end

nuance  shade of slight difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction

bewitch  cast a spell over; captivate completely

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

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

acne  skin disease (on the face)

metrical  metric; written in the form of poetry; Ex. metrical translation of Homer

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

inherent  firmly established by nature or habit; intrinsic

fidelity  loyalty; accuracy

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standstill  condition of no movement or activity; stop

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

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

obeisance  bow (to show respect and obedience)
carillon a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played
sleight dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks
actuarial calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics
ramble wander aimlessly (physically or mentally); digress
lustrous shining; brilliant; Ex. lustrous hair
substantiate support (a claim) with evidence; establish with evidence; verify
resolution determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose
awl pointed tool used for piercing
urge drive or force forward (by causing impulses); drive to take action; impel; entreat earnestly; Ex. urge horses; N: impulse that prompts action
vigilante one who without authority assumes law enforcement powers
hatch deck opening; lid covering a deck opening; V: emerge from an egg; produce (young) from an egg
irreparable not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair
herpetologist one who studies reptiles; CF. herpetology: branch of zoology that deals with reptiles and amphibians
saturate soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity
medley mixture
improvident thriftless; not providing for the future
connivance pretense of ignorance of something wrong; assistance; permission to offend; V. connive: feign ignorance (of a wrong); cooperate secretly in an illegal action; conspire
verdigris green coating or patina on copper which has been exposed to the weather
pusillanimous cowardly; lacking courage; fainthearted
clique small exclusive group of people
congruence correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship; CF. congruity
dexterous skillful; skill in using hands or mind; N. dexterity
beware be cautious (of)
relent become less severe; give in(surrender); ADJ. relentless: unyielding; continuously severe
senility old age; feeblemindedness of old age; ADJ. senile: resulting from old age; showing the weakness of body or mind from old age; Ex. senile dementia
xenophobia fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe
jest playful remark or act; V. act or speak playfully
expository explanatory; serving to explain; N. exposition: explaining; exhibition
catechism book for religious instruction in question-and-answer form; religious instruction by question and answer; V. catechize
overbearing bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing manner/importance; V. overbear: dominate
indissoluble permanent; impossible to dissolve or disintegrate
rotund (of a person) fat and round
contention assertion; claim; thesis; struggling; competition
treatise article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly
exude flow out slowly; discharge (gradually); give forth; N. exudation
creed system of religious or ethical belief
scrimmage disorderly fight between two or more people
delete erase; strike out
mandate order; charge; authoritative command; power to govern another country; power to give to a government; region under administration; V: give a mandate to; place under a mandate; Ex. mandated territory
astral relating to the stars
quicksilver mercury
buoyant able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market
prostate stretch out full on ground; make prostate; energize; Ex. prostrating illness; ADJ: lying face down; having lost all strength
embryonic undeveloped; rudimentary; N. embryo: organism in the early stage of development
exegesis explanation, especially of biblical(of the bible) passages
quizzical curious; suggesting puzzlement (without saying); questioning; teasing; mocking; bantering; Ex. quizzical glance
retrospective looking back on the past; N. retrospection; V. retrospect
monetary pertaining to money
sidereal relating to stars; Ex. sidereal day
quibble minor objection or complaint; V: raise minor objections; carp
controvert oppose with arguments; attempt to refute; contradict; ADJ. controversial; N. controversy
ordination ceremony conferring holy orders; ceremony of ordaining a priest
coeval living at the same time as; existing during the same period of time; contemporary; of the same age
nullify make invalid; make null; invalidate
prolixity tedious wordiness; verbosity; ADJ. prolix: wordy; verbose; diffuse
- **equity** fairness; justice; OP. inequity
- **derivative** unoriginal; obtained from another source; Ex. derivative prose style; N.
- **intimate** hint; suggest; imply; ADJ: marked by close relationship; familiar; private; personal; Ex. intimate knowledge/thoughts in the diary; N: close friend or confidant; CF. intimacy
- **retinue** following; attendants
- **dabble** work at in a nonserious fashion; splash around; move noisily in a liquid
- **penetrate** enter into; pierce; permeate; see through; grasp the inner significance of; understand
- **swamp** wetland; marsh; V: flood; overwhelm; drench in with liquid
- **inquisitive** eager for knowledge; unduly curious
- **feint** trick; shift; sham blow; feigned attack to draw away defensive action; V.
- **portly** stout; corpulent
- **irreproachable** beyond reproach; blameless; impeccable; Ex. irreproachable conduct
- **couple** join; unite; OP. uncouple
- **caprice** whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause
- **compound** combine; produce by combining; increase; make worse by adding to or increasing; exacerbate; Ex. compound an error; ADJ: consisting of two or more parts; N: combination of two or more parts; area enclosed by a wall containing a group of buildings; Ex. factory compound; CF. complex
- **capsize** (of a boat) turn over
- **nonentity** person of no importance; nonexistence
- **mulct** defraud a person of something; swindle; Ex. mulct the boy of his legacy
- **egregious** notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking
- **attentive** alert and watchful; listening carefully; paying attention; considerate; thoughtful; politely helpful; Ex. attentive audience; Ex. He was attentive to the old lady; N. attentions: act of courtesy and consideration
- **propitious** favorable; auspicious; advantageous; fortunate; Ex. propitious day/sign
- **synoptic** providing a general overview; summary; N. synopsis
- **opprobrium** infamy; disgrace arising from shameful conduct; vilification(slander); scorn; contempt; Ex. opprobrium hurled against him; ADJ. opprobrious: expressing contempt; shameful or infamous
- **despondent** without hope and courage; depressed; gloomy; N. despondency: loss of hope with gloom; dejection
- **derivation** deriving; origin or source of something; Ex. the derivation of the word
- **concise** brief and compact
- **exclaim** cry out suddenly; N. exclamation; ADJ. exclamation
- **chuckle** laugh quietly
- **ossify** change or harden into bone; become hard and unchanging in one’s ideas
- **tarantula** venomous spider
- **chapel** small church (in a prison, college, or hospital)
- **molten** melted; Ex. molten lava
- **egotistical** egotistic; excessively self-centered(egocentric); self-important; conceited
- **rave** overwhelmingly favorable review; V: talk wildly as if mad; Ex. raving lunatic
- **usurp** seize another’s power or rank (without legal authority); supplant; appropriate; N. usurpation; CF. take for one’s own use
- **reiterate** repeat
- **compliant** readily acting in accordance with a rule, order, or the wishes or others; yielding; conforming to requirements
- **dote** be excessively fond of; show signs of mental decline
- **obstetrician** physician specializing in delivery(assisting in giving birth) of babies; N. obstetrics; CF. midwife
- **musty** stale (in odor or taste); spoiled by age; CF. moist
- **attest** testify; bear witness
- **thrifty** careful about money; economical; N. thrift
- **finish** surface texture; completeness of execution
- **oracular** of an oracle; prophetic; uttered as if with divine authority; mysterious or ambiguous; hard to understand; N. oracle: wiser person; prophecy made by an oracle
- **anomalous** abnormal; irregular
- **dowry** money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage
- **rebate** return of part of a payment; discount; V.
- **conglomerate** corporation made up of several different companies in diversified fields; mass of various material gathered together; rock consisting of small stones held together by clay; V.
- **chant** tune(melody) in which a number of words are sung on the same note; V: sing (a chant); utter (a slogan) in the manner of a chant
- **gustatory** affecting or relating to the sense of taste
- **droll** queer and amusing
- **incentive** spur; motive; something which encourages one to greater activity
- **sound** in good condition; showing good judgment or good sense; thorough; complete; Ex. sound mind/investment/training
- **secular** worldly; not pertaining to church matters or religion; temporal
- **blue** gloomy; depressed
- **expurgate** clean; remove offensive parts of a book
- **gratuity** tip
- **latitude** freedom from narrow limitations
- **equine** resembling a horse; Ex. equine face
- **interregnum** period between two successive reigns or governments
- **memoir** memoirs; autobiography; biography
- **aghast** filled with great surprise or fear; horrified
- **regime** method of system or government
- **bowdlerize** expurgate; CF. Thomas Bowdler
- **discombobulated** discomposed; confused
- **proscenium** part of stage in front of curtain; front arch of a stage
- **dormer** window projecting upright from roof; CF. sleeping room
- **panoramic** denoting an unobstructed and comprehensive view; N. panorama: unbroken view of a wide area
- **endemic** prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country; peculiar to a particular region or people; CF. pandemic
- **chorus** phrase repeated throughout a song or poem
- **except** exclude; N. exception: objection; exclusion; ADJ. exceptional: unusual; of unusually high quality
- **fervor** glowing ardor; intensity of feeling; quality of being fervent or fervid; zeal; intense heat
- **urbane** suave; refined in manner; elegant
- **cite** quote; commend; Ex. cited for bravery in an official record
- **ignominious** deep disgrace; shame or dishonor; ADJ. ignominious; Ex. ignominious defeat
- **inured** accustomed; hardened; Ex. inured to the Alaskan cold; V. inure: make used to something undesirable; harden; CF. unfeeling
- **unearth** dig up; discover (facts) by careful searching; Ex. He unearthed some secrets about her; OP . conceal
- **padre** chaplain (in the armed forces)
- **predicament** difficult situation; tricky or dangerous situation; dilemma
- **torpedo** underwater explosive apparatus; V.
- **prestige** respect or admiration; impression produced by achievements or reputation; ADJ: causing admiration; ADJ. prestigious: having prestige
- **scheme** systematic plan; plot; clever dishonest plan; orderly arrangement of elements; Ex. health insurance scheme; Ex. a scheme to escape taxes; Ex. a color scheme; Ex. a story with no scheme; V: contrive a scheme
- **rhapsody** excessively enthusiastic expression of feeling; musical composition of irregular form (as if made up as one plays it)
- **entity** real being
- **distract** take (one’s attention) off something; upset emotionally; make anxious; ADJ. distracted
- **anthropologist** student of the history and science of humankind
- **cavil** quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily
- **malodorous** foul-smelling
- **tribunal** court of justice
- **quay** dock; wharf; landing place (for boats)
- **military** social environment; means of expression; Ex. feel out of one’s milieu; Ex. His proper milieu is watercolor.
- **reticent** inclined to silence; uncommunicative; reserved; Ex. He was reticent about the reasons; N. reticence
- **inhibited** (of a person) unable to express what one really feels
- **dolorous** sorrowful; N. dolor
- **remission** temporary moderation (of disease symptoms); remitting of a debt or punishment; cancelation of a debt; pardon; Ex. The disease went into remission; Ex. Christians pray for the remission of sins.
- **exorcise** drive out evil spirits
- **caulk(calk)** make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)
- **estimable** (of a person) worthy of esteem; admirable; deserving esteem; possible to estimate
- **bouillon** clear beef (or meat) soup
- **taciturn** habitually silent; talking little
- **loath** reluctant; unwilling; disinclined; Ex. Romeo and Juliet were both loath for him to go.
- **saccharine** cloying sweet; characteristic of sugar or saccharin
- **indiscriminate** choosing at random; confused; not based on careful distinctions
- **impalpable** imperceptible(not easily understood); intangible; OP. palpable: tangible; easily perceptible
- **jettison** throw overboard (from a ship or plane)
- **futile** useless; hopeless; ineffectual
- **altruistic** unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism
- **viand** food; CF. live
- **foible** small weakness of character; slight fault; CF. feeble
- **mauve** pale purple
- **solder** repair or make whole by using a metal alloy; N: metal alloy (usually tin and lead) used in the molten state to join metallic parts
prominent  protruding(sticking out); conspicuous; notable; eminent
tract  propaganda pamphlet (esp. by a religious or political group); expanse of land; region of indefinite size; system of related organs; Ex. digestive tract
novice  beginner
mutinous  unruly; rebellious; Ex. mutinous teenagers; N. mutiny: open rebellion; CF. mutineer
connubial  pertaining to marriage or the matrimonial state
crust  hard outer covering (as of earth or snow)
digression  wandering away from the subject; V. digress
adjacent  adjoining; neighboring; close by
troth  pledge of good faith especially in betrothal; betrothal; Ex. by my troth
fervent  ardent; zealous; hot
log  record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities; section of a trunk; V.
rail  complain bitterly; scold; rant; Ex. the weaker railing against injustices
incongruity  lack of harmony; absurdity; ADJ. incongruous: lacking in harmony; inappropriate
comatose  in a coma; extremely sleepy
outspoken  candid; blunt
resilient  elastic; having the power of springing back; able to recover quickly (as from misfortune)
grate  make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred by rubbing against a rough surface; Ex. grated cheese N: framework of metal bars to hold fuel in a fireplace
prevaricate  lie; hide the truth (by equivocating)
natation  swimming
articulate  effective; distinct; expressing ideas clearly; having clear sounds; having joints; Ex. articulate speech; V. express thoughts and feeling clearly; pronounce clearly; unite by joints
arbiter  person with power to decide a matter in dispute; judge who is in a position to make influential judgments; Ex. supreme arbiter of fashion in beachware
aversion  firm dislike
preamble  introductory statement

unwarranted  unjustified; having no justification; groundless; baseless; undeserved
proletarian  member of the working class; blue collar guy; N. proletariat: working class (who have to work for wages)
pulchritude  beauty; comeliness; ADJ. pulchritudinous
embezzlement  taking for one’s own use in violation of trust; stealing (of money placed in one’s care)
toady  servile flatterer; yes man; sycophant; V: be a toady to; fawn
disparate  basically different; impossible to compare; unrelated
abscond  depart secretly and hide
mendacious  lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity
anticlimax  letdown in thought or emotion; something unexciting, ordinary, or disappointing coming after something important or exciting
inquisitor  questioner (especially harsh); investigator; person making an inquisition
pilfer  steal things of small value; filch; snitch
effluvium  noxious(harmful) smell
sardonic  scornfully mocking; disdainful; sarcastic; cynical; Ex. sardonic smile
amulet  charm; talisman; an object worn believed to protect against evil, bad luck
transcribe  copy; write a copy of; N. transcription
rant  speak violently or excitedly; rave; talk excitedly showing anger; scold; make a grandiloquent speech; Ex. The priest ranted about the devil.
vindicate  clear from blame; free from blame or accusation (with supporting proof); exonerate; substantiate; justify or support; avenge; Ex. vindicate one’s client; Ex. vindicate one’s claim; CF. vindicator
divel  nonsense; foolishness; V: talk nonsense
unregenerate  making no attempt to change one’s bad practices
haven  place of safety; refuge; harbor; Ex. tax haven
foist  insert improperly; impose upon another by coercion; palm off; pass off as genuine or worthy; CF. fist
contagion  infection (by contact); ADJ. contagious; CF. infectious: that can be passed by infection in the air
subterfuge  stratagem(deceptive scheme); pretense; evasion; Ex. resort to a harmless subterfuge
windfall  fallen fruit; unexpected lucky event
stipple  paint or draw with dots or short strokes
irascible  irritable; easily angered
trilogy  group of three related works (connected by a shared subject but each complete in itself)
- **carosol** /-dronken revel; V. carouse
- **pedigree** /-ancestry; lineage
- **orifice** /mouthlike opening; small opening (esp. to a cavern or passage of the body); CF. mouth
- **sinuous** /twisting; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest
- **nonplus** /put at a loss; bring to a halt by confusion; perplex; CF. no more
- **earthly** /of this earth; terrestrial; worldly; not divine; possible; Ex. no earthly reason
- **dowse** /use a divining rod to search for underground water or minerals
- **miscellaneous** /made up of a variety of parts
- **bountiful** /generous; graciously generous; showing bounty
- **glacial** /like a glacier; of an ice age; extremely cold; Ex. glacial epoch; CF. iceberg
- **expedite** /hasten; make go faster
- **expiate** /make amends for (a sin)
- **ward** /administrative division of a city; division in a hospital or prison; incompetent person placed under the protection of a guardian; V. guard; ward off; avert
- **flippant** /lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy
- **embellish** /adorn; ornament; enhance as a story (by adding fictitious details)
- **indolent** /lazу
- **impersonal** /not being a person; not showing personal feelings; Ex. impersonal force/manner/organization
- **conformity** /harmony; agreement with established rules or customs; similarity; Ex. behave in conformity with; V. conform: be similar; act in agreement; comply; Ex. conform to the rule; CF. conformance
- **brink** /edge (at the top of a cliff); Ex. on the brink of the Grand Canyon
- **nubile** /marriageable; of marriageable age; CF. connubial
- **criteria** /standards used in judging; CF. criterion
- **soothsayer** /one who foretells the future
- **clot** /half-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V.
- **artifice** /deception; trickery
- **prowess** /extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle
- **fruitful** /producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance
- **adroit** /skillful (in using mind or hand)
- **agenda** /items of business at a meeting
- **guile** /deceit; duplicity; williness; cunning; Ex. persuade her by guile
- **cemetery** /place for burying the dead
- **bourgeois** /middle class; selfishly materialistic; too interested in material possessions
- **loathe** /detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell
- **calculated** /deliberately planned; likely
- **obscure** /dark; vague; unclear; not well known; Ex. obscure meaning/village; V. darken; cover; make unclear; Ex. obscure the moon/meaning
- **physiological** /pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms; N. physiology
- **bellicose** /warlike
- **headfirst** /moving with the head leading; headlong
- **stipulate** /state as a necessary condition (of an agreement); make express conditions; specify; Ex. He stipulated payment in advance
- **zest** /outer skin of an orange used for giving a special taste to food; spice; interest; flavor; spirited enjoyment; Ex. add a certain zest to the affair; Ex. zest for life
- **virile** /manly; having masculine spirit or strength; full of strength
- **opportune** /timely; well-chosen
- **benevolent** /generous; charitable; having a wish to do good
- **perversion** /corruption; turning from right to wrong
- **protract** /prolong; lengthen in time; draw out
- **effeminate** /having womanly traits
- **anvil** /iron block used in hammering out metals
- **ooze** /of a thick liquid) pass or flow slowly; N. mud or thick liquid as at the bottom of a river
- **deciduous** /falling off at a specific season or stage of growth as of leaves; Ex. deciduous tree/teeth
- **recital** /act of reciting publicly; detailed account; performance of music or dance (by a solo performer)
- **effectual** /able to produce a desired effect; valid
- **chauvinist** /blindly devoted patriot; zealous adherent of a group, cause, or sex; ADJ. chauvinistic; CF. chauvinism; Nicolas Chauvin
- **swarthy** /of a skin or complexion) dark; dusky; Ex. swarthy Italian?
- **alluvial** /pertaining to soil deposits left by running water
- **quadruped** /four-footed animal; AdJ. CF. biped
- **facet** /small plane surface (of a gem/precious stone); a side
- **epilogue** /short speech at conclusion of dramatic work
- **permeable** /that can be permeated; penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through; V. permeate: spread or flow throughout; charge
- **bicameral** /two-chambered as a legislative body
- **primal** /first in rank or importance; being first in time; original; Ex. man’s primal innocence
- **kneel** /go down on one’s knee(s)
- repress hold back (the natural expression of); restrain; crush; oppress; Ex. repressed child; Ex. repress a laugh/rebellion
- celestial heavenly
- counterpart thing that completes another; things very much alike; thing that has the same purpose in a different system

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- gratuitous given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for; done without good reason; Ex. gratuitous comment
- bulge protruding part; swelling of a surface; Ex. The apple made a bulge in his pocket; V: swell outward; protrude
- deference courteous regard for another’s wish; courteous yielding to another’s wish or opinion (showing respect); ADJ. deferential; OP . effrontery
- cavalier casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight
- stodgy dull; stuffy; boringly conservative; Ex. stodgy book
- ungainly (of someone) awkward in movement; clumsy; (of something) unwieldy; Ex. ungainly dancer/instrument
- judiciary judicial branch of government
- loiter hang about/around; stand idly about; linger
- aggrandize make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement
- elixir cure-all; panacea; something invigorating
- improvise compose on the spur of the moment
- mollify soothe an angry person
- deadpan wooden; impassive; with no show of feeling; with an expressionless face
- rightful legally correct; Ex. rightful owner
- naiveté(naivity) quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility; ADJ. naive(naïve): ingenuous; lacking worldliness; simple; credulous
- roué lecherous man
- char make or become black by burning; reduce or be reduced to carbon or charcoal(black substance made by burning wood) by incomplete combustion
- recession withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity
- colossus gigantic statue; person or thing of great size or importance
- magniloquent boastful; pompous
- pestle tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar
- irreconcilable impossible to reconcile; incompatible; not able to be resolved
- ecliptic path of the sun and the planets
- sherbet flavored dessert ice
- capitulate surrender; give up all resistance
- fleck spot; mark with flecks; N: small mark or spot
- rare (of air) thin in density; rarefied; Ex. rare air of the mountains
- hegemony dominance especially of one nation over others
- insolence impudent disrespect; haughtiness; ADJ. insolent; CF. haughty + rude
- infallible unerring; never making mistakes
- pinnacle peak; highest point; acme; Ex. pinnacle of fame
- spatula broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing
- chide scold; rebuke (someone who has done wrong)
- haunt (of a spirit) visit (a place); come to mind continually; visit (a place) regularly; frequent; Ex. haunted house; Ex. haunted by his last words; N: place much frequented
- statutory created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit
- carnal fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body
- thrall slave; bondage; slavery; Ex. Her beauty held him in thrall; CF. enthrall
- gull trick; deceive; hoodwink; N: person who is easily tricked; dupe
- amenable obedient; compliant; readily managed; responsive; willing to be led; answerable or accountable legally; responsible; able to be tested by; Ex. amenable to sensible suggestions; Ex. He is very amenable; Ex. amenable to the usual tests
- seismic pertaining to earthquakes
- vagrant homeless wanderer
- pessimism belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess; tendency to take the gloomiest possible view of a situation; ADJ. pessimistic
- sublimate refine; purify; replace (natural urges) with socially acceptable activities; change between a solid state and a gaseous state
- reputable respectable; having a good reputation
- salvage rescue (goods or property) from loss; N: saving; property saved
- repel drive away; disgust; Ex. repel the attack/moisture; Ex. repelled by the dirty room; CF. repulsion
- disengage uncouple; separate; disconnect; stop fighting; OP. engage
- exacting extremely demanding; Ex. exacting standard of safety
- endearment fond word or act; expression of affection
- cabal small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests
- jaded tired or uninterested by surfeit; fatigued; surfeted; worn out; wearied; Ex. jaded appetite
- glow shine brightly without a flame (as of eyes or metals); show redness and heat (in the face) after hard work or because of strong feelings; N: light produced by a heated body; brilliance of a color
abominable  detestable; extremely unpleasant

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

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

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

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

abortive unsuccessful; fruitless

dilapidated broken-down; dilapidation (state of) dilapidated; CF. repair

rotunda circular building or hall covered with a dome

divest remove; strip (of something); divorced from; take legally; V. divorced: (from) divorced

blanch bleach; whiten; make white or pale

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

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

circllet small ring; band of gold, silver, jewel, etc. (worn on the head, arms, or neck as decoration)
sensual devoted to the pleasures of the sense; carnal; voluptuous; Ex. sensual woman/curves/lips

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

culinary relating to cooking or kitchen

ultimate final; not susceptible to further analysis; fundamental; Ex. The sun is the ultimate source of energy.
supposition assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V. suppose

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

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

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

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

propulsive driving forward; N. propulsion

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

provident providing for future needs; displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies; OP. improvident
elegy poem or song expressing lamentation (for the dead); ADJ. elegiacal, elegiac

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