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<td>bastion</td>
<td>stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism</td>
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<td>growl</td>
<td>low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)</td>
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<td>maverick</td>
<td>rebel; nonconformist (in a group)</td>
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<td>lethargic</td>
<td>drowsy; dull; N. lethargy: state of sluggishness and inactivity</td>
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<td>paraphernalia</td>
<td>equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity; personal belongings; Ex. photographic paraphernalia; CF: married woman's property exclusive of her dower</td>
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<td>mores</td>
<td>conventions; moral standards; moral customs</td>
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<td>timidity</td>
<td>lack of self-confidence or courage</td>
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<td>understate</td>
<td>state with less truth than seems warranted by the facts; Ex. He understated the seriousness of the crime; N. understatement; OP: overstate</td>
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<td>protocol</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>braid</td>
<td>plait; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; N. braided segment (as of hair)</td>
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<td>acquiesce</td>
<td>assent; agree passively; comply without protest</td>
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<td>favoritism</td>
<td>display of partiality toward a favored person</td>
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<td>wake</td>
<td>trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before; Ex. hunger followed in the wake of the war</td>
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<td>draught</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>betoken</td>
<td>signify; indicate; be a sign of</td>
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<td>aviary</td>
<td>enclosure for birds; large cage</td>
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<td>waggish</td>
<td>humorous; mischievous; tricky</td>
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<td>adapt</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>bugaboo</td>
<td>bugbear; object of baseless terror</td>
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<td>foliage</td>
<td>masses of leaves; CF: defoliate</td>
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<td>satellite</td>
<td>small body revolving around a larger one</td>
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<td>bungle</td>
<td>mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior</td>
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<td>reinstate</td>
<td>restore to a previous condition or position</td>
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pertaining to memory; assisting the memory; N: device, such as a 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: punctilio, punctiliousness: careful attention paid to every small exact detail

**imbecility**

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

**rebupe**

scold harshly; criticize severely

**facile**

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

**hardy**

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

**penury**

extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ: penurious; very poor, stingy

**venal**

capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF: venal

**flit**

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

**magnate**

person of prominence or influence; powerful or influential person (in business or industry); Ex: oil magnate

**botch**

mismange; 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

**vitate**

spoil the effect of; make inoperable; corrupt morally

**narrative**

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

**derision**

ridicule; ADJ: derisive; CF: derisory

**cupidity**

greed (for wealth); CF: cupid; CF: Cupid

**savory**

pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex: savory reputation
rank: offensive in odor or flavor

quisling: traitor who aids invaders, CF: Vidkun Quisling

tact: skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offense

fallacious: false; based on a fallacy; misleading; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument

trim: make neat or tidy by clipping, reduce by removing what is unnecessary; 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

squander: waste, spend foolishly

colloquy: informal discussion, conversation

refurbish: renovate, make clean, bright, or fresh (make new) again; Ex. refurbish an old theater, CF: furbish: polish

desolate: make desolate; terminate; abandon and desert

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

misapprehension: error, misunderstanding; V. misapprehend

ameliorate: improve

isthmus: narrow neck of land connecting two larger bodies of land

skulduggery: dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skulduggery in the election

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

odium: desolation, 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, corrupt; Ex. gross insolence/behavior; V. earn as a total amount; N. 12 dozens
doctrine: teachings in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught; dogma; tenet; ADJ. doctrinal

misnomer: wrong or improper name; incorrect designation

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

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

lucid: easily understood; clear; intelligible; N. lucidity

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

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

tremulous: trembling; wavering

garish: overbright in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy

euphony: sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious

pithy: concise and meaningful; substantial; meaty

girth: distance around something; circumference

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

asteroid: small planet

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

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

redoubtable: formidable; causing fear

approbation: approval

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

secession: withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from membership

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

fodder: course 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

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<td>heterogeneous</td>
<td>dissimilar; mixed; not homogeneous; consisting of dissimilar elements or plants</td>
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<td>temperate</td>
<td>moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF: temperance: moderation and self-restraint; abstention of alcoholic drinks; Ex: temperance society</td>
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<td>glamor</td>
<td>compelling charm; ADJ: glamorous</td>
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<td>disinterested</td>
<td>unprejudiced; free from bias and self-interest; objective</td>
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<td>mosaic</td>
<td>picture made of small colorful inlaid tiles; ADJ: mosaic</td>
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<td>arboreal</td>
<td>of or living in trees</td>
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<td>uninhibited</td>
<td>unrepressed; free in behavior and feelings</td>
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<td>amnesty</td>
<td>pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)</td>
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<td>stint</td>
<td>supply; allotted amount of work; assigned portion of work; limitation; Ex: two-year stint in the army; Ex: without stint</td>
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<td>rotate swiftly; make (thread) by twisting (cotton, wool, etc.); N.</td>
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<td>slur</td>
<td>slander; insult to one's character or reputation; V.</td>
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<td>recondite</td>
<td>absent, not easily understood; profound; secret</td>
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<td>harmony; agreement</td>
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<td>enduring</td>
<td>lasting; surviving; V: endure: bear (pain or suffering) for a long time; remain alive (in spite of difficulties); last; survive</td>
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<td>concave</td>
<td>hollow; curved inward; OP: convex</td>
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<td>forward</td>
<td>presumptuous or bold</td>
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<td>astigmatism</td>
<td>eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP: stigmatism</td>
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<td>singular</td>
<td>being only one; individual; unique; extraordinary; odd; Ex: singular beauty/behavior</td>
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<td>omen; prophecy; sign of coming events; V: augur: predict; foretell; be a sign of (something in future)</td>
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<td>tribulation</td>
<td>suffering; ordeal; distress; trial</td>
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<td>provide food and drink (for); cater to: try to satisfy (desires of a bad kind)</td>
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<td>pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex: a man of great sartorial elegance; CF: sartor: tailor</td>
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<td>complain; mutter discontentedly; grouch; N.</td>
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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; opportune; Ex. seasonable intervention in the dispute

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

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

stanza: division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)

sentinel: sentry; lookout

saga: Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative

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

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

rag: scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance

conducive: helpful; contributive; V. conduce: Es. conduct towards
tout

promote or publicize (one’s goods or service); praise excessively (as a form of advertisement); CF. advertise

repugnance

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

cue

word or signal (as in a play to prompt another actor’s speech or entrance); reminder or hint; V: give a cue to

soliloquy

talking to oneself (esp. in a play); CF. monologue: soliloquy; long speech by one person (often monopolizing a conversation)

fruition

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

termination

end; V. terminate

intermittent

periodic; on and off; stopping and starting at intervals

jocose

given to(having a tendency of) joking

blasphemy

irreverence; sacrilege; cursing; bad language about God or holy things; V. blaspheme; 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
trite: hackneyed; commonplace

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

conflagration: great fire

subliminal: below the threshold of conscious perception; Ex. subliminal advertisement

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

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

peon: landless agricultural worker; bond servant; menial worker; N. peonage

thematic: of a theme, relating to a unifying motif or idea

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

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

labile: likely to change, unstable; Ex. emotionally labile; N. lability

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

apothecary: druggist, pharmacist

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

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

unassuaged: unsatisfied; not soothed

exigency: urgent situation; ADJ. exigent

voodoo: religion practiced chiefly in Haiti

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

gerontocracy: government ruled by old people

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

madrigal: pastoral song, song for several singers without instruments

multilingual: having many languages; fluent in several languages

3 adept:
**expert at; very skilled**

**suffocate**: die or kill from lack of air; suffocus

**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: asperity 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
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<td>every two years</td>
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<td>boxer; CF. pugilism: boxing</td>
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<td>expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death; V. eulogize</td>
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<td><strong>limp</strong></td>
<td>walk lamely; ADJ: lacking firmness; weak</td>
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<td><strong>coy</strong></td>
<td>shy (fritatiously); showing a (pretended) lack of self-confidence; modest; coquettish; CF. job offer</td>
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<td><strong>ordain</strong></td>
<td>decree or command; grant holy orders; predestine; install as a minister, priest, or rabbi; N. ordainment; CF. ordination</td>
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<td><strong>noisome</strong></td>
<td>foul smelling; very unpleasant; unwholesome</td>
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<td><strong>semblance</strong></td>
<td>outward appearance; guise; Ex. We called in the troops to bring a/some semblance of order to the city.</td>
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<td>state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful action); Ex. assert one's independence</td>
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<td><strong>calamity</strong></td>
<td>disaster; misery</td>
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<td><strong>foil</strong></td>
<td>defeat; frustrate; prevent from being successful; thwart; CF. fail</td>
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<td><strong>invocation</strong></td>
<td>prayer for help (used in invoking); calling upon as a reference or support; act of invoking</td>
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<td>repay in kind (usually for bad treatment); V. retaliate</td>
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<td><strong>complicity</strong></td>
<td>participation; involvement (in a questionable act or a crime)</td>
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<td><strong>tangible</strong></td>
<td>able to be touched; real; concrete; palpable; possible to realize or understand; Ex. tangible proof</td>
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<td><strong>numismatist</strong></td>
<td>person who collects coins; N. numismatics: study or collection of money, coins, and medals</td>
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<td><strong>supplant</strong></td>
<td>take the place of unfairly; usurp; replaces</td>
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<td><strong>progeny</strong></td>
<td>children; offspring; descendants</td>
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<td><strong>list</strong></td>
<td>tilt (as of a ship); lean over (to one side)</td>
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<td><strong>invoke</strong></td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>slip or slide</td>
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<td>something preceding in time which may be used as an authority or guide for future action; V. precede; CF. unprecedented</td>
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<td><strong>gaunt</strong></td>
<td>lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; barren</td>
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<td><strong>dishearten</strong></td>
<td>discourage</td>
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<td><strong>commensurate</strong>: equal in extent; of the same size</td>
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<td><strong>ethereal</strong>: like a spirit or fairy; unearthly light; unusually refined; Ex. She has an ethereal beauty; CF: ether: upper air</td>
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<td><strong>longevity</strong>: long life; long duration</td>
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<td><strong>pan</strong>: criticize harshly</td>
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<td><strong>quintessence</strong>: purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF: fifth essence</td>
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<td><strong>scanty</strong>: meager; insufficient</td>
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<td><strong>unseemly</strong>: unbecoming; not proper in behavior; indecent; Ex. leave with unseemly haste</td>
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<td><strong>rebuff</strong>: reject bluntly; snub; beat back; Ex. She rebuffed his invitation; N.</td>
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<td><strong>pulverize</strong>: crush or grind into very small particles</td>
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<td><strong>canny</strong>: shrewd in money matters; thrifty</td>
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<td><strong>influx</strong>: flowing into</td>
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<td><strong>overwrought</strong>: nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought up; CF: wrought: made or done</td>
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<td><strong>clientele</strong>: body of customers</td>
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<td><strong>regeneration</strong>: spiritual rebirth; Ex. regeneration of the prisoners; V. regenerate: give or obtain new life; reform spiritually</td>
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<td><strong>pedagogy</strong>: teaching; art of education</td>
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<td><strong>jubilation</strong>: rejoicing; great joy</td>
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<td><strong>mete</strong>: measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment</td>
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<td><strong>pulmonary</strong>: pertaining to the lungs</td>
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<td><strong>rift</strong>: narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds; OP: reconciliation</td>
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<td><strong>exonerate</strong>: acquit; exculpate; free from blame or guilt</td>
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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 saw-toothed 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

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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.
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**: unsound 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)

- **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 :

dead 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 :

livery; N. interment

☐ supersede :

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

☐ coroner :

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

☐ perspicuity :

clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity

☐ succulent :

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

☐ ransack :

search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); Ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.

☐ dorsal :

relating to the back of an animal; Ex. dorsal fin

☐ protean :

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

☐ conscientious :

scrupulous; through and careful; Ex. conscientious worker

☐ gape :

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

☐ perverse :

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

☐ nexus :

connection

☐ mercantile :

concerning trade or merchants

☐ inestimable :

impossible to estimate; (appric: invaluable; of immeasurable worth

☐ quixotic :

idealistic but impractical; CF. Don Quixote

☐ antipathy :

aversion; dislike or opposition

☐ chaste :


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

☐ incident:

event; event that causes a crisis

☐ distraught:

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

☐ recreant:

disloyal; cowardly; N: disloyal and cowardly person

☐ disport:

amuse; Ex. disport oneself; CF. divert

☐ proxy:

authorized agent; authority to act for another

☐ leave-taking:

farewell or departure

☐ tender:

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

☐ brunt:

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

☐ junta:

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

☐ materialism:

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

☐ analgesic:

causing insensitivity to pain; N.

☐ jurisprudence:

science of law

☐ dossier:

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

☐ transparent:

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

☐ virulent:

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

☐ bluster:

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

☐ capacious:

spacious

☐ conspiracy:

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

☐ lectern:

reading desk or stand for a public speaker

☐ aria:

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

☐ unique:

without an equal; single in kind

☐ posterity:

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

☐ pacifist:

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

☐ insatiable:

not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite
- **exhilarating**: invigorating and refreshing; cheering; V. exhilarate: make cheerful and excited; Ex. exhilarated by the ride in the sports car

- **bohemian**: unconventional (in an artistic way)

- **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**: unbashfully calm, placid
predicament (dangerous condition) from which there is no escape; situation allowing for no further progress

foreboding:

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 crouching 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

arsenal:

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; 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, civilisation, 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); deprives; N. divestiture(divestment)
- beatitude: blessedness; state of great happiness
- sinecure: well-paid position with little responsibility; CF. sine cure: without care; CF. San Serif
squat: short and thick; stocky; Ex. ugly squat tower; V. N.

unintimating: unfrightening

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

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

tarry: linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle

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

apotheosis: elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something

pinnacle: small boat

transition: going from one state of action to another

maudlin: effusively sentimental

chameleon: lizard that changes color in different situations

aspersion: slanderous remark; Ex. cast aspersions on

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

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

galley: low ship with sails (rowed along by slaves)
curb: chain or strap used with a bit to restrain a horse; something that checks; V. check; restrain

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

seemly: (of behavior) proper; appropriate

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

protuberance: protrusion; swelling; bulge

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

memorialize: commemorate

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

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<td>blood feud (esp. between two families); CF: Nina Williams</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>muscular; having well-developed muscles</td>
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<td>satiate; food or supply to excess; stuff; indulge to excess in anything; N: surfeiting; excessive amount; Ex.: surfeit of food</td>
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<td>venture; put in danger; risk; Ex.: hazard a guess; N: possible source of danger</td>
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<td>expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influenced</td>
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<td>whimsical; visionary; imaginary; produced by imagination; Ex.: fanciful scheme</td>
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<td>inclined to form factions; causing dissension</td>
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<td><strong>chassis</strong></td>
<td>framework and working parts of an automobile; framework to which components are attached</td>
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<td><strong>inopportune</strong></td>
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<td><strong>alcove</strong></td>
<td>nock; recess</td>
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<td>someone seeking revenge; source of downfall or ruin; CF: Nemesis</td>
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<td>come to one as a gain; accumulate over time; come about by addition; Ex.: benefits that accrue from scientific research; Ex.: interest accruing in a bank account; N: accrual</td>
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<td>serving to complete something</td>
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<td><strong>jingoist</strong></td>
<td>extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist; N: jingoism: extreme nationalism</td>
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<td>curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex.: aquiline nose</td>
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<td>very high</td>
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<td>biting; sarcastic; stinging; (appro.) incisive; cutting; Ex.: mordant pen/wit</td>
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<td><strong>bombast</strong></td>
<td>grandiloquent, pompous speech</td>
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<td><strong>shift</strong></td>
<td>change position or place; exchange (one thing) for another; change in direction or position; Ex.: shift the stolen goods; N: group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of such a group</td>
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neat; skillful

homily:

sermon; tedious moralizing lecture; serious warning; ADJ. homiletic

r鹌le:

irritate; foster; 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

audacious: daring; bold; N. audacity

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

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

high-flown: highly pretentious or inflated

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

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

petulant: touchy; peevish; ill-tempered

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

resolve: decide; settle; solve; separate; make a determined decision; N. resolution

brave: face courageously; Ex. brave the storm

viscous: (of a liquid) thick and sticky; gluey; viscid; CF. consistency
grovel: crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate; behave in a servile manner

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

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

spurious: false; counterfeit; forged; illogical; Ex. spurious arguments

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

entomology: study of insects

molt (moult): periodically shed or cast off hairs or feathers (for replacement by a new growth)

expatiate: talk at length; speak or write in detail

tribute: tax levied by a ruler; payment made by one nation to another in acknowledgment of submission; mark of respect (such as praise or gift); Ex. pay tribute to

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

dour: sullen; gloomy; stubborn

prate: talk idly; speak foolishly; boast idly

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

hygiene: 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

vaporize: turn into vapor (steam, gas, fog, etc.)
lackadaisical:
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<td>serious or fatal accident; person killed or wounded in an accident or battle</td>
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<td>rectitude</td>
<td>size or volume (esp. when very large); main part; Ex. The bulk of the work has already been done; ADJ. bulky: having great size</td>
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<td>moral correctness; moral uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment</td>
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<td>inveigh</td>
<td>denounce; utter censure or invective; Ex. inveigh against the evils of drink</td>
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<td>orgy</td>
<td>wild drunken revelry; unrestrained indulgence in an activity; Ex. orgy of shopping</td>
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<td>ferai</td>
<td>(of an animal) not domestic; wild</td>
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<td>hilarity</td>
<td>boastful mirth (merriment; laughter); ADJ. hiliarious: full of laughter</td>
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<td>strikingly bright; shining with intense heat; emitting visible light when heated; Ex. incandescent light bulb; CF. candle</td>
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<td>disfranchise; deprive of a civil right; OP. enfranchise</td>
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<td>slink</td>
<td>move furtively; ADJ. slinky: stealthy; furtive; sneaky (as in ambush)</td>
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<td>besmirch</td>
<td>soil; defile; make dirty</td>
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<td>brood</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>beholden</td>
<td>obligated; indebted; owing thanks; obliged or indebted from gratitude</td>
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<td>flay</td>
<td>strip off skin; plunder; remove the skin from; criticize harshly</td>
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<td>sophomoric</td>
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<td>exculpate</td>
<td>clear from blame or guilt</td>
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<td>perturb</td>
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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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

avalanche: great mass of falling snow and ice
accessible : easy to approach; obtainable

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

orientation : act of finding oneself in society; orienting

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

crabbed : sour; bad-tempered; peevish; difficult to read as handwriting

lagoon : shallow body of water or lake near a sea; lake separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs

unprepossessing : unattractive

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

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

integrate : make whole; combine; make into one unit

dispatch : spoudious; 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


**dapper**

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

**sleight**

large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice

**sullen**

silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark, gloomy

**anathema**

sacred 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**

obscenity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness

**incompatible**

inharmonious; N. incompatibility

**assent**

agree; accept; N. assessment
momentous: very important; N. moment; CF. momentary

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

histrionic: theatrical; excessively dramatic or emotional; affected; of actors or acting; N. histrionics: histrionic behavior

stockade: wooden enclosure or pen; fixed line of posts used as defensive barrier

stem: stop or check (the flow of); Ex. stem the bleeding from the slashed artery; N: main axis of a plant; stalk

vagary: capricious happening; caprice; whim; CF. wander

inculcate: teach (ideas or principles); instill

countermand: cancel; revoke (an order)

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

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

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

rubble: fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)

abeyance: suspended action

sate: satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy

asymmetric: not identical on both sides of a dividing central line

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

immolate: offer or kill as a sacrifice (by fire)

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

dysentery: inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract

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

agglomeration: collection; heap; V. agglomerate: 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
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<td>one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs; N. apostasy</td>
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<td>authoritative; imperious; commanding; of a magistrate; Es. magisterial study of Roman law; Es. magisterial manner</td>
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<td>observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation; SG. phenomena: observable fact; very unusual person, thing, or event; marvel; wonder; CF. phenomenons; ADJ. phenomenal: very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Es. phenomenal strength</td>
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<td>(of a place) be filled with sound; (of a sound) sound loudly; sound back; echo; Es. hall resounded with laughter</td>
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<td>harm someone’s reputation; malign; speak evil of; slander; N. defamation; ADJ. defamatory</td>
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<td>nutrition</td>
<td>process of nourishing or being nourished; CF. malnutrition</td>
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<td>sustaining; means of livelihood, support; food, nourishment; something that maintains life; food</td>
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<td>give up temporarily; yield; N. waiver: waiving a right or claim; document that waives a right or claim</td>
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<td>help bring about; make less difficult</td>
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<td>glean</td>
<td>gather leavings; gather grain left behind by reapers; gather bit by bit (facts or information) often with difficulty</td>
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something new; newness; **ADJ. novel**: new; original

**avenge** :

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

**emanate** :

issue forth; come out

**shrink** :

make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)

**swell** :

long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V

**misconduct** :

immoral behavior; bad management; V

**fell** :

cruel; (of a disease) deadly

**swear** :

vow; promise; use profane oaths; use offensive words

**immune** :

resistant to; free or exempt from; N: immunity

**decry** :

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

**nomenclature** :

terminology (system of specialized words); system of names or naming things

**bait** :

harass; tease; torment; Ex. budgerigar 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** :

scorn; 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** :
soar:
rise or fly high in the air; Ex. The rocket soared into the sky.
marred:
damaged; disfigured; V. mar: spoil; disfigure
etymology:
study of word parts; study of the origins of words
reprise:
musical repetition; repeating of a piece of music; repeat performance; recurrent action; Ex. reprise in the finale; Ex. constant reprises
mammal:
vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young
allure:
entice; attract; tempt
fracas:
brawl (noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; make
embitter:
make bitter; fill with painful or bitter feelings; make sad and angry; Ex. He was embittered by many disappointments.
saunter:
stroll (go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.
determinate:
having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; irrevocable; fixed; conclusive; final
alimentary:
供应 nourishment
adore:
love deeply and respect highly
condiments:
seasonings; spices
forlorn:
sad and lonely; wretched; desolate
certainty:
outcast:
one that has been excluded from a society; ADJ.
nether:
lower; Ex. nether garments/regions
comity:
courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations
bout:
match; short period of great activity; Ex. wrestling bout; bout of drinking/flu
fell:
cut or knock down (a tree or a person); bring down (with a missile)
barefaced:
shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; unconcealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie
demented:
insane
subsume:
include (as a member of a group); encompass
shun:
keep away from; avoid deliberately; Ex. She has been shunned by her neighbors.
unimpeachable: that cannot be impeached; beyond doubt or question; blameless and exemplary

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

toga: Roman outer robe

decree: authoritative order; edict; judgment of a court of law; V: order or judge by decree

conversant: familiar with; having knowledge of

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

brooch: ornamental clasp; pin

indict: charge; N. indictment

gossamer: sheer; very light; like cobwebs; adj. soft and sheer fabric; cobweb

pyromaniac: person with an insane desire to set things on fire

husband: use sparingly; conserve; save; Es. husband one's energy; CF. householder

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

desecrate: profane; violate the sanctity of

relinquish: give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; Es. relinquish power/the claim to the land/his hold on my arm

pervasive: spread throughout; V: pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate

ineffable: unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Es. ineffable name/say

abstract: theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational

disproportion: lack of proportion (between the parts); adj. disproportionate

crevice: crack; fissure

extenuate: weaken; mitigate; lessen the seriousness of (bad behavior)
apathy: lack of caring; indifference; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Es. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; adj. apathetic

secrete: conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism; CF. secretive

meteoric: like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Es. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor

vertex: summit; highest point; PL. vertices

raspy:
making a harsh noise; grating; harsh

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

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

**discordant**: not harmonious; conflicting

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

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

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

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

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

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

**imprecation**: curse; swearword

**replicate**: reproduce; duplicate

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

**unsullied**: unharnessed; CF: sully

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

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

**sow**: plant or scatter seed

**requite**: make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N: requital

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

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

**laud**: praise; N: laudable: praiseworthy; ADJ: laudatory: expressing praise

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

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

**translucent**: partly transparent
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<td>holding one's attention; absorbing; engrossing</td>
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<td>ceremonious quality; ceremonious adherence to rules; something done just for form's sake; Ex. mere formality</td>
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<td>back country; inner part of a country; OP. foreland</td>
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<td>satyr</td>
<td>half-human, half-bestial being in the court of Dionysus (resembling a goat), portrayed as wanton/unrestrained) and cunning; lecher; CF. faun; CF. goat: lecherous man</td>
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<td>strangle; regulate the speed of with a throttle; N. valve that regulates the flow; CF. throat</td>
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<td>party; clique (within a large group); dissension</td>
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<td>restrain or immobilize by binding the wings or legs; N. bird's wing</td>
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<td>temporize</td>
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<td>compiler of a dictionary; CF. lexicography: work of compiling a dictionary</td>
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<td>plumage</td>
<td>feathers of a bird;</td>
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<td>turmoil</td>
<td>extreme confusion; great commotion and confusion; Ex. throw the country into turmoil</td>
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endue: provide with some quality; endow

parsimony: stinginess; excessive frugality; ADJ. parsimonious

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

homely: not good-looking; unattractive

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

gallows: framework from which a noose is suspended (used for execution by hanging)

censorious: severely critical

aggregate: sum; total; ADJ. V: gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars

gnarled: twisted

beeline: direct quick route

baroque: highly ornate

anecdote: short story of an amusing or interesting event

lackluster: lacking luster (shine; gloss); dull

flag: droop; grow feeble; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ. flagging; CF. unflagging

egoism: excessive interest in one's self; belief that one should be interested in one's self rather than in others; selfishness; ADJ. egotistic, egotistical

gazette: official periodical publication; newspaper

scurvy: contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin C

stringent: (of rules) binding; rigid; marked by scarcity of money; Ex. stringent economic conditions

unwitting: not knowing; unaware; unintentional; Ex. She was their unwitting accomplice; Ex. unwitting insult; CF. wit: know

patois: local or provincial dialect

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

serendipity: gift for finding valuable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck; CF. The Three Princes of Serendip
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/tongue/down/air/deed/weather/means; N. act against the rules; V: make or become foul; commit a foul

- negate: cancel out; malify; 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

- obliterates: destroys completely; wipe out; Ex. obliterate the village

- sleek: smooth and shining (as from good health); V.
return to a former state (esp. after improvement); N.

- **acetic**: vinegar

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

- **anomaly**: irregularity

- **insouciant**: without concern or care; unconcerned; indifferent

- **commodious**: spacious and comfortable

- **prize**: pry; move with a lever; value highly; esteem; Ex. his most prized possession; N: something captured during war-time (esp. an enemy ship)

- **rapture**: great joy and delight; ecstasy; ADJ. rapturous

- **grotto**: small cavern

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

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

- **crass**: very unrefined; grossly insensible; crude and undiscriminating; Ex. crass behavior

- **yore**: time long past; Ex. in the days of yore

- **calorific**: heat-producing; N. calorie

- **rake**: immoral or dissolute person

- **invective**: abuse

- **judicious**: sound on judgment; wise

- **categorical**: without exceptions; made without any doubt in mind; unqualified; absolute

- **chafe**: warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.

- **captious**: faultfinding; too critical

- **expropriate**: take possession of (often for public use and without payment)

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

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

- **implode**: burst inward; CF. vacuum tube

- **credo**: creed
malapropism: comic misuse of a word; CF. Mrs. Malaprop

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

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

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

advert: refer

comely: attractive; agreeable; having a pleasing appearance

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

bereaved: deprived of (someone beloved through death)

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

lurk: stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist unperceived

profound: deep; not superficial; complete; Ex. profound thinker/remark/silence/deafness; N. profundity

stipend: pay for services

mountebank: charlatan; boastful pretender

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

cursory: casual; hastily done with little attention to detail

vilify: slander; speak evil of; N. vilification

doom: condemnation to a severe penalty; ruin; fate (esp. a tragic or ruinous one); V.

apposite: appropriate; fitting

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

venom: poison (of an animal); hatred; Ex. remarks full of venom; ADJ. venomous

retort: quick sharp reply; V.

saline: salty

plausible: conceivably true; having a show of truth but open to doubt; specious

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

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

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

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. 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
execrable: very bad; detestable

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

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

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

denounce: condemn; criticize; N. denunciation

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

enmity: ill will; hatred; hostility

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

misogynist: hater of woman; CF. misogyny

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

buffoon: stupid person; clown

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

depredation: plundering; destruction

headstrong: willful; stubborn; unyielding; determined to have one's own way; CF: no 'excessive'
pellucid: transparent; limpid; crystal clear; clear in meaning; easy to understand

cathartic: purgative, medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ

knell: tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V.
welter: confusion; turmoil; confused mass; bewildering jumble; Ex. welter of data

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

deleterious: harmful

insuperable: insurmountable; unbeatable; Ex. insuperable difficulties

irksome: annoying; tedious; V. irk: annoy

component: element, ingredient

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

□ corpus :

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

□ weird :

eerie; strange; unnatural

□ dawdle :

loiter; hang around; waste time doing nothing

□ nascent :

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

□ valid :

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

□ shambles :

(place or 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(chequered) :

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

□ insinuate :

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

□ muted :

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

□ dys-

abnormal; impaired

□ cornice :

projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars); 피의 상단

□ 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 (fa·çade): 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)

equivocal: 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; stolid; Ex. impassive face

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

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

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

explicit: totally clear; definite; outspoken

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

engender: cause; produce; give rise to

queasy: experiencing nausea; nauseated; easily nauseated; squamish; 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 offense

provincial: pertaining to a province; limited in outlook; narrow; unsophisticated
compelling; strong desire that is difficult to control; irresistible impulse

- venison:

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

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

- tempo:
  - speed of music

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

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

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

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

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

- odyssey:
  - long, eventful, adventurous journey

- abstemious:
  - sparing in eating and drinking; temperate
arcane: esoteric; secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated; Ex. arcane ritual; Ex. arcane process closed to the uninformed listener

founder: person who establishes (an organization or business)

disgruntle: make discontented

monastic: related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns

unfaltering: steadfast; firm; not changing

porous: full of pores; like a sieve

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

canto: division of a long poem

elliptical: elliptic; oval; of an ellipse; containing an ellipsis; 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

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

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

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

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

executor: person designated to execute the terms of a will

verbalize:
□ exemplify:

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

□ expostulation:

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

□ temerity:

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

□ misanthrope:

one who hates mankind; misanthropist

□ manipulate:

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

□ gall:

bitterness of feeling; nerve; effrontery; V. gall; ADJ. gallbladder

□ obloquy:

slander; disgrace; infamy

□ tint:

slight degree of color; V. give a tint to

□ avarice:

greediness for wealth

□ flutter:

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

□ transpire:

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

□ gracious:

kind in a generous way (to someone less important)

□ console:

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

□ bravado:

swagger, assumed air of defiance; false show of bravery

□ unsavory:

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

□ claustraphobia:

fear of being locked in

□ dispirited:

lacking in spirit

□ historical:

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

□ circuit:

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

□ elaborate:

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

□ censure:

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

□ vampire:

ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living

□ obnoxious:

offensive; disagreeable; Ex. obnoxious smell

□ cubicle:

small chamber used for sleeping or work
residual: remaining; left over; of a residue; N: residue

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

cardiologist: doctor specializing in ailments of the heart

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

spatial: relating to space

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

frail: weak; N. frailty

incorporeal: without a material body; insubstantial

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

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

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

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

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

insubordination: disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. insubordinate

granary: storehouse for grain

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

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

contest: dispute; argue about the rightness of; compete for; try to win; Ex. contest the election results; Ex. contest a seat in Parliament; N.
natty: neatly or smartly dressed; dapper; smart; Ex. natty dresser

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

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

onus: burden, responsibility

rooster: cock; adult male chicken

beguile: deceive; mislead or delude; cheat; pass time pleasantly; charm or attract; Ex. beguiling smile
unctuous: oily; bland; insincerely suave

effete: having lost one’s original power; lamented; 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. damnation

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

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

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

prolong: lengthen; extend; draw out

herd: group of animals; crowd; one who looks after a herd; Ex. shepherd/goutherd; Ex. herd instinct; Ex. herdman; 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; naiveté; ADJ. credulous

damn: condemn; criticize severely; condemn to everlasting punishment; doom; bring to ruin; N. damnation

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

exult: rejoice
concerted: mutually agreed on; done together by agreement; Ex. concerted effort; CF. in concert: working together

innocuous: harmless

minatory: menacing; threatening

insurrection: rebellion; uprising

evanescent: fleeting; vanishing; soon disappearing; V. evanesce

hoard: stockpile; accumulate for future use; N: supply stored for future use

stealth: action of moving secretly or unseen; slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ. stealthy

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

deflect: turn aside; turn away from a straight course

refectory: dining hall; room where meals are served (in a school)

exacerbate: worsen; aggravate; embitter

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

ovation: enthusiastic applause

plane: carpenter’s tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat

verbatim: word for word; in the same words; repeating the actual words exactly

flagrant: conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous

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

vigor: active strength; energy; enthusiasm; ADJ. vigorous

gourmet: connoisseur of food and drink; epicure

precocious: advanced in development; N: precocity

smug: self-satisfied; complacent

seethe: be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.

equilibrium: balance of opposing forces; balance of the mind; equanimity

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

composure: mental calmness
inviolable: secure from corruption, attack, or violation (or profanation); 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

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
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<td>heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent</td>
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nova: star that suddenly becomes much brighter and then returns to its original brightness
savor: enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality
apolitical: having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs
emancipate: set free; liberate
bovine: cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm
expletive: meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word
agape: openmouthed
lampoon: ridicule; N: written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution
flourish: send (something) spinning, often into the air, by striking with a light quick blow; turn over; Ex. flip over
prognosis: forecasted course of a disease; prediction; CF: prognostic
flounder: struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter (as in water, mud, snow, etc.); proceed in confusion
skiff: small light sailboat or rowboat
demoniac(demoniacal): fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil
ruse: trick to deceive; stratagem
sequester: isolate; segregate; seclude; retire from public life
transgression: violation of a law; sin; V: transgress: go beyond (a limit); violate; do wrong
analogous: comparable; similar
eclectic: selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources; selecting individual elements from a variety of sources; N: eclecticism
mangle: tear or cut to pieces; mutilate or disfigure; Ex: badly mangled bodies
waver: move or swing back and forth; be uncertain or unsteady in decision or movement; Ex. wavering between accepting and refusing

buccaneer: pirate

placid: peaceful; calm; Ex. placid child/lake

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

gobble: eat very quickly

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

daunt: intimidate; frighten; discourage; dishearten

apogee: highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP: perigee

mar: spoil the appearance of

temperament: characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ. temperamental: of temperament; having frequent changes of temper; Ex. temperamental dislike of sports; Ex. temperamental actress

misadventure: mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure

flick: light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex: flick the switch

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

preposterous: absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous

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

suspense: state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty
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/incarnation

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, dișcrepate, 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; merciless; CF. element

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

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

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 front of his class; V. assure; tell firmly with confidence; ensure; make (something) certain to happen; make (someone) feel sure; give confidence to; ADJ. assured: self-assured; confident in one’s own ability; showing certainty

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

macabre: gruesome; 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: 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; unsavoury; 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
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<td>watchful; on the alert; watchfully awake; alert to spot danger; N: vigilance</td>
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<td>reconstruct (a sentence, story, statue, etc.); fashion again</td>
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<td>inner excitement or exuberance; showing high spirits; emitting bubbles forming inside; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation; ADJ: effervescent; V: effervesce</td>
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<td>yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex: succumb to the illness</td>
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<td>encode; convert a message into code; put into cipher</td>
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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

scrupulous: conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrupulous worker

rigid: hard and unbending; stiff and unyielding; fixed in behavior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex. rigid rule

versatile: having many talents; capable of working in many fields; having many uses or functions; N. versatility

mediocre: ordinary; commonplace; neither good nor bad

nourishment: something that nourishes; food
orthodox: traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine

adherent: supporter; follower

hybrid: mongrel; mixed breed; V. hybridize

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

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

satiate: satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); sate; N: satiety: condition of being satiated

righteous: morally upright; just

castigation: punishment; severe criticism or disapproval

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

expeditious: done with speed; quick; N. expedition

homespun: domestic; made at home; spun or woven at home; simple and ordinary; Ex. homespun philosophy

abscission: cutting off; separation

phoenix: symbol of immortality or rebirth; Ex. phoenix rising from its ashes

perceptive: insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception

taunt: dare or provoke; challenge in derision; N

polarity: state of having two opposite qualities

constituent: supporter; voter; member of a constituency; component

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

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

obsolete: outmoded; no longer used

vying: contending; CF. vie

impuissance: powerlessness; feebleness

distinct: clearly different; clearly noticed

healthful: conducive to good health; Ex. healthful mountain air

unequivocal:
profligate: wasteful (of money); dissipated; wildly immoral; dissolute; N: profligate person; N. profligacy

opportunist: individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances; N. opportunism

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

myriad: very large number; ADJ. CF. ten thousand

unfledged: immature; not having the feathers necessary to fly; CF. fledgling

rancid: having the odor of stale or decomposing fat; rank

pecuniary: pertaining to money

hurl: throw forcefully; shout out violently

founder: fail completely; sink; CF: flounder

sacrosanct: inviolably sacred; most sacred; inviolable

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

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

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

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

hindrance: block, obstacle; V: hinder

cistern: reservoir or water tank

cipher: nonentity; worthless person or thing; zero; secret code; V: decipher

bristling: rising like bristles; showing irritation

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

outlaw: fugitive from the law (excluded from legal protection); V: declare (someone) to be an outlaw; deprive of the protection of the law; declare illegal; Ex. Drinking has been outlawed.

gratis: free; without charge; ADJ.

stalemate: deadlock; situation in which further action is blocked

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

bleak: cold or cheerless; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing
liquidate: settle accounts; pay off (a debt); clear up; eliminate; kill or abolish

concordat: formal agreement

prance: move about in a spirited manner (proudly and confidently)

conjecture: surmise; guess; V.

prodigal: wasteful; reckless with money; profuse; Ex. a mind prodigal of ideas; N. prodigality

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

ferocious: fierce; violent; N. ferocity

confident: 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

maligner: one who feigns illness to escape duty; V: maligner: feign illness to avoid work

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

ancestry: family descent; ADJ. ancestral

quack: charlatan; imposter

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

quietude: tranquility; calmness

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

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

undermine: weaken gradually; sap; dig a mine beneath

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

querulous: given to complaining; complaining; fretful; whining

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

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

largess: generous gift (given to people who do not have enough)
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<td>fabricate</td>
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<td>happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming</td>
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<td>seine net; net for catching fish</td>
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<td>enamored</td>
<td>in love; Ex. enamored of his own beauty; V. enamor: inspire with love</td>
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<td>a person who governs in place of a ruler who is ill, absent, or still a child; ADJ. Ex. the Prince regent</td>
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<td>ingénue; young innocent girl</td>
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□ remit :
transmit (money) in payment; free someone from a debt or punishment

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

□ 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. subdue one’s anger

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

□ 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; less; worthless residue

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

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

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

□ illicit :
illegal

deserve; 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

cover: secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt

overweening: arrogant; presumptuous

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

papyrus: ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant

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

postulate: self-evident truth; something assumed without proof; V. assume the truth of (as a basis of an argument)
genealogy: record of descent; lineage; ancestry; study of ancestry

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<td>elementary; not developed; crude; N. rudiment: fundamental element or principle; Ex. rudiments of the language</td>
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<td>agonizing; disturbing; traumatic; V. harrow: break up and level (soil) with a harrow; inflict great distress on; agonize; N. farming machine to break up the earth</td>
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<td>partition</td>
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<td>soluble</td>
<td>able to be dissolved in a liquid; able to be worked out or solved</td>
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<td>supercilious</td>
<td>haughty; arrogant; condescending; patronizing; CF. eyebrow, cilium</td>
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<td>minute</td>
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<td>exhibiting rainbow-like colors; Ex. iridescent oil slick; N. iridescence</td>
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winsome: charming (in a childlike way); agreeable; gracious; engaging

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

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

irrelevant: not applicable; unrelated

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

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

concentric: having a common center

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

friction: clash or conflict in opinion; rubbing against

scenario: plot outline; screenplay (script for a movie); opera libretto; outline of possible future events

concession: an act of yielding; conceding; something conceded; point, right, etc. given unwillingly; privilege of maintaining a business in a certain place; Ex. oil concessions in the North sea; CF. concessionaire

serenity: calmness; placidity; ADJ. serene

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

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

incarcerate: imprison

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

blithe(blithesome): gay; joyous
cognitive: having to do with knowing or perceiving related to the mental processes; N. cognition: the mental process of knowing

plaintive: expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song

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
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; deviation of the path of light by a prism

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

maim: mutilate; injure lasting; 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

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

□ factitious  :

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

□ bastard  :

illegitimate child

□ outlook  :

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

□ dank  :

damp; unpleasantly wet

□ brevity  :

conciseness; shortness of duration

□ whimsy  :

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

□ gust  :

strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster

□ trinket  :

knickknack; bauble; cheap jewelry

□ extemporaneous  :

not planned; impromptu; extempore

□ universal  :

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

□ interrogate  :

question closely; cross-examine; cross-question

□ ferment  :

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

□ apothegm (apophthegm)  :

pithy, compact saying

□ transport  :

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

□ tickle  :

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

□ chaff  :

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

□ irreverence  :

lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent

□ trifling  :

trivial; unimportant

□ chronicle  :

report; record (in chronological order)

□ gourmand  :

epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink

□ regal  :

royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner

□ earn  :

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

□ glower  :

scowl; glare; look or stare angrily

□ prefatory  :

introductory; of a preface
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<td>carrion</td>
<td>rotting flesh of a dead body; CF: vulture</td>
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<td>broach</td>
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<td>enigma</td>
<td>puzzle; mystery; ADJ: enigmatic: obscure; puzzling</td>
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<td>disinter</td>
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<td>strip a priest or minister of church authority; unfrock</td>
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<td>skill (esp. with one’s hands), skill in deceiving people; guile; ADJ: crafty: cleverly deceitful; cunning</td>
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<td>security given for loan; ADJ: secondary; descended from the same person but through different sons or daughters</td>
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<td>emit (an unpleasant odor or smoke); give off an unpleasant odor; give out smoke; Ex: reeking chimney; N: unpleasant odor; stench</td>
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<td>capable of maintaining life, feasible; practical or workable; Ex: viable scheme</td>
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<td>confound</td>
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<td>conifer</td>
<td>pine tree (usu. evergreen); cone-bearing tree; ADJ: coniferous; CF: deciduous; CF: evergreen</td>
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<td>dehydrate</td>
<td>remove water from; dry out</td>
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<td>cauterize</td>
<td>burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection</td>
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<td>suture</td>
<td>stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing; V: sew together a wound</td>
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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)

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

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

Forsake: desert; abandon; renounce

Inerrancy: infallibility

Somatic: pertaining to the body; bodily, physical

Die: metal block used for shaping metal or plastic; device for stamping or impressing; mold; CF: dice

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

Monochrome: painting in only one color; ADJ.

Thrash: beat with a whip or flail; desist 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, non-binding remark (something said in passing)

Animus: hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition

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

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

Kleptomaniac: person who has a compulsive desire to steal

Tycoon: wealthy and powerful businessman; wealthy leader; magnate; Ex. business tycoon

Resignation: patiently submission; 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.

pauper:
very poor person

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

entreat:
plead; ask earnestly

disconcert:
confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb

unruly:
disobedient; lawless; difficult to control

potion:
dose (of liquids); liquid dose

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

ingenuous:
naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid

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

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

raiment:
clothing, garments, Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.

Bacchanalia:
the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus

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

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

pummel:
pommel; beat or pound with fists

curmudgeon:
churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person

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

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

synchronous:
similarly timed; simultaneous with; occurring at the same time; V. synchronize

impudence:
importunaue; 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**: wave; shift; rise and fall as if in waves; change or vary irregularly

- **slaught**: killing of animals for food; massacre; V: butcher (animals) for food; kill in large numbers

- **levee**: earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding; CF. raise

- **embroider**: decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embellish

- **correlation**: mutual relationship

- **crossbreed**: hybridize; N: hybrid; CF interbreed; CF inbreed

- **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

□ infinitesimal : very small

□ masquerade : wear a mask or disguise; pretend; N: costume party or ball at which masks are worn; pretense; disguise

□ shade : slight difference in degree; nuance; degree of color; Ex. shades of meaning/grey

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

□ charlatan : quick; pretender to knowledge (esp. in medicine)

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

□ suffuse : spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks.

□ prelude : introduction; introductory performance or event; foretaste

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

□ alleviate : relieve (pain)

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

□ palatial : of or suitable for a palace; magnificent

□ execrate : curse; express abhorrence for; detest

□ disheveled : untidy (of hair or clothing); V: dishevel

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

□ sanguinary : bloody; with much bloodshed

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

□ dolt : slow-thinking stupid person; CF. dull

□ sacrilegious : desecrating; profane; N: sacrilege: desecration, misuse, or theft of something sacred

□ nutritious : providing nourishment

□ menace : threat; V: threaten
| **dilapidated** | falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined by neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N. dilapidation |
| **porridge** | soft food made by boiling oatmeal |
| **cataract** | great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight) |
| **religious** | of religion; of a person's piety, having reverence for a deity |
| **usury** | lending money at illegal high rates of interest |
| **cumbersome** | heavy and awkward to carry; burdensome; Ex. cumbersome parcel/uniform |
| **impute** | attribute; ascribe; charge; N. imputation |
| **volley** | simultaneous discharge of a number of shots; V. |
| **jaundiced** | yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs; Ex. with a jaundiced eye |
| **silt** | sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor or by a bend in a river) |
| **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 |
| **catcall** | shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V. |
| **sleeper** | one that achieves unexpected success, something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable |
| **prophylactic** | used to prevent disease; N. something prophylactic; condom; N. prophylaxis: prevention of disease |
| **porter** | fully filled, filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed; abundantly supplied; Ex. report replete with errors |
| **paroxysm** | fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outburst |
| **rakish** | jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolute; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle |
| **transmute** | transform; change; convert to something different |
| **writhe** | twist in coils; contort in pain |
| **cumbersome** | heavy and awkward to carry; burdensome; Ex. cumbersome parcel/uniform |
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| **psychopath** | pertaining to mental derangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder |
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- 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
descry:
catch sight of (something distant)
squeamish:
easily shocked or sickened by unpleasant things; fastidious; Ex. A nurse should not be squeamish.
abrogate:
abolish
grill:
question severely; cook on a grill; broil; N: cooking surface of parallel metal bars
conciliatory:
reconciling; soothing; V: conciliate: reconcile; soothe; win the friendly feelings (by removing anger)
burgeon:
grow rapidly; grow forth; send out buds; Ex. burgeoning computer industry; CF: bludgeon
freebooter:
pirate or plunderer who makes war in order to grow rich
bruise:
injure without breaking the skin; N.
amorphous:
formless; lacking shape or definition
sedition:
conduct or language inciting rebellion; rebellion; resistance to authority; insubordination; ADJ: seditious
groom:
man employed to take care of horses; V: make neat and trim; clean and brush (an animal)
circuitous:
roundabout
determination:
resolve; firmness of purpose; measurement or calculation; decision
peerless:
having no equal; incomparable
mobile:
movable; not fixed; N: mobility
sultry:
(of weather) hot; sweltering; sensual; voluptuous
banal:
hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd
prehensile:
capable of grasping or holding (esp. by wrapping around); Ex. prehensile tails
unction:
the act of anointing with oil; Ex. extreme unction
repulsion:
distaste; disgust; act of driving back; ADJ: repulsive: causing disgust; tending to drive away; V: repel (not ‘repulse’)
deliberate:
consider; ponder; ADJ: done on purpose; slow
carafe:
glass water bottle; decanter
permissive:
allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society
touching:
causing a feeling of pity or sympathy; pathetic; V: touch: cause to feel pity or sympathy; ADJ: touched
symmetry:
arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity; ADJ: symmetrical
serpentine: winding; twisting; of or like a serpent; Ex. serpentine course of the river; N. serpent: snake

stymie: thwart; present an obstacle; stump

canvass: determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region) to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.

primary: first in rank or importance; principal; earliest in time; Ex. primary stages; N. CF first

consecrate: dedicate; sanctify; declare as sacred; Ex. consecrate one's life to helping the poor

provisional: tentative; temporary

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

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

bilk: swindle; cheat

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

harbinger: forerunner (which foreshadows what is to come)

ramshackle: (of a building or vehicle) poorly constructed; rickety; falling apart

consensus: general agreement; opinion reached by a group

postmortem: autopsy; ADJ: occurring after death; of a postmortem

robust: strong; vigorous

dismember: cut into small parts; cut (a body) apart limb from limb

veneer: thin surface layer (of good quality wood, glued to a base of inferior material); cover; surface show; façade; V

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

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

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

minion: servile dependent; obsequious follower

incorrigible: uncorrectable

fancied: imagined; unreal

institutionalize: make into an institution; put or confine in an institution
forfeit: something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N: forfeiture

rendezvous: meeting place; meeting at a set time or place; V.

replenish: fill up again

defunct: dead; no longer in use or existence

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

arboretum: place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited

kindred: related; belonging to the same group; similar in nature or character; Ex. kindred languages; N: relative; kin; kinship

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

maul: handle roughly; batter; injure by beating; Ex. mauled by his overexcited fans; N: heavy long-handled hammer

fructify: bear fruit; produce fruit

ratiocination: reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises; V: ratiocinate: reason logically

mollycoddle: pamper, coddle; baby; indulge excessively

warble: (of a bird) sing; babble; N.

anthem: song of praise or patriotism; Ex. national anthem

defalcate: embezzle

plutocracy: society ruled by the wealthy

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

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

jocular: said or done in jest or playfully; marked by joking

appropriate: acquire; take possession of for one's own use without permission; set aside for a particular purpose; allocate; CF. misappropriate

corrosive: eating away by chemicals or disease; (of language) fierce
paucity: scarcity; dearth

glutinous: sticky; viscous; gluey

unkempt: disheveled; uncared for in appearance; not combed; CF: comb

lionize: treat (a person) as a celebrity

spare: give; use; refrain from harming; save from experiencing; exempt; Ex. spare me 5 minutes; Ex. Take this money and spare my life; Ex. The emperor was spared the onus; ADJ: kept in reserve; free for other use; unoccupied; Ex. spare time

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

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

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

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

cower: shrink quivering as from fear; 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: prises: tool for prying

hackneyed: commonplace; trite

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

humility: humbleness of spirit

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

fetid (foetid): malodorous; foul

slipshod: slovenly; careless; slumpy; 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;

- **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

- **importantate**: urging; always demanding; troubleshootingly 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.
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**:
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<td>bane</td>
<td>poison; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous</td>
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<td>sovereignty</td>
<td>complete independence and self-government (of a country); supremacy of authority; power to govern</td>
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changing in habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N: one that migrates

collage : work of art put together from fragments

somambulist : sleepwalker; V: somnambulate; N: somnambulism

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

dismiss : eliminate from consideration; no longer consider; put out of court without further hearing; reject; discharge from employment; direct to leave; ADJ: dismissive; N: dismissal

benediction : blessing

libretto : text of an opera or oratorio; CF: book

vegetate : live in a monotonous way (without interests or activity); CF: vegetation: plants of an area; CF: vegetarian; CF: vegan

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

salacious : lascivious; lustful; Ex: salacious monk

neologism : new or newly coined word or phrase

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

vex : annoy; distress

clapper : striker (tongue) of a bell

décolleté : (of a dress) having a low-cut neckline; CF: décolletage: low neckline (on a dress)

brag : boast

injurious : harmful; causing injury

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

precursor : forerunner; predecessor

repudiate : disown; disavow; deny
tome: large volume; book

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

billowing: swelling out in waves; surging

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

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

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

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

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

gesticulation: motion; gesture; V. gesticulate: make gestures (while speaking)
vixen: female fox; ill-tempered woman; CF. shrew

tarnish: make or become dull or discolored; N.

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

officious: meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one’s services; overly eager in offering unwanted services or advice; Ex. officious bellboy

cow: terrorize; intimidate

representational: (of a style of art) showing things as they actually appear in real life
viscid: adhesive; 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
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; insane; 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**: | **disentangle; solve** |

| **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

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

wilt: lose 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

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

clap: hold firmly within arms

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

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

- **apiarist**: person who keeps bees

- **deign**: condescend; stoop

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

- **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**: legislatng branch of government; CF: legislate: make laws

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **olfactory**: concerning the sense of smell

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

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

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

- **neophyte**: 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 amorously; make eyes at; Ex. old men ogling young girls

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

☐ token:
outward sign; Ex. a token of our gratitude

☐ mote:
small speck (esp. of dust)

☐ sheathe:
place into a case; insert into or provide with a sheath; Ex. He sheathed his dagger; N. sheath: case for a blade

☐ attenuate:
make thin, weaken

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

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

☐ **tangential**: only slightly connected; not central; peripheral; digressing; showing divergence; CF. tangent

☐ **eulogistic**: praising; full of eulogy

☐ **suavity**: urbanity; polish; ADJ. suave: smooth and courteous

☐ **mogul**: powerful person; Ex. oil moguls; CF. Mogol, Moghul; CF. Mongolian

☐ **imperial**: like an emperor; related to an empire; CF. imperialism

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

☐ **sham**: pretend; feign; ADJ. not genuine; fake; Ex. sham jewelry; N: something that is not what it appears; imposter; pretense; Ex. The agreement was a sham.

☐ **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-controlled; self-restrained; formal but distant manner; reticence; Ex. without reserve: freely and openly; ADJ. reserved: shy and uncommunicative

whimsical: capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange

feebleminded: deficient in intelligence; very stupid

exodus: departure (of a large number of people)

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

whittle: pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim

soporific: sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness; drowsy

pterodactyl: extinct flying reptile; CF. wing+finger

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

coagulate: congeal; thicken; clot; N. coagulant

metaphysical: pertaining to speculative philosophy; of metaphysics; N. metaphysics: branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality

compulsive: resulting from compulsion

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

swipe: hit with a sweeping motion; N.

deify: turn into a god; make a god of; idolize; Ex. Kings were deified; CF. deity

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

hazy: slightly obscure; misty; unclear; N: haze: light mist or smoke; confused state of mind
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<td>weak and in bad condition from old age or hard use; Ex. decrepit old chair/man</td>
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<td>systematic; N. method: systematic method of procedure</td>
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<td>maker of a will; CF. testatrix</td>
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<td>debauched person; dissolute or licentious person; roué; CF. free</td>
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<td>unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger; V. consolidate: merge, strengthen</td>
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<td>vested power to reject a bill, exercise of this right; V: prevent or forbid by exercising the power of veto</td>
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<td>disgrace; N. ADJ. dishonorable</td>
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crude cabin

本金 : 

private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF. the Caucus club of Boston

本金 : 

inveterate :

depth-rooted; habitual; CF. grow old

本金 : 

besiege :

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

本金 : 

relish :

enjoy; savor; N: enjoyment; zest

本金 : 

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.

本金 : 

monumental :

massive; impressively large; built as a monument

本金 : 

attire :

clothe; N: clothing; array; apparel

本金 : 

theocracy :

government run by religious leaders

本金 : 

cerebral :

pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF. cerebrum

本金 : 

affluence :

abundance; wealth

本金 : 

carnage :

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

本金 : 

whelp :

young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.

本金 : 

smother :

kill from lack of air; suppress; cover thickly; Ex. smothered in little stickers

本金 : 

granulate :

form into grains or granules; N: granule: grain or particle

本金 : 

tessellated :

mosaic; inlaid; Ex. tessellated pattern

本金 : 

mutability :

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

本金 : 

Epicurean :

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

本金 : 

abyss :

enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit

本金 : 

retrograde :

go backwards; recede; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.

本金 : 

psychic :

of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers

本金 : 

encircle :

surround

本金 : 

tantrum :

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

本金 : 

abhor :

detest; hate

本金 : 

lassitude :

languor; weariness; listlessness
wean: accustom a baby not to nurse; accustom (the young of a mammal) to take nourishment other than by suckling; give up a cherished activity; cause to gradually leave (an interest or habit); Ex. wean oneself from cigarettes

propellant(propellent): substance which propels or drives forward (such as an explosive charge or a rocket fuel)

sententious: pithy; terse; concise; aphoristic

elysian: relating to paradise; blissful

adversity: great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event

hermetic: concerning alchemy or magic; obscure and mysterious; occult

artisan: a manually skilled worker

annex: attach; add to a large thing; take possession of; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force); N. building added to a large one

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

enrapture: please intensely; fill with rapture and delight

primp: groom oneself with care; adorn oneself

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

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

rostrum: raised platform for speech-making; pulpit

agility: nimbleness; ability to move quickly

conjugal: pertaining to marriage

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

oatmeal: crushed oats used for making porridge

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

chivalrous: courteous; faithful; brave; N. chivalry

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

prologue: introduction (to a poem or play)

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

polemical(polemic): aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious (rather than simply expressing opinions)
maroon: leave helpless on a deserted island or coast; adj. red brown
talon: claw of bird
pander: cater to (the low desires of others)
archives: public records; place where public records are kept
impious: irreverent
decompose: disturb the composure of; confuse
residue: remainder; balance
febrile: feverish
ebb: (of the tide) recede; lessen; diminish; n. flow: rise of tide
frenetic (phrenetic): frenzied, frantic
bacchanalian: Bacchus

tantalize: tease; excite by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach; torture with disappointment; cf. Tantalus: Greek mythological figure
didactic: official or legal permission; latitude of action or speech; excessive freedom that causes harm or damage; 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. 이는 놀리고 싶은 게아님

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: rhythmic throbbing of arteries; brief sudden change in a normally constant quantity; V. pulsate

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

gradation: series of gradual stages; degree in such a progression

incredulity: tendency to disbelief

manifold: many in number or kind; numerous; varied

renegade: deserter; traitor; ADJ.
haughtiness:
pride; arrogance; ADJ. haughty

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

amok (amuck):
in a state of rage; Ex. run amok

verve:
enthusiasm (as in artistic performance or composition), liveliness, vigor

maelstrom:
violent whirlpool; violent or turbulent situation; CF. stream

centrifuge:
machine that separates substances by whirling them

homogeneous:
of the same kind; uniform in composition throughout

edict:
decree (especially one issued by a sovereign); official command

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

vernal:
pertaining to spring

skulk:
move furtively and secretly; Ex. He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city.

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

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

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

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

stoic:
stoical; impassive; unmovable by joy or grief; N: CF. stoicism

clap:
strike the palms of the hands together with a sudden explosive sound; come together suddenly with a sharp sound; put or send promptly; Ex. clap the thief in jail; N: clapping, loud or explosive sound; CF. applause

wanderlust:
strong longing to travel

pliable:
flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable

pedagogue:
teacher; CF. child leader

protagonist:
leader or noticeable supporter of an idea, chief character in a play or story

unmitigated:
(of something bad) not moderated; unrelieved or immoderate; without qualification; absolute; Ex. unmitigated disaster

obelisk:
tall column tapering (becoming gradually narrower toward the end) and ending in a pyramid

blowhard:
talkative boaster; braggart

interpolate:
insert between
anarchy: absence of governing body; state of disorder

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

braggadocio: boasting

curator: superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)

nimble: quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind

perdition: damnation; complete ruin; hell

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

run-down: (of a place) dilapidated; in a bad condition; (of a person) weak or exhausted

swindler: cheat

nip: snip off; stop something's growth or development; bite; make numb with cold; Ex. nip the plan; Ex. A guard dog nipped the postman; Ex. fingers nipped by the extreme chill

parvenu: upstart; newly rich person

impolitic: not wise; not expedient; not politic

remunerative: (of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V. remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble

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

disparity: difference; condition of inequality; OP. parity

dispel: scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

brand: trademark; mark burned on the hide of an animal; mark burned into the flesh of criminals; mark of disgrace; V. mark with a brand; give a lasting bad name; stigmatize; Ex. The press branded him a liar.

increment: increase

accost: approach and speak first to a person

scad: a great quantity; Ex. scads of clothes

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

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

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

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

☐ affidavit:

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

☐ chaplain:

clergyman attached to a chapel

☐ entourage:

group of attendants; retinue; CF: surround

☐ induct:

place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N: 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:

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

☐ lament:

grieve; express sorrow; N: lamentation

☐ totem:

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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. insensible change; CF. not the opposite of sensible

□ squabble :
minor quarrel; bickering; V. engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children

□ volatile :
changeable; of a quickly changing nature (as of temper); mercurial; tending to violence; evaporating rapidly; Ex. volatile character/situation in the street

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female sheep

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

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submissive; patient and long-suffering

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violent; hasty; rash; impulsive; without careful thought; Ex. impetuous decision

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miscellaneous; various; several; N. sundries: small miscellaneous items

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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 :
moving with a wavetlike motion; V. undulate; CF. und: wave
pass off: present falsely; represent falsely to be

trooper: 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

convok: call together; Ex. convok Parliament; N. convection

effective: effectual; producing a strong response; striking; in operation; in effect; Ex. effective speech/photograph

hortat: 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:
□ 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; finky

□ 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

□ insalubrious :

unwholesome; not healthful; Ex. insalubrious place

□ meddlesome :

interfering; V. meddle; interfere

□ cadet :

student at a military school

□ spruce :

neat and trim in appearance; smart; Ex. Be spruce for your job interview; V.
**jumble**: mix in a confused way

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

**humble**: of low rank or position; modest; having a low opinion of oneself and a high opinion of others; unassuming; not proud; V: humble; make humble; cause to feel ashamed or to lose the respect of others

**lurid**: wild; sensational; graphic; gruesome; horrible; Ex. lurid details of the murder

**application**: diligent attention; diligence; V: apply oneself

**psychosis**: mental disorder; ADJ: psychotic

**hoary**: white with age

**vacillate**: waver (in opinion); fluctuate; sway to and fro; N: vacillation

**sturdy**: strong and firm (in the body)

**emblazon**: ornament richly (a shield or flag); N: emblazonment

**optometrist**: one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects

**impetus**: moving force; momentum; force of a moving body; incentive; stimulus; impulse

**optional**: not compulsory; left to one’s choice; N: option: act of choosing, choice; freedom or power to choose; something available as a choice; Ex: have no option; Ex: two options

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

**low**: moo; make the sound of a cow

**pastiche**: imitation of another’s style in musical composition or in writing; work of art openly imitating the works of other artists

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

**eddy**: swirling current of water, air, etc.; V.

**languid**: lacking energy or vitality; weary; sluggish; listless

**vestige**: trace; remains; Ex: vestiges of some ancient religion

**partisan**: one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party (with dislike of any others); N: strong supporter of a party; guerrilla

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

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

**symbiosis**: interdependent relationship (between groups, species) often mutually beneficial; ADJ: symbiotic; CF: together + life
sneak : move, give, or take in a quiet, stealthy way; N: one who sneaks; ADJ. sneaky

minutiae : petty or trivial details; CF. minutia

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: 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 unworthy; be profane for; ADJ: secular; nonreligious; irreverent for holy things

mincing : affectedly daintily; 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

equipoise : balance; balancing force; equilibrium

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

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

 crave : desire; want intensely

putrid :
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 one; N. rationalization

sensitization

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

underlying

lying below; fundamental

bureaucracy

overregulated administrative system marked by red tape; ADJ. bureaucratic

martinet

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

remediable

reparable

urchin

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

squash

crush; quash; suppress

impassioned

(of speech) filled with passion; fervent

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<td>undistinctive; ordinary; ordinary-looking; Ex. nondescript fellow in a crowd</td>
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<td>scholar, learned person; CF: savoir: know</td>
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<td>filled (with something unpleasant); full; Ex. fraught with danger and difficulties; CF: freight</td>
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<td>speech or writing with no meaning; foolish behavior or language; Ex. make (a) nonsense of: spoil; cause to fail</td>
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<td>self-imposed punishment for sin; Ex. do penance for one’s sins; CF: persistent</td>
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<td>yield (title or territory) to (esp. after losing a war); surrender formally; N: cession</td>
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<td>reprove severely; rebuke; N:</td>
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<td>shine brightly with flashing points of light; Ex. glittering diamond ring; N: sparkling light; attractiveness; glamor; Ex. glitter of the sun on the waves</td>
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<td>delaying; tending to delay</td>
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<td>unsuited; inappropriate; lacking skill; incompetent; CF: inapt: (of statements or ideas) inappropriate</td>
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<td>stuff oneself (with food); glut; CF: gorgeous; dazzlingly beautiful</td>
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vent: small opening; outlet (as of fumes or a gas); Ex. He gave vent to his anger by kicking the chair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

revoke: cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable

peruse: read through with care; N: perusal

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

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

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

asunder: into parts; apart; V: sunder

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

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

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

jaunt: trip; short journey

solemnity: seriousness; gravity

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

scotch: stamp out (put an end to); thwart; hinder; Ex. scotch the rumor; CF. cut; CF.
□ **cameo** :
shell or jewel carved in relief; star’s special appearance in a minor role in a film

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

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

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

□ **skinflint** :
miser; stingy person

□ **insurgent** :
rebels; rebellious; N.

□ **replica** :
copy

□ **suckle** :
give or take milk at the breast or udder

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

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

□ **maladroit** :
clumsy; not skillful; awkward; bungling

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

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

□ **diurnal** :
daily; occurring during the daytime

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

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

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

□ **renown** :
fame; ADJ. renowned

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

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

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

□ **decelerate** :
slow down

□ **indigent** :
poor; destitute

□ **shrewd** :
clever, astute

□ **incredulous** :
withholding belief; skeptical; showing disbelief

☐ tremor :

trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)

☐ concur :

agree; coincide; happen at the same time

☐ smelt :

melt (ore) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ores changing their chemical composition

☐ hap :

chance; luck

☐ deducible :

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

☐ demolition :

destruction; V. demolish

☐ aphorism :

pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic

☐ motto :

brief statement used to express a principle

☐ confluence :

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

☐ bludgeon :

club; heavy-headed weapon; V.

☐ vile :

despicable; unpleasant; disgusting; Ex. vile slander

☐ glare :

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

☐ convert :

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

☐ chisel :

swindle or cheat; N. wedgelike tool for cutting

☐ avocation :

secondary or minor occupation

☐ finery :

beautiful clothes for a special occasion

☐ lush :

(of a plant or grass) growing very well

☐ marrow :

soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells

☐ vulgar :

of the common people; deficient in refinement; not refined; coarse; Ex. vulgar display of wealth; N. vulgarity: crudely indecent word; CF. vulgarian: 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 :

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

enterprising:
full of initiative; showing enterprise

invulnerable:
incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure

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

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

brocade:
rich, figured (patterned) fabric

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

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

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

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

ethnic:
relating to races

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

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

hide:
skin of an animal

consternation:
great shock; dismay

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

delirium:
mental disorder marked by confusion; uncontrolled excitement; ADJ: delirious

wastrel:
wanter; profligate

overthrow:
topple; N.

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

throng:
crowd (of people or things); V.

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

mongrel:
plant or animal (esp. a dog) of mixed breed; ADJ.

dazzle:
made blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder

vouch:

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

dio
lopsided:

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

dio
indigenous:

native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World

dio
rivet:

metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V: fasten with a rivet; engross

dio
overture:

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

dio
solecism:

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

dio
jaunty:

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

dio
practical:

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

dio
factotum:

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

dio
parable:

short simple story teaching a moral

dio
voluble:

fluent; talkative; glib; N. volubility

dio
castrate:

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

dio
malevolent:

wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence

dio
camaraderie:

good-fellowship; CF. comrade

dio
implore:

beg

dio
nettlesome:

irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettlesome

dio
blackball:

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

dio
ecosystem:

ecological community together with its environment

dio
discredit:

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

dio
bilious:

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

dio
rococo:

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

dio
disapprobation:

disapproval; condemnation

dio
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

dio
verbiage:

pompous array of words; too many unnecessary words; wordiness

dio
invincible:

unconquerable
**truncate**: cut the top off; shorten

**allay**: calm, pacify

**disdain**: treat with scorn or contempt

**surmount**: overcome

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**magnitude**: greatness (in size or extent); extent

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

**insomnia**: wakefulness; inability to sleep

**florescence**: condition or period of flowering

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

**portend**: foretell; presage; be a sign or warning of; **N. portent**: sign; omen; forewarning

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

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

**philanthropist**: lover of mankind; doer of good; **N. philanthropy**
amplify : increase in size or effect; expand; broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger; Ex. amplify one's remarks with a graph

perforate : pierce; put a hole through

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

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

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

inebriate : make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person

tertiary : third in order or rank

wry : (esp. of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure)

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

aphasia : loss of speech due to injury or illness

coax : persuade by flattery

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

congeal : freeze; coagulate

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

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

covenant :

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

dynamo : generator for producing electricity; energetic person

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

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

clavicle : collarbone

legato : (of music) played smoothly

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

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

nicety : precision; accuracy; minute distinction or difference; Ex. to a nicety: exactly; precisely; Ex. distinguish between niceties
- **mishap**: unfortunate accident
- **impiety**: irreverence; lack of respect for God or piety
- **amass**: collect (gradually, in a very large amount)
- **obfuscate**: confuse; muddle; cause confusion; make needlessly complex; make so confused as to be difficult to understand
- **sentient**: capable of sensation and conscious; aware; sensitive; Ex. sentient creature; N. sentience
- **grisly**: ghastly; horrifying; Ex. grisly remains of the bodies
- **vibrant**: full of vigor or energy; vibrating
- **atrocity**: brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious
- **sanctimonious**: displaying ostentatious or hypocritical devouness; 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
- **confide**: tell in confidence (to a person one trusts); be confident about
- **steep**: soak; saturate; Ex. steep the fabric in the dye bath; ADJ. precipitous
- **fugitive**: fleeting or transitory; lasting only a short time; roving (wandering); running away or fleeing as from the law; N. one who flees; Ex. fugitives at large
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<td>violent scoundrel; bully</td>
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<td>obligatory</td>
<td>binding, required, compulsory; V. oblige: constrain; make grateful; do a favor; accommodate</td>
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<td>disquietude</td>
<td>uneasiness; anxiety; V. disquiet: make anxious</td>
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<td>grueling</td>
<td>exhausting; Ex. grueling marathon race</td>
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<td>dissection</td>
<td>analysis; cutting apart in order to examine</td>
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<td>equestrian</td>
<td>rider on horseback; ADJ.</td>
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<td>adventitious</td>
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<td>one who voluntarily suffers death for his or her religion or cause; great sufferer; Ex. martyr to his rheumatism</td>
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<td>meal; feast; banquet</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>regret; lament; mores, Ex. He will rue the day; N. ADJ. rueful</td>
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<td>dwell; abide by: comply with; put up with; tolerate; Ex. abide by the rules; Ex. I can't abide rude people.</td>
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<td>unsale; lacking in stability; uncertain; risky; Ex. precarious living</td>
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<td>gyroscope</td>
<td>apparatus used to maintain balance; ascertain direction, etc.</td>
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<td>irremediable</td>
<td>incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy</td>
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<td>shaving</td>
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<td>unbridled</td>
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violent; uncontrolled; Ex. unbridled rage/greed

- **cogitate**: think over; ponder

- **proselytize**: (induce someone to) convert to a religion or belief; N. proselyte: new convert to a doctrine or religion

- **amalgam**: combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth

- **expansive**: (of a person) outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size

- **gait**: manner of walking or running; speed

- **connoisseur**: person competent to act as a judge of art, etc. (whose judgments are respected); a lover of an art

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

- **wizardry**: sorcery; magic

- **abrasive**: rubbing away; tending to grind down

- **swill**: drink greedily

- **liability**: drawback; handicap; debt; obligation; responsibility; condition of being liable; ADJ: liable; likely; responsible (for paying)

- **espouse**: adopt; support (an idea or aim); marry; N: espousal

- **precipitant**: something that causes a substance in a chemical solution to separate out in solid form; 응신액, OR: solvent

- **chastise**: punish as by beating; criticize severely

- **effulgent**: shining brilliantly; brilliant

- **lode**: metal-bearing vein (long deposit of an ore)

- **impair**: injury; 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
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. wrangle
declivity: downward slope
proclivity: inclination; natural tendency (esp. towards something bad)
proscribe: prohibit; ostracize; banish; outlaw
recumbent: reclining, lying down completely or in part
draconian: extremely severe; Ex. draconian punishment; CF: Draco: Athenian politician
dispassionate: calm; impartial; not influenced by personal feelings
withstand: stand up against; resist successfully
garner: gather; store up; amass
mediate: settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate a cease-fire
gibberish: nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk or writing; babbling
resurge: rise again; flow to and fro; N. resurgence; ADJ. resurgent: (of ideas or beliefs) experiencing revival; surging again
refuse: anything discarded or rejected as worthless; trash
dogmatic: opinionated; holding stubbornly to one's opinion; arbitrary; doctrinal
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<td>pertaining to a germ; creative; Ex. germinal idea</td>
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<td>suggested or implied meaning of an expression; V. connote</td>
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<td>use equivocal language to deceive people; lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivocation</td>
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<td>débâcle</td>
<td>sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; complete disaster</td>
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<td>beneficiary</td>
<td>person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will</td>
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<td>grudging</td>
<td>unwilling; reluctant; stingy(giving reluctantly)</td>
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<td>bromide</td>
<td>platitude; chemical compound used to calm excitement</td>
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<td>jug</td>
<td>pitcher; container for holding liquids</td>
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<td>apocalyptic</td>
<td>prophetic; pertaining to revelations especially of disaster; N. apocalypse</td>
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<td>scourge</td>
<td>lash; whip (formerly used for punishment); source of severe punishment; V. whip; afflict</td>
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<td>fulsome</td>
<td>disgustingly excessive; offensively flattering; Ex. fulsome praise/expressions of admire</td>
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<td>guy</td>
<td>cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied; CE. guide</td>
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<td>jollity</td>
<td>gaiety; cheerfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry, gay</td>
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<td>existence; means of subsisting, means of support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist, maintain life (at a meager level)</td>
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<td>move (a railway train) from one track to another; turn aside; divert; sidetrack; Es. shunt traffic around an accident; N.</td>
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<td>wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar</td>
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<td>tenacity</td>
<td>firmness; persistence</td>
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<td>extrovert</td>
<td>person interested mostly in external objects and actions</td>
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<td>pert</td>
<td>(esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; trim; jaunty; Es. pert young miss/hat</td>
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<td>steadily loyal; unswerving; steady</td>
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<td>wispy</td>
<td>thin, slight; barely discernible</td>
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<td>cartographer</td>
<td>map-maker</td>
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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
<p>| <strong>creep</strong> | move with body close to the ground; move stealthily or slowly; N. |
| <strong>confidant (confidante)</strong> | trusted friend (to whom one tells one’s secret) |
| <strong>fissure</strong> | crevice, crack |
| <strong>draw</strong> | choosing of a lot or card |
| <strong>sanction</strong> | approve; ratify; N: permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance |
| <strong>amend</strong> | correct; change ; generally for the better |
| <strong>irony</strong> | 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 |
| <strong>galvanize</strong> | stimulate or shock by an electric current; stimulate by shock; shock into action; stir up; coat with rust-resistant zinc by using electricity |
| <strong>efface</strong> | rub out; remove the surface of |
| <strong>meander</strong> | wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly |
| <strong>virtual</strong> | in essence; existing in essence though not in actual form; for practical purposes; Ex. virtual ruler/space |
| <strong>visionary</strong> | produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical; showing foresight; N: one having foresight; one given to speculative impractical ideas |
| <strong>prosper</strong> | become successful (esp. financially); thrive; grow well; Ex. children prospering under his care |
| <strong>plait</strong> | braid; interweave; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex. plaited hair; N: braided length as of hair o fabric; CF: pigtail, ponytail |
| <strong>mercurial</strong> | capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex. mercurial temper; CF: mood |
| <strong>historic</strong> | important in history; Ex. historic battle |
| <strong>imminent</strong> | impending; near at hand |
| <strong>wiggle</strong> | wriggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions |
| <strong>curtail</strong> | shorten; reduce |
| <strong>narcissist</strong> | conceited person; N: narcissism; CF: narcissus |
| <strong>pejorative</strong> | (of a word or phrase) suggesting that someone is of little value; negative in connotation; having a belittling effect; Ex. Many women now consider “housewife” a pejorative expression, because it patronized them. |
| <strong>ration</strong> | fixed portion; V: distribute as rations |
| <strong>levity</strong> | shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex. The moonlight shimmered on the water; N. |</p>
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<td>lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner</td>
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<td>□ quagmire</td>
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<td>□ aplomb</td>
<td>pose; composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence</td>
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<td>□ adhere</td>
<td>stick fast; be a devout follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty</td>
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<td>□ doff</td>
<td>take off; OP. don</td>
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<td>□ corrugated</td>
<td>wrinkled; ridged</td>
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<td>□ esteem</td>
<td>respect; value; judge; N.</td>
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<td>□ ambiguous</td>
<td>unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation</td>
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<td>□ wrest</td>
<td>obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp</td>
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<td>□ spate</td>
<td>sudden flood or rush; Ex. spate of accidents</td>
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<td>□ inanimate</td>
<td>lifeless; not animate</td>
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<td>□ armada</td>
<td>fleet of warships</td>
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<td>□ polarize</td>
<td>split into opposite extremes or camps</td>
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<td>□ rolling</td>
<td>(of land) raising and falling in long gentle slopes; happening continuously by stages; Ex. rolling devolution of power to local governments</td>
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<td>□ practicable</td>
<td>feasible</td>
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<td>□ amiable</td>
<td>agreeable, lovable; warmly friendly</td>
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<td>□ roster</td>
<td>list (of names)</td>
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<td>□ delta</td>
<td>flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river</td>
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<td>□ bereavement</td>
<td>state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved; state of being bereaved or bereft</td>
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<td>□ loll</td>
<td>lounge about</td>
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<td>□ posthumous</td>
<td>after death (as of child born after father’s death or book published after author’s death); coming or occurring after one’s death; Ex. posthumous fame/novel</td>
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<td>□ rapt</td>
<td>engrossed; absorbed; enchanted; Ex. rapt listener</td>
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<td>□ gentry</td>
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<td>□ idiom</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>□ recant</td>
<td>split into opposite extremes or camps</td>
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<td>disclaim</td>
<td>retract a previous statement; openly confess error; Ex. recant one’s faith/a statement</td>
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<td>asylum</td>
<td>place of refuge or shelter; protection (religious or political)</td>
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<td>virus</td>
<td>disease communicator</td>
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<td>aberrant</td>
<td>abnormal or deviant</td>
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<td>hubris</td>
<td>arrogance; excessive self-concept</td>
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<td>leniency</td>
<td>mildness; permissiveness; ADJ. lenient: not severe in judgment or punishment</td>
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<td>imply</td>
<td>suggest a meaning not expressed; signify</td>
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<td>syllogism</td>
<td>logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or specious argument</td>
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<td>propensity</td>
<td>natural inclination</td>
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<td>opaque</td>
<td>dark; transparent; N. opacity</td>
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<td>fetish(fetich)</td>
<td>object believed to have spiritual powers; object of excessive attention or reverence; CF. fetishism</td>
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<td>hummock</td>
<td>small hill; hillock</td>
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<td>venial</td>
<td>(of a fault or sin) forgivable; trivial</td>
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<td>effrontery</td>
<td>rudeness without any sense of shame; shameless boldness; presumptionlessness; nerve; churl</td>
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<td>subtlety</td>
<td>perspicacity; 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</td>
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<td>strew</td>
<td>spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter; Ex. flower girl strewing rose petals</td>
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<td>canine</td>
<td>related to dogs; doglike</td>
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<td>boisterous</td>
<td>violent; rough; noisy</td>
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<td>vituperative</td>
<td>abusive; scolding; V. vituperate: berate; scold; rail against abusively</td>
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<td>compress</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>paste</td>
<td>smooth viscous mixture as of flour(powder made by crushing grain) and water (used as an adhesive); V: cause to adhere by applying paste</td>
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<td>spendthrift</td>
<td>someone who wastes money; CF. thrift: accumulated wealth</td>
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<td>mannered</td>
<td>affected; not natural; Ex. mannered way of speech</td>
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<td>marginal</td>
<td>of a margin; barely within a limit; Ex. marginal effect/writing ability</td>
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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: willful; intentional; headstrong

sepulcher: tomb; V: place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral

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

boor:
A rude, insensitive person
d烙：

- **lucre**
  - money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre

- **eerie**
  - weird; causing fear because strange

- **archaeology**
  - study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

- **gamut**
  - entire range

- **plumber**
  - one who installs and repairs pipes and plumbing (pipes)

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

- **stamp**
  - step on heavily (so as to crush or extinguish); put an end to; imprint or impress with a mark, design, or seal; shape with a die; characterize; Ex. machine stamping out car bodies; Ex. newspaper stamping him as a liar; N. stamping; implement used to stamp; impression stamped; mark; Ex. Her remarks bear the stamp of truth.

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

- **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**
  - gory, horrible

- **beneficent**
  - kindly; doing good
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: environ: 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 coher-
ent

☐ 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
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<td>flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow</td>
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<td>one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia</td>
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<td>distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental; V. cloy: become unpleasant through too much sweetness or excess</td>
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<td>infer</td>
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<td>juxtapose</td>
<td>place side by side; CF. next</td>
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<td>devise</td>
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<td>respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect</td>
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<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>green crust on old bronze works or copper; tone slowly taken by varnished painting</td>
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<td>dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex. burn an effigy of the President</td>
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<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>kindly; favorable; not malignant (disease); Ex. benign tumor</td>
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<td>deceive, persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her</td>
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collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo

- **pulsate**:
  - throb; beat regularly; vibrate regularly

- **sere**:
  - sear; parched; dry

- **throb**: (of a heart or machine) beat rapidly or violently; N: hearthrob: heartbeat; sweetheart

- **halfhearted**: exhibiting little interest or enthusiasm

- **patriarch**: father and ruler of a family or tribe

- **usage**: act or manner of using; accepted practice; way in which words are actually used

- **subaltern**: subordinate

- **hut**: crude dwelling; shack

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

- **inevitable**: unavoidable

- **parity**: equality; close resemblance; CF: disparate

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

- **tether**:
  - tie (an animal) with a rope or tether; N: rope or chain to which an animal is tied; limit of one's endurance; Ex. the end of one's tether

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

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

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

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

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

- **contortions**:
  - twistings; distortions; V: contort: twist violently out of shape; CF: contortionist

- **corpulent**:
  - very fat; N: corpulence

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

- **amity**:
  - friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations

- **sensuous**:
  - giving pleasure to the senses; pertaining to the physical senses; operating through the senses; sensuous feeling of soft velvet on the skin

- **continence**:
self-restraint; sexual chastity; sexual abstinence; voluntary control over bladder and bowel functions; ADJ. continent

□ anoint:

consecrate; put oil on (in a religious ceremony)

□ dermatologist:

one who studies the skin and its diseases

□ rational:

(of a person) having reason; (of ideas) based on reason; logical

□ fete(fête):

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

□ vortex:

whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predicament into which one is inexorably plunged

□ mason:

one who builds or works with stone or brick; N. masonry: work of a mason; stonework or brickwork

□ cadaver:

corpse; dead human body

□ exotic:

not native; from another part of the world; strange; intriguingly unusual; Ex. exotic flower/dress

□ exhale:

breathe out; OP. inhale

□ reverberate:

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

□ rationale:

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

□ humus:

substance or rich soil formed by decaying vegetable matter; CF. soil
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 steadfastly 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)

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

misogamy: hatred of marriage

blunder: error; stupid mistake

dais: raised platform for speakers or other important people

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

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

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; Es. "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; unorthodox; unconventional

☐ germ:

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

☐ flamboyant:

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

☐ magnanimity:

generosity; ADJ. magnanimous: generous

☐ atypical:

not normal; not typical

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

incidence

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

accord

agreement

crestfallen

dejected; dispirited

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

social; (of an animal) tending to form a group

slick

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

prerogative

privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before

paragon

model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue

gadfly

animal-biting fly; irritating person
illusion: misleading vision or visual image; false idea or belief; CF: delusion

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

mirth: merriment; laughter

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

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

knit: contract into wrinkles; grow together; join together closely; make (a fabric or garment) by interwining yarn or thread;

Ex. knit the brow; Ex. The bones should knit together in a few weeks.

gruel: thin liquid porridge

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

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

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

pied: piebald; variegated(many-colored); multicolored

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

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

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

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

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

complement: complete; consummate; make perfect; N.

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

swagger: walk or behave with an over-confident manner

ornate: excessively or elaborately decorated

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

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

circumspect: prudent; cautious; acting after careful thought

debut: first public appearance; formal presentation of a young woman to society
insipid: lacking in flavor; lacking interest; dull; Ex. insipid food/character

contentious: quarrelsome; controversial; likely to cause arguments

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

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

pivotal: of a pivot; central; critical; crucial

decant: pour off gently (wine or liquid)

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

renounce: abandon; give up (by formal announcement); disown; repudiate; Ex. renounce one’s claim to the property/one’s religion; N: renunciation

boon: blessing; benefit; something very helpful

embargo: ban on commerce or other activity

purported: alleged; claimed; reputed or rumored; Ex. purported Satanists

protégé: person receiving protection and support from a patron

jibe: agree; be in harmony with; give

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

peroration: conclusion of an oration; perorating; V: perorate: conclude a speech; speak at great length

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

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

commiserate: feel or express pity or sympathy for

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

scowl: frozen angrily; N: angry frown

seclusion: isolation; solitude; V: seclude: set apart from others; isolate

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

insurmountable: overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable
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<td>stealthy; quiet and secret (trying to escape notice); sneaky; Ex. furtive glance</td>
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<td>amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V: produce; give in; surrender</td>
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<td>division of a city for election or police purposes; precincts: space that surrounds a building; Ex. precincts of the college</td>
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<td>plants of a region or era</td>
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<td><strong>inverse</strong></td>
<td>person who cheats people</td>
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<td><strong>thrive</strong></td>
<td>(\text{opposite}) prosper; flourish</td>
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<td>flat mass of floating ice</td>
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<td>done or active at night; Ex. nocturnal animals/raids; CF. nocturne</td>
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<td>pleasing to taste or smell; delicious</td>
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<td><strong>hew</strong></td>
<td>cut to pieces with ax or sword; chop; N.</td>
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<td>reject with rudeness or coldness (an offer or friendship); drive back (an enemy attack); CF. repulse (\neq) cause repulsion</td>
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<td>bar; forbid; exclude; Ex. debarred from jury services</td>
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maleficient: doing evil; N. maleficience
tenant: one that pays rent to use property owned by another
integrity: honesty; uprightness; wholesomeness; state of being whole and undivided; completeness

doctrinaire: unable to compromise about points of doctrine; dogmatic; unyielding; marked by inflexible attachment to a doctrine without regard to its practical difficulties
hermitage: home of a hermit
gush: (of liquid) pour out in large quantities from a hole; make an excessive display of feeling (without true feeling); Ex. Blood gushed from the wound.
leeway: room to move; margin; latitude; Ex. leeway for the deadline
subpoena: writ (written command issued by a court) summoning a witness to appear in court; V: summon with a subpoena
compilation: listing of information in tabular or book form; compiling
indubitable: unable to be doubted; which cannot be doubted; unquestionable
stoke: stir up a fire or furnace; feed plentifully
predispose: give an inclination toward (in advance); make susceptible to; Ex. predispose people to certain cancer; N. predisposition

ludicrous: laughable; ridiculous; trifling
impassable: not able to be traveled or crossed
combustible: easily burned; N. CF. combustion
court: attempt to gain; seek; woo; risk; behave so as to invite; attempt to gain the favor of by attention; Ex. court disaster

tyrrany: oppression; cruel government; ADJ. tyrannical: of a tyrant or tyranny; despotic; V: tyrannize: treat tyrannically; oppress
quiver: case for arrows
consanguinity: kinship; relationship by birth
potable: suitable for drinking; drinkable
crone: hag; ugly old woman
gargantuan: huge; enormous; gigantic; CF. the hero of Gargantua and Pantagruel
seasoned: experienced

scuttle: sink (a ship) by cutting holes in the hull; scrap; discard; N: small hatch in a ship's deck or hull
peregrination:
journey; V: peregrinate

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outstrip: outrun; surpass; outdo

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

engaging: charming, attractive

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

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

discernible: distinguishable; perceivable; Ex. discernible improvement

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

quail: cower; shrink back in fear; lose heart

brazen: insolent; without shame; bold; Ex. brazen lie; V: face with bold self-assurance or with unashamed 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); restless 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; 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, harrass

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: 성 구멍

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
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 thorough

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 root has been cut down; V: walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle

bitter:

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

promontory:

headland

cull:

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

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 in 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
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<td>very carefully; ADJ.</td>
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<td>meter</td>
<td>arrangement of words in the form of poetry (by accessional rhythm)</td>
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<td>ordinary; dull; unimaginative (lacking in imagination); going on foot; Ex. pedestrian prose; N.</td>
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<td>fate; destiny; Ex. Kismet is the Arabic word for fate.</td>
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| impeach | }
charge (a public official) with crime in office; raise doubts about; indict; Ex. impeach a witness's credibility

- **conjure**: cause to appear by magic; summon (a devil or a spirit) by magical power; practice magic (esp. by very quick movement of the hands); evoke; conjure up: bring into the mind; Ex. The magician conjured a rabbit out of his hat.

- **uncouth**: boorish; clumsy in speech or behavior; outlandish

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

- **canker**: any ulcerous sore, ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer

- **sluggard**: lazy person

- **inarticulate**: speechless; producing indistinct speech; not articulate; not expressing oneself clearly

- **clown**: act stupidly; play the fool; N.

- **dross**: waste matter; worthless impurities

- **intangible**: not able to be perceived by touch; vague

- **fraudulent**: cheating, deceitful; Ex. fraudulent means; N. fraud: deception; swindle

- **scintilla**: trace; minute amount; shred; least bit; Ex. There is not a scintilla of truth; CF. spark

- **contingent**: dependent on something uncertain or in the future; conditional; happening by chance; accidental; N. a group of sol-

- **linguistic**: pertaining to language

- **exchequer**: treasury; Ex. Chancellor of the exchequer

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

- **variegate**: change the appearance of (by marking with different colors)

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

- **finale**: conclusion; concluding part

- **countenance**: approve; support; tolerate; Ex. countenance his rude behavior; N. face; appearance

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

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

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

- **evenhanded**: impartial; fair
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 repertoire

pluck:

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

ensconce:

settle comfortably; place comfortably (in a secure place)

auroral:

pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF aurora australis

vitriolic:

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

draft:

first rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; con script

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: munificience

viper:

poisonous snake

compile:

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

aptitude:

fitness; talent

paean:

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

spectrum:

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

automaton:

mechanism that imitates actions of humans; machine that works by itself
vent: release or discharge through a vent; express (esp. unfairly); utter. Ex. He vented his wrath on his family.

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

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

mortar: vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle.

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

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

recipient: receiver.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ominous: threatening; of an evil omen.

purchase: secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing.

slur: pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble.

impartial: not biased; fair. N: impartiality.

peccadillo: slight offense or fault; CF: sin.

abridge: condense or shorten.

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

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

lope: gallop slowly.

quarry: dig into (to get stone); N: mine; 작석장.
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
remit: 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/paleness
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; ointment with a pleasant smell from trees

spoonerism: accidental transposition of sounds in successive words; Ex. “Let me saw you to your seat” 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 (thirst); slake; douse or extinguish; put out; suppress

optimum: most favorable; optimal; N. most favorable condition

tumult: commotion of a great crowd; riot; noise; uproar; ADJ. tumultuous: noisy and disorderly

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

extricate: free from an entanglement or difficulty; disentangle

coin: 152
brusque: blunt; abrupt; curt; not wanting to waste time being nice

outlandish: bizarre; peculiar; unconventional

wizened: shriveled; withered; Ex. wizened apple/old lady

incessant: uninterrupted; unceasing

noncommittal: neutral; refusing commitment to a particular opinion; unpledged; undecided

distill: refine (a liquid by evaporating and subsequent condensation); concentrate; separate the most important parts from; Ex. distill fresh water from sea water; CF. brew

refraction: bending of a ray of light

qualified: limited; restricted; V. qualify: limit the meaning of; modify

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

waft: move gently (in air or in sea) by wind or waves; Ex. leaves wafting past the window

degradation: humiliation; debasement; degeneration; V. degrade: debase; disgrace; degenerate; reduce (something) in worth; demote (someone); reduce in rank

consistency: absence of contradictions; uniformity; degree of thickness or firmness; Ex. consistency of thick cream; CF. viscous

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

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

mausoleum: monumental tomb; large stately tomb; CF. Mausolos

preclude: make impossible; prevent; exclude; eliminate

impending: nearing; approaching; about to happen

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

motley: multi-colored (as of a garment worn by a jester); mixed; heterogeneous; CF. jester: one who jests (as a paid fool at medieval courts)

profusion: great amount; plenty; overabundance; excess; lavish expenditure; Ex. profusion of choices; ADJ. profuse: plentiful; copious; giving or given abundantly; extravagant

bedizen: dress with vulgar finery

witless: lacking intelligence or wit; foolish; idiotic

query: inquiry; question; V.
snuffle : handle used to move boat’s rudder (to-steer)

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

filibuster : link as in a chain

comprise : object to be thrown or projected

snuffle; sniff repeatedly (in order to keep liquid from running out of the nose)

laypersons; laymen; persons not connected with the clergy

block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking body by making very slow lengthy speeches; N: freebooter

include; consist of

laity

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

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

transient

congenial

concise

concise

concatenate

link as in a chain

missile

append

attach

grievance

cause of complaint; complaint

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; while awaiting; until: Ex. delay the decision pending his return

blotch

spot; blot; CF: blotch+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.)
voracious: voracious; eating large quantities of food; exceedingly eager; insatiable. Ex. voracious animal/reader

proponent: proponent; supporter; backer; opposite of opponent

conglomeration: conglomeration; mass of material sticking together

proximity: proximity; nearness; ADJ. proximate

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

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

purge: 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: yokel; rustic; country bumpkin

humid: humid; damp; N. humidity

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

courier: courier; messenger

regicide: regicide; murder of a king or queen

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

embody: embody; give a bodily form to; incorporate; include

brochure: brochure; pamphlet

badinage: badinage; teasing conversation; banter; joking talk

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

trepidation: trepidation; fear; nervous apprehension

trenchant: trenchant; cutting; incisive; keen

ordinance: ordinance; decree; authoritative order

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

miniature: miniature; small model; small painting; ADJ. small

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

snicker: 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; slaggish; N: one who lags, straggler

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

pedigree: line of ancestors, ancestry; lineage; ADJ: (of an animal) descended from of a chosen family; Ex. pedigree dog; CF: crane's foot

impunity: freedom from punishment or harm; CF: punish

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

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

efficacy: power to produce desired effect; ADJ: efficacious: effectual

collected: composed; calm; self-possessed

dupe: someone easily fooled or deceived; V: deceive

mettle: courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ: mettlesome
salutary: tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF. health

remnant: remainder

burlesque: give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly

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

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

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

vitreous: of glass; pertaining to or resembling glass; V. vitrify: change into glass; CF. petrify

premonitory: serving to warn

elevation: elevated position; altitude; height; flat upright side of a building; angle made by pointing a gun; Ex. The elevation of her style is much admired; Ex. front elevation of the house

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

contempt: scorn; disdain; ADJ. contemptuous; CF. contemptible

cache: hiding place; V
eschew: avoid habitually. Ex. eschew alcoholic drinks

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

exorbitant: (of costs or demands) excessive; exceeding reasonable bounds

innate: inborn

receptive: quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal

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

inasmuch as: since; owing to the fact that

exposé: public revelation of something discreditable

précis: abstract; concise 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

flaccid

unearthly: not earthly; supernatural; weird; ghostly

unearthly

fiasco: total failure; CF. bottle

fiasco

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.

threat

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

deplore

retribution: deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back

retribution

titillate: tickle; excite pleasantly; Ex. not to titillate the audience but to enlighten it

titillate

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

manifestation

irrefutable: indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable

irrefutable

clangor: loud resounding noise; sound of repeated clanging

clangor

random: without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; Ex. random shots; Ex. chosen at random

random

reverend: deserving reverence; N. priest

reverend

engaged: employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict

engaged

repertee: quick clever reply

repertee

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

enfranchise

suppliant: entreat; beseeching; N.

suppliant

rampant: growing, or spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion; unrestrained; Ex. rampant lawlessness; weed

rampant

compute: reckon; calculate

compute

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

fusillade

defiance: refusal to yield; resistance; V. defy; ADJ. defiant

defiance

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

disabuse

wrath: anger; fury

wrath

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

transcendental

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

coda
 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

tranquillity : calmness; peace

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

sly : sociable; eager to mix socially with others

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

ascript : refer; attribute; assign

antiquity : quality of being very old; ancient times

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

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

outgoing :
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

analog: 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: swallow (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 latticework
deterrent: something that discourages or deters
backslide:
agreeable; pleasing to the taste

☐ cremate:

incinerate (a corpse); N. crematory, crematorium

☐ tablet:

small round piece of medicine; flat piece of stone or metal bearing an inscription; Ex. stone tablet on the wall

☐ grunt:

utter a deep guttural sound (as a pig does); N.

☐ supine:

lying on back; passive; inactive; Ex. The defeated pugilist lay supine; Ex. supine acceptance of the decision

☐ engulf:

surround and swallow up

☐ annotate:

comment; make explanatory notes

☐ personify:

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

☐ muster:

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

☐ cohabit:

live together

☐ coddle:

treat gently; indulge excessively; pamper; mollycoddle; baby; cook in water just below boiling point; Ex. coddled eggs

☐ acclimate:

adjust to climate or environment; adapt

☐ susceptible:

impressionable; easily influenced; sensitive; having little resistance as to a disease; likely to suffer; receptive to; capable of accepting; Ex. susceptible to persuasion/colds; Ex. The agreement is not susceptible of alteration; N. susceptibility

☐ crinkle:

wrinkle

☐ titular:

of a title, in name only; nominal, having the title of an office without the obligations; Ex. titular head of the company

☐ rebus:

representation of words in the form of pictures or symbols; puzzle in which pictures or letters stand for words; Ex. “R U 18?” is a rebus for “Are you 18?”

☐ rip:

tear or be torn quickly and violently; Ex. The sail ripped under the force of the wind; N.

☐ brim:

uppermost edge of a cup; projecting rim (as on a hat); Ex. The glass was full to the brim; V: be full to the brim

☐ aesthetic:

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

☐ schism:

division into factions (esp. within a religious body); split

☐ outfit:

clothing or equipment for a special purpose; Ex. cowboy outfit

☐ bookish:

fond of books and reading

☐ cuisine:

style of cooking; Ex. French cuisine

☐ moribund:

dying; at the point of death; CF. death

☐ upbraid:


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bridle
harness fitted about a horse’s head (used to restrain); curb; check; V: put a bridle on; control or restrain; show anger

significant
expressing a meaning; important; Ex. significant smile; N. significance: importance; meaning; V. signify: denote; mean; signal; make known; matter; be significant

aloof
apart; not open in one’s relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.

stratum
layer of earth’s surface; layer of society; PL. strata

lounge
stand, sit, or lie in a lazy, relaxed way

lineage
descent; ancestry

pendant(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

cord
a strong, tough, flexible cord; a thick, heavy rope; a narrow, flat strip of leather

stent
support; brace; aid; assist; bolster; bolster; propped

stentor
enormous; enormous; vast; vast; immense; gigantic; huge

siphon
pipe; conduit; tube; channel; passageway for fluids

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

ehallowed: 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: halffre 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; greatest part; most; Ex. generality of people

veritable: being truly so; real or genuine; actual; not false or imaginary
□ **respite** :

- time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; reprieve

□ **pragmatic** :

- practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with practical worth or impact of something; Ex. pragmatic test of the skill

□ **sledge** :

- large sled drawn by work animals

□ **seasonal** :

- of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employment

□ **lag** :

- move or develop more slowly; struggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N. lagged

□ **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

□ **zephyr** :

- gentle breeze; west wind

□ **pugnacity** :

- combative; disposition to fight; ADJ. pugnacious: (of people) belligerent; combative in nature

□ **exasperate** :

- vex, annoy or make angry (by testing the patience)

□ **germinate** :

- cause to spread; 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; balk; 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; deliciously beautiful; fastidious; not easy to please; Ex. dainty movement/dress
| **waylay** | ambush; lie in wait for and attack |
| **contrite** | penitent; repentant; N. contrition |
| **treasure** | keep as precious; cherish |
| **ford** | place where a river can be crossed on foot; V. |
| **patrician** | noble; aristocratic; N. person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF. plebian |
| **languor** | lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression |
| **foreshadow** | give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend; prefigure |
| **germane** | pertinent; bearing upon/having connection with) the case at hand; appropriate |
| **reprehensible** | deserving blame; blameworthy; V. reprehend: blame |
| **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. |
| **hone** | sharpen (a tool); N. whetstone for sharpening a tool |
| **amenities** | convenient features that helps to make life pleasant; social courtesies |
averse: reluctant; disinclined; not liking or opposed; Ex. averse to cats/doing the house work

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

prepossessing: attractive; CF. preoccupying?

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

providence: quality of being provident; divine care; god’s care; Providence: god; Ex. It seemed like providence that the doctor happened to be there; ADJ. providential: of divine providence; fortunate

witticism: witty saying; wisecrack(clever joking remark)

hue: color; aspect; Ex. opinions of every hue

brawl: noisy quarrel

misconstrue: interpret incorrectly; misunderstand; misjudge

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

derogatory: expressing a low opinion; disparaging; V: derogate: detract; disparage

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

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

vertigo: severe dizziness; giddiness

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

abnegation: renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation

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

oust: expel; drive out; force out; N. ouster: ousting

hereafter: life after death

putrescent: becoming putrid; putrefying

institute: organization for a special purpose; V: establish

kudos: honor; glory; acclaim or praise for exceptional achievement

feud: bitter prolonged quarrel (usually between two peoples or families); V: Romeo and Juliet; CF: feudal, feudalism

exceptionable: objectionable; likely to cause dislike; offensive; CF: unexceptionable: entirely acceptable

consign: send to a person or place for sale; deliver officially; entrust; put into the care of another; set apart (for a special purpose); N: consignment; CF: consignor, consignee

parallelism: state of being parallel; similarity: analogy

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

infidel: unbeliever (with respect to a particular religion)

bantering: joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N: banter

amorous: moved by sexual love; living of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances

hazard: 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

unrequited: not requited; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love

indite: write; compose

mercenary: motivated solely by money or gain; N.
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

fordo(forego): give up; do without

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

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

slacken: slow up; lessen, 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: 173
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:
waterpout 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

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
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.
prone: 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
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<td>kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility</td>
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<td>condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic</td>
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<td>squeeze between the thumb and a finger, or other edges; Ex. I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn’t dreaming. N: amount that can be held between the thumb and a finger</td>
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<td>having or causing lustful desires and thoughts; arousing immoderate sexual desire</td>
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<td><strong>fluency</strong></td>
<td>smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent</td>
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<td>producing offspring or fruit in abundance; fertile; fecund; abundantly fruitful; producing abundant works; Ex. prolific writer</td>
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<td>complain or whine tearfully; run at the nose; snuffle; Ex. Don’t come back sniveling to me</td>
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<td>faithless lover; flirt</td>
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<td>demanding much work or care; tedious</td>
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<td><strong>rancor</strong></td>
<td>long-lasting hatred; bitterness; Ex. negotiation without rancor; ADJ. rancorous</td>
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<td>thrust; beat rapidly; flutter; tremble; Ex. Her heart began to palpitate</td>
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<td>walk; trample; N: grooved face of a tire; horizontal part of a step</td>
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<td>not shiny; matte; having a dull finish; N: flat piece of material used as a floor covering; V</td>
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<td>pretend; conceal by feigning; dissemble</td>
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<td>(cause to) join the armed forces; obtain (help, sympathy, or support)</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird</td>
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<td>like a corpse; pale</td>
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act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; adj. outrageous:

reciprocate:
do or give something in return; repay in kind; give or take mutually; interchange; move backwards and forwards, Es. reciprocate his invitation by inviting him; n. reciprocity: reciprocal relationship; mutual interchange of advantages between two groups; ex. reciprocity in trading rights

mischief:
behavior (of children) causing trouble with no serious harm, damage, harm; ex. mischief to the crops; adj. mischievous: causing mischief; playfully troublesome

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

placebo:
harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill

impeccable:
faultless

terminal:
part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; adj. forming an end; ending in death; fatal; ex. terminal cancer

figment:
invention; something invented; imaginary thing; ex. figment of your imagination

refute:
disprove; prove to be false; n. refutation

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

rampart:
defensive mound of earth

wont:
(the stated person’s) habit or custom; habitual procedure; adj. wonted: customary

animated:
lively, spirited

indomitable:
unconquerable; unyielding

feasible:
practical, able to be carried out; practicable

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

contusion:
bruise

dotage:
senility, foolishness of old age; ex. in one’s dotage

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

amazon:
female warrior

ambidextrous:
capable of using either hand with equal ease

malicious:
hateful, spiteful; expressing malice; n. malice: desire to harm others; spite

disseminate:
distribute, spread; scatter (like seeds)

grim:
causing great fear; unrelenting; determined in spite of fear; ex. grim smile

lavish:
unfailing; extravagant; lavish; adj. lavish: lavish
liberal, wasteful; generous or wasteful in giving or using; abundant; profuse; great; Ex. decorated lavishly; V. give in abundance

- impenitent:
  not repentant

- obstreperous:
  boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable

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

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

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

- gullible:
  easily deceived

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

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

- recrimination:
  countercharges; V. recriminate

- procrastinate:
  postpone; delay or put off

- agitate:
  stir up; disturb

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

- contaminate:
  pollute

- amiss:
  wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.

- potant:
  monarch; sovereign

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

- homage:
  honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to

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

- heed:
  pay attention to; N: close attention

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

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

- finesse:
  delicate skill; V. handle with finesse

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

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

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

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

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

score: number of points; written form of a musical composition; reason; group of 20; notch or incision; Ex. full/vocal score; Ex. Don’t worry on that score; V. mark with lines or notches; Ex. score the paper to make it easy to fold

venture: risk; expose to risk; dare; undertake a risk; N.

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

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

existential: pertaining to existence; pertaining to the philosophy of existentialism

catholic: (of likes 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

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<td>sodden</td>
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<td>precedent</td>
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<td>grow well; prosper; make sweeping gestures; wave; brandish; Ex. The trees flourished in the sun.</td>
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<td>pleasantly tart-tasting, spicy; pleasantly stimulating; Ex. piquant situation when my old enemy asked for my help</td>
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<td>elope</td>
<td>run away secretly with the intention of getting married</td>
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<td>season</td>
<td>enhance the flavor of by adding a spice, etc.; inure; harden; N. seasoning: something used in seasoning</td>
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<td>imagination (of a whimsical or fantastic nature); capricious liking; V. imagine; be fond of; ADJ. decorative, elaborate</td>
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<td>zany</td>
<td>comic; crazy; N. clown; comical person (given to outlandish behavior)</td>
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<td>without guile; open and honest</td>
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<td>perjury</td>
<td>false testimony while under oath; V. perjure oneself. testify falsely under oath</td>
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<td>sagacious</td>
<td>wise; perceptive; shrewd; having insight; N. sagacity</td>
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<td>verity</td>
<td>quality of being true; lasting truth or principle; Ex. the verity of his testimony; Ex. one of the eternal verities</td>
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<td>worship of idols; excessive admiration or devotion; ADJ. idolatrous</td>
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hedonist: one who believes that pleasure is the sole aim in life; Cf. hedonism: practice of living one’s life purely for pleasure

rile: irritate; vex; muddy

fortitude: bravery; courage; strength of mind

piscatorial: pertaining to fishing; Cf. Pisces

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

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

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

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

panache: flair, manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache; Cf. 전 아래로 친을 떨어지는 작력

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

erspicacious: (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 party; 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. platitudeous

■ charm:

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

■ hubbub:

confused uproar; loud noise; din

■ unconscionable:

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

■ morose:

ill-humored; sullen; sullenly melancholy

■ maneuver(manoeuver):

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

■ 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
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<td>travel about selling (wares); CF. foot</td>
<td>rising above others; high; lofty; distinguished; Ex. eminent position</td>
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<td>beginning; forming of an idea; fertilization; V. conceive form an idea in the mind; devise; become pregnant; CF. inception</td>
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<td>dull; monotonous</td>
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<td>serving as a model; outstanding; Ex. exemplary punishment/behavior; N. exemplar: typical example; model</td>
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<td>irresolution; inability to make up one's mind</td>
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ponderous: having great weight; weighty; unwieldy; lacking lightness; dull, Ex. ponderous body/style of writing

frugality: thrifty; 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

clivity: sharp upslope of a hill; OP . declivity

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

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

terminus: last stop of railroad; end

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

bewitch: cast a spell over; captivate completely

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

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

acne: skin disease (on the face)

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

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

inherent: firmly established by nature or habit; intrinsic

fidelity: loyalty; accuracy

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standstill: condition of no movement or activity; stop

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

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

obeisance: bow (to show respect and obedience)

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

sleight: dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks

actuarial: calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics

ramble: wander aimlessly (physically or mentally); digress
lustrous: shining; brilliant; Ex. lustrous hair

substantiate: support (a claim) with evidence; establish with evidence; verify

resolution: determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose

awl: pointed tool used for piercing

urge: drive or force forward (by causing impulses); drive to take action; impel; entreat earnestly; Ex. urge horses; N: impulse that prompts action

vigilante: one who without authority assumes law enforcement powers

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

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

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

saturate: soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity

medley: mixture

improvident: thriftless, not providing for the future

convenience: 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: skilled; 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

ccontention: assertion; claim; thesis; struggling; competition

treatise: article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly

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

creed: system of religious or ethical belief

scrimmage: disorderly fight between two or more people

delete: erase; strike out

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

astral: relating to the stars

quicksilver: mercury

buoyant: able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market

prostrate: stretch out full on ground; make prostrate; enervate; 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

proximity: 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: advantageous; fortunate; Ex. propitious day/sign
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. exclamatory
□ chuckle:

laugh quietly
□ ossify:

change or harden into bone; become hard and unchanging in one's ideas
□ tarantula:

venomous spider
□ chapel:

small church (in a prison, college, or hospital)
□ molten:

melted; Ex. molten lava
□ egotistical:

egotistic; excessively self-centered(egocentric); self-important; conceited
□ rave:

overwhelmingly favorable review; V: talk wildly as if mad; Ex. raving lunatic
□ usurp:

seize another's power or rank (without legal authority); supplant; appropriate; N. usurpation; CF. take for one's own use
□ reiterate:

repeat
□ compliant:

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

be excessively fond of; show signs of mental decline
□ obstetrician:

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

stale (in odor or taste); spoiled by age; CF. moist
□ attest:

testify; bear witness
□ thrifty:

careful about money; economical; N. thrift
□ finish:

surface texture; completeness of execution
□ oracular:

of an oracle; prophetic; uttered as if with divine authority; mysterious or ambiguous; hard to understand; N. oracle; wiser person; prophecy made by an oracle
□ anomalous:

abnormal; irregular
□ dowry:


money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage

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rebate:
return of part of a payment; discount; V.

conglomerate:
corporation made up of several different companies in diversified fields; mass of various material gathered together; rock consisting of small stones held together by clay; V.

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

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gustatory:
affecting or relating to the sense of taste

droll:
quar and amusing

incentive:
spar; motive; something which encourages one to greater activity

sound:
in good condition; showing good judgment or good sense; thorough; complete; Ex. sound mind/investment/training

secular:
worldly; not pertaining to church matters or religion; temporal

blue:
gloomy; depressed

expurgate:
clean; remove offensive parts of a book

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clean; remove offensive parts of a book

gratuity:
tip

latitude:
phrase repeated throughout a song or poem

equine:
resembling a horse; Ex. equine face

interregnum:
period between two successive reigns or governments

memoir:
memories; autobiography; biography

aghast:
filled with great surprise or fear; horrified

regime:
method of system or government

bowdlerize:
expurgate; CF. Thomas Bowdler

discombobulated:
decomposed; confused

proscenium:
part of stage in front of curtain; front arch of a stage

dormer:
window projecting upright from roof; CF. sleeping room

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

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

chorus:
phrase repeated throughout a song or poem
except: exclude; N. exception: objection; exclusion; ADJ. exceptional: unusual; of unusually high quality

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

urbane: suave; refined in manner; elegant

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

ignominy: deep disgrace; shame or dishonor; ADJ. ignominious; Ex. ignominous defeat

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

unearth: dig up; discover (facts) by careful searching; Ex. He unearthed some secrets about her; OP. conceal

padre: chaplain (in the armed forces)

predicament: systematic plan; plot; clever dishonest plan; orderly arrangement of elements; Ex. health insurance scheme; Ex. a color scheme; Ex. a story with no scheme; V. contrive a scheme

prestige: respect or admiration; impression produced by achievements or reputation; ADJ. prestigious: having prestige

scheme: systematic plan; plot; clever dishonest plan; orderly arrangement of elements; Ex. health insurance scheme; Ex. a color scheme; Ex. a story with no scheme; V. contrive a scheme

rhapsody: excessively enthusiastic expression of feeling; musical composition of irregular form (as if made up as one plays it)

entity: real being

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

anthropologist: student of the history and science of humankind

cavil: quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily

malodorous: foul-smelling

tribunal: court of justice

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

milieu: social environment; means of expression; Ex. feel out of one's milieu; Ex. His proper milieu is watercolor.

reticent: inclined to silence; uncommunicative; reserved; Ex. He was reticent about the reasons; N. reticence

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

dolorous: sorrowful; N. dolor
remission: temporary moderation (of disease symptoms); remitting of a debt or punishment; 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)

altruistic: unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egotism

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

truth: pledge of good faith especially in betrothal; betrothal; Ex. by my truth

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)

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 beachwear

aversion: firm dislike

preamble: introductory statement

illuminate: brighten; clear up or make understandable; enlighten; enable to understand; Ex. illuminating remarks

ichthyology: study of fish; CF. ichthyo-: fish

polar: of a pole; characterized by opposite extremes; Ex. polar opposites

immobility: state of being immovable

haggard: wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners

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:
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<td>embezzlement</td>
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<td>sardonic</td>
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<td>amulet</td>
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<td>transcribe</td>
<td>copy; write a copy of; N. transcription</td>
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<td>vindicate</td>
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<td>drivel</td>
<td>nonsense; foolishness; V: talk nonsense</td>
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<td>unregenerate</td>
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<td>haven</td>
<td>place of safety; refuge; harbor; Ex. tax haven</td>
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<td>foist</td>
<td>insert improperly; impose upon another by coercion; palm off; pass off as genuine or worthy; CF. fist</td>
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<td>contagion</td>
<td>infection (by contact); ADJ. contagious; CF. infectious: that can be passed by infection in the air</td>
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trilogy: group of three related works (connected by a shared subject but each complete in itself)

carousal: 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; Exs. 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; Exs. impersonal force/manner/organization

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

brink: edge (at the top of a cliff); Exs. 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.
deception; trickery

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

☐ fruitful:
producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance

☐ adroit:
skilful (in using mind or hand)

☐ agenda:
items of business at a meeting

☐ guile:
deed; duplicity; wiles; 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; uncertain; 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

gratuitous: given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for; done without good reason; Ex. gratuitous comment

bulge: protruding part; swelling of a surface; Ex. The apple made a bulge in his pocket; V. swell outward; protrude

deferece: courteous regard for another’s wish; courteous yielding to another’s wish or opinion (showing respect); ADJ. deferential; OP. effrontery

cavalier: casual and offhand; arrogant; N. knight

stodgy: dull; stuffy; boringly conservative; Ex. stodgy book

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

judiciary: judicial branch of government

loiter: hang about/around; stand idly about; linger

aggrandize: make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement
elixer: a cure-all, panacea, something invigorating

improvise: compose on the spur of the moment

mollify: soothe an angry person

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

rightful: legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

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

roué: lecherous man

char: make or become black by burning; reduce or be reduced to carbon or charcoal (black substance made by burning wood) by incomplete combustion

recession: withdrawal, retreat; time of low economic activity

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

magniloquent: boastful; pompous

pestle: tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar

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

ecliptic: path of the sun and the planets

sherbet: flavored dessert ice

capitulate: surrender; give up all resistance

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

rare: (of air) thin in density; rarefied; Ex. rare air of the mountains

hegemony: dominance especially of one nation over others

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

infallible: unerring, never making mistakes

pinnacle: peak, highest point; 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 :

flasky; sensual; concerning the desires of the body

☐ thrall :

slave; bondage; slavery; Ex. Her beauty held him in thrall; CF. enthral

☐ gull :

trick; deceit; hoodwink; N: person who is easily tricked; dupe

☐ amenable :

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

☐ seismic :

pertaining to earthquakes

☐ vagrant :

homeless wanderer

☐ pessimism :

belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess; tendency to take the gloomiest possible view of a situation; ADJ. pessimistic

☐ sublimate :

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

☐ reputable :

respected; 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; OF. engage

☐ exacting :

extremely demanding; Ex. exacting standard of safety

☐ endearment :

fond word or act; expression of affection

☐ cabal :

small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

☐ jaded :

tired or uninterested by surfeit; fatigued;, 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 face (as the eyes or mouth); features: overall appearance of the face; prominent or distinctive quality; prominent article; film; V: make prominent

☐ percussion :

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

☐ engage :

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

☐ winnow :

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

☐ abortive :
unsuccessful; fruitless

rotunda:
circular building or hall covered with a dome

revile:
attack with abusive language; vilify

blanch:
bleach; whiten; make white or pale

breach:
breaking of contract or duty; fissure or gap; opening

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

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

sensual:
devoted to the pleasures of the sense; carnal; voluptuous; Ex. sensual woman/curves/lips

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

culinary:
relating to cooking or kitchen

ultimate:
final; not susceptible to further analysis; fundamental; Ex. The sun is the ultimate source of energy

supposition:
assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V. suppose

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

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

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

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

propulsive:
driving forward; N. propulsion

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

provident:
providing for future needs; displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies; OP. improvident

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

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

redolent:
odorous; fragrant; suggestive (of an odor); Ex. redolent of onions/mystery

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

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

tenative:
not fully worked out or developed; provisional; experimental; uncertain; hesitant; not definite or positive; Ex. tentative agreement/reply
acumen: mental keenness; sharpness of judgment; ability to judge quickly and well; Ex. business acumen

dissident: dissenting (with an opinion, a group, or a government); rebellious; N.

domicile: home; V. ADJ. domiciled: having one's domicile; Ex. He is domiciled in Britain.

loom: appear or take shape (usually in an enlarged, indistinct, or distorted form); Ex. The shadow of the gallows loomed threateningly. N. apparatus for making thread into cloth

resplendent: brilliant; splendid in appearance; dazzling; glorious

monogram: design composed of one or more initials of a name; V.

visage: face; appearance

threadbare: worn through till the threads show; shabby and poor; hackneyed; Ex. threadbare excuses

kernel: central or vital part; core; whole seed (as of corn)

traumatic: (of an experience) deeply shocking; pertaining to an injury caused by violence; N. trauma: serious wound; emotional shock that causes lasting psychological damage

defeatist: resigned to defeat or failure; accepting defeat or failure as a natural outcome; N. CF. defeatism

gentle: kindly; soft; mild; of good family