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- **bastion** stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism
- **growl** low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)
- **maverick** rebel; nonconformist (in a group)
- **lethargic** drowsy; dull; N. lethargy: state of sluggishness and inactivity
- **paraphernalia** equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity; personal belongings; Ex. photographic paraphernalia; CF. married woman’s property exclusive of her dowry
- **mores** conventions; moral standards; moral customs
- **timidity** lack of self-confidence or courage
- **understate** state with less truth than seems warranted by the facts; Ex. He understated the seriousness of the crime; N. understate; OP. overstate
- **protocol** diplomatic etiquette; ceremony and etiquette observed by diplomats; first copy of a treaty before its ratification; Ex. Protocol demands that the queen meet him at the airport.
- **braid** plait; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; N: braided segment (as of hair)
- **acquiesce** assent; agree passively; comply without protest
- **favoritism** display of partiality toward a favored person
- **wake** trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before; Ex. hunger followed in the wake of the war
- **draught** current of air (through a room or to a fire); act of pulling roads; act of swallowing liquid or amount of liquid swallowed at a time
- **betoken** signify; indicate; be a sign of
- **aviary** enclosure for birds; large cage
- **waggish** humorous; mischievous; tricky
- **adapt** make or become suitable for a specific use; alter; modify; adjust; N. adaptation: act of adapting; composition recast into a new form; Ex. The play is an adaptation of a short novel.
- **bugaboo** bugbear; object of baseless terror
- **foliage** masses of leaves; CF. defoliate
- **satellite** small body revolving around a larger one
- **bungle** mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior
- **reinstate** restore to a previous condition or position
- **mnemonic** pertaining to memory; assisting the memory; N: device, such as as formula or rhyme, used as a mnemonic aid
- **conscript** draftee; person forced into military service; V.
- **contend** struggle; compete; assert earnestly; state strongly
- **functional** made for practical use only (without decoration); functioning; Ex. functional modern furniture; CF. functionalism
- **punctilious** minutely attentive (perhaps too much so) to fine points; stressing niceties of conduct or form; N. punctiliousness: careful attention payed to every small exact detail
- **imbecility** weaknes of mind; state of being imbecile; N. imbecile: stupid person; fool
- **rebuke** scold harshly; criticize severely
- **facile** easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial; not deep; Ex. facile solution to a complex problem; Ex. facile speaker; N. facility: ability to do something easily and well; ease in doing resulting from skill or aptitude; something that facilitates an action; amenity; Ex. with great facility
- **hardy** (of people or animals) sturdy; robust; (of plants) able to stand inclement(stormy) weather
- **penury** extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy
- **venal** capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF. vernal
- **fit** fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower
- **magnate** person of prominence or influence; powerful or influential person (in business or industry); Ex. oil magnate
- **botch** mismanage; blow
- **citadel** fortress
- **libidinous** lustful
- **mendicant** beggar; ADJ: living as a beggar
- **oaf** stupid awkward person; CF. elf
- **voyeur** Peeping Tom; person who derives sexual gratification from observing the sexual acts of others
- **docile** obedient; easily managed; submissive
- **vitiate** spoil the effect of; make inoperative; corrupt morally
- **narrative** related to telling a story; N: narrated account; story; V. narrate: tell (a story); CF. narration
- **derision** ridicule; ADJ, derisive; CF. derisory
- **cupidity** greed (for wealth); CF. cupid; CF. Cupid
- **savor** pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex. savory reputation
- **rank** offensive in odor or flavor
- **quisling** traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling
- **tact** skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offence
- **fallacious** false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument
- **trim** make neat or tidy by clipping; reduce by removing what is unnecessary; ornament; decorate (round the edges); Ex. trim the cost; Ex. jacket trimmed with fur; N. ADJ: tidy; in good order
- **compartment** one of the parts into which an enclosed space is divided
square - 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

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; corpulent; Ex. gross insolence/behavior; V. earn as a total amount; N: 12 dozens

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

mismember - 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 unrepressed; free in behavior and feelings
□ amnesty pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)
□ stint supply; allotted amount of work; assigned portion of work; limitation; Ex. two-year stint in the army; Ex. without stint
□ spin rotate swiftly; make (thread) by twisting (cotton, wool, etc.); N.
□ grumble complain; mutter discontentedly; grouch; N.
□ recondite abstruse; not easily understood; profound; secret
□ consonance harmony; agreement
□ enduring lasting; surviving; V. endure: bear (pain or suffering) for a long time; remain alive (in spite of difficulties); last; survive
□ concave hollow; curved inwards; OP. convex
□ forward presumptuous or bold
□ astigmatism eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP. stigmatism
□ singular being only one; individual; unique; extraordinary; odd; Ex. singular beauty/behavior
□ augury omen; prophecy; sign of coming events; V. augur: predict; foretell; be a sign of (something in future)
□ tribulation suffering; ordeal; distress; trial
□ cater provide food and drink (for); cater to: try to satisfy (desires of a bad kind)
□ sartorial pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex. a man of great sartorial elegance; CF. sartor: tailor
□ slur slander; insult to one’s character or reputation; V.
□ quarry person or animal of pursuit; victim; object of a hunt; prey
□ queue line (of waiting people or vehicles)
□ funereal sad; solemn; suitable for a funeral
□ genre particular variety of art or literature
□ amphibian able to live both on land and in water; N.
□ ineluctable irresistible; not to be escaped; unavoidable
□ appall dismay; shock deeply
□ analgesia condition of being unable to feel pain
□ resign give up (a position, right, or claim); submit (oneself) passively
□ pang sudden sharp feeling of pain
□ incontinent lacking self-restraint; not continent; licentious
□ stickler perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right
□ inclined tending or leaning toward; bent; V. incline: slant; dispose; be disposed; tend
□ episodic (of a story or play) loosely connected; made up of separate and loosely connected parts; N. episode: incident in the course of an experience
□ seasonable occurring at the proper time or season; opportunity; Ex. seasonable intervention in the dispute
□ astringent binding; causing contraction (stopping bleeding); harsh or severe; stringent; Ex. astringent criticism
□ quotient daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine
□ stanza division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)
□ sentinel sentry; lookout
□ saga Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative

□ aristocracy hereditary nobility; privileged class; government by nobility; N. aristocrat
□ innuendo indirect or subtle (derogatory) hint; insinuation; Ex. sexual innuendo
□ rag scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance
□ conducive helpful; contributive; V. 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 monologizing 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. blasphest; 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. duplicious

□ 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)
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- **adept** expert at; very skilled
- **suffocate** die or kill from lack of air; suppress
- **deadlock** standstill resulting from the opposition of two unrelenting forces; stalemate
- **laconic** brief and to the point; using few words; terse
- **fake** not genuine; N: one that is not genuine; impostor; sham; V: counterfeit; Ex. fake the results of the experiment/the signature
- **apparition** ghost; phantom
- **scurrilous** abusive; obscene; indecent; Ex. scurrilous remark
- **consanguineous** 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
- **ribald** marked by vulgar lewd humor; wanton; profane; N: ribaldry: ribald language or joke
- **elastic** able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N: elastic material
- **biennial** every two years
- **pugilist** boxer; CF. pugilism: boxing
- **eulogy** expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death; V. eulogize
- **limp** walk lamely; ADJ: lacking firmness; weak
- **coy** shy (flirtatiously); showing a (pretended) lack of self-confidence; modest; coquettish; CF. job offer를 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
- **semblance** outward appearance; guise; Ex. We called in the troops to bring a/some semblance of order to the city.
- **assert** state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful action); Ex. assert one's independence
- **calamity** disaster; misery
- **foil** defeat; frustrate; prevent from being successful; thwart; CF. fail
- **invocation** prayer for help (used in invoking); calling upon as a reference or support; act of invoking
- **retaliate** repay in kind (usually for bad treatment); V. retaliate
- **complicity** participation; involvement (in a questionable act or a crime)
- **tangible** able to be touched; real; concrete; palpable; possible to realize or understand; Ex. tangible proof
- **numismatist** person who collects coins; N. numismatics: study or collection of money, coins, and medals
- **supplant** take the place of unfairly; usurp; replace
- **progeny** children; offspring; descendants
- **list** tilt (as of a ship); lean over (to one side)
- **invoke** call and bring into use (a right or law); call on/upon (a higher power or god) for help; ask for; beg for; conjure (a spirit); Ex. invoke the veto power; Ex. invoke one's advisor/God
- **slither** slip or slide
- **precedent** something preceding in time which may be used as an authority or guide for future action; V. precede; CF. unprecedented
- **gaunt** lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; barren
- **disheartened** discourage
- **commensurate** equal in extent; of the same size
- **ethereal** like a spirit or fairy; unearthly light; heavenly; unusually refined; Ex. She has an ethereal beauty; CF. ether: upper air
- **archaic** antiquated; no longer used; belonging to the past; N.
- **longevity** long life; long duration
- **pan** criticize harshly
- **quintessence** purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF. fifth essence
□ scanty  meager; insufficient
□ unseemly  unbecoming; not proper in behavior; indecent; Ex. leave with unseemly haste
□ rebuff  reject bluntly; snub; beat back; Ex. She rebuffed his invitation; N.
□ pulverize  crush or grind into very small particles
□ canny  shrewd in money matters; thrifty
□ influx  flowing into
□ overwrought  nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF. wrought: made or done
□ clientele  body of customers
□ patent  obvious; easily seen; open for the public to read; of or protected by a patent; Ex. patent to everyone; N.
□ wane  decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.
□ fetter  shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot
□ regeneration  spiritual rebirth; Ex. regeneration of the prisoners; V. regenerate: give or obtain new life; reform spiritually
□ pedagogy  teaching; art of education
□ jubilation  rejoicing; great joy
□ mete  measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment
□ pulmonary  pertaining to the lungs
□ rift  narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds; OP. reconciliation
□ exonerate  acquit; exculpate; free from blame or guilt
□ untoward  unexpected and adverse; unfortunate or unlucky; Ex. untoward encounter
□ ramp  slope; inclined plane or roadway (connecting two levels)
□ juncture  crisis; point in time; joining point; joint; act of joining
□ perspicuous  (of something) plainly expressed; easy to understand; Ex. perspicuous comments
□ devoid  empty; lacking
□ prefigure  be a sign of; foreshadow
□ indicative  suggestive; implying; serving to indicate
□ denigrate  blacken; defame
□ lexicon  dictionary
□ sober  serious; solemn; not drunken; abstemious or temperate; V: make or become sober
□ bode  foreshadow; portend
□ reparation  compensation (for loss or wrong); amends; Ex. make reparation for the damage; CF. repair
□ odious  arousing strong dislike; hateful(causing hatred); vile
□ maraud  move in search of plunder; Ex. marauding army
□ meager  scanty; inadequate
□ ceremonious  marked by formality; extremely formal and polite; CF. ceremony: conventional social courtesy
□ autonomous  self-governing; N. autonomy
□ vapid  lacking liveliness; dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless; Ex. vapid lecture
□ propitiate  appease; conciliate; make peaceful; ADJ. propitiatory
□ fledgling(fledgeling)  inexperienced; N: young bird that has acquired wing feathers and is learning to fly; inexperienced person
□ immaculate  spotless; flawless; absolutely clean
□ distinctive  clearly different from others of the same kind
□ transpose  reverse the order or position of
□ momentum  quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus; moving force
exploit brave and successful act; deed or action, particularly a brave deed; CF. crossing the Atlantic ocean
sibylline prophetic; oracular; N. sibyl: woman prophet (in the ancient world)
serrated having a sawtoothed edge; Ex. serrated leaf
cohere stick together
wistful sadly thoughtful (because of desires or memories); sadly pensive; vaguely longing
gamely in a spirited manner; with courage; Ex. fight gamely against a superior boxer; ADJ. game
spurn reject disdainfully; scorn; Ex. She spurned all offers of help.
conservatory (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
furor 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

supersede

coroner

dorsal

perspicuity

succulent

crown

ransack

radioactive

conscientious

gape

prosperity

nexus

mercantile

inestimable

quixotic

antipathy

chaste

incident

distraught

recreant

disport

proxy

leave-taking

tender

brunt

junta

materialism

analgesic

jurisprudence

dossier

transparent

virulent

bluster

capacious

conspiracy

lectern

aria

unique

posternity

pacifist

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insatiable  not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite
exhilarating  invigorating and refreshing; cheering; V. exhilarate: make cheerful and excited; Ex. exhilarated by the ride in the sports car
bohemian  unconventional (in an artistic way)
ignoble  unworthy; not noble; dishonorable; Ex. ignoble deed
career  rush wildly; go at full speed
zeal  eager enthusiasm (to a cause or ideal); ADJ. zealous
miscellany  mixture of writings on various subjects; collection of various items
acquittal  deliverance from a charge; V. acquit: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner
evocative  tending to call up (emotions, memories)
titter  nervous giggle; nervous laugh; V.
 glut  overstock; fill beyond capacity (with food); fill to excess; N. oversupply
devious  roundabout; erratic; deviating from the straight course; not straightforward; not completely honest; Ex. devious route
imperturbable  unshakably calm; placid
husbandry  frugality; thrift; economy; agriculture; farming; Ex. animal husbandry; CF. husbandman
ingrate  ungrateful person (not expressing thanks)
comport  bear one’s self; behave; Ex. comport oneself; N. comportment
reprobation  severe disapproval; CF. approbation
arch-  chief; first; Ex. archbishop
incendiary  arsonist; ADJ: causing fire; of arson; Ex. incendiary bomb
 glossary  brief explanation of words used in the text
 helm  steering wheel of a ship; position of control
 pretext  excuse
 solvent  able to pay all depths; N. solvency
 nauseous  causing nausea; feeling nausea
 valor  bravery; ADJ. valiant: possessing valor; brave
impasse  predicament(dangerous condition) from which there is no escape; situation allowing for no further progress
foreboding  premonition of evil; feeling of coming evil; V. forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)
copious  plentiful
overturn  turn over; capsize; topple
fawning  courting favor by cringing and flattering; V. fawn: exhibit affection as a dog; seek favor or attention by obsequiousness
allegory  story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable
retain  keep; maintain possession of; employ (esp. a lawyer or advisor); N. retainer: servant; fee paid to retain an advisor
mimicry  imitation
extrinsic  external; not essential or inherent; extraneous; OP. intrinsic
duration  length of time something lasts
truisms  self-evident truth
absolve  pardon (an offense)
asylum  storage place for military equipment
centrifugal  radiating; departing from the center
alms  money or goods given to the poor
shrew  scolding woman; very small mouselike animal
sordid  filthy; foul; base; vile; Ex. sordid bed/story
franchise  right or privilege granted by authority; right to vote; license to sell a product in a particular territory
enhance  increase; make greater (as in value, reputation, or usefulness); improve
anesthetic  substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness; N. anesthesia
decadence  decay; fall to a lower level (of morality, civilization, or art); ADJ. decadent
ejaculation  exclamation; abrupt ejection (to discharge sperm); V. ejaculate
terse  concise; abrupt; pithy
vintner  wine merchant; winemaker; seller of wine
labyrinth  maze
detain  keep waiting; prevent from leaving or going; N. detention
self-indulgence  excessive indulgence of one’s own desire
philology  study of language or words
recapitulate  summarize
odorous  having an odor
rustle  make slight sounds like silk moving or being rubbed together
licentious  amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained
physiognomy  face (as showing the character and the mind); art of judging human character from facial features
awful  terrible; very bad
ravenous  extremely hungry; voracious
earmark  set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose
unaccountable  unexplicable; impossible to account for; unreasonable or mysterious
behoove(behove)  be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary; Ex. It behooves one to do.
□ **badger** pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N: a kind of mountain animal

□ **rumble** make or move with a deep rolling sound (as thunder or stomach)

□ **sojourn** temporary stay; V: stay for a time

□ **myopic** nearsighted; lacking foresight; N: myopia

□ **tortuous** winding; full of curves; Ex. tortuous mountain road

□ **cross** bad-tempered; showing ill-humor; angry

□ **murmur** 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); divestiture; 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

□ **aspiration** 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-deserved
oscillate  vibrate pendulumlike; waver
theoretical  based on theory; not practical or applied; hypothetical
pundit  authority on a subject; expert; learned person
stereotype  one regarded as embodying a set image or type; fixed and unvarying representation; standardized mental picture often reflecting prejudice; Ex. stereotype of the happy slave; V: make a stereotype of; represent by a stereotype; Ex. It is wrong to stereotype people; Ex. stereotyped answer
brawny  muscular; having well-developed muscles
surfeit  satiate; feed or supply to excess; stuff; indulge to excess in anything; N: surfeiting; excessive amount; Ex. surfeit of food
hazard  venture; put in danger; risk; Ex. hazard a guess; N: possible source of danger
elocution  expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influenced
fanciful  whimsical; visionary; imaginary; produced by imagination; Ex. fanciful scheme
factious  inclined to form factions; causing dissension
chassis  framework and working parts of an automobile; framework to which components are attached
inopportune  untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly chosen
alcove  nook; recess
vendetta  blood feud (esp. between two families); CF. Nina Williams
nemesis  someone seeking revenge; source of downfall or ruin; CF. Nemesis
accrue  come to one as a gain; accumulate over time; come about by addition; Ex. benefits that accrue from scientific research; Ex. interest accruing in a bank account; N. accrual
undertaker  funeral director; one whose business is to arrange burials
complementary  serving to complete something
jingoist  extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist; N. jingoism: extreme nationalism
aquiline  curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex. aquiline nose
lofty  very high
mordant  biting; sarcastic; stinging; (apprec.) incisive; cutting; Ex. mordant pen/wit
bombast  grandiloquent, pompous speech
shift  change position or place; exchange (one thing) for another; change in direction or position; Ex. shift the stolen goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of such a group
deft  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; sonorousness 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

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

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

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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 distract); Ex. look askance at
dour  sullen; gloomy; stubborn

prate  talk idly; speak foolishly; boast idly
cardinal  chief; most important; N: priest; cardinal number: number that shows quantity rather than order

pastry  paste of flour and water (eaten when baked)
betroth  become engaged to marry

valediction  saying farewell; expression of leave-taking

ygiene  science and practice of the promotion and preservation of health; ADJ. hygienic: showing careful attention to cleanliness (to prevent disease); Ex. hygienic condition

elaboration  addition of details; intricacy

homeostasis  tendency of a system or organism to maintain relative stability or internal equilibrium; CF. homeo-: constant; Ex. homeotherm

hostage  person who is kept as a prisoner by an enemy so that the other side will do what the enemy demands

resentment  indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about

palimpsest  parchment or piece of writing material used for second time after original writing has been erased
disenfranchise; deprive of a civil right; OP. enfranchise
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
besmirch soil; defile; make dirty
slink move furtively; ADJ. slinky: stealthy; furtive; sneaky (as in ambush)
besmirch soil; defile; make dirty
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. vaingloriously: great vanity
filing particle removed by a file
inexicpate 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
falterm hesitate; weaken in purpose or action; walk or move unsteadily through weakness; N.
florid ruddy; (of a complexion) reddish; flowery; very ornate; CF. rose
philatelist stamp-collector; N. philately: stamp collecting
grotesque fantastic; comically hideous; strange and unnatural (causing fear or amusement)
average great mass of falling snow and ice
accessible easy to approach; obtainable
inane silly; senseless; Ex. inane remarks; N. inanity
orientation act of finding oneself in society; orienting
acidulous slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic
crabbed sour; bad-tempered; peevish; difficult to read as handwriting
lagoon shallow body of water or lake near a sea; lake separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs
unprepossessing unattractive
airy of air; high in the air; lofty; immaterial; unreal
acuity sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)
integrate make whole; combine; make into one unit
dispatch speediness; prompt execution; message sent with all due speed; V: send to a specified destination; finish promptly; kill
- knead: mix; work dough; mix and work into a uniform mass (with the hands); Ex. knead dough
- spry (esp. of older people) vigorously active; nimble
- addiction: compulsive habitual need
- bizarre: fantastic; violently contrasting; noticeably odd; strikingly unconventional
- humane: marked by kindness or consideration; kind and compassionate; humanitarian
- sycophant: servile flatterer; bootlicker; yes man; ADJ. sycophantic
- swear-word: word considered offensive; Ex. “bloody”
- sedate: composed (with no excitement); grave; V: administer a sedative to; CF. sedative
- abet: assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage
- monograph: scholarly article
- preternatural: beyond what is normal in nature; supernatural; Ex. preternatural strength/forces
- jurisdiction: right and power to apply the law; authority
- despoil: plunder; sack; Ex. despoil the village
- voluminous: having great volume (as of a garment or container); bulky; large
- dapper: neat and trim (in appearance); (of small men) neat in appearance and quick in movements; neat; spry
- sleigh: large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice
- sullen: silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark; gloomy
- anathema: solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse; V. anathematize
- destitute: extremely poor; lacking means of subsistence; utterly lacking; devoid; Ex. destitute of any experience
- dismantle: take apart; disassemble
- imperative: absolutely necessary; that must be done; critically important; expressing command; Ex. It is imperative that; N: something that must be done
- disclaim: disown; renounce claim to; deny; CF. disclaimer
- indoctrinate: cause to accept a doctrine without questioning it; Ex. indoctrinated with mindless anti-communism
- indigence: poverty
- interstice: narrow space between things
- abode: dwelling place; home
- avuncular: of or like an uncle
- matinée(matinee): dramatic or musical performance given in the afternoon
- welt: raised mark from a beating or whipping
- strangle: kill by choking or suffocating; suppress
- flotsam: drifting wreckage
- eclipse: darken; extinguish; outshine; surpass; cause an eclipse
- putative: supposed; reputed; generally regarded as such; Ex. putative father of the child
- gerrymander: change voting district lines in order to favor a political party; N. CF. Elbridge Gerry + (sala)mander
- implicate: incriminate; involve incriminatingly; show to be involved in a crime; Ex. implicate someone in the crime
oblivion obscure; 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; discriminating; 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: gather into a rounded mass; N. agglomerate: jumbled mass; heap
 phylum major classification, second to kingdom, of plants and animals; category ranking below a kingdom and above a class; division
 hiatus gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break
 irrevocable unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke
 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
shrivel  make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)
swell  long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V.
misconduct  immoral behavior; bad management; V.
fell  cruel; (of a disease) deadly
swear  vow; promise; use profane oaths; use offensive words
immune  resistant to; free or exempt from; N. immunity
decry  express strong disapproval of; condemn openly
something dangerous to the public); disparage; Ex. decry the violence of modern films
nomenclature  terminology (system of specialized words); system of names or naming things
bait  harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other lure used to catch fish or trap animals
exposure  risk, particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying something open; Ex. exposure of governmental corruption
ruminant  animal that ruminates; ADJ.
scorch  sear; N.
stock  standard; kept regularly in stock or supply; typical; routine; common; Ex. stock sizes of paper; Ex. stock excuse/character; N: goods for sale in a shop; OP. unique
imperceptible  unnoticeable; impossible to perceive; undetectable
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.
murred  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
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)
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
ostensible something fit to be eaten
intermediary intermediate; acting as a mediator; N: mediator; go-between
implode burst inward; CF. vaccum tube
credo creed
malapropism comic misuse of a word; CF. Mrs. Malaprop
pretension pretentiousness; claim (without foundation); Ex. I make no pretensions to skill as an artist.
stint set limits in amount or number; be thrifty; ADJ. stinting, unstinting; CF. stint:savings
lubricate apply a lubricant to; N. lubricant: substance that reduces friction
adver 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

obsessive  related to thinking about something constantly; of an obsession; preoccupying; N. obsession: compulsive preoccupation with a fixed idea; compulsive idea; V. obsess: preoccupy the mind of excessively

respiration  breathing; exhalation; ADJ. respiratory

charisma  divine gift; great popular charm or appeal; magnetism

empirical  based on experience

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

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

fundamental  basic; primary; essential

hostility  unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ. hostile

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

gravity  seriousness; ADJ. grave

enact  make (a bill) into law

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
■ 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: sách không có thể đọc
■ champion  support militantly; fight for; N: person who fights for or supports strongly (a principle, movement, person, etc.)
■ jargon  language used by special group; technical terminology; gibberish; nonsensical or incoherent talk
■ intuition  immediate insight; power of knowing without reasoning; ADJ. intuitive; V. intuit: know by intuition
■ orthography  correct spelling; CF. ortho-: straight; correct; Ex. orthodontics
■ rustic  pertaining to country people; unsophisticated; simple; crude; uncouth; (of furniture) rough with the bark left on; N. rural person; rustic person
■ diffuse  wordy; verbose; rambling; spread out (like a gas); V: spread out in all directions; disperse; N. diffusion; CF. suffuse
■ taper  very thin candle; gradual decrease in the width of a long object; V. make or become gradually narrower toward one end
■ bearing  deportment; connection
■ ideology  system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture
■ sadistic  inclined to cruelty; N. sadism: delight in cruelty
■ malady  illness
■ lance  pierce with a lance; cut into; N: spearlike weapon
■ advocacy  support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something
■ trek  travel; journey; V: make a long difficult journey
■ wage  begin and continue (a war)
■ primogeniture  seniority by birth; state of being the first-born child; right of the eldest child (to inherit the entire property of one or both parents)
■ execrable  very bad; detestable
■ catharsis  purging or cleansing of any passage of the body; purging and weakening of strong emotions as a result of experiencing a dramatic work of art
■ malign  speak evil of; bad-mouth(criticize spitefully); defame; ADJ: harmful; Ex. malign influence
■ resumption  taking up again; recommencement; V. resume: begin or take up again; take or occupy again; Ex. Kindly resume your seats.
■ denounce  condemn; criticize; N. denunciation
■ carat(karat)  unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold
■ enmity  ill will; hatred; hostility
■ demagogue  person who appeals to people’s prejudice; false leader of people; CF. demagoguery
■ misogynist  hater of woman; CF. misogyny
■ lottery  contest in which winners are selected in a drawing of lots
■ buffoon  stupid person; clown
■ horticultural  pertaining to cultivation of gardens; N. horticulture: science or art of cultivating fruits, vegetables, or ornamental plants; CF. agriculture: science or art of farming or growing crops
■ depredation  plundering; destruction
■ headstrong  willful; stubborn; unyielding; determined to have one’s own way; CF. no ‘excessive’
■ pellucid  transparent; limpid(crystal clear); clear in meaning; easy to understand
■ cathartic  purgative; medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ.
■ ring  tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V.
■ waster  confusion; turmoil; confused mass; bewildering jumble; Ex. waster 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. ingratiate

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

dys- abnormal; impaired

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

alchemy medieval chemistry

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

nefarious very wicked

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

perfunctory done routinely and with little care; superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; Ex. 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; froric; ADJ. frisky: playful

explicit totally clear; definite; outspoken

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

engender cause; produce; give rise to

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

bestial beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel

din continued loud noise; V: make a din; instill by wearying repetition
believe contradict; give a false impression; disguise; Ex. The poor sales belied our high hopes; Ex. Her smile belies her true feeling of displeasure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

tempo speed of music

culprity 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 (laughs, 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

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

epigram witty thought or saying, usually short

mealy-mouthed indirect in speech (when something unpleasant must be said); hypocritical; evasive

unerringly infallibly; ADJ. unerring; making no mistakes

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

founder person who establishes (an organization or business)

disgruntle make discontented

monastic related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns

unalterable 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

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

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

cumbersome 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; executor
| onus | burden; responsibility |
| rooster | cock; adult male chicken |
| beguile | deceive; mislead or delude; cheat; pass time pleasantly; charm or attract; Ex. beguiling smile |
| herbivorous | grain-eating; CF. herbivore |
| battalion | army unit made up of four or more companies |
| academic | related to a school; not practical or directly useful |
| ambiance | environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding; Ex. ambient temperature |
| perfidious | treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery |
| wring | twist (to extract liquid); extract by twisting; wrench painfully (necks or hands) |
| dearth | scarcity |
| deport | send out of the country; behave; N. deportation, deportment |
| superannuated | retired or disqualified because of age; outmoded; obsolete |
| wag | shake repeatedly from side to side; Ex. The dog wagged its tail; N: humorous person; wit |
| bemused | confused; lost in thought; preoccupied |
| probe | explore with a probe or tools; investigate; N: slender instrument used to explore a wound or body cavity; device designed to investigate an unknown region; thorough investigation; Ex. space probe |
| wreak | inflict; Ex. wreak one’s vengeance on |
| swathe | swath; wrap around; bandage; Ex. one’s head swathed in bandages |
| choir | group of people who sing together (esp. during religious services); place for choir |
| infringe | violate (a law); encroach (the right of another person) |
| conundrum | riddle; difficult problem |
| premeditate | plan in advance; Ex. premeditated murder |
| pillage | plunder |
| pen | fenced enclosure for animals; confining space; Ex. sheep pen; V: confine in a pen; enclose |
| spangle | small shiny metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation |
| avantgarde | group of artists whose work is based on the newest ideas and methods; CF. vanguard |
| convention | social or moral custom; established practice; formal meeting; international agreement |
| debilitate | weaken (esp. through heat, hunger, illness); enfeeble |
| speck | small piece or mark; Ex. speck of dust in the eye |
| unctuous | oily; bland; insincerely suave |
| effete | having lost one’s original power; barren; worn out; exhausted |
| epaulet (epaulette) | ornament worn on the shoulder (of a uniform, etc.) |
| clipper | sailing vessel built for great speed |
| oculist | physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes |
| rabble | mob; noisy crowd |
| habituate | accustom or familiarize; addict |
| broil | cook by direct heat; N. |
| ingratiating | become popular with; bring (oneself) in favor of another; Ex. ingratiate himself with the boss |
| accommodate | oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodating: helpful and obliging |
| cognizance | knowledge; ADJ. cognizant; having knowledge; aware |
| prolong | lengthen; extend; draw out |
| herd | group of animals; crowd; one who looks after a herd; Ex. shepherd/goatherd; Ex. herd instinct; Ex. herdsman; V: come together in a herd; look after a herd; Ex. herd cattle |
| equanimity | calmness of temperament; composure |
| lethal | deadly |
| apoplexy | stroke; loss of consciousness caused by too much blood in the brain |
| fauna | animals of a period or region; CF. flora |
| appreciate | be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of; ADJ. appreciable: enough to be felt; Ex. appreciable difference |
| intransigence | refusal of any compromise; stubbornness; ADJ. intransigent: uncompromising |
| intellect | higher mental powers; person of great intellectual ability |
| credulity | belief on slight evidence; gullibility; naïveté; ADJ. credulous |
| damn | condemn; criticize severely; condemn to everlasting punishment; doom; bring to ruin; N. damnation |
| embark | commence; go on board a boat; begin a journey |
| exult | rejoice |
| concerted | mutually agreed on; done together by agreement; Ex. concerted effort; CF. in concert: working together |
| innocuous | harmless |
| minatory | menacing; threatening |
| insurrection | rebellion; uprising |
| evanescent | fleeting; vanishing; soon disappearing; V. evanesce |
| hoard | stockpile; accumulate for future use; N: supply stored for future use |
stealth  action of moving secretly or unseen; slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ. stealthy

incognito  with identity concealed; using an assumed name; ADJ.
deflect  turn aside; turn away from a straight course
refectory  dining hall; room where meals are served (in a school)
exacerbate  worsen; aggravate; embitter
diverse  differing in some characteristics (from each other); various; N. diversity: variety; dissimilitude; lack of resemblance
ovation  enthusiastic applause
plane  carpenter’s tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat
verbatim  word for word; in the same words; repeating the actual words exactly
flagrant  conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous
impale  pierce (with a sharp point); Ex. impaled by the spear
vigor  active strength; energy; enthusiasm; ADJ. vigorous
gourmet  connoisseur of food and drink; epicure
precocious  advanced in development; N. precocity
smug  self-satisfied; complacent
seethe  be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.
equilibrium  balance of opposing forces; balance of the mind; equanimity
inextricable  from which it is impossible to get free; that cannot be untied; Ex. inextricable troubles; Ex. inextricable two histories
composure  mental calmness
inviolable  secure from corruption, attack, or violation (or profanation); unassailable; Ex. inviolable oath/rights; N. inviolability
avid  greedy; extremely eager for; Ex. avid learner; N. avidity
aureole  sun’s corona; halo; bright circle of light
holster  leather pistol case (that hangs on a belt around the waist)
blunt  having a dull edge; abrupt and frank in speech or manner; brusque; V: make or become blunt
championship  position of champion; defense or support; competition held to determine a champion
incline  slope; slant; Ex. steep incline
cog  tooth projecting from a wheel
apprehensive  fearful; discerning
actuate  motivate; activate; cause to act

gerontology  study of the sociological phenomena associated with old age
bard  poet
larder  pantry; place where food is kept
cleft  N: split
rider  amendment or clause added to a legislative bill
jostle  shove; bump; push against (someone) rather roughly; Ex. jostled by the crowds
coquette  flirt; flirtatious woman; woman who tries to attract the admiration of men without sincere feelings; V.
exhume  dig out of the ground; remove from a grave
crypt  secret recess or vault usually used for burial; underground room (under a church)
resurrect  revive
zenith point directly overhead in the sky; summit; acme; highest point

stamina power of endurance; strength; staying power

blurt utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement

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

vagabond wanderer (without a permanent home); tramp

check stop motion; curb or restrain

sophisticated worldly wise and urbane; refined; complex; N. sophistication; V. sophisticate

solstice point or time at which the sun is farthest from the equator

amalgamate (of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body

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

pediatrician physician specializing in children’s diseases; N. pediatrics

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

foolhardy rash; reckless; foolishly daring

erroneous mistaken; wrong; incorrect

title name (of a book, film, etc.); mark of rank; formal appellation as of rank or office (such as Lord or General); right or claim to possession; championship; Ex. title as head of the family; Ex. title to the estate

fallible liable to err

alimony payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce

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

misdemeanor minor crime; misdeed; wrongdoing

tendentious promoting a particular point of view; biased; having an aim; designed to further a cause; Ex. tendentious rather than truth-seeking; CF. tend: move in a certain direction

throkes 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

expulsive 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. waver between accepting and refusing

buccaneer pirate

placid peaceful; calm; Ex. placid child/lake

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

gaudy flashy; showy
□ pigment coloring matter (usually powder to be mixed with water or oil)
□ skittish inconstant; capricious; frivolous; not serious; Ex. charming but skittish young woman; CF. skit
□ precept practical rule guiding conduct; Ex. mother’s precept
□ contumacious stubborn and disobedient; resisting authority (esp. disobedient to an order made by a court)
□ solace comfort in sorrow or trouble; consolation; V: comfort or console in time of sorrow or trouble
□ affliction state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V. afflict: inflict grievous suffering on
□ introspective looking within oneself; N. introspection: self-examination
□ contravene contradict; oppose; violate (a rule, law, or custom); N. contravention
□ daunt intimidate; frighten; discourage; dishearten
□ apogee highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP. perigee
□ mar spoil the appearance of
□ temperament characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ. temperamental: of temperament; having frequent changes of temper; Ex. temperamental dislike of sports; Ex. temperamental actress
□ misadventure mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure
□ flick light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex. flick the switch
□ plentitude abundance; plenty; great amount; completeness; fullness; CF. plenary, plenty
□ preposterous absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous
□ benefactor gift giver; patron; person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose
□ suspense state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty
□ gobble eat very quickly
□ unfetter liberate; free from chains; V. unfetter
□ incarnation act of assuming a human body and human nature; one who personifies something; personification; Ex. previous incarnation/reincarnation
□ palette board on which painter mixes pigments(coloring matters)
□ erudite (of a person or book) learned; full of learning; scholarly; N. erudition
□ askew crookedly; slanted; at an angle
□ ostensible apparent; appearing as such; professed(pretended); pretended; Ex. ostensible purpose of the expedition
□ cringe shrink back as if in fear; cower
□ perennial something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring
□ generate cause; produce; create
□ appraise estimate value of; N. appraisal
□ executioner person administering capital punishment
□ imperil put in danger
□ uncanny strange; mysterious; Ex. uncanny knack
□ sonnet 14-line poetic verse form with a fixed rhyme pattern
□ compromise adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of; put into danger, disrepute, or a dishonorable position; Ex. compromise one’s principle; N.
□ bestow confer
□ addendum addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)
□ anonymity state of being nameless; anonymousness; ADJ. anonymous
□ maritime bordering on(adjacent to) the sea; nautical; of the ships or the sea; Ex. Maritime Provinces
solicit  entreat; request earnestly; seek to obtain; Ex. solicit votes; CF. solicitor: one who solicits; chief law officer

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

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

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

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

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

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

deluge  flood; rush; V.

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

defection  desertion

conclusive  decisive; ending all debate

headlong  hasty; rash; headfirst; ADV.

antique  made in an earlier period and usu. valuable; N: object that was made in an earlier period and that is rare or valuable

handsome  large in quantity; generous; Ex. handsome reward

pitfall  hidden danger; concealed trap

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

assurance  firm statement that something is certainly true; promise or pledge; certainty; confidence in one’s own ability; self-confidence; Ex. In spite of all his assurances, he did not come back; Ex. assurance of his loyalty; Ex. The teacher lacked assurance in from of his class; V. assure; tell firmly with confidence; ensure; make (something) certain to happen; make (someone) feel sure; give confidence to;

ADJ. assured: self-assured; confident in one’s own ability; showing certainty

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

macabre  gruesome; grisly; ghastly; CF. of death

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

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

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

complacency  self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ. complacent

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

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

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

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

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

blasé  bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored

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

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

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

prudent  cautious; careful; prudential

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

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

hindmost  furthest behind; farthest to the rear

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

recluse  hermit; loner; ADJ. reclusive

ventilate  admit fresh air into to replace stale air

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

horde  crowd; swarm

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

impropriety  improveness; unsuitableness

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

ravine  narrow valley with steep sides; gorge; CF. gully, canyon

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

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

ascertain  find out for certain; make certain

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

rash  (of a sound) grate on (eg. nerves); make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; rub with something rough; Ex. The cat’s tongue rasped my hand.

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

effervescence  inner excitement or exuberance; showing high spirits; emitting bubbles forming inside; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation; ADJ. effervescent; V. effervesce

succumb  yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex. succumb to the illness

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

complaisant  trying to please; obliging; willing to please others

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

import  significance; importance; meaning

disinclination  unwillingness

scale  climb up; ascend; remove or come off in scales; N: flake of epidermis; ascending or descending series of musical tones

precipitous  steep; overhasty; precipitate

torpor  lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy; ADJ. torpid: lethargic; lazy; inactive; (of an animal) dormant; hibernating

bliss  complete happiness; ADJ. blissful

buffoonery  clowning

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

denomination  religious group; unit in a system; name or designation; CF. denominator: common trait or characteristic

rickety  (of buildings) likely to break or fall apart; of rickets; CF. rickets; CF. vitamin D

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

impertinent  insolent; rude; not pertinent; N. impertinence

enjoin  command; order; forbid

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

idle  not working; not employed or busy; lazy; without purpose; useless; lacking substance; baseless; not based on truth; Ex. idle worker; Ex. talk idly; V.

exhort  urge (by strong argument or advice); Ex. The general exhorted his men to fight bravely; N. exhortation

rout  put to rout; stampede; drive out; N: complete defeat and disorderly retreat

tundra  rolling treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America

indisputable  too certain to be disputed; beyond doubt

indulgent  humoring; yielding; lenient; showing indulgence

arable  fit for growing crops; Ex. arable land

imprudent  lacking caution; not prudent; injudicious

impel  drive or force onward; drive to take action; urge to action
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<td>hard and unbending; stiff and unyielding; fixed in behavior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex. rigid rule</td>
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<td>having many talents; capable of working in many fields; having many uses or functions; N. versatility</td>
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<td><strong>mediocre</strong></td>
<td>ordinary; commonplace; neither good nor bad</td>
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<td>traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine</td>
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<td><strong>adherent</strong></td>
<td>supporter; follower</td>
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<td><strong>hybrid</strong></td>
<td>mongrel; mixed breed; V. hybridize</td>
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<td>cover with a thin and shiny surface; apply a glaze to; N: thin, smooth, shiny coating (as for pottery); Ex. unglazed pottery</td>
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<td>something, such as a monument or holiday, intended to honor the memory of a person or event; ADJ: commemorative</td>
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<td>satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); sate; N. satiety: condition of being satiated</td>
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<td>morally upright; just</td>
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<td>endowed with flesh; invested with bodily form; personified; Ex. devil incarnate; V: give bodily form to; embody</td>
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<td><strong>expeditious</strong></td>
<td>done with speed; quick; N. expedition</td>
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<td>domestic; made at home; spun or woven at home; simple and ordinary; Ex. homespun philosophy</td>
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<td><strong>abscess</strong></td>
<td>cutting off; separation</td>
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<td>symbol of immortality or rebirth; Ex. phoenix rising from its ashes</td>
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<td><strong>perceptive</strong></td>
<td>insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception</td>
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<td>deride or provoke; challenge in derision; N.</td>
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<td><strong>polarity</strong></td>
<td>state of having two opposite qualities</td>
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<td><strong>constituent</strong></td>
<td>supporter; voter; member of a constituency; component</td>
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<td><strong>excise</strong></td>
<td>cut away; cut out; N: government tax on good produced and used inside a country; N. excision</td>
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<td>target of a hunt; victim; V: hunt and eat as prey; victimize; Ex. Cats prey on mice.</td>
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<td>outmoded; no longer used</td>
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<td><strong>yning</strong></td>
<td>contending; CF. vie</td>
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<td><strong>impuissance</strong></td>
<td>powerlessness; feebleness</td>
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<td><strong>distinct</strong></td>
<td>clearly different; clearly noticed</td>
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<td><strong>healthful</strong></td>
<td>conducive to good health; Ex. healthful mountain air</td>
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<td><strong>unequivocal</strong></td>
<td>plain; clear; obvious</td>
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<td>wasteful (of money); dissipated; wildly immoral; dissolve; N: profligate person; N. prodigality</td>
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<td>individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances; N. opportunism</td>
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<td>ruler in a monarchy; ADJ: (of a country) independent and self-governing; having supreme power; supreme; excellent</td>
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<td><strong>myriad</strong></td>
<td>very large number; ADJ. CF. ten thousand</td>
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<td><strong>unfledged</strong></td>
<td>immature; not having the feathers necessary to fly; CF. fledgling</td>
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<td><strong>rancid</strong></td>
<td>having the odor of stale or decomposing fat; rank</td>
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<td><strong>pecuniary</strong></td>
<td>pertaining to money</td>
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<td><strong>hurl</strong></td>
<td>throw forcefully; shout out violently</td>
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<td><strong>founder</strong></td>
<td>fail completely; sink; CF. flounder</td>
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<td><strong>sacrosanct</strong></td>
<td>inviolably sacred; most sacred; inviolable</td>
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<td><strong>conviction</strong></td>
<td>judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief</td>
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<td><strong>cornucopia</strong></td>
<td>horn (or horn-shaped container) overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance; horn of plenty</td>
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<td><strong>disgorge</strong></td>
<td>surrender something (stolen); eject; vomit; OP. gorge</td>
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<td><strong>emend</strong></td>
<td>correct (usually a text); N. emendation: correction of errors; improvement</td>
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<td><strong>hindrance</strong></td>
<td>block; obstacle; V. hinder</td>
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<td><strong>cistern</strong></td>
<td>reservoir or water tank</td>
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<td><strong>cipher</strong></td>
<td>nonentity; worthless person or thing; zero; secret code; V.</td>
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<td><strong>bristling</strong></td>
<td>rising like bristles; showing irritation</td>
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<td><strong>cadence</strong></td>
<td>rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sounds); beat; regular beat of sound; rhythm</td>
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<td><strong>outlaw</strong></td>
<td>fugitive from the law (excluded from legal protection); V: declare (someone) to be an outlaw; deprive of the protection of the law; declare illegal; Ex. Drinking has been outlawed.</td>
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<td><strong>gratis</strong></td>
<td>free; without charge; ADJ.</td>
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<td><strong>stalemate</strong></td>
<td>deadlock; situation in which further action is blocked</td>
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<td><strong>avert</strong></td>
<td>prevent; avoid; turn away (eyes or thought); Ex. An accident was averted by his quick thinking; Ex. She averted her eyes from the terrible sight.</td>
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<td><strong>bleak</strong></td>
<td>cold or cheerless; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing</td>
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<td><strong>liquidate</strong></td>
<td>settle accounts; pay off (a debt); clear up; eliminate; kill or abolish</td>
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<td><strong>concordat</strong></td>
<td>formal agreement</td>
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<td><strong>prance</strong></td>
<td>move about in a spirited manner (proudly and confidently)</td>
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<td><strong>conjecture</strong></td>
<td>surmise; guess; V.</td>
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<td><strong>prodigal</strong></td>
<td>wasteful; reckless with money; profuse; Ex. a mind prodigal of ideas; N. prodigality</td>
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□ dingy (of things and place) dirty and dull; Ex. dingy street/curtain

□ ferocious fierce; violent; N. ferocity

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

□ preen make oneself tidy in appearance; feel self-satisfaction or pride; (of a bird) smooth or clean (feathers) with the beak; Ex. preen oneself on; CF. prune

□ adorn decorate

□ malingerer one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malinger: feign illness to avoid work

□ crotchety (of someone old) eccentric; odd; whimsical; bad-tempered; N. crotchet: odd or whimsical notion

□ ancestry family descent; ADJ. ancestral

□ quack charlatan; impostor

□ inductive pertaining to induction or proceeding from the specific to the general

□ quietude tranquillity; calmness

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

□ surreptitious done secretly; secret; furtive; sneaky; hidden

□ undermine weaken gradually; sap; dig a mine beneath

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

□ querulous given to complaining; complaining; fretful; whining

□ anodyne drug that relieves pain or trouble; 진통제; opiate; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement

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

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

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

□ pall become boring; grow tiresome

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

□ voluptuous sensual; of or giving sensual pleasure; indulging in sensual pleasures; Ex. voluptuous lines; Ex. voluptuous life of the Romans; N. voluptuary: voluptuous person

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

□ podiatrist doctor who treats ailments of the feet; chiropodist; N. podiatrics

□ philistine narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain; uncultured person who is indifferent to artistic and cultural values; member of an ancient people in Palestine; OP. aesthete

□ assail assault

□ boost lift by pushing up from below; increase; raise; N: push upward; increase

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

□ indelible not able to be erased

□ hoodwink deceive; delude

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

□ minuscule(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. en- amor: inspire with love

□ stammer speak with involuntarily pauses or repetitions
lugubrious □
grudge □
acrimonious □
subdue □
remit □
ingenue □
regent □
hale □
dominate □
acrimony □
acquittance □

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

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

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

obsequy funeral ceremony

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

dominate control; rule; enjoy a commanding position in; overlook from a height; 내리다보다

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

inadvertently unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly

antiquated obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated

dregs sediment in a liquid; lees; worthless residue

peer one who has equal standing with another; nobleman; V: look intently; N. peerage; CF. peeress

rabies disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)

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

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

illicit illegal

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

prosperity good fortune and financial success; physical well-being

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

candor frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid

talisman charm; object believed to give supernatural powers to or protect its bearer

ubiquitous being everywhere; omnipresent; N. ubiquity

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

renovate restore to good condition; renew

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

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

premonition forewarning; presentiment; foreboding

tempestuous stormy; violent; impassioned; N. tempest: violent storm

ballast heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast

accolade award of merit; strong praise and approval

gentility those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteel

retentive holding; able to retain things (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory

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

manifesto public declaration of principles; statement of policy

covert secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt

overweening arrogant; presumptuous

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

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

pungent stinging; acid; 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

political 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 ways of behaving or thinking)
dally trifle with; toy with; treat without the necessary seriousness; procrastinate; waste time
queer strange; eccentric; deviating from the normal
tribune official of ancient Rome elected by the plebians to protect their rights; protector of the people
fathom comprehend; investigate; determine the depth of; N. unit of measurement for the depth of water
promulgate announce; proclaim a doctrine or law; make known by official publication
lateral of or coming from the side
onomatopoeia words formed in imitation of natural sounds
rudimentary elementary; not developed; crude; N. rudiment: fundamental element or principle; Ex. rudiments of the language
gambol romp; skip about; leap about playfully; frolic; N.
inclusive tending to include all; all-inclusive; Ex. inclusive charge
waffle speak equivocally about an issue; N.
sparse not thick; thinly scattered; scanty
melee fight
harrowing agonizing; distressing; traumatic; V. harrow: break up and level (soil) with a harrow; inflict great distress on; agonize; N: farming machine to break up the earth
partition divide into parts
soluble able to be dissolved in a liquid; able to be worked out or solved
supercilious haughty; arrogant; condescending; patronizing; CF. eyebrow, cilium
minute extremely small; CF. minutes: official record of the proceedings at a meeting
iridescent exhibiting rainbowlike colors; Ex. iridescent oil slick; N. iridescence
precise exact
depreciate lessen in value; belittle; represent as of little value
immutable unchangeable
winsome charming (in a childlike way); agreeable; gracious; engaging
optimist person who looks on the bright side; N. optimism
inaugurate begin formally; install in office; induct into office by a formal ceremony; N. inauguration; ADJ. inaugural


- plaintive expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song
- rivulet 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
- immure imprison; shut up in confinement; CF. wall
- rhapsodize speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner; Ex. rhapsodize over the beauty of the scenery
- stupor state of being 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.
- gauche clumsy (in social behavior); coarse and uncouth
- falsify make (something written) false by changing
- repine fret; complain; be annoyed; Ex. repine over the undone work
- integral complete; necessary for completeness; Ex. integral part
- ursine bearlike; pertaining to a bear
- miasma swamp gas; heavy vaporous atmosphere often emanating from decaying matter; pervasive corrupting influence; noxious atmosphere or influence
- deviate turn away from (a principle, norm); move away from an accepted standard; swerve; depart; diverge; N. deviation; Ex. deviation of the path of light by a prism
- slapdash hasty and careless; haphazard; sloppy (carelessly done)
- maim mutilate; injure lastingly; disable; cripple; Ex. maimed for life
- decapitate 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
- agrarian pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform
- visceral felt in one’s inner organs; N. viscera: internal body organs; CF. eviscerate
- palpate roof of the mouth; sense of the taste
- palate roof of the mouth; sense of the taste
- cleave split or sever; cling to; remain faithful to; N. cleavage; ADJ. cloven
- detonation explosion
- levitate rise and float in the air (especially by magical means); CF. light
- fit sudden outburst of an illness or feeling; convulsion caused by epilepsy
- default failure to act; failure to perform a task or be present; V.
- stampede sudden frenzied rush (of panic-stricken animals or people); V. participate in or cause stampede; Ex. stampede before the price rises
factitious artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears

bastard illegitimate child

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

apotheogm(apophthegm) pithy, compact saying

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

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

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

irreverence lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent

trifling trivial; unimportant

chronicle report; record (in chronological order)

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

regal royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner

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

glower scowl; glare; look or stare angrily

prefatory introductory; of a preface

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

harangue long, passionate, and vehement speech; V.

carrion rotting flesh of a dead body; Cf. vulture

broach introduce as a subject; moot; open up

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

disinter dig up; unearth; OP. inter

defrock strip a priest or minister of church authority; unfrock

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

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

reek emit (an unpleasant odor or smoke); give off an unpleasant odor; give out smoke; Ex. 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
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)
icriminate: 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
inerancy: 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)
aminus: hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition
acclaim: applaud; praise; greet with great approval; announce with great approval; Ex. The new drung has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N: strong expression of approval and praise
reprobate: morally disapproved person; person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency; CF. disapproved by God?
kleptomaniac: person who has a compulsive desire to steal

tycoon: wealthy and powerful businessperson; wealthy leader; magnate; Ex. business tycoon
resignation: patiently submissiveness; statement that one is quitting a job; ADJ. resigned: acquiescent
microcosm: small representative world; world in miniature; Ex. microcosm of English society
prosaic: lacking in imagination; dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact (concerned with facts, not imagination or feelings); factual; CF. prose
fuss: trouble or worry over trifles; make nervous; pay too much attention to; N: needless concern or worry (about a trivial thing); anxious nervous condition; display of attention; Ex. make a fuss over the baby
compassion: sympathy for the suffering of others; ADJ. compassionate
anthropoid: manlike; resembling a human being; N.
apauper: very poor person
fallow: (of land) plowed but not sowed (to improve the quality); uncultivated
entreat: plead; ask earnestly
disconcert: confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb
unal: 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
illus: deceiving; based on illusion; causing illusion; deceptive
orient: get one’s bearings; adjust; make familiar with a situation; orientate
raiment: clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.
Bacchanalia: the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus
pucker: gather into wrinkles or folds; N: wrinkle or fold
casual: happening by chance; irregular; occasional; informal; showing or feeling little interest; Ex. casual reader/labor/remark
pummel: pommel; beat or pound with fists
curmudgeon: churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person
coup: highly successful action or sudden attack; coup(s) d’état; CF. coup de grâce: deathblow or shot which kills
glimmer: shine erratically; twinkle; N: dim or unsteady light; faint indication; Ex. glimmer of hope
synchronous: similarly timed; simultaneous with; occurring at the same time; V. synchronize
impudence: impertinence; insolence
quaff  drink with zest; drink with relish (zest; hearty enjoyment); 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
slaughter  killing of animals for food; massacre; V: butcher (animals) for food; kill in large numbers
levee  earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding; CF. raise
embroider  decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embellish
correlation  mutual relationship
crossbreed  hybridize; N: hybrid; CF. interbreed; CF. 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
outskirts  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
sanguinary bloody; with much bloodshed
impediment hindrance; stumbling-block; speech defect preventing clear articulation; Ex. speech impediment
dolt slow-thinking stupid person; CF. dull
sacrilegious desecrating; profane; N. sacrilege: desecration, misuse, or theft of something sacred
nutritious providing nourishment
menace threat; V: threaten
dilapidated falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined because of neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N. dilapidation
cataract great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight)
usury lending money at illegal high rates of interest
impute attribute; ascribe; charge; N. imputation
jaundiced yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs; Ex. with a jaundiced eye
lace cord used to draw and tie together two opposite edges (as of a shoe); delicate fabric made of fine threads; V: draw together by tying a lace
prophylactic used to prevent disease; N: something prophylactic; condom; N. prophylaxis: prevention of disease
paroxysm fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outbreak
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 rearrangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder
porridge soft food made by boiling oatmeal
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.
writhing 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
ennui  boredom; listlessness and dissatisfaction resulting from lack of interest; CF. annoy
heyday  time of greatest success or power; prime
obese  excessively fat; N. obesity
maxim  proverb; truth pithily stated
stupefy  stun; make numb (as with a drug); amaze
ecstasy  rapture; very strong feeling of joy and happiness; any overpowering emotion; ADJ. ecstatic: causing or experiencing ecstasy
impotent  weak; ineffective; lacking in physical strength or power
tureen  deep dish for serving soup
statute  law enacted by the legislature
stoop  bend forward and down; lower or debase oneself; fall to a lower standard of behavior by doing something; condescend; Ex. stoop to lying
aromatic  fragrant; having a sweet smell; N. aroma: strong pleasant smell
frustrate  thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose
hothead  person who does things too quickly without thinking; ADJ. hotheaded
abut  border upon; adjoin
litigation  lawsuit; N. litigant: one party in a lawsuit; V. litigate
descrie  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.
spare give; use; refrain from harming; save from experiencing; exempt; Ex. spare me 5 minutes; Ex. The emperor was spared the onus; ADJ: kept in reserve; free for other use; unoccupied; Ex. spare time

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

turbid (of a liquid) having the sediment disturbed; muddy; thick

ram male sheep; V. strike or drive against with a heavy impact

subside sink to a lower level; settle down; sink to the bottom (as a sediment); descend; grow quiet; become less; moderate; abate

cower shrink quivering as from fear; cringe

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

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

warrant justification; written order that serves as authorization (esp. a judicial writ); Ex. search/death warrant; V: justify; guarantee

polemic attack or defense of an opinion; controversy or refutation; argument in support of point of view; N. polemics: art of debate or controversy

tipple drink (alcoholic beverages) frequently; N: alcoholic drink

pry inquire impertinently (someone else’s private affairs); use leverage to raise or open something; prize; N. pries: tool for prying

hackneyed commonplace; trite

poise good judgment with composure; balance; V: place in a carefully balanced position

humility humbleness of spirit

snub ignore or behave coldly toward; Ex. I made a suggestion but she snubbed me; N.

fetid(foetid) malodorous; foul

slipshod slovenly; careless; sloppy; untidy; shabby; Ex. slipshod work

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

gangrene decay of body tissue caused by insufficient blood supply (usually following injury); ADJ. gangrenous

dynamic energetic; vigorously active

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

ambrosia food of the gods

zealot one who is zealous; fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal

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; troublesomely urgent or persistent

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

prank mischievous trick

wily crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile: deceitful stratagem

merger combination (of two business corporations); act of merging
□ **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 involvement; calm and objective; physically separate; N. detachment; CF. attachment
□ **converse** opposite; ADJ.
□ **invalidate** weaken; destroy; make invalid; nullify
□ **invert** turn upside down or inside out; reverse the position or condition of
□ **plagiarize** steal another’s ideas or writings and pass them off as one’s own; Ex. ideas plagiarized from my article; N. plagiarism; CF. kidnap
□ **forensic** suitable to debate or courts of law; of or used in legal proceedings and the tracking of criminals; Ex. forensic science/medicine
□ **culvert** artificial channel for water; drain crossing under a road
□ **generic** characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus
□ **coalesce** combine; fuse; N. coalescence
□ **erotic** pertaining to passionate love or sexual love
□ **incense** enrage; infuriate(make furious); make extremely angry; outrage; N. aromatic substance burned to produce a pleasant odor
□ **prattle** talk idly; babble; N. CF. prate
□ **imbalance** lack of balance or symmetry; disproportion
□ **pseudonym** pen name; fictitious name assumed by an author; ADJ. pseudonymous
□ **supernumerary** person or thing excess of what is necessary; extra; ADJ. additional to the usual or necessary number
□ **transitory** transient; impermanent; fleeting; N. transitoriness
□ **alacrity** cheerful promptness without reluctance
□ **remittance** remitting of money; amount of money remitted
□ **timbre** quality of a musical tone produced by a musical instrument (which distinguishes it from others of the same pitch)
□ **resuscitate** revive; bring back to life or consciousness; Ex. resuscitate the drowned child
□ **culmination** highest point; climax; V. culminate in: reach the highest point in; end in; Ex. a series of minor clashes culminating in war
□ **figurine** small ornamental statuette(very small statue)
□ **ravel** fall apart into tangles; entangle; unravel or untwist
□ **stem from** arise from; originate from
□ **decipher** decode; CF. indecipherable
□ **endear** make beloved; Ex. endear her to everyone; ADJ. dear: loved; cherished; high-priced
□ **prohibitive** so high as to prohibit purchase or use; tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; prohibiting; inclined to prevent or forbid; Ex. prohibitive tax
□ **obdurate** stubborn; refusing to change one’s belief
□ **millennium** thousand-year period (as in the New Testament); hoped-for period of happiness and prosperity
□ **pittance** small amount (of money); small allowance or wage
□ **admonish** warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove
□ **bane** posion; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous
□ **cliché** phrase dulled in meaning by repetition; platitude; ADJ. clichéd
□ **sovereignty** complete independence and self-government (of a country); supremacy of authority; power to govern
□ **juridical** of the law and its administration; CF. judicial: of courts of law; CF. judiciary
□ **mace** ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority; 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
□ **desperado** reckless, desperate outlaw
□ **concurrent** happening at the same time; in agreement
□ **subservient** behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious; subordinate; N. subservience
□ **civil** having to do with citizens; not military or religious; courteous and polite; Ex. married in a civil ceremony; Ex. civil strife/disorder/law; N. civility; CF. civic
□ **sully** defile; soil; tarnish; Ex. sully one’s hands in menial labor
□ **tend** have a tendency; take care of; minister; serve at; apply one’s attention; attend
□ **prone** inclined to; likely to (suffer); prostrate; lying with the front downward; Ex. prone to disease/make mistakes; Ex. accident-prone
□ **sonorous** resonant; producing a full deep sound; producing sound
□ **chalice** goblet; consecrated cup
□ **blighted** suffering from a disease; destroyed
□ **lank** long and thin; Ex. Lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln
□ **migrant** changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N. one that migrates
□ **collage** work of art put together from fragments
somnambulist sleepwalker; V. somnambulate; N. somnambulism

flush 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

eologism new or newly coined word or phrase

codil supplement to the body of a will; later addition to a will

tension stretching; condition of being stretched; mental strain; strained relationship between groups or people

cordon extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress; (어깨에서 거드랑 밑으로 감치는) 장식 리본; V.

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

wary very cautious; watchful

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

vex annoy; distress

clapper striker (tongue) of a bell
décollé (of a dress) having a low-cut neckline; CF. décolletage: low neckline (on a dress)
brag boast

injurious harmful; causing injury

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

precursor forerunner; predecessor

repudiate disown; disavow; deny
tome large volume; book

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

diligence steadiness of effort; persistent hard work

limn draw; outline; describe; CF. line?
beset harass or trouble from all directions; hem in

platonic purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire

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

restitution returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury

unsightly ugly; unpleasant to look at
domineer rule over tyrannically

bawling swelling out in waves; surging

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

recount narrate or tell (a story); count over again
disarray state of disorder; a disorderly or untidy state; Ex. with her clothes in disarray

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

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

gesticulation motion; gesture; V. gesticulate: make gestures (while speaking)
vixen female fox; ill-tempered woman; CF. shrew
tarnish make or become dull or discolored; N.

hypercritical excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)
□ officious meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one’s services; overly eager in offering unwanted services or advice; Ex. officious bellboy
□ cow terrorize; intimidate
□ representational (of a style of art) showing things as they actually appear in real life
□ viscid adhesive; gluey
□ infraction violation (of a rule or regulation); breach
□ sunder separate; part; CF. asunder
□ stilted bombastic; stiffly pompous; Ex. stilted rhetoric; CF. stiff: formal
□ defile pollute; make filthy or dirty; corrupt morally; profane; desecrate; N: narrow passage or gorge through mountains
□ pine long for; yearn; languish from longing or grief; decline
□ revulsion sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture
□ refractory unmanageable; disobedient and stubborn; Ex. refractory horse
□ decorum propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners; appropriateness of behavior or conduct
□ tirade long angry denunciatory speech; diatribe; harangue; extended scolding; denunciation
□ paradigm model; example that serves as a model; pattern; list of all the inflectional forms of a word
□ sibling brother or sister
□ peripheral of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex. peripheral nerve/interest
□ squelch produce a splashing sound (when stepping through mud); crash; 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
□ coincidence the chance occurrence, at the same time, of two or more seemingly connected events; V. coincide: happen at the same time; be in agreement; CF. coincident; CF. coincidental
□ impregnate make pregnant; fill thoroughly; saturate
□ vacuous empty; lacking in ideas; inane; stupid; Ex. vacuous expression; N. vacuity
□ unobtrusive inconspicuous; not blatant
□ devotee enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach
□ veer change in direction; swerve
□ resonant (of a sound) echoing; resounding(sounding loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice; N. resonance
□ bullion gold and silver in the form of bars
□ somber dark; gloomy; melancholy; depressing; CF. shadow
□ amble walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly
□ impecunious without money
□ spectral ghostly; N. specter: spectre; ghost; phantom
□ dichotomy division into two opposite parts; split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)
□ hovel shack; small wretched house
□ artful exhibiting art or skill; deceitful; cunning; CF. artifice
□ deputize work or appoint as a deputy; N. deputy: person who has the power to take charge when the leading person is away
□ responsiveness state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc.; ADJ. responsive: readily reacting; Ex. responsive to treatment
□ precipice cliff; dangerous position; Ex. on the edge of the precipice
□ bauble trinket; cheap jewel; trifle
□ primate group of mammals including humans
□ sterile incapable of producing young; free from microorganism; V. sterilize
□ occult mysterious; secret; supernatural; beyond human comprehension; CF. mysterious to human ?; OP: bare
□ opus work (esp. musical composition); Ex. magnum opus: masterpiece; CF. opera
□ fringe decorative edge of hanging threads; edge
□ whet sharpen; stimulate; Ex. whet someone’s appetite
□ knoll little round hill; hillock
□ graphite black form of carbon used in lead pencils
□ diadem crown
□ peripatetic walking about from place to place (to work); moving; Ex. peripatetic school of philosophy
□ tenet doctrine; dogma
□ aloft upward; high up in the air
□ nautical pertaining to ships or navigation
□ acknowledge recognize; admit
□ ulcer sore place appearing on the skin inside or outside the body; Ex. stomach ulcer; ADJ. ulcerous; V. ulcerate
□ propound put forth for consideration or analysis; set forth; Ex. propound a problem/theory
□ affront insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect; V: insult or hurt the feelings of intentionally
□ accelerate move faster
□ beseech beg; plead with
□ prototype original work used as a model by others
□ aver state confidently; declare as true
□ simile comparison of one thing with another, using the word like or as
□ unravel disentangle; solve
□ deprecate express disapproval of; deplore; protest against; belittle; ADJ. deprecatory
□ ramification branching out; subdivision; one branch of a system; one of the results following from an action or decision; Ex. ramifications of a business/the decision
□ bandy discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words) heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words with
□ disembark debark; go ashore (from a ship); unload cargo from a ship; CF. embark
□ blush become red in the face (from embarrassment or shame); become red or rosy; N.
□ abash embarrass
□ prevail be widespread; triumph over; gain victory; prevail on: persuade; induce; Ex. Justice has prevailed; Ex. prevail on someone to do something
□ raze destroy completely; Ex. raze the city to the ground
□ diaphanous sheer; transparent
□ mystic of hidden meaning and spiritual power; Ex. mystic ceremonies; N. CF. mysticism
□ concoct prepare by mixing or combining; make up in concert; devise (something false) so as to deceive; Ex. concoct an elaborate excuse for being late; N. concoction
□ guffaw boisterous laughter; V.
□ affiliation joining; associating with
□ trigger set off; start
□ emollient soothing or softening remedy (for the skin); ADJ.
□ wilt loose freshness; droop
□ iota very small quantity
□ quash crush; suppress; squash; subdue; annul; Ex. quash a rebellion/the decision of the low court
□ fleece wool coat of a sheep; V: shear the fleece from; rob by a trick; swindle; plunder
□ spoilsport one who spoils the pleasure of others
protrude  stick out; jut; project; Ex. protruding teeth
ellipse  omission of words from a text; mark used to indicate an omission (when the meaning can be understood without them); PL. ellipses
clasp  hold firmly within arms
demeanor  behavior; bearing
vassal  in feudalism, one who held land of a superior lord; subordinate or dependent
stumble  trip and almost fall; proceed unsteadily; act faltering; N.
fastidious  difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky
brittle  hard but easily broken; difficult; unstable; Ex. brittle situation
dogged  determined; stubborn; stubbornly persevering; tenacious; Ex. Inspector Javert's dogged pursuit of Jean Valjean
bully  one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.
fluster  confuse; make nervous and confused; N.
desultory  aimless; haphazard; digressing at random
reimburse  repay; pay back
raucous  (of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts
baleful  evil; malignant in intent or effect; deadly; having a malign influence; portending evil; ominous; threatening; Ex. baleful look
noose  loop formed in a rope
clamber  climb by crawling with difficulties; scramble
accede  agree
fertile  producing many young, fruits, or seeds; (of land) producing good crops; V. fertilize
staccato  played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt sharp sound; Ex. staccato applause
weather  pass safely through (a storm or difficult period); endure the effects of weather or other forces
cozen  cheat; hoodwink; swindle
redress  remedy; compensation; Ex. seek redress for the damage to your car; V: put right; remedy or rectify (a wrong); make amends for
dénouement  final outcome; final development of the plot of a play or other literary work; the end of a story when everything is explained
subjective  influenced by personal feelings; occurring or taking place within the mind; unreal; Ex. subjective sensation of the ghostly presence
decoy  lure or bait; V.
exempt  not subject to a duty or obligation; free from a duty; V.
qualify  reach a necessary standard; limit the meaning of something stated
inroad  hostile invasion; advance that lessens the quantity or difficulty of something; Ex. The long illness made serious inroads on his savings; CF. raid
apiarist  person who keeps bees
degen  condescend; stoop
travesty  copy or example of something that completely misrepresents the true nature of the real thing; comical parody or imitation; treatment aimed at making something appear ridiculous; Ex. travesty of justice; OF. paragon
scrap  small bit or fragment; discarded waste material; fight; Ex. a scrap of paper/cloth; V: break into parts for disposal; discard as worthless; fight; quarrel
inconsequential  insignificant; unimportant
reconcile  make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one's political principles with one's religious beliefs
bevy  large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets
evoke  call forth (memory or feeling); Ex. That old film evoked memories of my childhood; N. evocation
legislature  legislating branch of government; CF. legislature: make laws
metaphor  implied comparison; CF. simile
punitive  punishing; Ex. punitive measures
vantage  position giving an advantage (such as a strategic point); CF. vantage point
larceny  theft; Ex. petit larceny
impromptu  without previous preparation; off the cuff (end of a sleeve); on the spur of the moment
excoriate  scold with biting harshness; censure strongly; strip the skin off
taint  contaminate; cause to lose purity; modify with a trace of something bad; Ex. tainted reputation; N: stain; touch of decay or bad influence; CF. touch
stricture  severe and adverse criticism; critical comments; limit or restriction
olfactory  concerning the sense of smell
galvanic  of the production of electricity by the action of an acid on a metal; having the effect of an electric shock; Ex. galvanic cell; galvanic effect; CF. Luigi Galvani
frock  long loose garment (worn by monks)
inroad  hostile invasion; advance that lessens the quantity or difficulty of something; Ex. The long illness made serious inroads on his savings; CF. raid
implication  something hinted at or suggested; implying; implicating
neophyte  recent convert; new member of a religious group; beginner; CF. plant
conclave  private secret meeting
distend  expand; swell out
pell-mell  in confusion; disorderly; Ex. dash pell-mell
luminous  shining (esp. in the dark); issuing light; Ex. luminous paint/road signs
pallet  small poor bed; Ex. straw pallet
- bombastic: pompous; using inflated language
- reprisal: retaliation
- accomplice: partner in crime
- exiguous: small in amount; minute
- wretch: miserable person; bad or despicable person; ADJ. wretched: miserable; bad; contemptible; vile
- mundane: worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday; of the ordinary; Ex. mundane existence; CF. world
- internecine: mutually destructive
- orator: public speaker
- sanctuary: place of refuge; shelter; shrine; holy place; Ex. The outlaw was granted sanctuary in the church.
- diva: operatic singer; prima donna
- ambulatory: able to walk
- umbrage: resentment; anger; sense of injury or insult; Ex. take umbrage at his rudeness
- timorous: fearful; timid; demonstrating fear
- rousing: lively; inducing excitement; stirring; V. rouse: waken; arouse from sleep or depression; excite; stir up
- ogle: look at amorously; make eyes at; Ex. old men ogling young girls
- mottled: blotched in coloring; spotted; Ex. mottled face; V. mottle: mark with blotches of different colors
- token: outward sign; Ex. a token of our gratitude
- mote: small speck (esp. of dust)
- sheath: place into a case; insert into or provide with a sheath; Ex. He sheathed his dagger; N. sheath: case for a blade
- attenuate: make thin; weaken
- earthy: unrefined; coarse; of earth; Ex. earthy remarks; OP. ethereal
- odds: chances; probability; disagreement; Ex. The odds are that it will rain. Ex. at odds with
- tangential: only slightly connected; not central; peripheral; digressing; showing divergence; CF. tangent
- eulogistic: praising; full of eulogy
- suavity: urbanity; polish; ADJ. suave: smooth and courteous
- mogul: powerful person; Ex. oil moguls; CF. Mogol, Moghul; CF. Mongolian
- imperial: like an emperor; related to an empire; CF. imperialism
- dumbfound(dumfound): astonish (making dumb); ADJ. dumbfounded, dumfounded, dumbstruck
- sham: pretend; feign; ADJ. not genuine; fake; Ex. sham jewelry; N: something that is not what it appears; impostor; pretense; Ex. The agreement was a sham.
- insightful: discerning; perceptive
- atrophy: wasting away; V: weaken and lose flesh and muscle (through lack of blood or lack of use)
- nectar: drink of the gods; sweet liquid collected by bees
- augment: increase; add to
- frond: fern leaf; palm or banana leaf
- saturnine: morose; gloomy; Ex. Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance.
- predilection: preference; partiality
- sybarite: lover of luxury; person devoted to pleasure and luxury; CF. Sybaris: an ancient Greek city in Italy
- bucolic: rustic; pastoral
- onerous: burdensome
- hypnosis: induced sleeping state; ADJ. hypnotic; V. hypnotize
- anneal: reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)
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
cogulate  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.
defy  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.
astronomical  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.
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 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

decompose disturb the composure of; confuse

residue remainder; balance

febrile feverish

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

frenetic frenzied; frantic

bacchanalian drunken

tantalize tease; excite by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach; torture with disappointment; CF. Tantalus: Greek mythological figure

diminution lessening; reduction in size; V. diminish

solicitous anxious; worried; concerned; eager; Ex. solicitous to do something; N. solicitude

contiguous adjacent to; touching upon

refrain abstain from; resist; forbear; N. chorus

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

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

aegis shield; protection; defense

feline of a member of the cat family; N.

downcast disheartened; dejected; sad; directed downward

diatribe bitter scolding or denunciation; invective; abuse

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

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

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

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

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

behemoth huge creature; something of monstrous size or power

penology study of prison management and criminal rehabilitation

meticulous excessively careful (with great attention to detail); painstaking; scrupulous

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

luminary celebrity (in a specific field); dignitary; object that gives light (as a celestial body)

parry ward off a blow; deflect; Ex. He parried the unwelcome question very skillfully; N. CF. 막는다는 개념이 아님

desiccate dry up

dominant exercising the most influence; high and easily seen; stronger than the other part of a system; not recessive

poseur person who pretends to be sophisticated, elegant, etc., to impress others; person who poses; CF. pose

oblique indirect; slanting (deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line); Ex. oblique reference

reverie daydream; abstracted musing

corporeal bodily (rather than spiritual); of a bodily form; material; tangible

thresh beat (cereal plants) with a machine or flail to separate the grains from the straw

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

scavenge hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N. scavenger: one who scavenges; animal that feeds on refuse and carrion

pulse rhythmical throbbing of arteries; brief sudden change in a normally constant quantity; V: pulsate

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

gradation series of gradual stages; degree in such a progression

incrédulity tendency to disbelief

manifold many in number or kind; numerous; varied

renegade deserter; traitor; ADJ.

haughtiness pride; traitor; ADJ. haughty

graduate arrange into categories or grades; divide into marked intervals (for use in measurement); Ex. graduated ruler

amok(amuck) in a state of rage; Ex. run amok
\[ \text{verve} \] enthusiasm (as in artistic performance or composition); liveliness; vigor

\[ \text{maelstrom} \] violent whirlpool; violent or turbulent situation; CF. stream

\[ \text{centrifuge} \] machine that separates substances by whirling them

\[ \text{homogeneous} \] of the same kind; uniform in composition throughout

\[ \text{edict} \] decree (especially one issued by a sovereign); official command

\[ \text{margin} \] border; room; allowance beyond what is needed; Ex. margin of safety

\[ \text{vernal} \] pertaining to spring

\[ \text{skulk} \] move furtively and secretly; Ex. He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city.

\[ \text{drip} \] fall or let fall in drops; shed drops; N: action or sound of falling in drops; liquid that falls in drops

\[ \text{rebuttal} \] refutation; response with contrary evidence; V. rebut: refute; disprove

\[ \text{predetermine} \] determine in advance; predestine; settle or decide beforehand; influence markedly

\[ \text{paraphrase} \] restate a passage in one’s own words while retaining thought of author; N: restatement of a text in other words

\[ \text{stoic} \] stoical; impassive; unmoved by joy or grief; N. CF. stoicism

\[ \text{clap} \] 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

\[ \text{wanderlust} \] strong longing to travel

\[ \text{pliable} \] flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable

\[ \text{pedagogue} \] teacher; CF. child leader

\[ \text{protagonist} \] leader or noticeable supporter of an idea; chief character in a play or story

\[ \text{unmitigated} \] (of something bad) not moderated; unrelieved or immoderate; without qualification; absolute; Ex. unmitigated disaster

\[ \text{obelisk} \] tall column tapering (becoming gradually narrower toward the end) and ending in a pyramid

\[ \text{blowhard} \] talkative boaster; braggart

\[ \text{interpolate} \] insert between

\[ \text{anarchy} \] absence of governing body; state of disorder

\[ \text{felon} \] person convicted of a grave crime; CF. felony: serious crime

\[ \text{braggadocio} \] boasting

\[ \text{curator} \] superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)

\[ \text{nimble} \] quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind

\[ \text{perdition} \] damnation; complete ruin; hell


- abstinence restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF: abstention: act of abstaining from vote
- slough (of a snake) shed or cast off (dead outer skin); N: outer layer that is shed
- execute put into effect; carry out; kill as a lawful punishment; N. execution
- parochial narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes
- affidavit written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)
- chaplain clergyman attached to a chapel
- entourage group of attendants; retinue; CF. surround
- induct place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N. induction: inducting; process of deriving general principles from particular facts
- remote distant in manner; aloof
- doldrums blues; listlessness(lack of spirit or energy); slack(inactive) period; period of stagnation; ocean area near the equator where ships cannot move because there is no wind; Ex. in the doldrums
- dulcet sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious
- dyslexia word blindness; learning disorder marked by impairment of the ability to read
- malleable (of a metal) capable of being shaped by pounding(beating); pliable; (of someone) impressionable(easily influenced); easily controlled; tractable
- eventual happening at last as a result; Ex. eventual victory
- imponderable weightless; that cannot undergo precise evaluation; CF. pound
- pervert corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural
- climactic relating to the highest point; N. climax; CF. climatic
- superficial of the surface; not deep; shallow; not thorough; trivial; Ex. superficial analysis/knowledge
- argot slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people
- genus division of animals or plants, below a family and above a species
- withdrawn introverted; retiring; remote
- pore study industriously; ponder; scrutinize; Ex. pore over the book; N.
- empathy ability to identify with another’s feelings, ideas, etc.; identification with and understanding of another’s feelings; V. empathize; CF. sympathy
- demise death
- hyperbole exaggeration; overstatement; ADJ. hyperbolic: of hyperbole; of a hyperbola
- yoke join together; unite; N: crossbar used to joining two draft animals
- lament grieve; express sorrow; N. lamentation
- totem animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex. totem pole
- autopsy examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.
- venturesome (of a person) bold; adventurous; daring; (of an action) risky
- indefatigable tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired
- insensible unconscious; unresponsive; insensitive; unaware; imperceptible; Ex. insensible of his danger/to pain; Ex. insensitive 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
- ewe female sheep
- covetous avaricious; desirous of (someone else’s possessions); V. covet: desire eagerly (someone else’s possessions)
- meek submissive; patient and long-suffering
- impetuous violent; hasty; rash; impulsive; without careful thought; Ex. impetuous decision
- sundry miscellaneous; various; several; N. sundries: small miscellaneous items
- scurry move hastily; hurry; move briskly
- ineffectual not effective; not having a desired effect; weak
- potent powerful; convincing; persuasive; greatly influential
- barrage barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex. a barrage of criticism
- anchor secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage
- graphic pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described
- cunning clever in deceiving; sly; N: cleverness in deceiving; deceit
- subjugate conquer; bring under control
- 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
- illimitable infinite; limitless
- undulating moving with a wavelike motion; V. undulate; CF. und: wave
- pass off present falsely; represent falsely to be
• interloper intruder; one who interferes
• concord harmony; accord
• 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
• convocation call together; Ex. convocation 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
• squalor condition of being squalid; filth; degradation; dirty neglected state; ADJ. squalid: dirty; sordid; morally repulsive; Ex. squalid 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
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

humble mix in a confused way

glimmer mourning or public sympathy

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; guerilla

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. minuitia

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; irreverent for holy things

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

equipose balance; balancing force; equilibrium

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

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

crave desire; want intensely

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

puissant powerful; strong; potent; N. puissance: power
☐ vendor seller
☐ infirmity weakness
☐ shoot new growth from a plant
☐ arcade a covered passageway usually lined with shops
☐ propriety fitness; quality of being proper; correct conduct; conformity to prevailing customs and usages; CF. proprietor, proprietary
☐ medium element that is a creature’s natural environment; nutrient setting in which microorganisms are cultivated; appropriate occupation or means of expression; channel of communication; compromise; middle position between extremes; intervening substance through which something else is transmitted
☐ deploy spread out (troops) in an extended though shallow battle line; distribute (persons or forces) systematically or strategically
☐ rectify set right; correct; CF. rect-: right
☐ jabber chatter rapidly or unintelligibly
☐ petrify turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze
☐ condone overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse
☐ strut pompous walk; V. walk in a self-important manner
☐ collaborate work together; cooperate reasonably with the enemy
☐ rationalize make rational; devise false reasons for (one’s behavior); offer an excuse; give a plausible reason for an action in place of a true, less admirable ones; N. rationalization
☐ sensitization process of being made sensitive or acutely responsive to an external agent or substance; V. sensitize: make or become sensitive
☐ underlying lying below; fundamental
☐ bureaucracy overregulated administrative system marked by red tape; ADJ. bureaucratic
☐ martinet strict disciplinarian; person who demands total obedience to rules and orders; CF. Jean Martinet
☐ remediable reparable
☐ urchin mischievous child (usually a boy); CF. urchin: hedgehog; CF. porcupine: pig with spikes ?; CF. sea urchin
☐ squash crush; quash; suppress
☐ impassioned (of speech) filled with passion; fervent
☐ perpetuate make perpetual; make something last for a long time; preserve from extinction; N. perpetuity
☐ anthropomorphic having human form or characteristics
☐ nondescript undistinctive; ordinary; ordinary-looking; Ex. nondescript fellow in a crowd
☐ prognosticate predict (according to present indications)
☐ 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
peruse read through with care; N. perusal
revoke cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable
dilatory delaying; tending to delay
inept unsuited; inappropriate; lacking skill; incompetent; CF. inapt: (of statements or ideas) inappropriate
gorge stuff oneself (with food); glut; CF. gorgeous: dazzlingly beautiful
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. nigging
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
□ tremor trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)
□ concur agree; coincide; happen at the same time
□ smelt melt (ore) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ores changing their chemical composition
□ hap chance; luck
□ deducible derived by reasoning; V. deduce: infer; derive by reasoning
□ demolition destruction; V. demolish
□ aphorism pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic
□ motto brief statement used to express a principle
□ confluence flowing together; the place where two rivers flow together; crowd; gathering together
□ bludgeon club; heavy-headed weapon; V.
□ vile despicable; unpleasant; disgusting; Ex. vile slander
□ glare shine intensely and blindingly; stare fixedly and angrily; N.
□ convert one who has adopted a different religion or opinion; V: change into another form; (persuade to) adopt a particular religion or belief
□ chisel swindle or cheat; N: wedgelike tool for cutting
□ avocation secondary or minor occupation
□ finery beautiful clothes for a special occasion
□ lush (of a plant or grass) growing very well
□ marrow soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells
□ vulgar of the common people; deficient in refinement; not refined; coarse; Ex. vulgar display of wealth; N. vulgarism: vulgarity; crudely indecent word; Cf. vulgarian: vulgar person; boor; lout
□ emolument salary; payment for an office; compensation
□ abysmal bottomless
□ cavalcade procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; Cf. cavalry
□ idiosyncrasy individual trait usually odd in nature; behavioral peculiarity; eccentricity; attitude, behavior, or opinion peculiar to a person; anything highly individual or eccentric; ADJ. idiosyncratic
□ constitution constituting; system of laws; composition of something; physical makeup or structure of a person; Ex. men with strong constitutions
□ enterprising full of initiative; showing enterprise
□ invulnerable incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure
□ prime period of ideal or peak condition; earliest or beginning stage; Ex. in the prime of life; Ex. prime of the year (spring); ADJ: first in importance or rank; first; V: make ready; prepare
□ corollary natural consequence (which naturally follows from something else)
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

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

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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 ascend

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

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

malevolent wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence

camaraderie good-fellowship; CF. comrade

implore beg

nettle irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettlesome

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

ecosystem ecological community together with its environment

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

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

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

disapprobation disapproval; condemnation

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

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

cox: 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

santimonious: 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
Confid - tell in confidence (to a person one trusts); be confiden 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: obligate: 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

Proselitiz - (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; 첨전제; 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
□ resurgence 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; cheerfulfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry; gay
□ subsistence existence; means of subsisting; means of support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist; maintain life (at a meager level)
□ shunt move (a railway train) from one track to another; turn aside; divert; sidetrack; Ex. shunt traffic around an accident; N.
□ grapple wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar
□ simplistic oversimplified
□ tenacity firmness; persistence
□ extrovert person interested mostly in external objects and actions
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
draw 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
plait braid; interweave; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex. plaits hair; N: braided length as of hair o fabric; CF. pigtail, ponytail
mercurial capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex. mercurial temper; CF. mood
historic important in history; Ex. historic battle
imminent impending; near at hand
wiggle wriggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions
curtail shorten; reduce
narcissist conceited person; N. narcissism; CF. narcissus
pejorative (of a word or phrase) suggesting that someone is of little value; negative in connotation; having a belittling effect; Ex. Many women now considers “housewife” a pejorative expression, because it patronized them.
ration fixed portion; V: distribute as rations
levity lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner
quagmire bog; marsh; soft, wet, boggy land; predicament; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself
aplomb poise; composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence
adhere stick fast; be a devout follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty
□ doff  take off; OP. don
□ corrugated  wrinkled; ridged
□ esteem  respect; value; judge; N.
□ ambiguous  unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation
□ wrest  obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp
□ spate  sudden flood or rush; Ex. spate of accidents
□ inanimate  lifeless; not animate
□ armada  fleet of warships
□ polarize  split into opposite extremes or camps
□ rolling  (of land) rising and falling in long gentle slopes; happening continuously by stages; Ex. rolling devolution of power to local governments
□ practicable  feasible
□ amiable  agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly
□ roster  list (of names)
□ delta  flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river
□ bereavement  state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved; state of being bereaved or bereft
□ loll  lounge about
□ posthumous  after death (as of child born after father’s death or book published after author’s death); coming or occurring after one’s death; Ex. posthumous fame/novel
□ rapt  engrossed; absorbed; enchanted; Ex. rapt listener
□ gentry  people of standing (rank or position); people of good family or high social position; class of people just below nobility
□ idiom  expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its individual words; distinctive style (of expression); Ex. idiom of the modern popular music; ADJ. idiomatic
□ recant  disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error; Ex. recant one’s faith/a statement
□ asylum  place of refuge or shelter; protection (religious or political)
□ virus  disease communicator
□ aberrant  abnormal or deviant
□ hubris  arrogance; excessive self-conceit
□ leniency  mildness; permissiveness; ADJ. lenient: not severe in judgment or punishment
□ imply  suggest a meaning not expressed; signify
□ syllogism  logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or specious argument
□ propensity  natural inclination
□ opaque  dark; not transparent; N. opacity
□ fetish(fetich)  object believed to have spiritual powers; object of excessive attention or reverence; CF. fetishism

□ hummock  small hill; hillock
□ venial  (of a fault or sin) forgivable; trivial
□ effrontery  rudeness without any sense of shame; shameless boldness; presumptuousness; nerve; cheek
□ subtlety  perceptiveness; ingenuity; delicacy; ADJ. subtle: delicate; so slight as to be difficult to detect; able to make fine distinctions; clever; Ex. subtle mind/differences in meaning
□ strew  spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter; Ex. flower girl strewing rose petals
□ canine  related to dogs; doglike
□ boisterous  violent; rough; noisy
□ vituperative  abusive; scolding; V. vituperate: berate; scold; rail against abusively
□ compress  force into less space; squeeze; contract; put into fewer words; N: thick mass of cloth pressed to part of the body to stop bleeding or swelling, reduce fever, etc.
□ paste  smooth viscous mixture as of flour(powder made by crushing grain) and water (used as an adhesive); V: cause to adhere by applying paste
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spendthrift — someone who wastes money; CF. thrift: accumulated wealth
mannered — affected; not natural; Ex. mannered way of speech
marginal — of a margin; barely within a limit; Ex. marginal effect/writing ability
ultimatum — last demand; last warning; last statement of conditions that must be met; Ex. They have ignored our ultimatum.
lascivious — lustful
suspend — cause to stop for a period; interrupt; hold in abeyance; defer; hang from above; exclude for a period from a position; Ex. suspended state; Ex. suspend judgment; Ex. suspended from the team; N. suspension
turncoat — traitor
pique — irritation; resentment from wounded pride (eg. loss in a contest); V: provoke; arouse; annoy; cause to feel resentment; Ex. pique her curiosity
discrepancy — lack of consistency or agreement as between facts; difference; Ex. discrepancy between two descriptions
comprehensive — broad; including a lot or everything; thorough; inclusive
dilemma — situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives
initiate — begin; originate; receive into a group; introduce to a new field or activity; Ex. initiate someone into the mysteries of a secret religion; N: one who has been initiated
osseous — made of bone; bony
distrait — absentminded; distracted
calligraphy — beautiful writing; excellent penmanship
halting — hesitant; faltering; not fluent; Ex. halting steps/voice; V: halt: proceed or act with uncertainty; falter; hesitate; waver; stop
overt — open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert
upright — (sitting or standing) straight up; honest; moral
pathos — tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings; Ex. pathos that runs through the novel
probity — uprightness; honesty; incorruptibility
stratified — divided into classes; arranged into strata; V. stratify
embroil — throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF. imbroglio
exalt — raise in rank or dignity; praise highly; inspire; Ex. exalt the imagination; ADJ. exalted; N. exaltation
scruple — hesitate for ethical reasons; fret about; Ex. She did not scruple to read his diary; N: uneasy feeling arising from conscience; conscience
willful — wilful; intentional; headstrong
sepulcher — tomb; V: place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral
carping — petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble
boor — rude, insensitive person
lucre — money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre
eerie — weird; causing fear because strange
archaeology — study of artifacts and relics of early mankind
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
knotty — intricate; difficult; tangled; CF. knot
prescience — ability to foretell the future; knowledge of actions before they occur; ADJ. prescient
vicissitude — change (esp. from good to bad); change of fortune; CF. the last emperor of China
debauch — corrupt morally; seduce from virtue; N. debauchery: wild behavior (with sex and alcohol)
renge — break a promise; deny; go back on; Ex. renege on the contract/pay off the debt
trivia — trifles; unimportant matters
inert — inactive; lacking power to move; unable to move or act; Ex. chemically inert; N. inertia: state of being inert; force which keeps a thing in the position or state
arduous — hard; strenuous; Ex. arduous work
browse — graze; feed on growing grass; skim or glance at casually
pertinacious — holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn; persistent
patrimony — property inherited from a father
flail — beat with or as if with a flail; move wildly; thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; toss about; N: threshing tool consisting of a stick swinging from the end of a long handle
environ — enclose; surround; N. environs: surrounding area (as of a city)
- annihilate  destroy
- provision  act of providing; something provided; preparatory measure; provisions: necessary supplies (esp. food); stipulation; condition in an agreement; Ex. According to the provisions of the agreement
- balmy  soft and mild (of air); fragrant
- remorse  deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach
- fiend  evil spirit; devil
- incoherent  unintelligible; muddled; unable to express one’s thoughts in an orderly manner; illogical; lacking cohesion; not coherent
- tyro  beginner; novice
- roil  make liquids murky by stirring up sediment; disturb
- idyll(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; bragger
- confine  shut in an enclosed space; restrict; keep within limits; N. confinement
- motif  theme; recurrent thematic element in a musical or literary work; single or repeated pattern; figure
- willowy  flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow
- apologist  one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia
- cloying  distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental; V. cloy: become unpleasant through too much sweetness or excess
- seep  pass slowly through small openings; ooze; trickle; N. seepage
- vicarious  experienced as if one were taking part in the experience of another; done by a deputy for other people; acting as a substitute; Ex. vicarious thrill at the movies; Ex. the vicarious sufferings of Christ
- finicky  too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food
- antithesis  contrast; direct opposite of or to; ADJ. antithetic or antithetical
- culpable  deserving blame; blameworthy
- quiver  tremble; shake; N.
- brawn  human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness
- chasten  discipline; punish in order to correct; CF. castigate
- infer  deduce; conclude; N. inference
- disburse  pay out (as from a fund); N. disbursement; CF. purse
- untenable  (of a position, esp. in an argument) indefensible; not able to be maintained
- demotic  of or pertaining to the people
- spat  squabble; minor dispute; minor quarrel
- persist  continue in existence; last; continue in a course of action in spite of opposition; Ex. persist in/with something; ADJ. persistent
- cacophonous  discordant; inharmonious; N. cacophony: unpleasant mixture of loud sounds
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<td>lacking rhythm or regularity; N. arrhythmia</td>
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<td>plaster</td>
<td>paste that hardens to a smooth solid and is used for coating walls; V.</td>
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<td>nebula</td>
<td>diffuse mass of interstellar dust or gas; galaxy</td>
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<td>doddering</td>
<td>shaky; infirm from old age; V. dodder</td>
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<td>depict</td>
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<td>juxtapose</td>
<td>place side by side; CF. next</td>
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<td>filth</td>
<td>dirty matter; ADJ. filthy</td>
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<td>devise</td>
<td>think up; invent; plan; bequeath; N. bequest</td>
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<td>brackish</td>
<td>somewhat saline</td>
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<td>pontifical</td>
<td>pertaining to a bishop or pope; pompous or pretentious; CF. pontiff: pope; bishop</td>
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<td>reverent</td>
<td>respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect</td>
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<td>shuffle</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>dirge</td>
<td>funeral song; slow mournful piece of music (sung over a dead person)</td>
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<td>Machiavellian</td>
<td>crafty; double-dealing; of the political doctrine of Machiavelli, which holds that craft and deceit are justified in pursuing political power</td>
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<td>disparage; deprecate</td>
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<td>patina</td>
<td>green crust on old bronze works or copper; tone slowly taken by varnished painting</td>
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<td>mischance</td>
<td>ill luck</td>
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<td>effigy</td>
<td>dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex. burn an effigy of the President</td>
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<td>nutrient</td>
<td>nourishing substance; ADJ: providing nourishment</td>
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<td>bacchanal</td>
<td>noisy party with a lot of drinking</td>
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<td>virtuoso</td>
<td>highly skilled artist (esp. in music); Ex. piano virtuoso</td>
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<td>eccentricity</td>
<td>oddity; idiosyncrasy</td>
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<td>benign</td>
<td>kindly; favorable; not malignant (disease); Ex. benign tumor</td>
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<td>wheedle</td>
<td>deceive, persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her</td>
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<td>intrinsic</td>
<td>essential; inherent; built-in</td>
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<td>placate</td>
<td>pacify; bring peace to; conciliate; appease</td>
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<td>menagerie</td>
<td>collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo</td>
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<td>pulsate</td>
<td>throb; beat regularly; vibrate regularly</td>
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<td>sere</td>
<td>sear; parched; dry</td>
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<td>throb</td>
<td>(of a heart or machine) beat rapidly or violently; N. Ex. heartthrob: heartbeat; sweetheart</td>
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<td>halfhearted</td>
<td>exhibiting little interest or enthusiasm</td>
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<td>patriarch</td>
<td>father and ruler of a family or tribe</td>
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<td>subaltern</td>
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<td>hut</td>
<td>crude dwelling; shack</td>
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<td>infest</td>
<td>inhabit in numbers large enough to be harmful; Ex. Mice infested the house; Ex. shark-infested waters</td>
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<td>inevitable</td>
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<td>parity</td>
<td>equality; close resemblance; CF. disparate</td>
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<td>incontrovertible</td>
<td>indubitable; impossible to dispute; not open to question; unquestionable</td>
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<td>tether</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>ebullient</td>
<td>showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm; boiling; N. ebullience; N. ebullition: state of boiling</td>
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<td>insidious</td>
<td>treacherous; stealthy; sly; working or spreading harmfully in a stealthy manner; Ex. insidious spreading of dry rot</td>
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<td>nausea</td>
<td>feeling of sickness and desire to vomit; disgust; CF. seasickness</td>
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<td>alienate</td>
<td>make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of</td>
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<td>esoteric</td>
<td>hard to understand; known only to the chosen few, esp. initiates; N. esoterica</td>
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<td>twistings; distortions; V. contort: twist violently out of shape; CF. contortionist</td>
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<td>corpulent</td>
<td>very fat; N. corpulence</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>amity</td>
<td>friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations</td>
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<td>sensuous</td>
<td>giving pleasure to the senses; pertaining to the physical senses; operating through the senses; sensuous feeling of soft velvet on the skin</td>
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<td>continence</td>
<td>self-restraint; sexual chastity; sexual abstinence; voluntary control over bladder and bowel functions; ADJ. continent</td>
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<td>anoint</td>
<td>consecrate; put oil on (in a religious ceremony)</td>
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<td>dermatologist</td>
<td>one who studies the skin and its diseases</td>
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<td>rational</td>
<td>(of a person) having reason; (of ideas) based on reason; logical</td>
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<td>fetefête</td>
<td>honor at a festival; celebrate or honor with a feast; N. (outdoor) festival or feast; CF. feast</td>
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<td>vortex</td>
<td>whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predication into which one is inexorably plunged</td>
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<td>mason</td>
<td>one who builds or works with stone or brick; N. masonry: work of a mason; stonework or brickwork</td>
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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. affect: 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; mime; V. mimic; pantomime

misogamy hatred of marriage

blunder error; stupid mistake
dais raised platform for speakers or other important people

privy secret; hidden; not public; made a participant in something secret; Ex. privy chamber government; Ex. be privy to a discussion; CF. private
docket program as for trial; book where such entries are made; list of things to be done; agenda; label fixed to a package listing contents or directions; V: describe in a docket
stifle: suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate

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

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

fester: 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: needlessly 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; unconventional

germs: 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

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

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

pertinent: suitable; to the point; relevant

surpass: exceed

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

ragamuffin: dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes

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

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

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

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

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

mammoth: gigantic; enormous

somnolent: half asleep; drowsy; N. somnolence

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

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

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

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

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

prerogative: privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before

paragon: model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue

gadfly: animal-biting fly; irritating person

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

artifacts: object made by human beings, either 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; summation (esp. one given by the judge at the end of a trial)

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

graul  thin liquid porridge

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

pied  piebald; variegated; multicolored

pivotal  of a pivot; central; critical; crucial

marked  pour off gently (wine or liquid)

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explicate  explain in detail; interpret; clarify; CF. explicable

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opulence  extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abundance; ADJ. opulent: possessing great wealth; abundant

commiserate  feel or express pity or sympathy for

debut  d´ebut; 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

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

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

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opulence  extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abundance; ADJ. opulent: possessing great wealth; abundant

commiserate  feel or express pity or sympathy for

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

scowl  frown angrily; N: angry frown

seclusion  isolation; solitude; V. seclude: set apart from others; isolate
sprout \(\square\) begin to grow; give off shoots or buds; N: new growth on a plant; shoot

insurmountable \(\square\) overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable

waif \(\square\) homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays

irresolute \(\square\) uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N. irresolution

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

yield \(\square\) amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V: produce; give in; surrender

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

flora \(\square\) plants of a region or era

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

congenital \(\square\) existing at birth

uniformity \(\square\) sameness; monotony; ADJ. uniform: the same all over

dereliction \(\square\) neglect of duty; abandonment

whinny \(\square\) neigh like a horse; CF. neigh: make the sound which horses make

junket \(\square\) trip especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense

inverse \(\square\) opposite

thrive \(\square\) prosper; flourish

floe \(\square\) flat mass of floating ice

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

therapeutic \(\square\) curative; N. therapy

nocturnal \(\square\) done or active at night; Ex. nocturnal animals/raids; CF. nocturne

luscious \(\square\) pleasing to taste or smell; delicious

hew \(\square\) cut to pieces with ax or sword; chop; N.

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

deranged \(\square\) insane

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

debar \(\square\) bar; forbid; exclude; Ex. debarred from jury services

trickster \(\square\) person who cheats people

maleficient \(\square\) doing evil; N. maleficience

tenant \(\square\) one that pays rent to use property owned by another

integrity \(\square\) honesty; uprightness; wholeness; state of being whole and undivided; completeness

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

hermitage \(\square\) home of a hermit

gush \(\square\) (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 \(\square\) room to move; margin; latitude; Ex. leeway for the deadline

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

compilation \(\square\) listing of information in tabular or book form; compiling

indubitable \(\square\) unable to be doubted; which cannot be doubted; unquestionable

stoke \(\square\) stir up a fire or furnace; feed plentifully

depository \(\square\) give an inclination toward (in advance); make susceptible to; Ex. predispose people to certain cancer; N. predisposition

ludicrous \(\square\) laughable; ridiculous; trifling

impassable \(\square\) not able to be traveled or crossed

combustible \(\square\) easily burned; N. CF. combustion

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

tyranny \(\square\) oppression; cruel government; ADJ. tyrannical: of a tyrant or tyranny; despotic; V. tyrannize: treat tyrannically; oppress

quiver \(\square\) case for arrows

consanguinity \(\square\) kinship; relationship by birth

potable \(\square\) suitable for drinking; drinkable

crone \(\square\) hag; ugly old woman

gargantuan \(\square\) huge; enormous; gigantic; CF. the hero of Gargantua and Pantagruel

seasoned \(\square\) experienced

scuttle \(\square\) sink (a ship) by cutting holes in the hull; scrap; discard; N: small hatch in a ship’s deck or hull

peregrination \(\square\) journey; V. peregrinate

caption \(\square\) title; chapter heading; text under illustration

outstrip \(\square\) outrun; surpass; outdo

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

engaging \(\square\) charming; attractive

iconoclastic \(\square\) attacking cherished traditions; N. iconoclast: one who attacks traditional ideas; one who destroys sacred images
☐ parched extremely dry; very thirsty; V. parch: make or become extremely dry (by exposure to heat)

☐ discernible distinguishable; perceivable; Ex. discernible improvement

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

☐ quail cower; shrink back in fear; lose heart

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

☐ comprehend include; understand

☐ opalescent 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

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

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

☐ compensatory making up for; repaying

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

☐ ensue follow (as a result)

☐ outwit outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly

☐ brisk quick and active; marked by liveliness and vigor

☐ gild cover with a thin layer of gold

☐ assiduous diligent

☐ regatta boat or yacht race
□ remonstrate protest; objection; V. remonstrate: say in protest
□ rent tear made by rending; rip; split
□ dissension disagreement of opinions causing strife within a group
□ velocity speed
□ scaffold temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution
□ beleaguer besiege or attack (with an army); harass; beset
□ browbeat bully; intimidate
□ marshal put in order; guide ceremoniously to the correct place; Ex. marshal the children into the museum; N: military officer; official
□ vulpine like a fox; crafty
□ shirk avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malinger
□ fermentation chemical reaction that splits complex organic compounds; unrest; agitation
□ deride ridicule; treat with contempt; make fun of; OP. respect
□ plume feather, esp. large or showy one; something that rises into the air (like the shape of a feather); Ex. plume of smoke: 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. meretricious argument/jewel; CF. prostitute
□ polygamist one who has more than one spouse at a time; CF. bigamy; CF. polyandry
□ painstaking taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and 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; 귛; 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

disputatious  argumentative; fond of argument

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

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

facetious  joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous

cryptic  mysterious; hidden; secret

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

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

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

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

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

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

nourish  provide with food necessary for life and growth

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

cloister  monastery or convent

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

turpitude  depravity; baseness; Ex. moral turpitude

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

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
Tenancy

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

□ 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

□ Enconce settle comfortably; place comfortably (in a secure place)

□ Auroral pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. auroral

□ Vitriolic causing sharp pain to the mind; caustic; corrosive; sarcastic; of vitriol; N. vitriol: sulphuric acid (which burns flesh deeply); bitterly abusive expression; caustic expression; CF. glass

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

□ Peremptory demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock

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

□ Disfigure mar the appearance of; spoil

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

□ Resolve determination; resolution; firmness of purpose

□ Faze disconcert; dismay; embarrass

□ Tryst meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet

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

□ Viper poisonous snake

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

□ Aptitude fitness; talent

□ Paean song of praise or joy; Ex. paans 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; 체석장

□ Genuflect bend the knee as in worship
ploy: stratagem 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
filibuster  block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking body by making very slow long speeches; N; freebooter

comprise  include; consist of

tenuous  thin; slim; rare

clandestine  secret

tightwad  miser; excessively frugal person

knave  untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel; jack; N. knavery

debutante  young woman making formal entrance into society

escapade  prank; flighty conduct; reckless adventure that disobeys rules

archipelago  group of closely located islands

incommodious  not spacious; inconvenient

tiller  handle used to move boat's rudder (to steer)

transient  staying for a short time; momentary; temporary; N: one that is transient

concatenate  link as in a chain

missile  object to be thrown or projected

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

pedantic  bookish; showing off learning; marked by an excessive ostentatious concern for book learning; N. pedantry

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

blotch  spot; blot; CF. blot+botch

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

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

append  attach

grievance  cause of complaint; complaint

start  move suddenly or involuntarily; Ex. start at the sight of a snake

voracious  ravenous; eating large quantities of food; exceedingly eager; insatiable; Ex. voracious animal/reader

proponent  supporter; backer; opposite of opponent

conglomeration  mass of material sticking together

proximity  nearness; ADJ. proximate

verge  border; edge, rim, or margin; Ex. on the verge of: very near to; V: border on

exquisite  delicate; very finely made; extremely beautiful; Ex. exquisite piece of jewelry

purge  remove or get rid of something or someone unwanted; eliminate; free from blame or guilt; cleanse or purify (esp. of sin, guilt, or defilement); N.

yokel  rustic; country bumpkin; 족부

humid  damp; N. humidity

hackles  hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone’s hackles rise

courier  messenger

regicide  murder of a king or queen

gouge  overcharge (with high price); extort from; Ex. gouge the public; CF. usury

embody  give a bodily form to; incorporate; include

brochure  pamphlet

badinage  teasing conversation; banter; joking talk

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

trepidation  fear; nervous apprehension

trenchant  cutting; incisive; keen
ordnance decree; authoritative order

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

miniature small model; small painting; ADJ: small

vivid (of light or color) bright and distinct; evoking lifelike mental images; Ex. vivid red hair/description

snicker 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
- **receptive** quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal
- **assuage** make less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)
- **inasmuch as** since; owing to the fact that
- **exposé** public revelation of something discreditable
- **précis** abstract; concise summing up of main points; concise summary of a text
- **abominate** loathe; hate
- **underhand** (underhanded) done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)
- **atavism** resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; reversion to an earlier type; throwback; ADJ. atavistic
- **seminary** school for training future ministers; secondary school, especially for young women
- **personable** attractive (in personality or appearance)
- **muggy** (of weather) warm and damp
- **stink** stench; V: emit a strong foul odor
- **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
- **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.)
□ **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

□ **chancellor** legal official of high rank; CF. chancellery(chancellory): position of a chancellor

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

□ **buxom** full-bosomed; plump; jolly

□ **servile** slavish; cringing; N. servility

□ **centurion** Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)

□ **linger** loiter or dawdle; be slow in leaving; delay going; continue or persist; be slow to disappear; Ex. The smell lingered for days.

□ **coda** concluding section of a musical or literary composition

□ **bolster** support; reinforce

□ **premise** assumption; postulate; proposition upon which an argument is based

□ **striated** marked with parallel bands; striped; grooved; Ex. striated rocks; V. striate; N. stria: thin groove or line

□ **rejuvenate** make young again

□ **apiculture** bee-keeping

□ **promiscuous** mixed indiscriminately; indiscriminate; not choosing carefully; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; irregular, particularly sexually; Ex. promiscuous life/girl; N. promiscuity

□ **warranted** justified; authorized

□ **evasive** not frank; trying to hide the truth; eluding; evading; V. evade: avoid (a duty or responsibility) or escape from by deceit

□ **nib** beak(bill); pen point

□ **tanner** person who turns animal hides into leather

□ **clairvoyant** having foresight; fortuneteller; N. clairvoyance

□ **redundant** superfluous; more than is necessary; verbose; excessively wordy; repetitious

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

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

□ **authenticate** prove genuine

□ **arbitrary** unreasonable or capricious; random; tyrannical; Ex. arbitrary ruler

□ **unwonted** unaccustomed; unusual; Ex. He arrived with unwonted punctuality.

□ **ulterior** intentionally hidden; beyond what is evident; situated beyond; unstated and often questionable; Ex. ulterior motive

□ **marital** pertaining to marriage

□ **choice** delicate; of very fine quality

□ **caldron(cauldron)** large kettle

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

□ **transquillity** calmness; peace

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

□ **sly** clever in deceiving; secretive; not telling one’s intentions

□ **strident** loud and harsh; insistent; N. stridency

□ **catastrophe** calamity; disaster

□ **wanton** unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; unchaste; sexually improper; promiscuous; Ex. wanton spending/killing; CF. having no just cause

□ **arbitrate** act as judge (at the request of both sides)

□ **maculated** spotted; stained; CF. immaculate

□ **gleam** brief flash of light; glow; V.

□ **pudding** hot sweet dish

□ **ascribe** refer; attribute; assign

□ **antiquity** quality of being very old; ancient times; 고대

□ **implacable** incapable of being pacified; impossible to appease; Ex. implacable enemy

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

□ **outgoing** sociable; eager to mix socially with others

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

□ **vulnerable** susceptible to wounds or attack; N. vulnerability

□ **puerile** childish; immature; CF. puer: boy
pliant  flexible; easily influenced
machinations  evil schemes or plots; schemes or plots to achieve an evil end; V. machinate
colossal  huge
insensate  without feeling; lacking sense; foolish
lumber  move heavily or clumsily; Ex. The bear lumbered through the woods; N. timber
ostentatious  showy; trying to attract attention; pretentious; N. ostentation: showy display
guise  outward appearance; costume; Ex. in a new guise
whiff  puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); short-lasting smell; hint; Ex. whiff of perfume/scandal
appease  pacify or soothe; Ex. appease a crying baby; N. appeasement
hieroglyphic  picture writing; ADJ.
frigid  intensely cold; cold in manner; Ex. frigid zone
manacle  restrain; handcuff; N.
austere  forbiddingly stern; ascetic; without comfort or enjoyment; severely simple and unornamented; Ex. a monk’s austere life; Ex. austere grandeur of the cathedral; N. austerity
analogies  similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things
energize  invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active
submissive  willing to obey orders; yielding; timid
antidote  remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles
lookout  act of keeping watch; high place commanding a wide view; person who keeps watch
prevalent  widespread; generally accepted
colander  utensil with perforated bottom used for straining
projectile  missile; fired or thrown object (such as stone or bullet)
pantomime  acting without dialogue; V.
welter  wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.
slovenly  untidy; careless in work habits; slipshod; N. sloven: one who is habitually untidy or careless
matriarch  woman who rules a family or larger social group
abusive  coarsely insulting; physically harmful
titanic  gigantic; N. titan
entice  lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt
hypocritical  pretending to be virtuous; deceiving; N. hypocrisy: profession of beliefs one does not possess; CF. hypocrite
paramour  illicit lover
reprieve  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
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(pendent) hanging down from something; pending; N. ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)
modish fashionable; conforming to the current fashion
circumvent outwit; defeat by behaving more cleverly; outsmart; baffle; avoid; get around
livid lead-colored; black and blue (as from a bruise); ashen; enraged; extremely angry
leery (of someone) suspicious; wary; cautious
veracious (of a person) truthful
vigil keeping watch (during normal sleeping hours); Ex. all-night vigil
parlance language; manner of speaking; idiom; Ex. in legal/common parlance
litanies 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. paleo: ancient or prehistoric; Ex. 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 not 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: combativeness; 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); portrait; prefigure

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

reprehensible: deserving blame; blameworthy; V. reprehend: blame

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

daub: smear (as with paint); cover with something sticky; Ex. 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

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

venue: location; place (of a crime, trial, gathering, etc.); CF. come

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

converge: approach; tend to meet; come together

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

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

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

honey: sharpen (a tool); N: whetstone for sharpening a tool

amenities: convenient features that helps to make life pleasant; social courtesies

verse: reluctant; disinclined; not liking or opposed; Ex. averse to cats/doing the house work
speechless unable for the moment to speak (because of strong feeling); Ex. speechless with anger
prepossessing attractive; CF: preoccupying?
arrears being in debt; money that should have been paid; work that should have been done
providence quality of being provident; divine care; god's care; Providence: god; Ex. It seemed like providence that the doctor happened to be there; ADJ. providential: of divine providence; fortunate
witticism witty saying; wisecrack(clever joking remark)
hue color; aspect; Ex. opinions of every hue
brawl noisy quarrel
misconstrue interpret incorrectly; misinterpret; misjudge
auxiliary offering or providing help; additional or subsidiary; N: helper; assistant
derogatory expressing a low opinion; disparaging; V. derogue: detract; disparage
divine perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresee the future; foretell; dowse; ADJ. N. divination
impair grant a share of; make known; Ex. news to impart
vertigo severe dizziness; giddiness
forerunner predecessor; one that comes before and indicates the approach of another
abnegation renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation
breadth width; extent
acrophobia fear of heights
reminiscent suggestive of something (in the past); of reminiscence
blight plant disease; V: infect with blight; ruin; destroy
psychiatrist doctor who treats mental diseases
scraps leftover food
kinetic producing motion; of motion
corroborate confirm; support; strengthen
polity (particular form of) political organization; form of government of nation or state; Ex. student polity
disavowal denial; disclaiming; repudiating; disowning; V. disavow; CF. disclaim
infidel unbeliever (with respect to a particular religion)
bantering joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N.V. banter
amorous moved by sexual love; loving; of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances
haphazard random; by chance; happening in an unplanned manner; Ex. haphazard growth of the town
reminiscence recollection; V. reminisce: recollect the past
restraint moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction
dormant sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent
bump hit or knock against with force; N.
despise look on with scorn; regard as worthless or distasteful; ADJ. despicable: contemptible
enraptured not requited; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love

indite write; compose

mercenary motivated solely by money or gain; N.

ashen ash-colored; deadly pale

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

sobriety moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness

graduated arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.)

thespian pertaining to drama; N: actor or actress

ligneous like wood

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

malfeasance wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)

mural wall painting

forgo(gorego) give up; do without

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

sustain suffer (harm or loss); experience; support; prop; maintain; keep in existence; nourish (to maintain life); Ex. sustain the family/the trapped miners

slacken slow up; loosen; make or become slack

presentiment premonition; foreboding; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear

superimpose place over something else

supplicate petition humbly; pray to grant a favor

potential expressing possibility; latent; N: capacity for growth

quip taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.

dissuade persuade not to do; discourage; N. dissuasion

hypothetical based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N. hypothesis

withhold refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax

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

paltry insignificant; petty; trifling; contemptible; Ex. paltry sum; CF. trash

travail strenuous work; toil; painful labor; labor of childbirth

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

requisite necessary requirement; something required; ADJ: required; necessary

vernacular living language (as compared to the official language); language spoken in a country or region; natural style; Ex. lapse into the vernacular

gargoyle waterspout carved in grotesque figures on a building

unfrock defrock; strip a priest or minister of church authority

apocryphal (of a story) widely believed but untrue

gnarl protruding knot on a tree; V.
riddle pierce with holes; permeate or spread throughout; Ex. The gunman riddled the car with bullets; Ex. The whole report is riddled with errors; N. large sieve (separating earth from stone)

torrent rushing stream; flood; Ex. The rain fell in torrents.

unscathed unharmed; Ex. escape the accident unscathed

anarchist person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority

strut supporting bar; CF. airplane wing, etc. 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

carrion-eating birds

flowery full of flowers; full of ornate expressions

harass annoy by repeated attacks

sinister evil; ominous

develope deputize; pass or be passed to others (power, work, or property); Ex. devolve on/upon/to

heinous atrocious; wicked; hatefully bad; Ex. heinous crime

adverse going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile

rigor severity; Ex. rigors of the Russian winter

shackle chain; fetter; confine with shackles; N.

prop support placed under or against something; V.

sumptuous grand suggesting great expense; lavish; rich; Ex. sumptuous feast

fulminate thunder; explode; issue a severe denunciation

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

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

sluggish lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug: nail 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
□ 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.
Choose your word: enlist
(cause to) join the armed forces; obtain (help, sympathy, or support)

Choose your word: 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

Choose your word: crest
top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird

Choose your word: cadaverous
like a corpse; pale

Choose your word: outrage
act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; ADJ. outrageous: offensive

Choose your word: 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

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

Choose your word: mite
very small object or insect-like creature; small coin

Choose your word: placebo
harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill

Choose your word: impeccable
faultless

Choose your word: terminal
part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; ADJ. forming an end; ending in death; fatal; Ex. terminal cancer

Choose your word: figment
invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination

Choose your word: refute
disprove; prove to be false; N. refutation

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

Choose your word: rampart
defensive mound of earth

Choose your word: wont
(the stated person’s) habit or custom; habitual procedure; ADJ. wonted: customary

Choose your word: animated
lively; spirited

Choose your word: indomitable
unconquerable; unyielding

Choose your word: feasible
practical; able to be carried out; practicable

Choose your word: 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.

Choose your word: contusion
bruise

Choose your word: dotage
senility; feeblemindedness of old age; Ex. In one’s dotage

Choose your word: wrinkle
small ridge on a smooth surface (face or cloth); V.

Choose your word: amazon
female warrior

Choose your word: ambidextrous
capable of using either hand with equal ease

Choose your word: malicious
hateful; spiteful; expressing malice; N. malice: desire to harm others; spite

Choose your word: disseminate
distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)

Choose your word: grim
causing great fear; unrelenting; determined in spite of fear; Ex. grim smile

Choose your word: lavish
liberal; wasteful; generous or wasteful in giving or using; abundant; profuse; great; Ex. decorated lavishly; V. give in abundance

Choose your word: impenitent
not repentant

Choose your word: obstreperous
boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable

Choose your word: substantial
of substance; material; solid; essential or fundamental; ample; considerable; well-to-do; wealthy

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

Choose your word: executive
person having administrative authority; one branch of government executing laws; ADJ: relating to executing

Choose your word: gullible
easily deceived

Choose your word: subsidy
direct financial aid by government, etc.; V. subsidize: assist with a subsidy

Choose your word: Shangri-la
imaginary remote paradise on earth; CF. Lost Horizon

Choose your word: recrimination
countercharges; V. recriminate

Choose your word: procrastinate
postpone; delay or put off

Choose your word: agitate
stir up; disturb

Choose your word: disposition
formal systematic inquiry; explanation of the results of a formal inquiry; long formal speech or written report

Choose your word: contaminate
pollute

Choose your word: amiss
wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.

Choose your word: potentate
monarch; sovereign

Choose your word: pristine
unspoiled; remaining in a pure state; characteristic of earlier times; primitive; Ex. an old book in pristine condition

Choose your word: homage
honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to

Choose your word: choleric
hot-tempered; bad-tempered; irritable; easily angered; CF. cholera

Choose your word: heed
pay attention to; N: close attention

Choose your word: extraneous
not essential; irrelevant; superfluous; external; coming from the outside; Ex. extraneous details/noise/to the subject

Choose your word: suffragist
advocate of the extension of voting rights (for women); CF. suffrage

Choose your word: finesse
delicate skill; V: handle with finesse

Choose your word: propagate
increase in number by producing young; multiply; spread; Ex. Most plants propagate by seed; Ex. newspaper propagating their ideas

Choose your word: foil
contrast; one that by contrast enhances the distinctive characteristics of another
transcendent  exceeding ordinary limits; superior; surpassing; V. transcend: go beyond; exceed; surpass; N. transcendency

hermetic  sealed by fusion so as to be airtight; airtight

ablution  washing

dinghy  small boat (often ship’s boat)

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

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

writ  written command issued by a court (telling someone to do or not to do something)

schematic  of a schema or scheme; relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols; N. schema: diagrammatic representation; outline

go  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 irritable; 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. 전 아래로 친을 내는 습시
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 manœuvre 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 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

- **aclivity** sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity
- **dummy** imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy
- **purport** intention; purpose; meaning; V: claim; profess; Ex. order which purports to be signed by the general
- **terminus** last stop of railroad; end
- **nuance** shade of slight difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction
- **bewitch** cast a spell over; captivate completely
- **libel** defamatory written statement; act of writing something that smears a person’s character; V. ADJ. libelous
- **incantation** singing or chanting of magic spells; magical formula; (the saying of) words used in magic; CF. enchant
- **acne** skin disease (on the face)
- **metrical** metric; written in the form of poetry; Ex. metrical translation of Homer
- **impregnable** invulnerable; impossible to capture or enter by force; Ex. impregnable fort/argument; CF. take
- **inherent** firmly established by nature or habit; intrinsic
- **fidelity** loyalty; accuracy


- **Standstill** condition of no movement or activity; stop
- **Adjuration** solemn urging; V. adjure: entreat earnestly; enjoin solemnly
- **Habitat** natural home of a plant or animal; CF. habitation
- **Obeisance** bow (to show respect and obedience)
- **Carillon** a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played
- **Sleight** dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks
- **Actuarial** calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics
- **Ramble** wander aimlessly (physically or mentally); digress
- **Lustrous** shining; brilliant; Ex. lustrous hair
- **Substantiate** support (a claim) with evidence; establish with evidence; verify
- **Resolution** determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose
- **Awl** pointed tool used for piercing
- **Urge** drive or force forward (by causing impulses); drive to take action; impel; entreat earnestly; Ex. urge horses; N: impulse that prompts action
- **Vigilante** one who without authority assumes law enforcement powers
- **Hatch** deck opening; lid covering a deck opening; V: emerge from an egg; produce (young) from an egg
- **Irreparable** not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair
- **Herpetologist** one who studies reptiles; CF. herpetology: branch of zoology that deals with reptiles and amphibians
- **Saturate** soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity
- **Medley** mixture
- **Improvident** thrifty; not providing for the future
- **Conneivance** 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
- **Scrimage** disorderly fight between two or more people
- **Delete** erase; strike out
- **Mandate** order; charge; authoritative command; power to govern another country; power to given to a government; region under administration; V: give a mandate to; place under a mandate; Ex. mandated territory
- **Astral** relating to the stars
- **Quicksilver** mercury
- **Buoyant** able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market
- **Prostrate** stretch out full on ground; make prostrate; 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; cavil
- **Controvert** oppose with arguments; attempt to refute; contradict; ADJ. controversial; N. controversy
ordination ceremony conferring holy orders; ceremony of ordaining a priest

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

nullify make invalid; make null; invalidate

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

equity fairness; justice; OP. inequity

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

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

retinue following; attendants

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

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

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

inquisitive eager for knowledge; unduly curious

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

portly stout; corpulent

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

couple join; unite; OP. uncouple

caprice whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause

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

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. exclamationary

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

cote be excessively fond of; show signs of mental decline
discomposed; confused; 
regime

bowdlerize

aghast

gratuity

proscenium

equine

latitude

expurgate


dormer

panoramic

dolorous
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 of make influential judgments; Ex. supreme arbiter of fashion in beachware

aversion  firm dislike

preamble  introductory statement
proletarian
unwarranted
haggard
immobility
haggard wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners
unwarranted unjustified; having no justification; groundless; baseless; undeserved
proletarian member of the working class; blue collar guy; N. proletariat: working class (who have to work for wages)

pulchritude beauty; comeliness; ADJ. pulchritudinous
embezzlement taking for one’s own use in violation of trust; stealing (of money placed in one’s care)
entree(entrée) entrance; a way in; right to enter; main dish of a meal; Ex. entree into the exclusive circle
toady servile flatterer; yes man; sycophant; V: be a toady to; fawn
disparate basically different; impossible to compare; unrelated
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
drive 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)
carousel drunken revel; V. carouse
pedigree ancestry; lineage
orifice mouthlike opening; small opening (esp. to a cavern or passage of the body); CF. mouth
sinuous twisting; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest
nonplus put at a loss; bring to a halt by confusion; perplex; CF. no more
earthly of this earth; terrestrial; worldly; not divine; possible; Ex. no earthly reason
dowse use a divining rod to search for underground water or minerals
miscellaneous made up of a variety of parts
bountiful generous; graciously generous; showing bounty
glacial like a glacier; of an ice age; extremely cold; Ex. glacial epoch; CF. iceberg
expedite hasten; make go faster
expiate make amends for (a sin)
ward administrative division of a city; division in a hospital or prison; incompetent person placed under the protection of a guardian; V: guard; ward off: avert
flippant lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy
embellish adorn; ornament; enhance as a story (by adding fictitious details)
indolent lazy
impersonal not being a person; not showing personal feelings; Ex. impersonal force/manner/organization
conformity harmony; agreement with established rules or customs; similarity; Ex. behave in conformity with; V. conform: be similar; act in agreement; comply; Ex. conform to the rule; CF. conformance
brink edge (at the top of a cliff); Ex. on the brink of the Grand Canyon
nubile marriageable; of marriageable age; CF. connubial
criteria standards used in judging; CF. criterion
soothsayer one who foretells the future
clot half-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V.
artifice deception; trickery
prowess extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle
□ fruitful producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance
□ adroit skillful (in using mind or hand)
□ agenda items of business at a meeting
□ guile deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning; Ex. persuade her by guile
□ cemetery place for burying the dead
□ bourgeois middle class; selfishly materialistic; too interested in material possessions
□ loathe detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell
□ calculated deliberately planned; likely
□ obscure dark; vague; unclear; not well known; Ex. obscure meaning/village; V: darken; cover; make unclear; Ex. obscure the moon/meaning
□ physiological pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms; N. physiology
□ bellicose warlike
□ headfirst moving with the head leading; headlong
□ stipulate state as a necessary condition (of an agreement); make express conditions; specify; Ex. He stipulated payment in advance
□ zest outer skin of an orange used for giving a special taste to food; spice; interest; flavor; spirited enjoyment; Ex. add a certain zest to the affair; Ex. zest for life
□ virile manly; having masculine spirit or strength; full of strength
□ opportune timely; well-chosen
□ benevolent generous; charitable; having a wish to do good
□ perversion corruption; turning from right to wrong
□ protract prolong; lengthen in time; draw out
□ effeminate having womanly traits
□ anvil iron block used in hammering out metals
□ ooze (of a thick liquid) pass or flow slowly; N: mud or thick liquid as at the bottom of a river
□ deciduous falling off at a specific season or stage of growth as of leaves; Ex. deciduous tree/teeth
□ recital act of reciting publicly; detailed account; performance of music or dance (by a solo performer)
□ effectual able to produce a desired effect; valid
□ chauvinist blindly devoted patriot; zealous adherent of a group, cause, or sex; ADJ. chauvinistic; CF. chauvinism; Nicolas Chauvin
□ 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
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

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

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

rightful legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

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

fellible 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

sublime refine; purify; replace (natural urges) with socially acceptable activities; change between a solid state and a gaseous state

reputable respectabe; 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

cab al small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

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

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

abominable detestable; extremely unpleasant

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

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