



Catch and Tame the Cat!

Vocabulary 33000



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abase

v

lower; humiliate

His refusal to abase himself in the eyes of his followers irritated the king, who wanted to humiliate him.

abash

v

embarrass

He was not at all abashed by her open admiration.

abdicate

v

renounce, give up

When Edward VIII abdicated the British throne, he surprised the entire world.

abettor

n

a person who encourages criminal activities

He was accused of being an aider and abettor of the criminal.

abeyance

n

suspended action

The deal was held in abeyance until his arrival.

abhor

v

detest, hate

He abhorred all forms of bigotry.

abjure

v

renounce upon oath

He abjured his allegiance to the king.

ablution

n

washing of the body

His daily ablutions were accompanied by loud noises which he humorously labeled "Opera in the Bath."

abominate

v

loathe, hate

Moses abominated idol worship.

aboriginal

a

native, endemic

His studies of the primitive art forms of the aboriginal Indians were widely reported in the scientific journals.

abortive

a

, unsuccessful; fruitless

We had to abandon our abortive attempts.

abrade

v

, ; 가
wear away by friction; erode

The skin of his leg was abraded by the sharp rocks.

abrogate

v

abolish

He intended to abrogate the decree issued by his predecessor.

abscond

v

depart secretly and hide

The teller absconded with the bonds issued by his predecessor.

absolve

v

; pardon (an offense), acquit, exonerate, exculpate

The father absolved the confessor of his sins.

abstemious

a

; , 가
sparing in drinking, smoking, etc.; temperate, abstinent

The drunkards mocked him because of his abstemious habits.

abstinence

n

; , restraint from eating or drinking

The doctor recommended total abstinence from alcoholic beverages.

abstract

a

; theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational

To him, hunger was an abstract concept; he had never missed a meal.

abstruse

a

; profound; difficult to understand, obscure

Baffled by the abstruse philosophical texts assigned in class, Dave asked Lexy to explain Kant's Critique of Pure Reason.

abusive

a

, ; ; ;
coarsely insulting; physically harmful

An abusive parent damages a child both mentally and physically.

abut

v

; ; border upon; adjoin

Where our estates abut, we must build a fence.

abysmal

;
 a bottomless
 His arrogance is exceeded only by his abysmal ignorance.

abyss

, ; ,
 n enormous chasm; vast, bottomless pit
 Darth Vader seized the evil emperor and hurled him into the abyss.

academic

,
 a related to a school; not practical or directly useful
 The dean's talk about reforming academic policies was only an academic discussion

accede

,
 v agree
 If I accede to this demand for blackmail, I am afraid that I will be the victim of future demands.

accelerate

가
 v move faster
 In our science class, we learn how falling bodies accelerated.

accessible

, ,
 a easy to approach; obtainable
 We asked our guide whether the ruins were accessible on foot.

accessory

(),
 n additional object; useful but not essential thing
 She bought an attractive handbag as an accessory for her dress.

acclaim

, , ()
 v applaud; announce with great approval
 The sportscasters acclaimed every American victory in the Olympics and decried every American defeat.

acclimate

()
 v adjust to climate or environment; adapt
 One of the difficulties of our present air age is the need of travelers to acclimate themselves to their new and often strange environments.

acclivity

,
 n sharp upslope of a hill
 The car could not go up the acclivity in high gear.

accolade

(); ,
 n award of merit
 In Hollywood, an "Oscar" is the highest accolade.

accommodate

() , ;

v

oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt

Mitch always did everything possible to accommodate his elderly relatives, from driving them to medical appointments to helping them with paperwork.(secondary meaning)

accomplice

,

n

partner in crime

Because he had provided the criminal with the lethal weapon, he was arrested as an accomplice in the murder.

accord

, ;

n

agreement; harmony

She was in complete accord with the verdict.

accost

,

v

approach and speak first to a person

when the two young men accosted me, I was frightened because I thought they were going to attack me.

accouter

, ; () (軍裝)

v

equip

The fisherman was accoutered with the best that the sporting goods store could supply.

accretion

, ; 가

n

growth; increase

Over the years Bob put on weight; because of this accretion of flesh, he went from size M to size XL.

accrue

가 ; (가)

v

come about by addition

You must pay the interest that has accrued on your debt as well as the principal sum.

acerbity

, ; 가 ,

n

bitterness of speech and temper

The meeting of the United Nations Assembly was marked with such acerbity that observers held little hope of reaching any useful settlement of the problem.

acetic

, ;

a

vinegary; biting

The salad had an exceedingly acetic flavor.

acidulous

, ; ,

a

slightly sour; sharp; caustic

James was unpopular because of his sarcastic and acidulous remarks.

acknowledge

, , ,

v

recognize; admit

Although I acknowledge that the Beatles' tunes sound pretty dated nowadays, I still prefer them to the gangster rap songs my brothers play.

acme

, ; ,

n

peak; pinnacle; highest point

Welles's success in *Citizen Kane* marked the acme of his career as an actor; never again did he achieve such popular acclaim.

acoustics

() ; ()

n

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

Carnegie Hall is liked by music lovers because of its fine acoustics.

acquiesce

, ; ,

v

assent; agree passively

Although she appeared to acquiesce to her employer's suggestions, I could tell she had reservations about the changes he wanted made.

acquittal

, ; ; ()

n

deliverance from a charge

His acquittal by the jury surprised those who had thought him guilty.

acrid

, ; ,

a

sharp; bitterly pungent

The acrid odor of burnt gunpowder filled the room after the pistol had been fired.

acrimonious

, , , ,

a

bitter in words or manner

The candidate attacked his opponent in highly acrimonious terms.

acrophobia

n

fear of heights

A born salesman, he could convince someone with a bad case of acrophobia to sign up for a life membership in a sky-diving club.

actuarial

()

a

calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics

According to recent actuarial tables, life expectancy is greater today than it was a century ago.

actuate

() ,

v

motivate

I fail to understand what actuated you to reply to this letter so nastily.

acuity

, , ,

n

sharpness

In time his youthful acuity of vision failed him, and he needed glasses.

acumen

, , ,

n

mental keenness

Her business acumen helped her to succeed where others had failed.

acute

a

quickly perceptive. keen. brief and severe

The acute young doctor realized immediately that the gradual deterioration of her patient's once-acute hearing was due to a chronic illness, not an acute one.

adage

n

wise saying; proverb

There is much truth in the old adage about fools and their money.

adamant

n

hard; inflexible

In this movie Bronson played the part of a revenge-driven man, adamant in his determination to punish the criminals who destroyed his family.

adapt

v

() ; ()

alter; modify

Some species of animals have become extinct because they could not adapt to a changing environment.

addendum

n

가() ;

addition; appendix to book

Jane's editor approved her new comparative literature text but thought it would be even better with an addendum on recent developments in literary criticism.

addiction

n

, ,

compulsive, habitual need

His addiction to drugs caused his friends much grief.

addle

v

, ,

muddle; drive crazy; become rotten

This idiotic plan is confusing enough to addle anyone.

address

v

() , () () , ~ ; , ()

direct a speech to; deal with or discuss

At the upcoming convention in July, Brown planned to address the issue of low-income housing in his speech.

adept

a

, ,

adroit, skillful

She was adept at the fine art of irritating people.

adhere

v

, (,) ; ()

stick fast

I will adhere to this opinion until proof that I am wrong is presented.

adherent

n

, ,

supporter; follower

In the wake of the scandal, the senator's one-time adherents quietly deserted him.

adjacent

()

a

adjoining; neighboring; close by

Phillip's best friend Jason lived only four houses down the block, near but not immediately adjacent.

adjunct

가 , ;

n

something (generally nonessential or inferior) added on or attached

Although I don't absolutely need a second computer, I plan to buy a laptop to serve as an adjunct to my desktop model.

adjuration

; ,

n

solemn urging

Her adjuration to tell the truth did not change the witnesses' testimony.

adjutant

,

n

staff officer assisting the commander; assistant

Though Wellington delegated many tasks to his chief adjutant, Lord Fitzroy Somerset, Somerset was in no doubt as to who made all major decisions.

admonish

, , ()

v

warn; reprove

He admonished his listeners to change their wicked ways.

adorn

,

v

decorate

Wall paintings and carved statues adorned the temple.

adroit

, ; ,

a

skillful, adept

Her adroit handling of the delicate situation pleased her employers.

adulation

, , ,

n

flattery; admiration

The rock star thrived on the adulation of his groupies and yes-men.

adulterate

() , ()

v

make impure by adding inferior or tainted substances

It is a crime to adulterate foods without informing the buyer; when consumers learned that Beechnut had adulterated its apple juice by mixing the juice with water, they protested

advent

, ,

n

arrival

Most Americans were unaware of the advent of the Nuclear Age until the news of Hiroshima reached them.

adventitious

, , ,

a

accidental; casual

She found this adventitious meeting with her friend extremely fortunate.

adversary

, , ,

n

opponent; enemy

Batman struggled to save Gotham city from the machinations of his wicked adversary, the Joker

adverse

, , , ; , , , ;

a

unfavorable; hostile

The recession had a highly adverse effect on Father's investment portfolio

adversity

, , , ,

n

poverty; misfortune

We must learn to meet adversity gracefully.

advert

() ;

v

refer (to)

Since you advert to this matter so frequently, you must regard it as important.

advocacy

, ; ,

n

support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something

No threats could dissuade Bishop Desmond Tutu from his advocacy of the human rights of black South Africans.

advocate

(,)

v

urge; plead for

The abolitionists advocated freedom for the slaves.

aegis

, , , ;

n

shield; defense

Under the aegis of the Bill of Rights, we enjoy our most treasured freedoms.

aerie

;

n

nest of large bird of prey (eagle, hawk)

The mother eagle swooped down on the rabbit and bore it off to her aerie high in the Rocky Mountains.

aesthetic

, , , ,

a

artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful

The beauty of Tiffany's stained glass appealed to Alice's aesthetic sense.

affable

, , , ; , , , , ,

a

easily approachable; warmly friendly

Accustomed to cold, aloof supervisors, Nicholas was amazed at how affable his new employer was.

affected

; ; () ; , , , , 가

a

artificial; pretended; assumed in order to impress

His affected mannerisms - his "Harvard" accent, his air of boredom, his use of obscure foreign words - bugged us

affidavit

() ,

n written statement made under oath

The court refused to accept her statement unless she presented it in the form of an affidavit.

affiliation

,

n joining; associating with

His affiliation with the political party was of short duration for he soon disagreed with his colleagues.

affinity

,

n kinship

She felt an affinity with all who suffered; their pains were her pains.

affirmation

,

n solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath

The Constitution of this country provides for oath or affirmation by officeholders.

affix

, () ; ()

v attach or add on; fasten

First the registrar had to affix his signature to the license; then he had to affix his official seal.

affliction

, ;

n state of distress; cause of suffering

Even in the midst of her affliction, Elizabeth tried to keep up the spirits of those around her.

affluence

,

n abundance; wealth

Foreigners are amazed by the affluence and luxury of the American way of life.

affray

,

n public brawl

He was badly mauled by the fighters in the affray.

affront

,

n insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect

When Mrs. Proudie was not seated beside the Archdeacon at the head table, she took it as a personal affront and refused to speak to her hosts for a week.

agape

,

d with one's mouth open out of surprise

She stared, agape, at the many strange animals in the zoo.

agenda

n items of business at a meeting

We had so much difficulty agreeing upon an agenda that there was very little time for the meeting.

agglomeration

n

collection; heap

It took weeks to assort the agglomeration of miscellaneous items she had collected on her trip.

aggrandize

v

increase or intensify

The history of the past quarter century illustrates how a President may aggrandize his power to act aggressively in international affairs without considering the wishes of Congress.

aggregate

a

sum; total

The aggregate wealth of this country is staggering to the imagination.

aghast

d

horrified

He was aghast at the nerve of the speaker who had insulted his host.

agility

n

nimbleness

The agility of the acrobat amazed and thrilled the audience.

agitate

v

stir up; disturb

Her fiery remarks agitated the already angry mob.

agnostic

n

가
one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god

The agnostic demanded proof before she would accept the statement of the minister.

agrarian

a

; ,
pertaining to land or its cultivation

The country is gradually losing its agrarian occupation and turning more and more to an industrial point of view.

alacrity

n

,
cheerful promptness

He demonstrated his eagerness to serve by his alacrity in executing the orders of his master.

alchemy

n

(science chemistry)
medieval chemistry

The changing of baser metals into gold was the goal of the students of alchemy.

alcove

n

, ()
nook; recess

Though their apartment lacked a full-scale dining room, an alcove adjacent to the living room made an adequate breakfast nook for the young couple.

alias

가

n

an assumed name

John Smith's alias was Bob Jones.

alienate

v

make hostile; separate

Her attempts to alienate the two friends failed because they had complete faith in each other.

alimentary

a

supplying nourishment

The alimentary canal in our bodies is so named because digestion of foods occurs there.

alimony

n

payment by a husband to his divorced wife

Mrs. Jones was awarded \$200 monthly alimony by the court when she was divorced from her husband.

allay

v

calm; pacify

The crew tried to allay the fears of the passengers by announcing that the fire had been controlled.

allege

v

state without proof

It is alleged that she had worked for the enemy.

allegiance

n

loyalty

Not even a term in prison could shake Lech Walesa's allegiance to Solidarity, the Polish trade union he had helped to found.

allegory

n

story in which characters are used as symbols; fable

"Pilgrim's Progress" is an allegory of the temptations and victories of man's soul.

alleviate

v

relieve

This should alleviate the pain; if it does not, we shall have to use stronger drugs.

alliteration

n

repetition of beginning sound in poetry

"The furrow followed free" is an example of alliteration.

allocate

v

assign

Even though the Red Cross had allocated a large sum for the relief of the sufferers of the disaster, many people perished.

alloy

, (卑) , ,

n

a mixture as of metals

Alloys of gold are used more frequently than the pure metal.

alloy

; () ; ()

v

mix; make less pure; lessen or moderate

Our delight at the Mets' victory was alloyed by our concern for Dwight Gooden, who injured his pitching arm in the game.

allude

, ,

v

refer indirectly

Try not to mention divorce in Jack's presence because he will think you are alluding to his marital problems with Jill.

allure

, ,

v

entice; attract

Allured by the song of the sirens, the helmsman steered the ship toward the reef.

allusion

, ;

n

indirect reference

When Amanda said to the ticket scalper, "One hundred bucks? What do you want, a pound of flesh?," she was making an allusion to Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.

alluvial

,

a

pertaining to soil deposits left by running water

The farmers found the alluvial deposits at the mouth of the river very fertile.

aloft

a

upward

The sailor climbed aloft into the rigging.

aloof

, ; ,

a

apart; reserved

Shy by nature, she remained aloof while all the rest conversed.

altercation

, ,

n

noisy quarrel; heated dispute

In that hot-tempered household, no meal ever came to a peaceful conclusion; the inevitable altercation sometimes even ended in blows.

altruistic

a

unselfishly generous; concerned for others

In providing tutorial assistance and college scholarships for hundreds of economically disadvantaged youths, Eugene Lang performed a truly altruistic deed.

amalgamate

() ; () ()

v

combine; unite in one body

The unions will attempt to amalgamate their groups into one national body.

amass

() , ,

collect

v

The miser's aim is to amass and hoard as much gold as possible.

amazon

(;)

female warrior

n

Ever since the days of Greek mythology we refer to strong and aggressive women as amazons.

ambidextrous

; 가 ; ,

capable of using either hand with equal ease

a

a switch-hitter in baseball should be naturally ambidextrous.

ambience

;

environment; atmosphere

n

She went to the restaurant not for the food but for the ambience.

ambiguous

(가) , ,

unclear or doubtful in meaning

a

His ambiguous instructions misled us; we did not know which road to take.

ambivalence

(愛憎) ; ,

the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes

n

Torn between loving her parents one minute and hating them the next, she was confused by the ambivalence of her feelings.

amble

, 가

moving at an easy pace

n

When she first mounted the horse, she was afraid to urge the animal to go faster than a gentle amble.

ambrosia

(,) ;

food of the gods

n

Ambrosia was supposed to give immortality to any human who ate it.

ambulatory

, , ; ()

able to walk; not bedridden

a

Calvin was a highly ambulatory patient; not only did he refuse to be confined to bed, but also he insisted on riding his skateboard up and down the halls.

ameliorate

()

improve

v

Many social workers have attempted to ameliorate the conditions of people living in the slums.

amenable

, ; , , 가

readily managed or willing to be led; answerable or accountable legally

a

Although the ambassador was usually amenable to friendly suggestions, he balked when we hinted he should pay his parking tickets. As a foreign diplomat, he claimed he was not

amend

, () , ()

v

correct; change, generally for the better

Hoping to amend his condition, he left Vietnam for the United States.

amenities

; ; ,

n

convenient features; courtesies

In addition to the customary amenities for the business traveler - fax machines, modems, a health club - the hotel offers the services of a butler versed in the social amenities.

amiable

, ,

a

agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly

In Little Women, Beth is the amiable daughter whose loving disposition endears her to all who know her.

amicable

, , ,

a

politely friendly; not quarrelsome

Beth's sister Jo is the hot-tempered tomboy who has a hard time maintaining amicable relationships with those around her. Jo's quarrel with her friend Laurie finally reaches an amicable settlement, but not because the two parties are amiable.

amiss

, , ;

a

wrong; faulty

Seeing her frown, he wondered if anything were amiss.

amity

, ,

n

friendship

Student exchange programs such as the Experiment in International Living were established to promote international amity.

amnesia

,

n

loss of memory

Because she was suffering from amnesia, the police could not get the young girl to identify herself.

amnesty

n

pardon

When his first child was born, the king granted amnesty to all in prison.

amok(amuck)

a

in a state of rage

The police had to be called in to restrain him after he ran amok in the department.

amoral

,

a

nonmoral

The amoral individual lacks a code of ethics; he cannot tell right from wrong. The immoral person can tell right from wrong; he chooses to do something he knows is wrong.

amorous

; ,

a

moved by sexual love; loving

"Love them and leave them" was the motto of the amorous Don Juan.

amorphous

, ;
a

formless; lacking shape or definition

As soon as we have decided on our itinerary, we shall send you a copy; right now, our plans are still amorphous.

amphibian

;
a

able to live both on land and in water

Frogs are classified as amphibian.

amphitheater

n

oval building with tiers of seats

The spectators in the amphitheater cheered the gladiators.

ample

, ; ,
a

abundant

Bond had ample opportunity to escape. Why, then, did he let us capture him?

amplify

, ; (,) ;
v

broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger

Charlie Brown tried to amplify his remarks, but he was drowned out by jeers from the audience. Lucy was smarter

amputate

()
v

cut off part of body; prune

When the doctors had to amputate Ted Kennedy's leg to prevent the spread of cancer, he did not let the loss of his leg keep him from participating in sports.

amulet

,
n

charm; talisman

Around her neck she wore the amulet that the witch doctor had given her.

anachronism

, ()
n

something or someone misplaced in time

Shakespeare's reference to clocks in Julius Caesar is an anachronism; no clocks existed in Caesar's time.

analgesic

;
a

causing insensitivity to pain

The analgesic qualities of this lotion will provide temporary relief.

analogous

,
a

comparable

She called our attention to the things that had been done in an analogous situation and recommended that we do the same.

analogy

, ; ()
n

similarity; parallelism

a well-known analogy compares the body's immune system with an army whose defending troops are the lymphocytes or white blood cells.

anarchist

; 가

n

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

Denying she was an anarchist, Katya maintained she wished only to make changes in our government, not to destroy it entirely.

anarchy

; ; ,

n

absence of governing body; state of disorder

The assassination of the leaders led to a period of anarchy.

anathema

; , ,

n

solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse

The Ayatollah Khomeini heaped anathema upon "the Great Satan," that is, the United States. To the Ayatollah, America and the West were anathema; he loathed the democratic nations, ~~considered them to be state enemies~~**ancestry**

, ; , ; 가

n

family descent

David can trace his ancestry as far back as the seventeenth century, when one of his ancestors was a court trumpeter somewhere in Germany.

anchor

; ; ,

v

secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place

We set the post in concrete to anchor it in place.

ancillary

,

a

serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary

In an ancillary capacity Doctor Watson was helpful; however, Holmes could not trust the good doctor to solve a perplexing case on his own.

anecdote

, ; (秘史)

n

short account of an amusing or interesting event

Rather than make concrete proposals for welfare reform, President Reagan told anecdotes about poor people who became wealthy despite their impoverished backgrounds.

anemia

n

condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles

The doctor ascribes her tiredness to anemia.

anesthetic

n

substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness

His monotonous voice acted like an anesthetic; his audience was soon asleep.

anguish

, ,

n

acute pain; extreme suffering

Visiting the site of the explosion, the president wept to see the anguish of the victims and their families.

angular

, ; (가) , ; ()

a

sharp - cornered; stiff in manner

Mr. Spock's features, though angular, were curiously attractive, in a Vulcan way.

animadversion

n

critical remark

He resented the animadversions of his critics, particularly because he realized they were true.

animated

a

lively; spirited

Jim Carrey's facial expressions are highly animated

animosity

n

active enmity

He incurred the animosity of the ruling class because he advocated limitations of their power.

animus

n

hostile feeling or intent

The animus of the speaker became obvious to all when he began to indulge in sarcastic and insulting remarks.

annals

n

records; history

In the annals of this period, we find no mention of democratic movements.

anneal

v

(, ,) ;

reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling

After the glass is annealed, it will be less subjected to chipping and cracking.

annex

v

가(가) ; () ;

attach; take possession of

Mexico objected to the United States' attempts to annex the territory that later became the state of Texas.

annihilate

v

, ()

destroy

The enemy in its revenge tried to annihilate the entire population.

annotate

v

comment; make explanatory notes

In the appendix to the novel, the critic sought to annotate many of the more esoteric references.

annuity

n

;

yearly allowance

The annuity she set up with the insurance company supplements her social security benefits so that she can live very comfortably without working.

annul

v

() ; ,

make void

The parents of the eloped couple tried to annul the marriage.

anodyne

;
 n drug that relieves pain; opiate
 His pain was so great that no anodyne could relieve it.

anoint

; () (聖油)
 v consecrate
 The prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, crowning him king of Israel.

anomalous

; ,
 a abnormal; irregular
 She was placed in the anomalous position of seeming to approve procedures that she despised.

anomaly

,
 n irregularity
 A bird that cannot fly is an anomaly.

anonymity

, ,
 n state of being nameless; anonymousness
 The donor of the gift asked the college not to mention her by name; the dean readily agreed to respect her anonymity.

antagonism

, ; ,
 n hostility; active resistance
 Barry showed his antagonism toward his new stepmother by ignoring her whenever she tried talking to him.

antecede

,
 v precede
 The invention of the radiotelegraph anteceded the development of television by a quarter of a century.

antediluvian

, ; ,
 a antiquated; extremely ancient
 Looking at his great-aunt's antique furniture, which must have been cluttering up her attic since before Noah's flood, the young heir exclaimed, "Heavens! How positively antediluvian!"

anthem

가, 가; 가, 가
 n song of praise or patriotism
 Let us now all join in singing the national anthem.

anthology

; (가) ,
 n book of literary selections by various authors
 The anthology of science fiction was compiled by the late Isaac Asimov.

anthropoid

a manlike
 The gorilla is the strongest of the anthropoid animals.

anthropologist

n

student of the history and science of humankind

Anthropologists have discovered several relics of prehistoric humans in this area.

anthropomorphic

a

having human form or characteristics

Primitive religions often have deities with anthropomorphic characteristics.

anticlimax

n

(漸降法);

letdown in thought or emotion

After the fine performance in the first act, the rest of the play was an anticlimax.

antidote

n

remedy to counteract a poison or disease

When Marge's child accidentally swallowed some cleaning fluid, the local poison control hotline instructed Marge how to administer the antidote.

antipathy

n

; ()

aversion; dislike

Tom's extreme antipathy for disputes keeps him from getting into arguments with his temperamental wife. Noise in any form is antipathetic to him. Among his other antipathies are

antiquated

a

, ; ,

obsolete; outdated

Accustomed to editing his papers on word processors, Philip thought typewriters were too antiquated for him to use.

antiseptic

n

substance that prevents infection

It is advisable to apply an antiseptic to any wound, no matter how slight or insignificant.

antithesis

n

, ; ;

contrast; direct opposite of or to

This tyranny was the antithesis of all that he had hoped for, and he fought it with all his strength.

anvil

n

iron block used in hammering out metals

After heating the iron horseshoe in the forge, the blacksmith picked it up with his tongs and set it on the anvil.

apathy

n

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lack of caring; indifference

a firm believer in democratic government, she could not understand the apathy of people who never bothered to vote.

ape

v

imitate or mimic

In the comedy Young Frankenstein, when the servant Igor limps off, saying, "Walk this way," the hero apes him, hobbling after Igor in an imitation of his walk.

aperture

n

opening; hole

She discovered a small aperture in the wall, through which the insects had entered the room.

apex

n

tip; summit; climax

At the apex of his career, the star received offers of leading roles daily; two years later, he was reduced to taking bit parts in B-movies.

aphasia

n

(失語症)

loss of speech due to injury or illness

After the automobile accident, the victim had periods of aphasia when he could not speak at all or could only mumble incoherently.

aphorism

n

pithy maxim or saying

An aphorism is usually philosophic or scientific, as compared to an adage, which is usually more homely and concrete. "Absolute power corrupts absolutely" is an aphorism. "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink" is an adage.

apiary

n

a place where bees are kept

Although he spent many hours daily in the apiary, he was very seldom stung by a bee.

aplomb

n

poise; assurance

Gwen's aplomb in handling potentially embarrassing moments was legendary around the office; when one of her clients broke a piece of her best crystal, she coolly picked up her own goblet and handed it to the waiter.

apocalyptic

a

prophetic; pertaining to revelations

The crowd jeered at the street preacher's apocalyptic predictions of doom. The Apocalypse or Book of Revelations of Saint John prophesies the end of the world as we know it and foretells

apocryphal

a

untrue; made up

To impress his friends, Tom invented apocryphal tales of his adventures in the big city.

apogee

n

highest point

When the moon in its orbit is furthest away from the earth, it is at its apogee.

apolitical

a

having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs

It was hard to remain apolitical during the Vietnam War; even people who generally ignored public issues felt they had to take political stands.

apologist

n

(護教論者)

one who writes in defense of a cause or institution

Rather than act as an apologist for the current regime in Beijing and defend its brutal actions, the young diplomat decided to defect to the west.

apostate

n

one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs

Because he switched from one party to another, his former friends shunned him as an apostate.

apothecary

n

druggist

In Holland, apothecaries still sell spices as well as ointments and pills.

apothegm

n

pithy, compact saying

Proverbs are apothegms that have become familiar sayings.

apotheosis

n

elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something

The apotheosis of a Roman emperor was designed to insure his eternal greatness

appall

v

dismay; shock

We were appalled by the horrifying conditions in the city's jails.

apparition

n

ghost; phantom

Hamlet was uncertain about the identity of the apparition that had appeared and spoken to him.

appease

v

pacify; soothe

We have discovered that, when we try to appease our enemies, we encourage them to make additional demands.

appellation

n

name; title

He was amazed when the witches hailed him with his correct appellation.

append

v

attach

I shall append this chart to my report.

application

n

diligent attention

Pleased with how well Tom had whitewashed the fence, Aunt Polly praised him for his application.(secondary meaning)

apposite

a

appropriate; fitting

He was always able to find the apposite phrase, the correct expression for every occasion.

appraise

< , >

v

estimate value of

It is difficult to appraise the value of old paintings; it is easier to call them priceless.

appreciate

, 가 ,

v

be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of

Little Orphan Annie truly appreciated the stocks Daddy Warbucks gave her, whose value appreciated considerably over the years.

apprehend

;

v

arrest(a criminal); perceive

The police will apprehend the culprit before long.

apprehensive

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a

fearful; discerning

His apprehensive glances at the people who were walking in the street revealed his nervousness.

apprise

< ~ >

v

inform

When he was apprised of the dangerous weather conditions, he decided to postpone his trip.

approbation

n

approval

She looked for some sign of approbation from her parents.

appropriate

< > ,

v

acquire; take possession of for one's own use

The ranch owners appropriated the lands that had originally been set aside for the Indians' use.

appurtenances

n

subordinate possessions

He bought the estate and all its appurtenances.

apropos

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p

with reference to; regarding

I find your remarks apropos of the present situation timely and pertinent.

aptitude

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n

fitness; talent

The counselor gave him an aptitude test before advising him about the career he should follow.

aquiline

a

curved, hooked

He can be recognized by his aquiline nose, curved like the beak of the eagle.

arable

a

fit for growing crops

The first settlers wrote home glowing reports of the New World, praising its vast acres of arable land ready for the plow.

arbiter

n

person with power to decide a matter in dispute; judge

As an arbiter in labor disputes, she has won the confidence of the workers and the employers.

arbitrary

a

unreasonable or capricious; tyrannical

The coach claimed the team lost because the umpire made some arbitrary calls.

arbitrate

v

act as judge

She was called upon to arbitrate the dispute between the union and the management.

arboretum

n

place where different varieties of trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited

Walking along the tree-lined paths of the arboretum, Rita noted poplars, firs, and some particularly fine sycamores.

arcade

n

a covered passageway, usually lined with shops

The arcade was popular with shoppers because it gave them protection from the summer sun and the winter rain.

arcane

a

secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated

Secret brotherhoods surround themselves with arcane rituals and trappings to mystify outsiders. So do doctors. Consider the arcane terminology they use and the impression they make on those that enter their domain for the first time.

archaeology

n

study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

The professor of archaeology headed an expedition to the Gobi Desert in search of ancient ruins.

archaic

a

antiquated

"Me thinks," "thee," and "thou" are archaic words that are no longer part of our normal vocabulary.

archetype

n

prototype; primitive pattern

The Brooklyn Bridge was the archetype of the many spans that now connect Manhattan with Long Island and New Jersey.

archipelago

n

group of closely located islands

When he looked at the map and saw the archipelagoes in the South Seas, he longed to visit them.

archives

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n

public records; place where public records are kept

These documents should be part of the archives so that historians may be able to evaluate them in the future.

ardor

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n

heat; passion; zeal

Katya's ardor was contagious; soon all her fellow demonstrators were busily making posters and handing out flyers, inspired by her ardent enthusiasm for the cause.

arduous

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a

hard; strenuous

Her arduous efforts had sapped her energy.

argot

, , ,

n

slang; jargon

In the argot of the underworld, she "was taken for a ride."

aria

(가 , 가 가)

n

operatic solo

At her Metropolitan Opera audition, Marian Anderson sang an aria from Norma.

arid

, 가 ; ,

a

dry; barren

The cactus has adapted to survive in an arid environment.

aristocracy

, ;

n

hereditary nobility; privileged class

Americans have mixed feelings about hereditary aristocracy. we say all men are created equal, but we describe particularly outstanding people as natural aristocrats.

armada

n

fleet of warships

Queen Elizabeth's navy was able to defeat the mighty armada that threatened the English coast.

aromatic

a

fragrant

Medieval sailing vessels brought aromatic herbs from China to Europe.

arraign

; (,) ;

v

charge in court; indict

After his indictment by the Grand Jury, the accused man was arraigned in the County Criminal Court.

array

v

marshal; draw up in order

His actions were bound to array public sentiment against him.

array

(盛裝) ,

v

clothe; adorn

She liked to watch her mother array herself in her finest clothes before going out for the evening.

arrears

, , ; (,) ,

n

being in debt

He was in arrears with his payments on the car.

arrhythmic

a

lacking rhythm or regularity

The doctors feared his arrhythmic heartbeat might be the first symptom of an imminent heart attack.

arrogance

, ,

n

pride; haughtiness

Convinced that Emma thought she was better than anyone else in the class, Ed rebuked her for her arrogance.

arroyo

,

n

gully

Until the heavy rains of the past spring, this arroyo had been a dry bed.

arsenal

, ,

n

storage place for military equipment

People are forbidden to smoke in the arsenal lest a stray spark set off the munitions stored there.

articulate

,

a

effective; distinct

Her articulate presentation of the advertising campaign impressed her employers.

artifact

(人工物)

n

object made by human beings, either handmade or mass-produced

Archaeologists debated the significance of the artifacts discovered in the ruins of Asia Minor but came to no conclusion about the culture they represented.

artifice

,

n

deception; trickery

The Trojan War proved to the Greeks that cunning and artifice were often more effective than military might.

artisan

() 가,

n

a manually skilled worker

Artists and artisans alike are necessary to the development of a culture.

artless

가 , , ;

a

without guile; open and honest

Red Riding Hood's artless comment, "Grandma, what big eyes you have!" indicates the child's innocent surprise at her "grandmother's" changed appearance.

ascendancy

n

controlling influence

President Marcos failed to maintain his ascendancy over the Philippines.

ascertain

v

find out for certain

Please ascertain her present address.

ascetic

a

practicing self-denial; austere

The wealthy, self-indulgent young man felt oddly drawn to the strict, ascetic life led by members of some monastic orders.

ascribe

v

refer; attribute; assign

I can ascribe no motive for her acts.

aseptic

a

preventing infection; having a cleansing effect

Hospitals succeeded in lowering the mortality rate as soon as they introduced aseptic conditions.

ashen

a

ash-colored; deadly pale

Her face was ashen with fear.

asinine

a

stupid

Your asinine remarks prove that you have not given this problem any serious consideration.

askance

a

with a sideways or indirect look

Looking askance at her questioner, she displayed her scorn.

askew

a

crookedly; slanted; at an angle

When the clown placed his hat askew upon his head, the children in the audience laughed.

asperity

n

sharpness (of temper)

These remarks, spoken with asperity, stung the boys to whom they had been directed.

aspersion

n

slandorous remark

Do not cast aspersions on her character.

aspirant

(, ,) ;

n

seeker after position or status

Although I am an aspirant for public office, I am not willing to accept the dictates of the party bosses.

aspire

v

seek to attain; long for

Because he aspired to a career in professional sports, Philip enrolled in a graduate program in sports management.

assail

v

(,) ,

assault

He was assailed with questions after his lecture.

assay

v

(試金) , () ; 가

analyze; evaluate

When they assayed the ore, they found that they had discovered a very rich vein.

assent

v

()

agree; accept

It gives me great pleasure to assent to your request.

assert

v

, ; () ;

state strongly or positively; insist on or demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.)

When Jill asserted that nobody else in the junior class had such an early curfew, her parents asserted themselves, telling her that if she didn't get home by nine o'clock she would be ~~punished for the next~~.

assessment

n

가; () ; (,) (査定)

estimation; appraisal

I would like to have your assessment of the situation in South Africa.

assiduous

a

, , ,

diligent

It took Rembrandt weeks of assiduous labor before he was satisfied with his portrait of his son.

assimilate

v

() ,

absorb; cause to become homogeneous

The manner in which the United States was able to assimilate the hordes of immigrants during the nineteenth and early part of the twentieth centuries will always be a source of pride.

assuage

v

(, ,) () ; (,) , ; ()

ease, lessen, soothe, appease, mollify

Jilted by Jane, Dick tried to assuage his heartache by indulging in ice cream. One gallon later, he had assuaged his appetite but not his grief.

assumption

n

가 , ; , ; ()가

something taken for granted; the taking over or taking possession of

The young princess made the foolish assumption that the regent would not object to her assumption of power.

assurance

, ; ;

n

promise or pledge; certainty; self-confidence

When Guthrie gave Guinness his assurance that rehearsals were going well, he spoke with such assurance that Guinness was convinced.

asteroid

n

small planet

Asteroids have become commonplace to the readers of interstellar travel stories in science fiction magazines.

astigmatism

n

eye defect that prevents proper focus

As soon as his parents discovered that the boy suffered from astigmatism, they took him to the optometrist for corrective glasses.

astral

; ;

a

relating to the stars, sidereal

She was amazed at the number of astral bodies the new telescope revealed.

astringent

() , ; , ; ()

a

binding; causing contraction; harsh or severe

The astringent quality of the unsweetened lemon juice made swallowing difficult.

astronomical

(, , 가) () ,

a

enormously large or extensive

The government seemed willing to spend astronomical sums on weapons development.

astute

; ; ;

a

wise; shrewd; keen

The painter was an astute observer, noticing every tiny detail of her model's appearance and knowing exactly how important each one was.

asunder

(); (), ,

d

into parts; apart

a fierce quarrel split the partnership asunder

asylum

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n

place of refuge or shelter; protection

The refugees sought asylum from religious persecution in a new land.

asymmetric

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a

not identical on both sides of a diving central line

Because one eyebrow was set markedly higher than the other, William's face had a particularly asymmetric appearance.

atavism

; ()

n

resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; reversion to an earlier type; throwback

In his love for gardening, Martin seemed an atavism to his Tuscan ancestors who lavished great care on their small plots of soil.

atheistic

()

a

denying the existence of God

His atheistic remarks shocked the religious worshippers.

atone

, ,

v

make amends for; pay for

He knew no way in which he could atone for his brutal crime.

atrocious

, , ; ,

n

brutal deed

In time of war, many atrocities are committed by invading armies.

atrophy

() ,

n

wasting away

Polio victims need physiotherapy to prevent the atrophy of affected limbs.

attentive

, ; ,

a

alert and watchful; considerate; thoughtful

Spellbound, the attentive audience watched the final game of the tennis match, never taking their eyes from the ball. a cold wind sprang up; Stan's attentive daughter slipped a sweater over his shoulders without distracting his attention from the game.

attenuate

가 , , ; ,

v

make thin; weaken

By withdrawing their forces, the generals hoped to attenuate the enemy lines.

attest

(,) ; ~ 가 ,

v

testify; bear witness

Having served as a member of a grand jury, I can attest that our system of indicting individuals is in need of improvement.

attribute

() ~ , ~ , ~ ; () 가 ; (

v

ascribe; explain

I attribute her success in science to the encouragement she received from her parents.

attribute

, ; ,

n

essential quality

His outstanding attribute was his kindness.

attrition

() ; ,

n

gradual decrease in numbers; reduction in the work force without firing employees; wearing aw

In the 1960s urban churches suffered from attrition as members moved from the cities to the suburbs. Rather than fire staff members, church leaders followed a policy of attrition, allowing subjects members to leave without restriction. There

atypical

, ;

a

not normal

The child psychiatrist reassured Mrs. Keaton that playing doctor was not atypical behavior for a child of young Alex's age. "Perhaps not," she replied, "but charging for house calls is!"

audacious

,
a daring; bold

Audiences cheered as Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia made their audacious, death-defying leap to freedom and escaped Darth Vader's troops.

audit

; , ,
n examination of accounts

When the bank examiners arrived to hold their annual audit, they discovered the embezzlements of the chief cashier.

augment

, 가
v increase; add to

Armies augment their forces by calling up reinforcements; teachers augment their salaries by taking odd jobs.

augury

, ; ,
n omen; prophecy

He interpreted the departure of the birds as an augury of evil.

august

, ;
a impressive; majestic; venerable

Visiting the palace at Versailles, she was impressed by the august surroundings in which she found herself.

aureole

() (光冠); ()
n sun's corona; halo

Many medieval paintings depict saintly characters with aureoles around their heads.

auroral

, ; ,
a pertaining to the aurora borealis

The auroral display was particularly spectacular that evening.

auspicious

, 가 , , 가
a favoring success; propitious

With favorable weather conditions, it was an auspicious moment to set sail. Thomas, however, had doubts about sailing

austere

, , ; , ; ,
a forbiddingly stern; severely simple and unornamented

The headmaster's demeanor tended to scare off the more timid students, who never visited his study willingly. The room reflected the man, austere and bare, like a monk's cell, with no traces of luxury to moderate its austerity.

authenticate

(,) ;
v prove genuine

An expert was needed to authenticate the original Van Gogh painting, distinguishing it from its imitation.

authoritarian

,
a subordinating the individual to the state; completely dominating another's will

The leaders of the democratic protest movement. After years of submitting to the will of her authoritarian father, Elizabeth Barrett ran away from home with the poet Robert Browning.

authoritative

a

having the weight of authority; peremptory

Impressed by the young researcher's well-documented presentation, we accepted her analysis of the experiment as authoritative.

autocratic

a

having absolute, unchecked power; dictatorial

a person accustomed to exercising authority may become autocratic if his or her power is unchecked. Dictators by definition are autocrats. Bosses who dictate behavior as well as

automaton

n

mechanism that imitates actions of humans

Long before science fiction readers became aware of robots, writers were creating stories of automatons who could outperform humans.

autonomous

a

self-governing

Although the University of California at Berkeley is just one part of the state university system, in many ways Cal Berkeley is autonomous, for it runs several programs that are not subject to

autopsy

n

examination of a dead body; postmortem

The medical examiner ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

auxiliary

a

offering or providing help; additional or subsidiary

To prepare for the emergency, they built an auxiliary power station.

avalanche

n

great mass of falling snow and ice; landslide

The park ranger warned the skiers to stay on the main trails, where they would be in no danger of being buried beneath a sudden avalanche.

avarice

n

greediness for wealth

King Midas is a perfect example of avarice; he was so greedy that he wished everything he touched would turn to gold.

avenge

v

take vengeance for something (or on behalf of someone)

Hamlet vowed he would avenge his father's murder and punish Claudius for his horrible crime.

aver

v

state confidently

I wish to aver that I am certain of success.

averse

a

reluctant; disinclined

The reporter was averse to revealing the source of his information.

aversion

n

firm dislike

Bert had an aversion to yuppies; Alex had an aversion to punks. Their mutual aversion was so great that they refused to speak to one another.

avert

v

prevent; turn away

She averted her eyes from the dead cat on the highway.

aviary

n

enclosure for birds

The aviary at the zoo held nearly 300 birds.

avid

a

greedy; eager for

He was avid for learning and read everything he could get.

avocation

n

secondary or minor occupation

His hobby proved to be so fascinating and profitable that gradually he abandoned his regular occupation and concentrated on his avocation.

avow

v

declare openly

Lana avowed that she never meant to steal Debbie's boyfriend, but no one believed her avowal of innocence.

avuncular

a

like an uncle

Avuncular pride did not prevent him from noticing his nephew's shortcomings.

awe

n

solemn wonder

The tourists gazed with awe at the tremendous expanse of the Grand Canyon.

awl

n

pointed tool used for piercing

She used an awl to punch additional holes in the leather belt she had bought.

awry

a

distorted; crooked

He held his head awry, giving the impression that he had caught cold in his neck during the night.

axiom

n

self-evident truth requiring no proof; truism

Before a student can begin to think along the lines of Euclidean geometry, he must accept certain principles or axioms.

azure

a sky blue
Azure skies are indicative of good weather.

babble

< >
v chatter idly, prattle, prate
The little girl babbled about her doll.

badger

() ;
v pester; annoy
She was forced to change her telephone number because she was badgered by obscene phone calls.

badinage

n teasing conversation
Her friends at work greeted the news of her engagement with cheerful badinage.

baffle

< , > ;
v frustrate; perplex, nonplus
The new code baffled the enemy agents.

bagatelle

n trifle
Trying to reassure Roxanne about his wound, Cyrano claimed it was a mere bagatelle.

bait

;
v harass; tease
The soldiers baited the prisoners, terrorizing them.

baleful

;
a deadly; destructive
The drought was a baleful omen.

balk

v foil
When the warden learned that several inmates were planning to escape, he took steps to balk their attempt.

ballast

(,)
n heavy substance used to add stability or weight
The ship was listing badly to one side; it was necessary to shift the ballast in the hold to get her back on an even keel.

balm

n something that relieves pain
Friendship is the finest balm for the pangs of disappointed love.

balmy

a ;
mild; fragrant
A balmy breeze refreshed us after the sultry blast.

banal

a ;
hackneyed; commonplace; trite
His frequent use of cliches made his essay seem banal.

bane

n
cause of ruin
Lack of public transportation is the bane of urban life.

baneful

a ;
ruinous; poisonous
His baneful influence was feared by all.

bantering

a ,
good-naturedly ridiculing
They resented his bantering remarks because they misinterpreted his teasing as sarcasm.

bard

n ; ()
minstrel, wandering poet
The ancient bard Homer sang of the fall of Troy.

barefaced

v , ;
shameless; bold; unconcealed
Shocked by Huck Finn's barefaced lies, Miss Watson prayed the good Lord would give him a sense of his unregenerate wickedness.

baroque

a ; ;
highly ornate
Accustomed to the severe, angular lines of modern skyscrapers, they found the flamboyance of baroque architecture amusing.

barrage

n , ;
barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion
The company was forced to retreat through the barrage of heavy cannons.

barrister

n ; 가
counselor-at-law
Galsworthy started as a barrister, but, when he found the practice of law boring, turned to writing.

barterer

n
trader
The barterer exchanged trinkets for the natives' furs.

bask

() ; (, ,)

v

luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth

Basking on the beach, she relaxed so completely that she fell asleep.

bastion

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n

stronghold; something seen as a source of protection

The villagers fortified the town hall, hoping this improvised bastion could protect them from the guerrilla raids.

bate

; () , , ,

v

let down; restrain

Until it was time to open the presents, the children had to bate their curiosity.

bauble

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n

trinket; trifle

The child was delighted with the bauble she had won in the grab bag.

bawdy

,

a

indecent; obscene

Jack took offense at Jill's bawdy remarks. What kind of young man did she think he was?

beatific

;

a

giving bliss; blissful

The beatific smile on the child's face made us very happy.

beatitude

, , ,

n

blessedness; state of bliss

Growing closer to God each day, the mystic achieved a state of indescribable beatitude.

bedizen

()

v

dress with vulgar finery

The witch doctors were bedizened in their gaudiest costumes.

bedraggle

;

v

wet thoroughly

We were so bedraggled by the severe storm that we had to change into dry clothing.

beeline

n

direct, quick route

As soon as the movie was over, Jim made a beeline for the exit.

befuddle

(,) ; ;

v

confuse thoroughly

His attempts to clarify the situation succeeded only in befuddling her further.

beget

(가) , ; ()

v

father; produce; give rise to

One good turn may deserve another; it does not necessarily beget another.

begrudge

, ; ,

v

resent

I begrudge every minute I have to spend attending meetings.

beguile

() , ; ; ~

v

mislead or delude; cheat; pass time

With flattery and big talk of easy money, the con men beguiled Kyle into betting his allowance on the shell game. The men quickly beguiled poor Kyle of his money. Broke, he beguiled himself during the long hours by listening to the radio.

behemoth

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n

huge creature; something of monstrous size or power

Sportscasters nicknamed the linebacker "The Behemoth."

beholden

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a

obligated; indebted

Since I do not wish to be beholden to anyone, I cannot accept this favor.

behoove

~ ; (~)

v

be suited to; be incumbent upon

In this time of crisis, it behooves all of us to remain calm and await the instructions of our superiors.

belabor

; ,

v

explain or go over excessively or to a ridiculous degree; assail verbally

The debate coach warned her student not to bore the audience by belaboring his point.

belated

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a

delayed

He apologized for his belated note of condolence to the widow of his friend and explained that he had just learned of her husband's untimely death.

beleaguer

() ; , ~

v

besiege or attack; harass

The babysitter was surrounded by a crowd of unmanageable brats who relentlessly beleaguered her.

belie

, ~

v

contradict; give a false impression

His coarse, hard-bitten exterior belied his innate sensitivity.

belittle

, ; 가

v

disparage; depreciate

Parents should not belittle their children's early attempts at drawing, but should encourage their efforts.

bellicose

a

warlike

His bellicose disposition alienated his friends.

belligerent

a

quarrelsome

Whenever he had too much to drink, he became belligerent and tried to pick fights with strangers.

bemoan

v

lament; express disapproval of

The widow bemoaned the death of her beloved husband. Although critics bemoaned the serious flaws in the author's novels, each year his latest book topped the best-seller list.

bemused

a

confused; lost in thought; preoccupied

Jill studied the garbled instructions with a bemused look on her face.

benediction

n

blessing

The appearance of the sun after the many rainy days was like a benediction.

benefactor

n

gift giver; patron

Scrooge later became Tiny Tim's benefactor and gave him gifts.

beneficent

a

kindly; doing good

The overgenerous philanthropist had to curb his beneficent impulses before he gave away all his money and left himself with nothing.

beneficial

a

helpful; useful

Tiny Tim's cheerful good nature had a beneficial influence on Scrooge's once-uncharitable disposition.

beneficiary

n

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

In Scrooge's will, he made Tiny Tim his beneficiary

benevolent

a

generous; charitable

Mr. Fezziwig was a benevolent employer who wished to make Christmas merrier for young Scrooge and his other employees.

benign

a

kindly; favorable; not malignant

Though her benign smile and gentle bearing made Miss Marple seem a sweet little old lady, in reality she was a tough-minded, shrewd observer of human nature.

benison

n

blessing

Let us pray that the benison of peace once more shall prevail among the nations of the world.

bent

a

determined; natural talent or inclination

Bent on advancing in the business world, the secretary-heroine of Working Girl had a true bent for high finance.

bequeath

v

() ;

leave to someone by means of a will; hand down

In his will, Father bequeathed his watch to Philip; the bequest meant a great deal to the boy.

berate

v

scold strongly

He feared she would berate him for his forgetfulness.

bereavement

n

() ;

state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved

His friends gathered to console him upon his sudden bereavement.

bereft

a

() ;

deprived of; lacking

The foolish gambler soon found himself bereft of funds.

berserk

a

, frenzied

Angered, he went berserk and began to wreck the room.

beseech

v

beg; plead with

The workaholic executive's wife beseeched him to spend more time with their son.

beset

v

; harass or trouble; hem in

Many vexing problems beset the American public school system. Sleeping Beauty's castle was beset on all sides by dense thickets that hid it from view.

besiege

v

; surround with armed forces; harass (with requests)

When the bandits besieged the village, the villagers holed up in the town hall and prepared to withstand a long siege. Members of the new administration were besieged with job applications from applicants who had waited for the positions.

besmirch

v

(, ,) ; soil, defile

The scandalous remarks in the newspaper besmirch the reputations of every member of the society.

bestial

a

beastlike; brutal; inhuman

According to legend, the werewolf was able to abandon its human shape and assume a bestial form. The Red Cross sought to put an end to the bestial treatment of prisoners of war.

bestow

v

()

confer

He wished to bestow great honors upon the hero.

betoken

v

,

signify; indicate

The well-equipped docks, tall piles of cargo containers, and numerous vessels being loaded all betoken Oakland's importance as a port.

betray

v

, () , ; ,

be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly)

The spy betrayed his country by selling military secrets to the enemy. When he was taken in for questioning, the tightness of his lips betrayed his fear of incriminating himself.

betroth

v

become engaged to marry

The announcement that they had become betrothed surprised their friends who had not suspected any romance.

bevy

n

(,) ; (,)

large group

The movie actor was surrounded by a bevy of starlets.

bicameral

a

two-chambered, as a legislative body

The United States Congress is a bicameral body.

bicker

v

,

quarrel

The children bickered morning, noon and night, exasperating their parents.

biennial

a

2 ; 2 ; 2

every two years

Seeing no need to meet more frequently, the group held biennial meetings instead of annual ones. Plants that bear flowers biennially are known as biennials.

bifurcated

a

,

divided into two branches; forked

With a bifurcated branch and a piece of elastic rubber, he made a crude but effective slingshot.

bigotry

n

,

stubborn intolerance

Brought up in a democratic atmosphere, the student was shocked by the bigotry and narrowness expressed by several of his classmates.

bilious

a

suffering from indigestion; irritable

His bilious temperament was apparent to all who heard him rant about his difficulties.

bilk

v

swindle; cheat

The con man specialized in bilking insurance companies.

billowing

a

swelling out in waves; surging

Standing over the air vent, Marilyn Monroe tried vainly to control her billowing skirts.

bivouac

n

temporary encampment

While in bivouac, we spent the night in our sleeping bags under the stars.

bizarre

a

fantastic; violently contrasting

The plot of the novel was too bizarre to be believed.

blanch

v

bleach; whiten

Although age had blanched his hair, he was still vigorous and energetic.

bland

a

soothing or mild; agreeable

Jill tried a bland ointment for her sunburn. However, when Jack absentmindedly patted her on the sunburned shoulder, she couldn't maintain her bland persona.

blandishment

n

flattery

Despite the salesperson's blandishment, the customer did not buy the outfit.

blare

n

loud, harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light

I don't know which is worse

blase

a

bored with pleasure or dissipation

Although Beth was as thrilled with the idea of a trip to Paris as her classmates were, she tried to act supercool and blase, as if she'd been abroad hundreds of times.

blasphemy

n

irreverence; sacrilege; cursing

In my father's house, the Dodgers were the holiest of holies; to cheer for another team was to utter words of blasphemy.

blatant

a

extremely obvious; loudly offensive

Caught in a blatant lie, the scoundrel had only one regret

bleak

a

cold or cheerless; unlikely to be favorable

The frigid, inhospitable Aleutian Islands are bleak military outposts. It's no wonder that soldiers assigned there have a bleak attitude toward their posting.

blighted

a

() ; ;

suffering from a disease; destroyed

The extent of the blighted areas could be seen only when viewed from the air.

blithe

a

, ;
gay; joyous

Shelley called the skylark a "blithe spirit" because of its happy song.

bloated

a

, ;

swollen or puffed as with water or air

Her bloated stomach came from drinking so much water.

blowhard

n

;
talkative boaster

After all Sol's talk about his big show business connections led nowhere, Sally decided he was just another blowhard.

bludgeon

n

,
club; heavy-headed weapon

Attacked by Dr. Moriarty, Holmes used his walking stick as a bludgeon to defend himself. "Watson," he said, "I fear I may have bludgeoned Moriarty to death."

bluff

a

,
rough but good-natured

Jack had a bluff and hearty manner that belied his actual sensitivity; he never let people know thin-skinned he really was.

bluff

n

; ; ,
pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff

Claire thought Lord Byron's boast that he would swim the Hellespont was just a bluff; she was astounded when he dove from the high bluff into the waters below.

blunder

n

, ,
error

The criminal's fatal blunder led to his capture.

blurt

v

, ,
utter impulsively

Before she could stop him, he blurted out the news.

bluster

v

blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptily; bully

"Let the stormy winds bluster," cried Jack, "we'll set sail tonight." Jill let Jack bluster

bode

v

foreshadow; portend

The gloomy skies and the sulfurous odors from the mineral springs seemed to bode evil to those who settled in the area.

bogus

a

counterfeit; not authentic

The police quickly found the distributors of the bogus twenty-dollar bills.

bohemian

a

unconventional (in an artistic way)

Gertrude Stein ran off to Paris to live an eccentric, bohemian life with her writer friends. Oakland was not bohemian

boisterous

a

violent; rough; noisy

The unruly crowd became even more boisterous when he tried to quiet them.

bolster

v

support; reinforce

The debaters amassed file boxes full of evidence to bolster their arguments.

bolt

n

door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric

bolt

v

dash or dart off; fasten(a door); gobble down

Jack was set to bolt out the front door, but Jill bolted the door. "Eat your breakfast," she said, "don't bolt your food."

bombardment

n

attack (as with missiles)

The enemy bombardment demolished the town. Members of the opposition party bombarded the prime minister with questions about the enemy attack.

bombastic

a

pompous; using inflated language

Puffed up with conceit, the orator spoke in such a bombastic manner that we longed to deflate him.

boon

n

blessing; benefit

The recent rains that filled our empty reservoirs were a boon to the whole community.

boorish

; ,

a

rude; insensitive

Though Mr. Potts constantly interrupted his wife, she ignored his boorish behavior, for she had lost hope of teaching him courtesy.

bouillon

(,)

n

clear beef soup

The cup of bouillon served by the stewards was welcomed by those who had been chilled by the cold ocean breezes.

bountiful

, ; ,

a

abundant; graciously generous

Thanks to the good harvest, we had a bountiful supply of food and we could be as bountiful as we liked in distributing food to the needy.

bourgeois

; ;

n

middle class; selfishly materialistic; dully conventional

Technically, anyone who belongs to the middle class is bourgeois, but, given the word's connotations, most people resent it if you call them that.

bovine

; ,

a

cowlike; placid and dull

Nothing excites Esther; even when she won the state lottery, she still preserved her air of bovine calm.

bowdlerize

()

v

expurgate

After the film editors had bowdlerized the language in the script, the motion picture's rating was changed from "R" to "PG."

boycott

v

refrain from buying or using

To put pressure on grape growers to stop using pesticides that harmed the farm workers' health, Cesar Chavez called for consumers to boycott grapes.

brackish

가 ;

a

somewhat saline

He found the only wells in the area were brackish; drinking the water made him nauseous.

braggadocio

n

boasting

He was disliked because his manner was always full of braggadocio.

braggart

, 가

n

boaster

Modest by nature, she was no braggart, preferring to let her accomplishments speak for themselves.

brandish

()

v

wave around; flourish

Alarmed, Doctor Watson wildly brandished his gun until Holmes told him to put the thing away before he shot himself.

bravado

; swagger; assumed air of defiance
n

The bravado of the young criminal disappeared when he was confronted by the victims of his brutal attack.

brawn

, , muscular strength; sturdiness
n

It takes brawn to become a champion weight-lifter.

brazen

, insolent
a

Her brazen contempt for authority angered the officials.

breach

(, ,) ; (,) , breaking of contract or duty; fissure or gap
n

Jill sued Jack for breach of promise, claiming he had broken their engagement. The attackers found a breach in the enemy's fortifications and penetrated their lines.

breadth

, , width; extent
n

We were impressed by the breadth of her knowledge.

brevity

conciseness
n

Brevity is essential when you send a telegram or cablegram; you are charged for every word.

brindled

; tawny or grayish with streaks or spots
a

He was disappointed in the litter because the puppies were brindled; he had hoped for animals of a uniform color.

bristling

; rising like bristles; showing irritation
a

The dog stood there, bristling with anger.

brittle

, ; (가) , 가 easily broken; difficult
a

My employer's brittle personality made it difficult for me to get along with her.

broach

() , () introduce; open up
v

Jack did not even try to broach the subject of religion with his in-laws. If you broach a touchy subject, the result may be a breach.

brocade

() , , rich, figured fabric
n

The sofa was covered with expensive brocade.

brochure

n

pamphlet

This brochure on farming was issued by the Department of Agriculture.

brooch

n

ornamental clasp

She treasured the brooch because it was an heirloom.

brook

v

tolerate; endure

The dean would brook no interference with his disciplinary action.

browbeat

v

bully; intimidate

Billy resisted Ted's attempts to browbeat him into handing over his lunch money.

browse

v

graze; skim or glance at casually

"How now, brown cow, browsing in the green, green grass." I remember lines of verse that I came across while browsing through the poetry section of the local bookstore.

brunt

n

main impact or shock

Tom Sawyer claimed credit for painting the fence, but the brunt of the work fell on others. However, Tom bore the brunt of Aunt Polly's complaints when the paint began to peel.

brusque

a

blunt; abrupt

She was offended by his brusque reply.

buccaneer

n

pirate

At Disneyland the Pirates of the Caribbean sing a song about their lives as bloody buccaneers.

bucolic

a

rustic; pastoral

Filled with browsing cows and bleating sheep, the meadow was a charmingly bucolic sight.

buffet

v

slap; batter; knock about

To buffet something is to rough it up. (Buffet rhymes with Muffett.) Was Miss Muffett buffeted by the crowd on the way to the buffet tray?

buffoonery

n

clowning

In the Ace Ventura movies, Jim Carrey's buffoonery was hilarious

bugaboo

;
n bugbear; object of baseless terror
If we become frightened by such bugaboos, we are no wiser than the birds who fear scarecrows.

bullion

, ; ()
n gold and silver in the form of bars
Much bullion is stored in the vaults at Fort Knox.

bulwark

, ;
n earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends
The navy is our principal bulwark against invasion.

bungle

,
v mismanage; blunder
Don't botch this assignment, Bumstead; if you bungled the job, you're fired!

buoyant

, ; ,
a able to float; cheerful and optimistic
When the boat capsized, her buoyant life jacket kept Jody afloat. Scrambling back on board, she was still in a buoyant mood, certain that despite the delay she'd win the race.

bureaucracy

;
n overregulated administrative system marked by red tape
The Internal Revenue Service is the ultimate bureaucracy

burgeon

v grow forth; send out buds
In the spring, the plants that burgeon are a promise of the beauty that is to come.

burlesque

v give an imitation that ridicules
In his caricature, he burlesqued the mannerisms of his adversary.

burly

; < >
a husky; muscular
The burly mover lifted the packing crate with ease.

burnish

() ,
v make shiny by rubbing; polish
They burnished the metal until it reflected the lamplight.

buttress

;
n support or prop
The huge cathedral walls were supported by flying buttresses.

buxom

a

plump; vigorous; jolly

The soldiers remembered the buxom nurse who had always been so pleasant to them.

cabal

n

small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

The cabal was defeated when their scheme was discovered.

cache

n

hiding place

The detectives followed the suspect until he led them to the cache where he had stored his loot.

cacophony

n

discord

Some people seem to enjoy the cacophony of an orchestra that is tuning up.

cadaver

n

corpse

In some states, it is illegal to dissect cadavers.

cadaverous

a

like a corpse; pale

By his cadaverous appearance, we could see how the disease had ravaged him.

cadence

n

rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sounds); beat

Marching down the road, the troops sang out, following the cadence set by the sergeant.

cajole

v

coax, wheedle

I will not be cajoled into granting you your wish.

calamity

n

disaster; misery

As news of the calamity spread, offers of relief poured in to the stricken community.

caldron

n

가

large kettle

"Why, Mr. Crusoe," said the savage heating the giant caldron, "we'd love to have you for dinner!"

caliber

n

ability; capacity

A man of such caliber should not be assigned such menial tasks.

calligraphy

;

n

beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

As we examine ancient manuscripts, we become impressed with the calligraphy of the scribes.

callous

< 가 > ;

a

hardened; unfeeling

He had worked in the hospital for so many years that he was callous to the suffering in the wards.

callow

,

a

youthful; immature

In that youthful movement, the leaders were only a little less callow than their immature followers.

calorific

a

heat-producing

Coal is much more calorific than green wood.

calumniate

v

slander

Shakespeare wrote that love and friendship were subject to envious and calumniating time.

calumny

;

n

malicious misrepresentation; slander

He could endure his financial failure, but he could not bear the calumny that his foes heaped upon him.

camaraderie

,

n

good-fellowship

What he loved best about his job was the sense of camaraderie he and his co-workers shared.

cameo

()

n

shell or jewel carved in relief

Tourists are advised not to purchase cameos from the street peddlers of Rome who sell poor specimens of the carver's art.

camouflage

; 가 ,

v

disguise; conceal

In order to rescue Han Solo, Princess Leia camouflaged herself in the helmet and cloak of a space bandit.

canard

,

n

unfounded rumor; exaggerated report

It is almost impossible to protect oneself from such a base canard.

candor

, ,

n

frankness; open honesty

Jack can carry candor too far

canine

;
 a related to dogs; doglike

Some days the canine population of Berkeley seems almost to outnumber the human population.

canker

; , ; ()
 n any ulcerous sore; any evil

Poverty is a canker in the body politic; it must be cured.

canny

, ; ;
 a shrewd; thrifty

The canny Scotsman was more than a match for the swindlers.

canon

() ; ; () ; , , ; (
 n collection or authoritative list of books (e.g., by an author, or accepted as scripture); rule or st
 Scholars hotly debated whether the newly discovered sonnet should be accepted as part of the Shakespearean canon.

cant

() ; (,) ,
 n insincere expressions of piety; jargon of thieves

Shocked by news of the minister's extramarital love affairs, the worshippers dismissed his talk about the sacredness of marriage as mere cant. Cant is a form of hypocrisy

cantankerous

, ,
 a ill-humored; irritable

Constantly complaining about his treatment and refusing to cooperate with the hospital staff, he was a cantankerous patient.

cantata

(, ,)
 n story set to music, to be sung by a chorus

The choral society sang the new cantata composed by its leader.

canter

()
 n slow gallop

Because the racehorse had outdistanced its competition so easily, the reporter wrote that the race was won in a canter.

canto

() ,
 n division of a long poem

Dante's poetic masterpiece The Divine Comedy is divided into cantos.

canvass

(. . .) ; ()
 v determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.

After canvassing the sentiments of his constituents, the congressman was confident that he represented the majority opinion of his district.

capacious

, ,
 a spacious

In the capacious areas of the railroad terminal, thousands of travelers lingered while waiting for their train.

capacity

n

mental or physical ability; role; ability to accommodate

Mike had the capacity to handle several jobs at once. In his capacity as president of SelecTronics he marketed an electronic dictionary with a capacity of 200,000 words.

capillary

a

having a very fine bore

The changes in surface tension of liquids in capillary vessels is of special interest to physicists.

capitulate

v

() ,

surrender

The enemy was warned to capitulate or face annihilation.

caprice

n

, whim

She was an unpredictable creature, acting on caprice, never taking thought of the consequences.

capricious

a

, unpredictable; fickle

The storm was capricious

caption

n

, , title; chapter heading; text under illustration

The captions that accompany The Far Side cartoons are almost as funny as the pictures.

captious

a

, faultfinding

His criticisms were always captious and frivolous, never offering constructive suggestions.

carafe

n

(,)

glass water bottle; decanter

With each dinner the patron receives a carafe of red or white wine.

carapace

n

(.) ,

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

At the children's zoo, Richard perched on top of the giant turtle's hard carapace as it slowly made its way around the enclosure.

carat

n

, (, 200mg)

unit of weight for precious stones; measure of fineness of gold

He gave her a diamond that weighed three carats and was mounted in an eighteen-carat gold band.

carcinogenic

a

causing cancer

Many supposedly harmless substances have been revealed to be carcinogenic.

cardinal

a

chief

If you want to increase your word power, the cardinal rule of vocabulary-building is to read.

cardiologist

n

doctor specializing in ailments of the heart

When the pediatrician noticed Philip had a slight heart murmur, she referred him to a cardiologist for further tests.

careen

v

(가), (가)

lurch; sway from side to side

The taxicab careened wildly as it rounded the corner.

caricature

n

distortion; burlesque

The caricatures he drew always emphasized personal weaknesses of the people he burlesqued.

carillon

n

a set of bells capable of being played

The carillon in the bell tower of the Coca-Cola pavilion at the New York World's Fair provided musical entertainment every hour.

carnage

n

destruction of life

The film The Killing Fields vividly depicts the carnage wreaked by Pol Pot's followers in Cambodia.

carnal

a

fleshly

Is the public more interested in carnal pleasures than in spiritual matters? Compare the number of people who read Playboy daily to the number of those who read the Bible every

carnivorous

a

()

meat-eating

The lion's a carnivorous beast; a hunk of meat makes up his feast. A cow is not a carnivore; she likes the taste of grain, not gore.

carousal

n

drunken revel

The party degenerated into an ugly carousal.

carping

n

petty criticism; fault-finding

Welcoming constructive criticism, Lexy appreciated her editor's comments, finding them free of carping.

carrion

n

rotting flesh of a dead body

Buzzards are nature's scavengers; they eat the carrion left behind by other predators.

cartographer

n map - maker

Though not a professional cartographer, Tolkien was able to construct a map of his fictional world.

cascade

n small waterfall

We were too tired to appreciate the beauty of the many cascades because we had to detour around them to avoid being drenched by the torrents cascading down.

caste

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

The differences created by caste in India must be wiped out if true democracy is to prevail in that country.

castigation

n punishment; severe criticism

Sensitive even to mild criticism, Woolf could not bear the castigation that she found in certain reviews.

casualty

n serious or fatal accident

The number of automotive casualties on this holiday weekend was high.

cataclysm

n deluge; upheaval

A cataclysm such as the French Revolution affects all countries.

catalyst

n agent that brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged

Many chemical reactions cannot take place without the presence of a catalyst.

catapult

n slingshot; hurling machine

Airplanes are sometimes launched from battleships by catapults.

cataract

n great waterfall; eye abnormality

She gazed with awe at the mighty cataract known as Niagara Falls.

catastrophe

n calamity; disaster

The 1906 San Francisco earthquake was a catastrophe that destroyed most of the city. A similar earthquake striking today could have even more catastrophic results.

catcall

n shout of disapproval; boo

Every major league pitcher has off days during which he must learn to ignore catcalls and angry hisses from the crowd.

categorical

a

without exceptions; unqualified; absolute

Though the captain claimed he was never, never sick at sea, he finally qualified his categorical denial

catharsis

n

, (淨化)

purging or cleansing of any passage of the body

Aristotle maintained that tragedy created a catharsis by purging the soul of base concepts.

cathartic

n

(下制)

purgative

Some drugs act as laxatives when taken in small doses but act as cathartics when taken in much larger doses.

catholic

a

universal; wide-ranging liberal

He was extremely catholic in his taste and read everything he could find in the library.

caucus

n

()

private meeting of members of a party to select officers or determine policy

At the opening of Congress the members of the Democratic Party held a caucus to elect the majority leader of the House and the party whip.

caulk

v

()

to make watertight (by plugging seams)

When water from the shower leaked into the basement, we knew it was time to caulk the tiles at the edges of the shower stall.

causal

a

implying a cause-and-effect relationship

The psychologist maintained there was a causal relationship between the nature of one's early childhood experiences and one's adult personality.

caustic

a

burning; sarcastically biting

The critic's caustic remarks angered the hapless actors who were the subjects of his sarcasm.

cauterize

v

burn with hot iron or caustic

In order to prevent infection, the doctor cauterized the wound.

cavalcade

n

, ()

procession; parade

As described by Chaucer, the cavalcade of Canterbury pilgrims was a motley group.

cavalier

a

casual and offhand; arrogant

Sensitive about having her ideas taken lightly, Marcia felt insulted by Mark's cavalier dismissal of her suggestion.

cavil

v

make frivolous objections

I respect your sensible criticisms, but I dislike the way you cavil about unimportant details.

cede

v

yield (title, territory) to; surrender formally

Eventually the descendants of England's Henry II were forced to cede their French territories to the King of France.

celerity

n

speed; rapidity

Hamlet resented his mother's celerity in remarrying within a month after his father's death.

celestial

a

heavenly

She spoke of the celestial joys that awaited virtuous souls in the hereafter.

celibate

a

abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried

Though the late Havelock Ellis wrote extensively about sexual customs and was considered an expert in such matters, recent studies maintain he was celibate throughout his life.

censor

n

overseer of morals; person who reads to eliminate inappropriate remarks

Soldiers dislike having their mail read by a censor but understand the need for this precaution.

censorious

a

critical

Censorious people delight in casting blame.

censure

v

blame; criticize

The senator was censured for behavior inappropriate to a member of Congress.

centaur

n

mythical figure, half man and half horse

I was particularly impressed by the statue of the centaur in the Roman Hall of the museum.

centigrade

a

denoting a widely used temperature scale (basically same as Celsius)

On the centigrade thermometer, the freezing point of water is zero degrees.

centrifugal

a

radiating; departing from the center

Many automatic drying machines remove excess moisture from clothing by centrifugal force.

centripetal

()

a

tending toward the center

Does centripetal force or the force of gravity bring orbiting bodies to the earth's surface?

centurion

()

n

Roman army officer

Because he was in command of a company of one hundred soldiers, he was called a centurion.

cerebral

,

a

pertaining to the brain or intellect

The content of philosophical works is cerebral in nature and requires much thought.

cerebration

, ,

n

thought

Mathematics problems sometimes require much cerebration.

ceremonious

,

a

marked by formality

Ordinary dress would be inappropriate at so ceremonious an affair.

certitude

, ()

n

certainty

Thought there was no certitude of his getting the job, Lou thought he had a good chance of being hired.

cessation

, ,

n

stoppage

The airline's employees threatened a cessation of all work if management failed to meet their demands.

cession

() , (,)

n

yielding to another; ceding

The cession of Alaska to the United States is discussed in this chapter.

chafe

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v

warm by rubbing; make sore (by rubbing)

Chilled, he chafed his hands before the fire. The collar of his school uniform chafed Tom's neck, but not as much the school's strict rules chafed his spirit.

chaff

가 , ,

n

worthless products of an endeavor

When you separate the wheat from the chaff, be sure you throw out the chaff.

chaffing

,

a

bantering; joking

Sometimes Chad's flippant, chaffing remarks annoy us. Still, Chad's chaffing keeps us laughing.

chagrin

n

vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride); disappointment

Embarrassed by his parents' shabby, working-class appearance, Doug felt their visit to his school would bring him nothing but chagrin. A person filled with chagrin doesn't grin

chalice

n

, (聖杯)

goblet; consecrated cup

In a small room adjoining the cathedral, many ornately decorated chalices made by the most famous European goldsmiths were on display.

chameleon

n

lizard that changes color in different situations

Like the chameleon, he assumed the political coloration of every group he met.

champion

v

, ; ()

support militantly

Martin Luther King, Jr., won the Nobel Peace Prize because he championed the oppressed in their struggle for equality.

chaotic

a

in utter disorder

He tried to bring order into the chaotic state of affairs.

charisma

n

; () , ;

divine gift; great popular charm or appeal

Political commentators have deplored the importance of a candidate's charisma in these days of television campaigning.

charlatan

n

(. 가) , ;

quack; pretender to knowledge

When they realized that the Wizard didn't know how to get them back to Kansas, Dorothy and her friends were sure they'd been duped by a charlatan.

chary

a

; 가 ; ;

cautious; sparing or restrained about giving

A prudent, thrifty New Englander, DeWitt was as chary of investing money in junk bonds as he was chary of paying people unnecessary compliments.

chase

v

() ; ... ()

ornament a metal surface by indenting

With his hammer, he carefully chased an intricate design onto the surface of the chalice.

chasm

n

abyss

They could not see the bottom of the chasm.

chassis

n

() ,

framework and working parts of an auto mobile

Examining the car after the accident, the owner discovered that the body had been ruined but that the chassis was unharmed.

chaste

; (. 가) , ;

a

pure; virginal; modest

To ensure that his bride would stay chaste while he was off to the wars, the crusader had her fitted out with a chastity belt.

chasten

, , ()

v

discipline; punish in order to correct

Whom God loves, God chastens.

chastise

,

v

punish

I must chastise you for this offense.

chauvinist

,

n

blindly devoted patriot; zealous adherent of a group or cause

A chauvinist cannot recognize any faults in his country, no matter how flagrant they may be. Likewise, a male chauvinist cannot recognize how biased he is in favor of his own sex, no matter how flagrant that bias may be.

check

, , ; ,

v

stop motion; curb or restrain

Thrusting out her arm, Grandma checked Bobby's lunge at his sister. "Young man," she said, "you'd better check your temper."

checkered

가 ; ;

a

marked by changes in fortune

During his checkered career he had lived in palatial mansions and in dreary boardinghouses.

cherubic

, ,

a

angelic; innocent-looking

With her cheerful smile and rosy cheeks, she was a particularly cherubic child.

chicanery

, ,

n

trickery; deception

Those sneaky lawyers misrepresented what occurred, made up all sorts of implausible alternative scenarios to confuse the jurors, and in general depended on chicanery to win the case.

chide

,

v

scold

Grandma began to chide Steven for his lying.

chimerical

,

a

fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; imaginative

As everyone expected, Ted's chimerical scheme to make a fortune by raising ermines in his backyard proved a dismal failure.

chisel

n

wedgelike tool for cutting

With his hammer and chisel, the sculptor chipped away at the block of marble.

chisel

v

, ;
swindle or cheat; cut with a chisel

That crook chiseled me out of a hundred dollars when he sold me that "marble" statue he'd chiseled out of some cheap hunk of rock.

chivalrous

a

, () ,
courteous; faithful; brave

Chivalrous behavior involves noble words and good deeds.

choleric

a

,
hot-tempered

His flushed, angry face indicated a choleric nature.

choreography

n

, () ;

art of representing dances in written symbols; arrangement of dances

Merce Cunningham has begun to use a computer in designing choreography

chortle

v

() ,
chuckle with delight

When she heard that her rival had just been jailed for embezzlement, she chortled with joy. She was not a nice lady.

chronic

a

, ,
long established, as a disease

The doctors were finally able to attribute his chronic headaches and nausea to traces of formaldehyde gas in his apartment.

chronicle

v

;
report; record (in chronological order)

The gossip columnist was paid to chronicle the latest escapades of the socially prominent celebrities.

churlish

a

;
boorish; rude

Dismayed by his churlish manners at the party, the girls vowed never to invite him again.

ciliated

a

,
having minute hairs

The paramecium is a ciliated, one-celled animal.

cipher

n

,
secret code

Lacking his code book, the spy was unable to decode the message sent to him in cipher.

cipher

n

()
nonentity; worthless person or thing

She claimed her ex-husband was a total cipher and wondered why she had ever married him.

circlet

;
 n small ring; band
 This tiny circlet is very costly because it is set with precious stones.

circuitous

,
 a roundabout
 Because of the traffic congestion on the main highways, she took a circuitous route.

circumlocution

;
 n indirect or roundabout expression
 He was afraid to call a spade a spade and resorted to circumlocutions to avoid direct reference to his subject.

circumscribe

;
 v limit; confine
 Although I do not wish to circumscribe your activities, I must insist that you complete this assignment before you start anything else.

circumspect

;
 a prudent; cautious
 Investigating before acting, she tried always to be circumspect.

circumvent

, ;
 v outwit; baffle; avoid
 In order to circumvent the enemy, we will make two preliminary starting our major campaign.

cistern

(天水槽)
 n reservoir or water tank
 The farmers were able to withstand the dry season by using rainwater they had stored in an underground cistern.

citadel

,
 n fortress
 The citadel overlooked the city like a protecting angel.

cite

,
 v quote; commend
 She could cite passages in the Bible from memory.

civil

, ; ,
 a having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite
 Although Internal Revenue Service agents are civil servants, they are not always civil to suspected tax evaders.

clairvoyant

,
 a having foresight; fortuneteller
 Cassandra's clairvoyant warning was not heeded by the Trojans.

clamber

v

climb by crawling

She clambered over the wall.

clamor

n

noise

The clamor of the children at play outside made it impossible for her to take a nap.

clandestine

a

secret

After avoiding their chaperon, the lovers had a clandestine meeting.

clangor

n

loud, resounding noise

The blacksmith was accustomed to the clangor of hammers on steel.

clapper

n

(槌) (鍾)

striker (tongue) of a bell

Wishing to be undisturbed by the bell, Dale wound his scarf around the clapper to muffle its striking.

clarion

n

shrill, trumpetlike sound

We woke to the clarion call of the bugle.

claustrophobia

n

fear of being locked in

His fellow classmates laughed at his claustrophobia and often threatened to lock him in his room.

clavicle

n

(鎖骨)

collarbone

Even though he wore shoulder pads, the football player broke his clavicle during a practice scrimmage.

cleave

v

split or sever; cling to; remain faithful to

With her heavy cleaver, Julia Child can cleave a whole roast duck in two. Soaked through, the soldier tugged at the uniform that cleaved annoyingly to his body. He would cleave to his post,

cleft

n

(裂口)

split

Trying for a fresh handhold, the mountain climber grasped the edge of a cleft in the sheer rockface.

clemency

n

disposition to be lenient; mildness, as of the weather

The lawyer was pleased when the case was sent to Judge Smith's chambers because Smith

was noted for her clemency toward first offenders.

cliche

n

phrase dulled in meaning by repetition

High school compositions are often marred by such cliché as "strong as an ox."

clientele

n

body of customers

The rock club attracted a young, stylish clientele.

climactic

a

relating to the highest point

When he reached the climactic portions of the book, he could not stop reading.

clime

n

region; climate

His doctor advised him to move to a milder clime.

clique

n

small, exclusive group

Fitzgerald wished that he belonged to the clique of popular athletes and big men on campus who seemed to run Princeton's social life.

cloister

n

monastery or convent

The nuns lived in the cloister.

clout

n

great influence (especially political or social)

Gatsby wondered whether he had enough clout to be admitted to the exclusive club.

cloying

a

distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental

Disliking the cloying sweetness of standard wedding cakes, Jody and Tom chose a homemade carrot cake for their reception.

coagulate

v

thicken; congeal; clot

Even after you remove the pudding from the burner, it will continue to coagulate as it stands.

coalesce

v

combine; fuse

The brooks coalesce into one large river. When minor political parties coalesce, their coalescence may create a major coalition.

coalition

n

partnership; league; union

The Rainbow Coalition united people of all races in a common cause.

coda

; ()

n

concluding section of a musical or literary composition

The piece concluded with a distinctive coda that strikingly brought together various motifs.

coddle

, ()

v

treat gently; pamper

Don't coddle the children so much; they need a taste of discipline.

codicil

; 가 ,

n

supplement to the body of a will

Miss Havisham kept her lawyers busy drawing up codicils to her already complicated will.

codify

; .

v

arrange (laws, rules) as a code; classify

We need to take the varying rules and regulations of the different health agencies and codify them into a national health code.

coercion

, , ;

n

use of force to get someone to obey

The inquisitors used both physical and psychological coercion to force Joan of Arc to recant her assertions that her visions were sent by God.

coeval

,

a

living at the same time as; contemporary

Coeval with the dinosaur, the pterodactyl flourished during the Mesozoic era.

cog

n

tooth projection from a wheel

A bicycle chain moves through a series of cogs in order to propel the bike.

cogent

,

a

convincing

It was inevitable that David chose to go to Harvard

cogitate

, ()

v

think over

Cogitate on this problem; the solution will come.

cognate

, , , ,

a

related linguistically; allied by blood; similar or akin in nature

The English word "mother" is cognate the Latin word "mater," whose influence is visible in the words "maternal" and "maternity."

cognitive

,

a

having to do with knowing or perceiving related to the mental processes

Though Jack was emotionally immature, his cognitive development was admirable; he was very advanced intellectually.

cognizance

n

knowledge

During the election campaign, the two candidates were kept in full cognizance of the international situation.

cohabit

v

live together

Many unwed couples who cohabit peacefully for years wind up fighting night and day once they marry.

cohere

v

stick together

Solids have a greater tendency to cohere than liquids.

cohesion

n

(), (), ()

tendency to keep together

A firm believer in the maxim "Divide and conquer," the emperor, by lies and trickery, sought to disrupt the cohesion of the free nations.

cohorts

n

armed band

Caesar and his Roman cohorts conquered almost all of the known world.

coiffure

n

, hairstyle

You can make a statement with your choice of coiffure

coin

v

; () make coins; invent or fabricate

Mints coin good money; counterfeiters coin fakes. Slanderers coin nasty rumors; writers coin words. A neologism is a newly coined expression.

coincidence

n

() , , ,

the chance occurrence, at the same time, of two or more seemingly connected events

Was it just a coincidence that John and she had met at the market for three days running, or was he deliberately trying to seek her out?

colander

n

()

utensil with perforated bottom used for straining

Before serving the spaghetti, place it in a colander to drain it.

collaborate

v

, work together

Two writers collaborated in preparing this book.

collage

n

(, ,)

work of art put together from fragments.

Scraps of cloth, paper dollies, and old photographs all went into her collage.

collate

v

examine in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order

They collated the newly found manuscripts to determine their age.

collateral

n

security given for loan

The sum you wish to borrow is so large that it must be secured by collateral.

collation

n

a light meal

Tea sandwiches and cookies were offered at the collation.

colloquial

a

pertaining to conversational or common speech

Your use of colloquial expressions in a formal essay such as the one you have presented spoils the effect you hope to achieve.

colloquy

n

informal discussion

I enjoy our colloquies, but I sometimes wish that they could be made more formal and more searching.

collusion

n

conspiring in a fraudulent scheme; conspiracy

The swindlers were found guilty of collusion.

colossal

a

huge, gargantuan, gigantic

Radio City Music Hall has a colossal stage that can accommodate up to 15,000 people.

colossus

n

gigantic statue

The legendary Colossus of Rhodes, a bronze statue of the sun god that dominated the harbor of the Greek seaport, was one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

comatose

a

in a coma; extremely sleepy

The long-winded orator soon had his audience in a comatose state.

combustible

a

easily burned

After the recent outbreak of fires in private homes, the fire commissioner ordered that all combustible materials be kept in safe containers.

comely

a

attractive; agreeable

I would rather have a poor and comely wife than a rich and homely one.

comestible

n something fit to be eaten

The roast turkey and other comestible, the wines, and the excellent service made this Thanksgiving dinner particularly memorable.

comeuppance

n rebuke; deserts

After his earlier rudeness, we were delighted to see him get his comeuppance.

comity

n courtesy; civility

A spirit of comity should exist among nations.

commandeer

v to draft for military purposes; to take for public use

The policeman commandeered the first car that approached and ordered the driver to go to the nearest hospital.

commemorative

a remembering; honoring

The new commemorative stamps honors the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

commensurate

a equal in extent

Your reward will be commensurate with your effort.

commiserate

v feel or express pity or sympathy for

Her friends commiserated with the widow.

commodious

a spacious and comfortable

After sleeping in small roadside cabins, they found their hotel suite commodious.

communal

a held in common; of a group of people

When they were divorced, they had trouble dividing their communal property.

compact

a tightly packed; firm; brief

His short, compact body was better suited to wrestling than to basketball.

compact

n agreement, contract

The signers of the Mayflower Compact were establishing a form of government.

compatible

a

harmonious; in harmony with

They were compatible neighbors, never quarreling over unimportant matters.

compelling

a

overpowering; irresistible in effect

The prosecutor presented a well-reasoned case, but the defense attorney's compelling arguments for leniency won over the jury.

compendium

n

brief, comprehensive summary

This text can serve as a compendium of the tremendous amount of new material being developed in this field.

compensatory

a

making up for; repaying

Can a compensatory education program make up for the inadequate schooling he received in earlier years?

compilation

n

listing of statistical information in tabular or book form

The compilation of available scholarships serves a very valuable purpose.

complacent

a

self-satisfied

There was a complacent look on his face as he examined his paintings.

complaisant

a

trying to please; obliging

The courtier obeyed the king's orders in a complaisant manner.

complement

v

complete; consummate; make perfect

The waiter recommended a glass of port to complement the cheese.

compliance

n

conformity in fulfilling requirements; readiness to yield

The design for the new school had to be in compliance with the local building code.

compliant

a

yielding

He was compliant and ready to go along with his friend's desires.

complicity

n

participation; involvement

You cannot keep your complicity in this affair secret very long; you would be wise to admit your involvement immediately.

component

,
n element; ingredient

I wish all the components of my stereo system were working at the same time.

comport

,
v bear one's self; behave

He comported himself with great dignity

composure

,
n mental calmness

Even the latest work crisis failed to shake her composure.

compound

, ;
v combine; constitute; pay interest; increase

The makers of the popular cold remedy compounded a nasal decongestant with an antihistamine.

comprehensive

a thorough; inclusive

This book provides a comprehensive review of verbal and math skills for the GRE.

compress

;
v close; squeeze; contract

She compressed the package under her arm.

compromise

, ; ,
v adjust; endanger the interests or reputation of

Your presence at the scene of the dispute compromises our claim to neutrality in this matter.

compunction

,
n remorse

The judge was especially severe in his sentencing because he felt that the criminal had shown no compunction for his heinous crime.

compute

v reckon; calculate

He failed to compute the interest, so his bank balance was not accurate.

concatenate

v link as in a chain

It is difficult to understand how these events could concatenate as they did without outside assistance.

concave

,
a hollow

The back-packers found partial shelter from the storm by huddling against the concave wall of the cliff.

conceit

n

whimsical idea; extravagant metaphor

He was an entertaining companion, always expressing himself in amusing conceits and witty turns of phrase.

concentric

a

having a common center

The target was made of concentric circles.

conception

n

beginning; forming of an idea

At the first conception of the work, he was consulted.

concerted

a

mutually agreed on; done together

The Girl Scouts in the troop made a concerted effort to raise funds for their annual outing, and emitted a concerted sigh when their leader announced that they had reached their goal.

concession

n

an act of yielding

Before they could reach an agreement, both sides had to make certain concessions.

conciliatory

a

reconciling; soothing

She was still angry despite his conciliatory words.

concise

a

brief and compact

When you define a new word, be concise

conclave

n

private meeting

He was present at all their conclaves as an unofficial observer.

conclusive

a

decisive; ending all debate

When the stolen books turned up in John's locker, we finally had conclusive evidence of the identity of the mysterious thief.

concoct

v

prepare by combining; make up in concert

How did the inventive chef ever concoct such a strange dish?

concomitant

a

that which accompanies; accompanying

Culture is not always a concomitant of wealth.

concord

;
 n harmony

Watching Tweedledum and Tweedledee battle, Alice wondered why the two brothers could not manage to live in concord.

concur

,
 v agree

Did you concur with the decision of the court or did you find it unfair?

concurrent

a happening at the same time

In America, the colonists were resisting the demands of the mother country; at the concurrent moment in France, the middle class was sowing the seeds of rebellion.

condescend

;
 v bestow courtesies with a superior air

The king condescended to grant an audience to the friends of the condemned man.

condign

a adequate; deservedly severe

The public approved the condign punishment for the crime.

condiments

,
 n seasonings; spices

Spanish food is full of condiments.

condole

, ,
 v express sympathetic sorrow

His friends gathered to condole with him over his loss.

condone

, , ; (가)
 v overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse

Unlike Widow Douglas, who condoned Huck's minor offenses, Miss Watson did nothing but scold.

conducive

, , ...
 a helpful; contributive

Rest and proper diet are conducive to good health.

conduit

, (水路)
 n aqueduct; passageway for fluids

Water was brought to the army in the desert by an improvised conduit from the adjoining mountain.

confidant

n trusted friend

He had no confidants with whom he could discuss his problems at home.

confine

가 ,
shut in; restrict

v

The terrorists had confined their prisoner in a small room. However, they had not chained him to the wall or done anything else to confine his movements.

confiscate

seize, commandeer

v

The army confiscated all available supplies of uranium.

conflagration

great fire

n

In the conflagration that followed the 1906 earthquake, much of San Francisco was destroyed.

confluence

() ;

flowing together; crowd

n

They built the city at the confluence of two rivers.

conformity

, ,

harmony; agreement

n

In conformity with our rules and regulations, I am calling a meeting of our organization.

confound

; ,

confuse; puzzle

v

No mystery could confound Sherlock Homes for long.

congeal

() , ()

freeze; coagulate

v

His blood congealed in his veins as he saw the dread monster rush toward him.

congenial

;

pleasant; friendly

a

My father loved to go out for a meal with congenial companions.

congenital

,

existing at birth

a

Doctors are able to cure some congenital deformities such as cleft palates by performing operations on infants.

conglomeration

() , ,

mass of material sticking together

n

In such a conglomeration of miscellaneous statistics, it was impossible to find a single area of analysis.

congruence

; () ,

correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship

n

The student demonstrated the congruence of the two triangles by using the hypotenuse-am theorem.

conifer

;
 n pine tree; cone-bearing tree

According to geologists, the conifers were the first plants to bear flowers.

conjecture

, ,
 n surmise; guess

I will end all your conjectures; I admit I am guilty as charged

conjugal

, , ()
 a pertaining to marriage

Their dreams of conjugal bliss were shattered as soon as their temperaments clashed.

conjure

() ; ,
 v summon a devil; practice magic; imagine; invent

He conjured up an image of a reformed city and had the voters completely under his spell.

connivance

, ,
 n pretense of ignorance of something wrong; assistance; permission to offend

With the connivance of his friends, he plotted to embarrass the teacher.

connoisseur

() 가; 가
 n person competent to act as a judge of art, etc; a lover of an art

connotation

, ,
 n suggested or implied meaning of an expression

Foreigners frequently are unaware of the connotations of the words they use.

connubial

, ;
 a pertaining to marriage or the matrimonial state

In his telegram, he wished the newlyweds a lifetime of connubial bliss.

consanguinity

, ()
 n kinship

The lawsuit developed into a test of the consanguinity of the claimant to the estate.

conscientious

, ; ,
 a scrupulous; careful

A conscientious editor, she checked every definition for its accuracy.

conscript

, ,
 n draftee; person forced into military service

Did Rambo volunteer to fight in Vietnam, or was he a conscript, drafted against his will?

consecrate

; ()~
v dedicate; sanctify

We shall consecrate our lives to this noble purpose.

consensus

(,) , ;
n general agreement

The consensus indicates that we are opposed to entering into this pact.

consequential

, ; ,
a pompous; self-important

convinced of his own importance, the actor strutted about the dressing room with a consequential air.

conservatory

,
n school of the fine arts(especially music or drama)

A gifted violinist, Marya was selected to study at the conservatory.

consign

, ; ~
v deliver officially; entrust; set apart

The court consigned the child to her paternal grandmother's care.

consistency

, ; ,
n absence of contradictions; dependability; uniformity; degree of thickness

Holmes judged puddings and explanations on their consistency

console

() , ,
v lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort

When her father died, Marius did his best to console Cosette.

consonance

,
n harmony; agreement

Her agitation seemed out of consonance with her usual calm.

consort

;
v associate with

We frequently judge people by the company with whom they consort.

consort

(,) ; ,
n husband or wife

The search for a consort for the young Queen Victoria ended happily.

conspiracy

(,) , ,
n treacherous plot

Brutus and Cassius joined in the conspiracy to kill Julius Caesar.

constituent

, , ; ,
n supporter

The congressman received hundreds of letters from angry constituents after the Equal Rights Amendment failed to pass.

constraint

, ; ,
n compulsion; repression of feelings

There was a feeling of constraint in the room because no one dared to criticize the speaker.

construe

() ; ,
v explain; interpret

If I construe your remarks correctly, you disagree with the theory already advanced.

consummate

, ; ,
a complete

I have never seen anyone who makes as many stupid errors as you do; you must be a consummate idiot.

contagion

, , ; ,
n infection

Fearing contagion, they took drastic steps to prevent the spread of the disease.

contaminate

;
v pollute

The sewage system of the city so contaminated the water that swimming was forbidden.

contempt

, ,
n scorn; disdain

Even if you feel superior to others, it is unwise to show your contempt for them.

contend

, ; ;
v struggle; compete; assert earnestly

In Revolt of the black Athlete, sociologist Harry Edwards contends that young black athletes have been exploited by some college recruiters.

contentious

,
a quarrelsome

We heard loud and contentious noises in the next room.

context

() , ; () ,
n writings preceding and following the passage quoted

Because these lines are taken out of context, they do not convey the message the author intended.

contiguous

,
a adjacent to; touching upon

The two countries are contiguous for a few miles; then they are separated by the gulf.

continence

; () ,
 n self-restraint; sexual chastity
 She vowed to lead a life of continence.

contingent

, ~ ; ;
 n conditional
 The continuation of this contract is contingent on the quality of your first output.

contortion

n deformation

contraband

()
 n smuggled goods,

contravene

v violate; infract

contrite

a apologetic

contrived

a manufactured, nonnatural

controvert

, .
 v refute

contumacious

,
 a refractory

contusion

,
 n discoloration, shiner

conundrum

n enigma

convene

v

summon

conventional

a

traditional

converge

v

,
meet, approach**conversant**

a

,
skilled**converse**

n

,
contrary, reverse**convert**

n

,
apostate**convex**

a

swollen, rounded

conveyance

n

transportation

conviction

n

,
opinion, dogma**convivial**

a

,
sociable, festal**convoke**

v

()
meet, gather

convoluted

a

snaky, winding, complicated

copious

a

abundant, ample

coquette

n

vamp

cordial

a

polite; hearty, affectionate

cordon

n

barrier, barricade

cornice

n

cornucopia

n

horn of plenty; abundance

corollary

n

aftermath, outcome

corporeal

a

bodily, physical

corpulent

a

obese, plump

correlation

n

interrelationship

corroborate

v prove, verify

corrosive

a corrodible

corrugated

a fluted, bent into fold

cosmic

a extraterrestrial, interstellar

coterien () ,
clique, faction, camp, crowd**countenance**

v endorse, support, encourage

countermand

v recall, call back

counterpartn 2 , .
a thing that completes another; things very much alike
Night and day are counterparts.**coup**n (,) ,
highly successful action or sudden attack
As the news of his coup spread throughout Wall Street, his fellow brokers dropped by to congratulate him.**couple**v join, unite,
The Flying Karamazovs couple expert juggling and amateur joking in their nightclub act.**courier**n , ()가 , .
messenger
The publisher sent a special courier to pick up the manuscript.

covenant

약속, 조약
n agreement

We must comply with the terms of the covenant.

covert

암암의, 은밀한
a secret; hidden; implied.

She could understand the covert threat in the letter.

covetous

탐욕의, 탐욕스러운
a avaricious; eagerly desirous of.

The child was covetous by nature and wanted to take the toys belonging to his classmates.

cow

(인간에게서) 겁주게 하다
v terrorize; intimidate.

The little boy was so cowed by the hulking bully that he gave up his lunch money without a word of protest.

cower

(인간에게서) 겁주게 하다
v shrink quivering, as from fear.

The frightened child cowered in the corner of the room.

coy

조용한, 겸손한, 교만하다
a shy, modest, coquettish

She was coy in her answers to his offer.

cozen

속이다, 속임수
v cheat, hoodwink, swindle.

He was the kind of individual who would cozen his friends in a cheap card game but remain eminently ethical in all his business dealings.

crabbed

가, (가)가
a sour, peevish.

The children avoided the crabbed old man because he scolded them when they made noise.

crass

거칠고, 둔한
a very unrefined, grossly insensible.

The philosophers deplored the crass commercialism.

craven.

겁쟁이
a cowardly

When he saw the enemy troops advancing, he had a craven impulse to run for his life.

credence

신뢰
n belief

Do not place any credence in his promises.

credo

n

creed

I believe we may best describe his credo by saying that it approximates the Golden Rule.

credulity

n

belief on slight evidence.

The witch doctor took advantage of the credulity of the superstitious natives.

creed

n

system of religious or ethical belief.

In any loyal American's creed, love of democracy must be emphasized.

crescendo

n

increase in the volume or intensity, as in a musical passage. climax.

The overture suddenly changed from a quiet pastoral theme to a crescendo featuring blaring trumpets and clashing cymbals.

crestfallen

a

dejected, dispirited,

We were surprised at his reaction to the failure of his project; instead of being crestfallen, he was busily engaged in planning new activities.

cull

v

pick out, single out

Every month the farmer culls the nonlaying hens from his flock and sells them to the local butcher.

culmination

n

attainment of highest point

His inauguration as president of the United States marked the culmination of his political career.

culpable

a

deserving blame

Corrupt politicians who condone the activities of the gamblers are equally culpable.

culvert

n

artificial channel for water

If we build a culvert under the road, we will reduce the possibility of the road's being flooded during the rainy season.

cumbersome

a

heavy, hard to manage

He was burdened down with cumbersome parcels

cumulative

a

growing by addition

Vocabulary building is a cumulative process.

cupidity

n

greed

The defeated people could not satisfy the cupidity of the conquerors.

curator

n

superintendent, manager

The members of the board of trustees of the museum expected the new curator to plan popular events and exhibitions.

curmudgeon

n

churlish, miserly individual

Although he was regarded by many as a curmudgeon, a few of us were aware of his kindnesses and acts of charity.

cursive

a

flowing, running

In normal writing we run our letters together in cursive form.

cursory

a

casual, hastily done

A cursory exam. of the ruins indicates the possibility of arson.

curtail

v

shorten, reduce

During the coal shortage, we must curtail our use of this vital commodity.

cynical

a

skeptical, distrustful of human motives

Cynical at all times, he was suspicious of all altruistic actions of others.

cynosure

n

the object of general attention

As soon as the movie star entered the room, she became the cynosure of all eyes.

dais

n

(,) ,

raised platform for guests of honor

When he approached the dais, he was greeted by cheers from the people who has come to honor him.

dally

v

, 가 ; .

trifle with, procrastinate

Laertes told Ophelia that Hamlet could only dally with her affection.

dank

a

, 가

damp

The walls of the dungeon were dank and slimy.

dapper

a

neat and trim

An excessively dapper soul who could not stand to have a hair out of place.

dappled

a

spotted

The sunlight filtering through the screens created a dappled effect on the wall.

daub

v

smear(as with paint)

He daubed his paint on the canvas.

daunt

v

intimidate

Your threats can not daunt me.

dauntless

a

bold

The dauntless soldier volunteered for the assignment.

dawdle

v

loiter, waste time

Inasmuch as we must meet a deadline, do not dawdle over this work.

deadlock

n

standstill, stalemate

The negotiations had reached a deadlock.

deadpan

a

wooden, impassive

We wanted to see how long he could maintain his deadpan expression.

dearth

n

scarcity

The dearth of skilled labor compelled the employers to open trade schools.

debacle

n

breaking up, downfall

This debacle in the government can only result in anarchy.

debase

v

reduce to lower state

Do not debase yourself by becoming maudlin.

debauch

v

corrupt, make intemperate

A vicious newspaper can debauch public ideals.

debilitate

v

weaken, enfeeble

Overindulgence debilitates character as well as physical stamina.

debonair

a

가

friendly, aiming to please

The debonair youth was liked by all who met him.

debris

n

()

rubble

A full year after the earthquake in Mexico, they were still carting away the debris.

debunk

v

-

expose as false, exaggerated, worthless

Reporters debunked the candidate's claim that he was a fervent environmentalist.

debutante

n

young woman making formal entrance into society

As a debutante, she was often mentioned in the society columns of the newspapers.

decadence

n

,

decay

The moral decadence of the people was reflected in the lewd literature of the period.

decant

v

() 가

pour off gently

Be sure to decant this wine before serving it.

decapitate

v

,

behead

They did not hang Lady Jane Grey; they decapitated her.

decelerate

v

slow down

Seeing the emergency blinkers in the road ahead, he decelerated quickly.

deciduous

a

falling off, as of leaves

The oak is a deciduous tree.

decimate

, 10 1

v

kill, usually one out of ten.

We do more to decimate our population in automobile accidents than we do in war,

decipher

,

v

decode

I could not decipher the doctor's handwriting.

declivity

,

n

downward slope

The children loved to ski down the declivity.

decollete

()

a

having a low-cut neckline.

Fashion decrees that evening gowns be decollete this season; bare shoulders are again the vogue.

decomposition

;

n

decay.

Despite the body's advanced state of decomposition, the police were able to identify the murdered man.

decorum

n

propriety ;seemliness

Shocked by the unruly behavior, the teacher criticized the class for it's lack of decorum

decoy

n

lure or bait

The wild ducks were not fooled by the decoy.

decrepitude

;

n

state of collapse caused by illness or old age

I was unprepared for the state of decrepitude in which I had found my old friend ; he seemed to have aged twenty years in six months.

decry

, ,

v

express strong disapproval of; disparage.

The founder of the Children's Defense Fund, Marian Wright Edelman, strongly decries the lack of financial and moral support for children in America today.

deducible

가

a

derived by reasoning.

If we accept your premise, your conclusions are easily deducible.

deface

v

mar; disfigure

If you deface a library book, you will have to pay a hefty fine.

defamation

n ;
harming a person's reputation.
Such defamation of character may result in a slander suit.

default

n () ;
failure to do
As a result of her husband's failure to appear in court, she was granted a divorce by default

defeatist

a
resigned to defeat; accepting defeat as a natural outcome.
If you maintain your defeatist attitude, you will never succeed.

defection

n
desertion
The children, who had made him an idol, were hurt most by his defection from our cause.

deference

n ,
courteous regard for another's wish.
In deference to his desires, the employers granted him a holiday.

defile

v ;
pollute; profane.
The hoodlums defiled the church with their scurrilous writing.

definitive

a
most reliable or complete.
Carl Sandburg's Abraham Lincoln may be regarded as the definitive work on the life of the Great Emancipator.

deflect

v 가 ; 가
turn aside.
His life was saved when his cigarette case deflected the bullet.

defoliate

v ,
destroy leaves.
In Vietnam the army made extensive use of chemical agents to defoliate the woodlands.

defray

v ;
provide for the payment of.
Her employer offered to defray the costs of her postgraduate education

defrock

v
to strip a priest or minister of church authority.
We knew the minister had violated church regulations, but we had not realized his offense was serious enough to cause him to be defrocked.

deft

a neat; skillful

The deft waiter uncorked the champagne without spilling a drop.

defunct

a dead; no longer in use or existence.

The lawyers sought to examine the books of the defunct corporation.

degenerate

a become worse; deteriorate.

As the fight dragged on, the champion's style degenerated until he could barely keep on his feet.

degraded

a lowered in rank; debased.

The degraded wretch spoke only of his past glories and honors.

dehydrate

v remove water from; dry out.

Vigorous dancing quickly dehydrates the body; between dances, be sure to drink more water than normal.

deify

v turn into a god; idolize.

Admire the rock star all you want; just don't deify him.

deign

v ... ; condescend.

He felt that he would debase himself if he deigned to answer his critics.

delete

v erase; strike out.

If you delete this paragraph, the composition will have more appeal.

deleterious

a harmful

Workers in nuclear research must avoid the deleterious effects of radioactive substances.

deliberate

v consider; ponder.

Offered the new job, she asked for time to deliberate before she made her decision.

delineate

v portray.

He is a powerful storyteller, but he is weakest when he attempts to delineate character.

delirium

;
 n mental disorder marked by confusion.
 The drunkard in his delirium saw strange animals.

delta

,
 n flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river.
 His dissertation discussed the effect of intermittent flooding on the fertility of Nile delta.

delude

;
 v deceive.
 Do not delude yourself into believing that he will relent.

deluge

;
 n flood; rush.
 When we advertised the position, we received a deluge of applications.

delusion

;
 n false belief; hallucination
 This scheme is a snare and a delusion.

delusive

;
 a deceptive; raising vain hopes.
 Do not raise your hopes on the basis of his delusive promises.

delve

;
 v dig; investigate.
 Delving into old books and manuscripts is part of a researcher's job.

demagogue

;
 n person who appeals to people's prejudice; false leader.
 He was accused of being a demagogue because he made premises that aroused futile hopes in his listeners.

demean

,
 v degrade, humiliate
 He felt that he would demean himself if he replied to the scurrilous letter.

demeanor

, ,
 n behavior; bearing
 His sober demeanor quieted the noisy revelers.

demented

, ,
 a insane
 Doctor Demento was a radio personality who liked to act as if he were truly demented, if you're demented, your mental state is out of whack; in other words, you're wacky.

demise

, ; ()

death

n

Upon the demise of the dictator, a bitter dispute about succession to power developed.

demographic

() ,

related to population balance

a

In conducting a survey, one should take into account demographic trends in the region.

demolition

, ,

destruction

n

One of the major aims of the air force was the complete demolition of all means of transportation by the bombing of rail lines and terminals.

demoniac

, ; ,

fiendish

a

The Spanish Inquisition devised many demoniac means of torture.

demotic

,

pertaining to the people

a

He lamented the passing of aristocratic society and maintained that a demotic society would lower the nation's standards.

demur

, ; ,

object (because of doubts, scruples); hesitate

v

When offered a post on the board of directors, David demurred

denigrate

; ,

blacken

v

All attempts to denigrate the character of our late President have failed; the people still love him and cherish his memory.

denizen

, , ,

inhabitant or resident; regular visitor

n

IN the Untouchables, Eliot Ness fights Al Capone and the other denizens of Chicago's underworld. Ness's fight against corruption was the talk of all the denizens of the local bars.

denotation

; ;

meaning; distinguishing by name

n

A dictionary will always give us the denotation of a word; frequently, it will also give us its connotation.

denouement

; ,

outcome; final development of the plot of a play or other literary work

n

The play was childishly written; the denouement was obvious to sophisticated theatergoers as early as the middle of the first act.

denounce

()... , ; ,

condemn; criticize

v

The reform candidate denounced the corrupt city officers for having betrayed the public's trust.

depict

v

portray

In this sensational expose, the author depicts Beatle John Lennon as a drug-crazed neurotic. Do you question the accuracy of this depiction of Lennon?

deplete

v

reduce; exhaust

We must wait until we deplete our present inventory before we order replacements.

deplore

v

regret

Although I deplore the vulgarity of your language, I defend your language, I defend your right to express yourself freely.

deploy

v

spread out [troops] in an extended though shallow battle line

The general ordered the battalion to deploy in order to meet the enemy offensive.

depose

v

dethrone; remove from office

The army attempted to depose the king and set up a military government.

deposition

n

testimony under oath

She made her deposition in the judge's chamber.

depravity

n

extreme corruption; wickedness

The depravity of Caligula's behavior eventually sickened even those who had willingly participated in his earlier, comparatively innocent orgies.

deprecate

v

express disapproval of; protest against; belittle

A firm believer in old-fashioned courtesy, Miss Post deprecated the modern tendency to address new acquaintances by their first names.

depreciate

v

lessen in value

If you neglect this property, it will depreciate.

depredation

n

plundering

After the depredations of the invaders, the people were penniless.

deranged

a

insane

He had to be institutionalized because he was deranged.

derelict

, ;
a abandoned; negligent

The derelict craft was a menace to navigation. Whoever abandoned it in the middle of the harbor was derelict in living up to his responsibilities as a boat owner.

deride

,
v ridicule; make fun of

The critics derided his pretentious dialogue and refused to consider his play seriously.

derision

,
n ridicule

They greeted her proposal with derision and refused to consider it seriously.

derivative

, , 2 ; ,
a unoriginal; obtained from another source

Although her early poetry was clearly derivative in nature, the critics thought she had promise and eventually would find her own voice.

dermatologist

n one who studies the skin and its diseases

I advise you to consult a dermatologist about your acne.

derogatory

가 ,
a ADJ. expressing a low opinion

I resent your derogatory remarks.

descry

,
v V. catch sight of

In the distance, we could barely descry the enemy vessels.

desecrate

,
v V. profane; violate the sanctity of

The soldiers desecrated the temple.

desiccate

,
v V. dry up

A tour of this smokehouse will give you an idea of how the pioneers used to desiccate food in order to preserve it.

desolate

, ,
v V. rob of joy; lay waste to; forsake. ADJ.

The bandits desolated the countryside, burning farms and carrying off the harvest.

despicable

,
a ADJ. contemptible

Your despicable remarks call for no reply.

despise

v

V. scorn.

I despise your attempts to ruin the burgeoning atmosphere of mutual respect.

despoil

v

V. plunder

If you do not yield, I am afraid the enemy will despoil the countryside.

despondent

a

ADJ. depressed; gloomy. despondency, N.

To the dismay of his parents, he became more and more despondent every day.

despotism

n

tyranny

The people rebelled against the despotism of the king.

destitute

a

가 ,
extremely poor

The illness left the family destitute.

desuetude

n

disused condition

The machinery in the idle factory was in a state of desuetude.

desultory

a

aimless; unsystematic; jumping around

The animals' desultory behavior indicated that they had no awareness of their predicament.

detached

a

ADJ. emotionally removed; calm and objective; indifferent.

A psychoanalyst must maintain a detached point of view and stay uninvolved with her patients' personal lives.

detergent

n

cleansing agent

Many new detergents have replaced soap.

determinate

a

ADJ. having a fixed order of procedure; invariable.

At the royal wedding, the procession of the nobles followed a determinate order of precedence.

deterrent

n

N. something that discourages; hindrance.

Does the threat of capital punishment serve as a deterrent to potential killers?

detonation

n explosion
The detonation could be heard miles away.

detraction

n ,
slandering; aspersion
He is offended by your frequent detractions from his ability as a leader.

detriment

n , ,
harm; damage
Your acceptance of his support will ultimately prove to be a detriment rather than an aid to your cause.

detrimental

a
ADJ. harmful; damaging.
Your acceptance of her support will ultimately prove detrimental rather than helpful to your cause.

deviate

v ,
turn away from
Do not deviate from the truth.

devious

a , ,
going astray; erratic
Your devious behavior in this matter puzzles me since you are usually direct and straightforward.

devoid

a , ,
lacking
He was devoid of any personal desire for gain in his endeavor to secure improvement in the community.

devolve

v ,
deputize; pass to others
It devolved upon us, the survivors, to arrange peace terms with the enemy.

devotee

n ,
enthusiastic follower
A devotee of the opera, he bought season tickets every year.

devout

a ,
pious
The devout man prayed daily.

dexterous

a 가 , 가
skillful
The magician was so dexterous that we could not follow his movements as he performed his tricks.

diabolical

a

devilish

This scheme is so diabolical that I must reject it.

diadem

n

crown

The king's diadem was on display at the museum.

dialectic

n

art of debate

I am not skilled in dialectic and, therefore, cannot answer your arguments as forcefully as I wish.

diaphanous

a

sheer; transparent

They saw the burglar clearly through the diaphanous curtain.

diatribe

n

N. bitter scolding; invective.

During the lengthy diatribe delivered by his opponent he remained calm and self-controlled.

dichotomy

n

N. branching into two parts.

The dichotomy of our legislative system provides us with many safeguards.

dictum

n

N. authoritative and weighty statement.

She repeated the statement as though it were the dictum of the most expert worker in the group.

didactic

a

ADJ. teaching; instructional; preaching or moralizing

The didactic qualities of his poetry overshadow its literary qualities; the lesson he teaches is more memorable than the lines.

die

n

N. device for stamping or impressing; mold

In coining pennies, workers at the old mint squeezed sheets of softened copper between two dies.

diffidence

n

N. shyness

You must overcome your diffidence if you intend to become a salesperson.

diffusion

n

N. wordiness; spreading in all directions like a gas.

Your composition suffers from a diffusion of ideas; try to be more compact.

digression

n

N. wandering away from the subject

Nobody minded when Professor Renoir's lectures wandered away from their official theme; his digressions were always more fascinating than the topic of the day.

dilapidated

a

ADJ. ruined because of neglect

We felt that the dilapidated building needed several coats of paint.

dilate

v

V. expand

In the dark, the pupils of your eyes dilate.

dilatory

a

ADJ. delaying

Your dilatory tactics may compel me to cancel the contract.

dilemma

n

N. problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives

In this dilemma, he knew no one to whom he could turn for advice.

dilettante

n

가; 가
aimless follower of the arts; amateur; dabbler

He was not serious in his painting; he was rather a dilettante.

diligence

a

steadiness of effort; persistent hard work

Her employers were greatly impressed by her diligence and offered her a partnership in the firm.

dilute

v

make less concentrated; reduce in strength

She preferred her coffee diluted with milk.

diminution

n

lessening; reduction in size

Old Jack was as sharp at eighty as he had been at fifty; increasing age led to no diminution of his mental acuity.

din

n

continued loud noise

The din of the jackhammers outside the classroom window drowned out the lecturer's voice.

dinghy

n

()
small boat (often ship's boat)

In the film Lifeboat, an ill-assorted group of passengers from a sunken ocean liner are marooned at sea in a dinghy.

dingy

a

() ,
dull; not fresh; cheerless

Refusing to be depressed by her dingy studio apartment, Bea spent the weekend polishing the floors and windows and hanging bright posters on the walls.

dint

n

() ;
means; effort

By dint of much hard work, the volunteers were able to control the raging forest fire.

diorama

n

() ,
life-size, three-dimensional scene from nature or history

Because they dramatically pose actual stuffed animals against realistic painted landscapes, the dioramas at the Museum of Natural History particularly impress high school biology students.

dire

a

() ; () ;
disastrous

People ignored her dire predictions of an approaching depression.

dirge

n

가, 가, 가
lament with music

The funeral dirge stirred us to tears.

disabuse

v

() ,
correct a false impression; undeceive

I will attempt to disabuse you of your impression of my client's guilt; I know he is innocent.

disaffected

a

() , 가
disloyal

Once the most loyal of Gorbachev's supporters, Sheverdnaze found himself becoming increasingly disaffected.

disapprobation

n

() , ; ;
disapproval; condemnation

The conservative father viewed his daughter's radical boyfriend with disapprobation.

disarray

n

() ,
disorderly or untidy state

After the New Year's party, the once orderly house was in total disarray.

disavowal

n

() ,
denial; disclaiming

His disavowal of his part in the conspiracy was not believed by the jury.

disband

v

() ; () ; ...
dissolve; disperse

The chess club disbanded after its disastrous initial season.

disburse

v

pay out

When you disburse money on the company's behalf, be sure to get a receipt.

discernible

a

distinguishable; perceivable

The ships in the harbor were not discernible in the fog.

discerning

a

mentally quick and observant; having insight

Though no genius, the star was sufficiently discerning to distinguish her true friends from the countless phonies who flattered her.

disclaim

v

disown; renounce claim to

If I grant you this privilege, will you disclaim all other rights?

disclose

v

reveal

Although competitors offered him bribes, he refused to disclose any information about his company's forthcoming product.

discombobulated

a

confused; discomposed

The novice square dancer became so discombobulated that he wandered into the wrong set.

discomfit

v

put to rout; defeat; disconcert

This ruse will discomfit the enemy.

disconcert

v

confuse; upset; embarrass

The lawyer was disconcerted by the evidence produced by her adversary.

disconsolate

a

sad

The death of his wife left him disconsolate.

discord

n

conflict; lack of harmony

Watching Tweedledum battle Tweedledee, Alice wondered what had caused this pointless discord.

discordant

a

not harmonious; conflicting

Nothing is quite so discordant as the sound of a junior high school orchestra tuning up.

discount

v

disregard

Be prepared to discount what he has to say about his ex-wife.

discourse

n

formal discussion; conversation

The young Plato was drawn to the Agora to hear the philosophical discourse of Socrates and his followers.

discredit

v

defame; destroy confidence in; disbelieve

The campaign was highly negative in tone; each candidate tried to discredit the other.

discrepancy

n

lack of consistency; difference

The police noticed some discrepancies in his description of the crime and did not believe him.

discrete

a

separate; unconnected

The universe is composed of discrete bodies.

discretion

n

prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances

Use your discretion in this matter and do not discuss it with anyone.

discriminating

n

able to see differences; prejudiced

A superb interpreter of Picasso, she was sufficiently discriminating to judge the most complex works of modern art.

discursive

a

digressing; rambling

As the lecturer wandered from topic to topic, we wondered what if any point there was to his discursive remarks.

disdain

v

view with scorn or contempt

In the film Funny Face, the bookish heroine disdained fashion models for their lack of intellectual interests.

disembark

v

go ashore; unload cargo from a ship

Before the passengers could disembark, they had to pick up their passports from the ship's purser.

disenfranchise

v

deprive of a civil right

The imposition of the poll tax effectively disenfranchised poor Southern blacks, who lost their right to vote.

disengage

, ()...

v

uncouple; separate; disconnect

A standard movie routine involves the hero's desperate attempt to disengage a railroad car from a moving train.

disfigure

() 가 , ,

v

mar the appearance of; spoil

An ugly frown disfigured her normally pleasant face.

disgorge

() ; , ,

v

surrender something; eject; vomit

Unwilling to disgorge the cash he had stolen from the pension fund, the embezzler tried to run away.

disgruntle

v

make discontented

The passengers were disgruntled by the numerous delays.

dishearten

v

discourage

His failure to pass the bar exam disheartened him.

disheveled

a

() , ,

untidy

Your disheveled appearance will hurt your chances in the interview.

disinclination

n

, ,

unwillingness

Some mornings I feel a great disinclination to get out of bed.

disingenuous

a

, , , ,

not naive, sophisticated

Although he was young, his remarks indicated that he was disingenuous.

disinter

v

(,) .

dig up, unearth

They disinterred the body and held an autopsy.

disinterested

a

, , , ,

unprejudiced

The only disinterested person in the room was the judge.

disjointed

a

, , , 가

disconnected

His remarks were so disjointed that we could not follow his reasoning.

dislodge

v

remove(forcibly)

dismantle

v

(가 , ,).. , , .
take apart

When the show closed, they dismantled the scenery before storing it.

dismember

v

cut into small parts

When the Austrian Empire was dismembered, several new countries were established.

dismiss

v

put away from consideration, reject

Believing in John's love for her, she dismissed the notion that he might be unfaithful.

disparage

v

, 가 , ,
belittle

do not disparage anyone's contribution ; these little gifts add up to large sums

disparate

a

, ,
basically different, unrelated

It is difficult, if not impossible, to organize these disparate elements into a coherent whole.

disparity

n

, ,
difference, condition of inequality

The disparity in their ages made no difference at all.

dispassionate

a

, ,
calm, impartial

In a dispassionate analysis of the problem, he carefully examined the causes of the conflict and proceeded to suggest suitable remedies.

dispatch

n

() , ,
speediness, prompt execution, message sent with all due speed

Young Napoleon defeated the enemy with all possible dispatch; he then sent a dispatch to headquarters, informing his commander of the great victory.

dispel

v

, ,
scatter

The police fired tear gas into the crowd to disperse the protesters.

disperse

v

, ,
scatter

The police fired the tear gas into the crowd to disperse the protesters.

dispirited

가 ,

a

lacking in spirit

The coach used all the tricks at his command to buoy up the enthusiasm of his team, which had become dispirited at the loss of the star player.

disport

, ,

v

amuse

The popularity of Florida as a winter resort is constantly increasing; each year, thousands more disport themselves at Miami Palm Beach.

disputatious

, ,

a

argumentative; fond of argument

People avoided discussing contemporary problems with him because of his disputatious manner.

disquisition

, ,

n

a formal systematic inquiry; an explanation of the results of a formal inquiry

In his disquisition, he outlined the steps he had taken in reaching his conclusions.

dissection

, , ,

n

analysis; cutting apart in order to examine

the dissection of frogs in the laboratory is particularly unpleasant to some students.

dissemble

, 가

v

disguise; pretend

Even though you are trying to dissemble your motive in joining this group, we can see through your pretense.

disseminate

,

v

scatter(like seeds)

The invention of the radio has helped propagandists to disseminate their favorite doctrines very easily.

dissent

, .

v

disagree

In the recent Supreme Court decision, Justice Marshall dissented from the majority opinion.

dissertation

() ,

n

formal essay

In order to earn a graduate degree from many of our universities, a candidate is frequently required to prepare a dissertation on some scholarly subject.

dissident

,

a

dissenting; rebellious

In the purge that followed the student demonstrations at Tianamen Square, the government hunted down the dissident students and their supporters.

dissimulate

() , ..

v

pretend; conceal by feigning

She tried to dissimulate her grief by her exuberant attitude.

dissipate

(,) , ,

squander

v

The young man quickly dissipated his inheritance and was soon broke.

dissolution

, ,

disintegration, looseness in morals

n

The profligacy and dissolution of life in Caligula's Rome appall some historians.

dissonance

,

discord

n

some contemporary musicians deliberately use dissonance to achieve certain effects.

dissuade

.

advise against

v

He could not dissuade his friend from joining the conspirators.

distant

() , ; 가

reserved or aloof; could in manner

a

His distant greeting made me feel unwelcome from the start.

distend

,

expand; swell out

v

I can tell when he is under stress by the way the veins distend on his forehead.

distill

, ,

purify; refine; concentrate

v

A moonshiner distills mash into whisky; an epigrammatist distills thoughts into quips.

distortion

, ,

twisting out of shape

n

It is difficult to believe the newspaper accounts of this event because of the distortions and exaggerations written by the reporters.

distract

,

absent-minded

a

because of his concentration on the problem, the professor often appeared distract and unconcerned about routine.

distraught

,

upset; distracted by anxiety

a

The distraught parents frantically searched the ravine for their lost child.

diurnal

, , ,

daily

a

A farmer cannot neglect his diurnal tasks at any time; cows, for example, must be milked regularly.

diva

가 가 ,

n

operatic singer; prima donna

Although world famous as a diva, she did not indulge in fits of temperament.

diverge

,

v

vary; go in different directions from the same point

The spokes of the wheel diverge from the hub.

divergent

, , ,

a

differing, deviating

The two witnesses presented the jury with remarkably divergent accounts of the same episode.

divest

,

v

strip, deprive

He was divested of his power to act

divination

n

foreseeing the future with the aid of magic

I base my opinions not on any special gift of divination but on the laws of probability

divulge

v

reveal

I will not tell you this news because I am sure you will divulge it prematurely

docile

,

a

obedient, easily managed

As docile as he seems today, that old lion was once a ferocious, snarling beast.

docket

n

program, as for trial; book where such entries are made

The case of Smith vs. Jones was entered in the docket for July 15.

doddering

,

a

shaky, infirm from old age

Although he is not as yet a doddering and senile old man, his ideas and opinions no longer can merit the respect we gave them years ago.

doff

v

take off

He doffed his hat to the lady

doggerel

n

poor verse

Although we find occasional snatches of genuine poetry in his writing is mere doggerel.

dogmatic

a

arbitrary, dictatorial

Do not be so dogmatic about that statement; it can be easily refuted.

dolorous

a

sorrowful

He found the dolorous lamentations of the bereaved family emotionally disturbing and he left as quickly as he could.

dolt

n

stupid person

I thought I was talking to a mature audience; instead, I find myself addressing a pack of dolts and idiots.

domicile

n

home

Although his legal domicile was in New York city, his work kept him away from his residence for many years.

dormant

a

sleeping, lethargic, torpid

Sometimes dormant talents in our friends surprise those of us who never realized how gifted acquaintances really were.

dorsal

a

()

relating to the back of an animal

A shark may be identified by its dorsal in which projects above the surface of the ocean.

dotage

n

senility

In his dotage, the old man bored us with long tales of events in his childhood.

doughty

a

courageous

Many folk tales have sprung up about this doughty pioneer who opened up the New World for his followers.

dour

a

sullen, stubborn

The man was dour and taciturn.

dregs

n

, 가

sediment, worthless residue

The dregs of society may be observed in this slum area of the city.

droll

a

queer and amusing

He was a popular guest because his droll anecdotes were always entertaining.

dross

, 가

n

waste matter, worthless impurities

Many methods have been devised to separate the valuable metal from the dross.

drudgery

n

menial work

Cinderella's fairy godmother rescued her from a life of drudgery.

dubious

a

doubtful

He has the dubious distinction of being the lowest ranked member of his class.

duenna

n

attendant of young female, chaperone

Their romance could not flourish because of the presence of her duenna.

dulcet

a

가

sweet sounding

The dulcet sounds of the birds at dawn were soon drowned out by the roar of traffic passing our motel.

duplicity

n

, double-dealing, hypocrisy

People were shocked and dismayed when they learned of his duplicity in this affair for he had always seemed honest and straightforward.

durance

n

, restraint, imprisonment

The lecturer spoke of a "durance vile" to describe his years in the prison camp.

duress

n

, ; forcible restraint, especially unlawfully

The hostages were held under duress until the prisoners' demands were met.

dutiful

a

, ; , respectful; obedient

The dutiful child grew up to be a conscientious adult, aware of his civic obligations.

dwindle

v

; shrink; reduce

They spent so much money that their funds dwindled to nothing.

dynamic

a

, , , active; efficient

A dynamic government is necessary to meet the demands of a changing society.

dyspeptic

; ;
a suffering from indigestion

All the talk about rich food made him feel dyspeptic.

earthy

, , ; ,
a unrefined; coarse

His earthy remarks often embarrassed the women in his audience.

ebb

,
v recede; lessen

His fortunes began to ebb during the recession.

ebullient

(가) ,
a showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm

His ebullient nature could not be repressed; he was always exuberant.

eccentric

, (가) ; ;
a odd; whimsical; irregular

The comet passed close by the earth in its eccentric orbit.

eccentricity

(,) , ,
n oddity; idiosyncrasy

Some of his friends tried to account for his rudeness to strangers as the eccentricity of genius.

ecclesiastic

() ,
a pertaining to the church

The minister donned his ecclesiastic garb and walked to the pulpit.

eclectic

(가) ; ,
a selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources

His style of interior decoration was eclectic

eclipse

() ; () , () 가
v darken; extinguish; surpass

The new stock market high eclipsed the previous record set in 1985.

ecologist

n person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment
The ecologist was concerned that the new dam would upset the natural balance of the creatures living in Glen Canyon.

economy

, ; ; () ,
n efficiency or conciseness in using something

Reading the epigrams of Pope, I admire the economy of his verse

ecstasy

, ;
n rapture, joy; any overpowering emotion

The announcement that the war had ended brought on an ecstasy that resulted in many uncontrolled celebrations.

eddy

,
n swirling current of water, air, etc

The water in the tide pool was still, except for an occasional eddy.

edify

, ()
v instruct; correct morally

Although his purpose was to edify and not to entertain his audience, many of his listeners were amused and not enlightened.

eerie

,
a weird

In that eerie setting, it was easy to believe in ghosts and other supernatural beings.

efface

, ,
v rub out

The coin had been handled so many times that its date had been effaced.

effectual

, ;
a efficient

If we are to succeed, we must seek effectual means of securing our goals.

effervescence

(가) , ; ()
v inner excitement; exuberance

Nothing depressed her for long; her natural effervescence soon reasserted itself.

effete

, ;
a worn out; exhausted; barren

The literature of the age reflected the effete condition of the writers; no new ideas were forthcoming.

efficacy

, ,
n power to produce desired effect

The efficacy of this drug depends on the regularity of the dosage.

effigy

, ,
n dummy

The mob showed its irritation by hanging the judge in effigy.

effluvium

, ;
n noxious smell

Air pollution has become a serious problem in our major cities; the effluvium and the poisons in the air are hazards to life.

effrontery

n shameless boldness
She had the effrontery to insult the guest.

effusion

() (); (,)
n pouring forth; gushing
Her effusive manner of greeting her friends finally began to irritate them.

egoism

,
n excessive interest in one's self; belief that one should be interested in one's self rather than in
His egoism prevented him from seeing the needs of his colleagues.

egotism

; , ,
n conceit; vanity
She thought so much of herself that we found her egotism unwarranted and irritating.

egregious

, ,
a notorious; conspicuously bad; shocking
She was an egregious liar; we all knew better than to believe a word she said.

egress

() ;
n exit
Barnum's sign "To the Egress" fooled many people who thought they were going to see an animal and instead found themselves in the street.

ejaculation

(); ,
n exclamation
He could not repress an ejaculation of surprise when he heard the news.

elaboration

; ;
n addition of details; intricacy
Tell what happened simply, without any elaboration.

elated

, ,
a overjoyed; in high spirits
Grinning from ear to ear, Bonnie Blair was clearly elated by her Olympic victory.

elegy

() 가; () 가
n poem or song expressing lamentation
On the death of Edward King, Milton composed the elegy "Lycidas."

elicit

() , ,
v draw out by discussion
The detectives tried to elicit where he had hidden his loot.

elixir

n

; ,
cure-all; something invigorating

The news of her chance to go abroad acted on her like an elixir.

ellipsis

n

() ();
omission of words from a text

Sometimes an ellipsis can lead to a dangling modifier, as in the sentence "Once dressed, you should refrigerate the potato salad."

elliptical

a

; ,
oval; ambiguous, either purposely or because key words have been left out

An elliptical billiard ball wobbles because it is not perfectly round; an elliptical remark baffles because it is not perfectly clear.

eloquence

n

; , ,
expressiveness; persuasive speech

The crowds were stirred by Martin Luther King's eloquence.

elucidate

v

(,) ,
explain; enlighten

He was called upon to elucidate the disputed points in his article.

elusive

a

;
evasive; baffling; hard to grasp

His elusive dreams of wealth were costly to those of his friends who supported him financially.

elysian

a

,
relating to paradise; blissful

An afternoon sail on the bay was for her an elysian journey.

emaciated

a

; ,
thin and wasted

His long period of starvation had left him emaciated.

emanate

v

; ,
issue forth

A strong odor of sulfur emanated from the spring.

emancipate

v

,
set free

At first, the attempts of the Abolitionists to emancipate the slaves were unpopular in New England as well as in the South.

embark

v

() , ; ~ (,) , ,
commence; go on board a boat; begin a journey

In devoting herself to the study of gorillas, Dian Fossey embarked on a course of action that was to cost her life.

embed

() , ; () ;

v

enclose; place in something

Tales of actual historical figures like King Alfred have become embedded in legends.

embellish

, ; () ;

v

adorn

My mother-in-law's stories about her journey from Russia made us laugh because she embellished the bare facts of her travels with humorous anecdotes.

embezzlement

,

n

stealing

The bank teller confessed his embezzlement of the funds.

embroil

; 가

v

throw into confusion; involve in strife; entangle

He became embroiled in the heated discussion when he tried to arbitrate the dispute.

embryonic

; , ; ,

a

undeveloped; rudimentary

The evil of class and race hatred must be eliminated while it is still in an embryonic state; otherwise, it may grow to dangerous proportions.

emend

,

v

correct, usually a text

The critic emended the book by retranslating several passages.

emendation

, ;

n

correction of errors; improvement

Please initial all the emendations you have made in this contract.

emetic

n

substance causing vomiting

The use of an emetic like mustard is useful in cases of poisoning.

eminent

, ; ;

a

high; lofty

After his appointment to this eminent position, he seldom had time for his former friends.

emissary

, ; ,

n

agent; messenger

The Secretary of State was sent as the President's special emissary to the conference on disarmament.

emollient

,

n

soothing or softening remedy

He applied an emollient to the inflamed area.

emolument

, ,
n salary; compensation

In addition to the emolument this position offers, you must consider the social prestige it carries with it.

empirical

, ,
a based on experience

He distrusted hunches and intuitive flashes; he placed his reliance entirely on empirical data.

emulate

, () ;
v rival; imitate

As long as our political leaders emulate the virtues of the great leaders of this country, we shall flourish.

enamored

, ;
a in love

Narcissus became enamored of his own beauty.

enclave

;
n territory enclosed within an alien land

The Vatican is an independent enclave in Italy.

encomiastic

;
a praising; eulogistic

Some critics believe that his encomiastic statements about Napoleon were inspired by his desire for material advancement rather than by an honest belief in the Emperor's genius.

encomium

,
n high praise; eulogy

Uneasy with the encomiums expressed by his supporters, Tolkien felt unworthy of such high praise.

encompass

,
v surround

Although we were encompassed by enemy forces, we were cheerful for we were well stocked and could withstand a siege until our allies joined us.

encroachment

, ,
n gradual intrusion

The encroachment of the factories upon the neighborhood lowered the value of the real estate.

encumber

, (...)
v burden

Some people encumber themselves with too much luggage when they take short trips.

endearment

;
n fond word or act

Your gifts and endearments cannot make me forget your earlier insolence.

endemic

, () ;

a

prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country

This disease is endemic in this part of the world; more than 90 percent of the population are at one time or another affected by it.

endorse

() ;

v

approve; support

Everyone waited to see which one of the rival candidates for the city council the mayor would endorse.

endue

,

v

provide with some quality; endow

He was endued with a lion's courage.

enduring

, ;

a

lasting; surviving

Keats believed in the enduring power of great art, which would outlast its creators' brief lives.

energize

, ,

v

invigorate; make forceful and active

Rather than exhausting Maggie, dancing energized her.

enervate

,

v

weaken

She was slow to recover from her illness; even a short walk to the window enervated her.

enfranchise

() ; ()

v

admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote)

Although blacks were enfranchised shortly after the Civil War, women did not receive the right to vote until 1920.

engage

, ,

a

attract; hire; pledge oneself; confront

Your case has engaged my interest, my lord, said Holmes. "You may engage my services."

engaging

, ,

a

charming; attractive

Everyone liked Nancy's pleasant manners and engaging personality.

engender

, , ,

v

cause; produce

To receive praise for real accomplishments engenders self-confidence in a child.

engross

, ; ... ;

v

occupy fully

John was so engrossed in his studies that he did not hear his mother call.

enhance

; ,
v increase; improve

You can enhance your chances of being admitted to the college of your choice by learning to write well; an excellent essay will enhance any application.

enigma

()
n puzzle; mystery

What do women want? asked Dr. Sigmund Freud. Their behavior was an enigma to him.

enjoin

; ; () ;
v command; order; forbid

The owners of the company asked the court to enjoin the union from picketing the plant.

enmity

, , ,
n ill will; hatred

At Camp David President Carter labored to bring an end to the enmity that prevented Egypt and Israel from living in peace.

ennui

, ,
n boredom

The monotonous routine of hospital life induced a feeling of ennui which made her moody and irritable.

enormity

, , , ;
n hugeness (in a bad sense)

He did not realize the enormity of his crime until he saw what suffering he had caused.

enrapture

,
v please intensely

The audience was enraptured by the freshness of the voices and the excellent orchestration.

ensconce

, ; ,
v settle comfortably

Now that their children were ensconced safely in the private school, the jetsetting parents decided to leave for Europe.

ensue

, , ,
v follow

The evils that ensued were the direct result of the miscalculations of the leaders.

entail

; ; (.) ,
v require; necessitate; involve

Building a college-level vocabulary will entail some work on your part.

enterprising

,
a full of initiative

By coming up with fresh ways to market the company's products, Mike proved himself to be an enterprising businessman.

enthrall

() ,

v

capture; enslave

From the moment he saw her picture, he was enthralled by her beauty.

entice

, ,

v

lure; attract; tempt

She always tried to entice her baby brother into mischief.

entity

, ,

n

real being

As soon as the charter was adopted, the United Nations became an entity and had to be considered as a factor in world diplomacy.

entomology

n

study of insects

Kent found entomology the most annoying part of his biology course; studying insects bugged him.

entrance

, ,

v

put under a spell; carry away with emotion

Shafts of sunlight on a wall could entrance her and leave her spellbound.

eulogy

, ,

n

expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death

Instead of delivering a spoken eulogy at Genny's memorial service, Jeff sang a song he had written in her honor.

euphemism

;

n

mild expression in place of an unpleasant one

The expression "he passed away" is a euphemism for "he died."

euphony

; ()가 ;

n

sweet sound

Noted for its euphony even when it is spoken, the Italian language is particularly pleasing to the ear when sung.

euphoria

; (多幸症),

n

feeling of exaggerated (or unfounded) well-being

Jill's been on cloud nine ever since Jack asked her out, said Betty, dismissing her friend's euphoria.

euthanasia

, ; ()

n

mercy killing

Many people support euthanasia for terminally ill patients who wish to die.

evanescent

가 ; , ;

a

fleeting; vanishing

For a brief moment, the entire skyline was bathed in an orange-red hue in the evanescent rays of the sunset.

evasive

; ; ,
a not frank; eluding

Your evasive answers convinced the judge that you were withholding important evidence.

evenhanded

,
a impartial; fair

Do men and women receive evenhanded treatment from their teachers, or as recent studies suggest, do teachers pay more attention to male students than to females?

evince

, ,
v show clearly

When he tried to answer the questions, he evinced his ignorance of the subject matter.

evocative

a tending to call up (emotions, memories)
Scent can be remarkably evocative

evoke

() , ()
v call forth
He evoked much criticism by his hostile manner.

ewe

(羊)
n female sheep

The flock of sheep was made up do dozens of ewes, together with only a handful of rams.

exacerbate

; ()
v worsen; embitter

The latest bombing exacerbated England's already existing bitterness against the IRA, causing the Prime Minister to break off the peace talks abruptly.

exacting

(가) , 가 ; ,
a extremely demanding

Cleaning the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel was an exacting task, one that demanded extremely meticulous care on the part of the restorers.

exalt

(. .) , ; ... ,
v raise in rank or dignity; praise

The actor Alec Guinness was exalted to the rank of knighthood by the Queen; he now is known as Sir Alec Guinness.

exasperate

, ;
v vex

Johnny often exasperates his mother with his pranks.

exceptionable

가 , 가
a objectionable

Do you find the punk rock band Green Day a highly exceptionable, thoroughly distasteful group, or do you think they are exceptionally talented performers?

excerpt

n

selected passage (written or musical)

The cinematic equivalent of an excerpt from a novel is a clip from a film.

exchequer

n

treasury

He had been Chancellor of the Exchequer before his promotion to the office he now holds.

excise

v

cut away; cut out

When you excise the dead and dying limbs of a tree, you not only improve its appearance but also enhance its chances of bearing fruit.

exclaim

v

cry out suddenly

Watson! Behind you! Holmes exclaimed, seeing the assassin hurl himself on his friend.

excoriate

v

scold with biting harshness; strip the skin off

exculpate

v

clear from blame

She was exculpated of the crime when the real criminal confessed.

execrable

a

very bad

The anecdote was in such execrable taste that the audience was revolted.

execrate

v

curse; express abhorrence for

The world execrates the memory of Hitler and hopes that genocide will never again be the policy of any nation.

execute

v

put into effect; carry out

The choreographer wanted to see how well she could execute a pirouette.

exegesis

n

explanation, especially of biblical passages

I can follow your exegesis of this passage to a limited degree; some of your reasoning eludes me.

exemplary

a

serving as a model; outstanding

At commencement the dean praised Ellen for her exemplary behavior as class president.

exemplify

, ; ... 가

v

show by example; furnish an example

Three-time winner of the Super Bowl, Joe Montana exemplifies the ideal quarterback.

exempt

()

v

not subject to a duty or obligation

Because of his flat feet, Foster was exempt from serving in the armed forces.

exertion

; () ; () ,

n

effort; expenditure of much physical work

The exertion involved in unscrewing the rusty bolt left her exhausted.

exhilarating

,

a

invigorating and refreshing; cheering

Though some of the hikers found tramping through the snow tiring, Jeffrey found the walk on the cold, crisp day exhilarating. His exhilaration was so great that, at the hike's end, he wanted to walk another five miles.

exhort

; ;

v

urge

The evangelist exhorted all the sinners in the audience to reform.

exhume

, ,

v

dig out of the ground; remove from the grave

Could evidence that might identify the serial killer have been buried with his victim? To answer this question, the police asked the authorities for permission to exhume the victim's body.

exigency

, , ()

n

urgent situation

In this exigency, we must look for aid from our allies.

exiguous

, ,

a

small; minute

Grass grew there, an exiguous outcropping among the rocks.

existential

(); ,

a

pertaining to existence; pertaining to the philosophy of existentialism

To the existential philosopher, human reason is inadequate to explain an irrational, meaningless universe.

exodus

; ; ;

n

departure

The exodus from the hot and stuffy city was particularly noticeable on Friday evenings.

exonerate

; ;

v

acquit; exculpate

The defense team feverishly sought fresh evidence that might exonerate their client.

exorbitant

excessive
a

The people grumbled at his exorbitant prices but paid them because he had a monopoly.

exorcise

() ,
drive out evil spirits
v

By incantation and prayer, the medicine man sought to exorcise the evil spirits that had taken possession of the young warrior.

exotic

; ; ,
not native; strange
a

Because of his exotic headdress, he was followed in the streets by small children who laughed at his strange appearance.

expansive

; , ; , ; ,
outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size
a

Mr. Fezziwig was in an expansive humor, cheerfully urging his guests to join in the Christmas feast. Looking down on his expansive paunch he sighed

expatiate

,
talk at length
v

At this time, please give us a brief resume of your work; we shall permit you to expatiate later.

expatriate

() ,
exile; someone who has withdrawn from his native land
n

Henry James was an American expatriate who settled in England.

expedient

, ; ()
suitable; practical; politic
a

A pragmatic politician, she was guided by what was expedient rather than by what was ethical.

expedite

, ;
hasten
v

Because we are on a tight schedule, we hope you will be able to expedite the delivery of our order. The more expeditious your response is, the happier we'll be.

expenditure

, , ;
payment or expense; output
n

When you are operating on an expense account, you must keep receipts for all your expenditures. If you don't save your receipts, you won't get repaid without the expenditure of a lot of money dealing with the finance department.

expertise

가 (,)
specialized knowledge; expert skill
n

Although she was knowledgeable in a number of fields, she was hired for her particular expertise in computer programming.

expiate

;
make amends for (a sin)
v

He tried to expiate his crimes by a full confession to the authorities.

expletive

; () ,

n

interjection; profane oath

The sergeant's remarks were filled with expletives that offended the new recruits.

explicate

(.) ,

v

explain; interpret; clarify

Harry Levin explicated James Joyce's novels with such clarity that even *Finnegan's Wake* seemed comprehensible to his students.**explicit**

, ;

a

totally clear; definite; outspoken

Don't just hint around that you're dissatisfied

exploit

, ;

n

deed or action, particularly a brave deed

Raoul Wallenberg was noted for his exploits in rescuing Jews from Hitler's forces.

exploit

() ; ()

v

make use of, sometimes unjustly

Cesar Chavez fought attempts to exploit migrant farm workers in California.

expository

,

a

explanatory; serving to explain

The manual that came with my VCR was no masterpiece of expository prose

expostulation

, , ;

n

protest; remonstrance

Despite the teacher's scoldings and expostulations, the class remained unruly.

exposure

(,) ; , , ; ,

n

risk, particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying som

Exposure to sun and wind had dried out her hair and weathered her face. She looked so changed that she no longer feared exposure as the notorious Irene Adler, one-time antagonist of Sherlock Holmes.

expropriate

() () ,

v

take possession of

He questioned the government's right to expropriate his land to create a wildlife preserve.

expunge

, ,

v

cancel; remove

If you behave, I will expunge this notation from your record.

expurgate

() ;

v

clean; remove offensive parts of a book

The editors felt that certain passages in the book had to be expurgated before it could be used in the classroom.

extant

(존재하다)

still in existence

a

Although the book is out of print, some copies are still extant. Unfortunately, all of them are in libraries or private collections; none is for sale.

extemporaneous

(즉흥적)

not planned; impromptu

a

Because her extemporaneous remarks were misinterpreted, she decided to write all her speeches in advance.

extenuate

(완화하다)

weaken; mitigate

v

It is easier for us to extenuate our own shortcomings than those of others.

extirpate

(제거하다)

root up

v

The Salem witch trials were a misguided attempt to extirpate superstition and heresy.

extol

(찬양하다)

praise; glorify

v

The president extolled the astronauts, calling them the pioneers of the Space Age.

extort

(협박하다)

wring from; get money by threats, etc.

v

The blackmailer extorted money from his victim.

extradition

(송환)

surrender of prisoner by one state to another

n

The lawyers opposed the extradition of their client on the grounds that for more than five years he had been a model citizen.

extraneous

(필수적이지 않다)

not essential; superfluous

a

No wonder Ted can't think straight! His mind is so cluttered up with extraneous details, he can't concentrate on the essentials.

extrapolation

(추론)

projection; conjecture

n

Based on their extrapolation from the results of the primaries on Super Tuesday, the networks predicted that George Bush would be the Republican candidate for the presidency.

extricate

(해방하다)

free; disentangle

v

Icebreakers were needed to extricate the trapped whales from the icy floes that closed them in.

extrinsic

(외재적)

external; not essential; extraneous

a

A critically acclaimed extrinsic feature of the Chrysler Building is its ornate spire. The judge would not admit the testimony, ruling that it was extrinsic to the matter at hand.

extrovert

n

person interested mostly in external objects and actions

A good salesperson is usually an extrovert who likes to mingle with people.

extrude

v

force or push out

Much pressure is required to extrude these plastics.

exuberance

a

overflowing abundance; joyful enthusiasm; flamboyance; lavishness

I was bowled over by the exuberance of Amy's welcome. Cheeks glowing, she was the picture of exuberant good health.

exude

v

discharge; give forth

The maple syrup is obtained from the sap that the trees exude in early spring.

exult

v

rejoice

We exulted when our team won the victory.

fabricate

v

build; lie

If we fabricate the buildings in this project out of standardized sections, we can reduce construction costs considerably. Because of Jack's tendency to fabricate, Jill had trouble believing what he said.

facade

n

front (of building); superficial or false appearance

The ornate facade of the church was often photographed by tourists, who never bothered to walk around the building to view its other sides. Cher's outward show of confidence was just a facade she assumed to hide her insecurity.

facet

n

small plane surface (of a gem); a side

The stonecutter decided to improve the rough diamond by providing it with several facets.

facetious

a

joking (often inappropriately); humorous

I'm serious about this project; I don't need any facetious, smart-alecky cracks about do-good little rich girls.

facile

a

easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial

Words came easily to Jonathan

facilitate

v

help bring about; make less difficult

Rest and proper nourishment should facilitate the patient's recovery.

facsimile

(복사본); (복사본); (복사본)

n

copy

Many museums sell facsimiles of the works of art on display.

faction

(파벌); (파벌)

n

party; clique; dissension

The quarrels and bickering of the two small factions within the club disturbed the majority of the members.

factious

(파벌적)

a

inclined to form factions; causing dissension

Your statement is factious and will upset the harmony that now exists.

factitious

(인공적); 가

a

artificial; sham

Hollywood actresses often create factitious tears by using glycerin.

factotum

(일꾼)

n

handyman; person who does all kinds of work

Although we had hired him as a messenger, we soon began to use him as a general factotum around the office.

faculty

(능력); (능력); (능력)

n

mental or bodily powers; teaching staff

As he grew old, Professor Twiggly feared he might lose his faculties and become unfit to teach. However, while he was in full possession of his faculties, the school couldn't kick him off the faculty.

fallacious

(오류); (오류)

a

false; misleading

Paradoxically, fallacious reasoning does not always yield erroneous results

fallible

(오류)

a

liable to err

I know I am fallible, but I feel confident that I am right this time.

fallow

(휴식); (휴식); (휴식)

a

plowed but not sowed; uncultivated

Farmers have learned that it is advisable to permit land to lie fallow every few years.

falter

(흔들); (흔들)

v

hesitate

When told to dive off the high board, she did not falter, but proceeded at once.

fanaticism

(광신)

n

excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause

When Islamic fundamentalists demanded the death of Salman Rushdie because his novel questioned their faith, world opinion condemned them for their fanaticism.

fancied

, 가 ,

a

imagined; unreal

You are resenting fancied insults. No one has ever said such things about you.

fancier

(. .) 가; ()

n

breeder or dealer of animals

The dog fancier exhibited her prize collie at the annual Kennel Club show.

fanciful

;

a

whimsical; visionary

This is a fanciful scheme because it does not consider the facts.

fanfare

, ; ; ()

n

call by bugles or trumpets; showy display

The exposition was opened with a fanfare of trumpets and the firing of cannon.

farce

(笑劇), ; ,

n

broad comedy; mockery

Nothing went right; the entire interview degenerated into a farce.

fastidious

,

a

difficult to please; squeamish

Bobby was such a fastidious eater that he would eat a sandwich only if his mother first cut off every scrap of crust.

fatalism

()

n

belief that events are determined by forces beyond one's control

With fatalism, he accepted the hardships that beset him.

fathom

() ,

v

comprehend; investigate

I find his motives impossible to fathom; in fact, I'm totally clueless about what goes on in his mind.

fatuous

, , ;

a

foolish; inane

She is far too intelligent to utter such fatuous remarks.

fauna

(.) ()

n

animals of a period or region

The scientist could visualize the fauna of the period by examining the skeletal remains and the fossils.

fawning

,

a

courting favor by cringing and flattering

She was constantly surrounded by a group of fawning admirers who hoped to win some favor.

faze

v

disconcert; dismay

No crisis could faze the resourceful hotel manager.

feasible

a

practical

Is it feasible to build a new stadium for the Yankees on New York's West Side? Without additional funding, the project is clearly unrealistic.

febrile

a

feverish

In his febrile condition, he was subject to nightmares and hallucinations.

fecundity

n

fertility; fruitfulness

The fecundity of her mind is illustrated by the many vivid images in her poems.

feign

v

가 , ... , ()

pretend

Lady Macbeth feigned illness in the courtyard although she was actually healthy.

feint

n

가 ; () ,

trick; shift; sham blow

The boxer was fooled by his opponent's feint and dropped his guard.

felicitous

a

() , ,

apt; suitably expressed; well chosen

He was famous for his felicitous remarks and was called upon to serve as master-of-ceremonies at many a banquet.

felicity

n

, (至福)

happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.)

She wrote a note to the newlyweds wishing them great felicity in their wedded life.

fell

a

; ,

cruel; deadly

The newspapers told of the tragic spread of the fell disease.

fell

v

() ; () , ;

cut or knock down; bring down (with a missile)

Crying "Timber!," Paul Bunyan felled the mighty redwood tree. Robin Hood loosed his arrow and felled the king's deer.

felon

n

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person convicted of a grave crime

A convicted felon loses the right to vote.

feral

, ;
a not domestic; wild

Abandoned by their owners, dogs may revert to their feral state, roaming the woods in packs.

ferment

; ; ,
n agitation; commotion

With the breakup of the Soviet Union, much of Eastern Europe was in a state of ferment.

ferret

(.) ,
v drive or hunt out of hiding

She ferreted out their secret.

fervent

, ,
a ardent; hot

She felt that the fervent praise was excessive and somewhat undeserved.

fervid

,
a ardent

Her fervid enthusiasm inspired all of us to undertake the dangerous mission.

fervor

,
n glowing ardor; intensity of feeling

At the protest rally, the students cheered the strikers and booed the dean with equal fervor.

fester

() ,
v rankle; produce irritation or resentment

Joe's insult festered in Anne's mind for days, and made her too angry to speak to him.

festive

, ; ,
a joyous; celebratory

Their wedding in the park was a festive occasion.

fete

(...) ,
v honor at a festival

The returning hero was feted at a community supper and dance.

fetid

가 , 가
a malodorous

The neglected wound became fetid.

fetter

v shackle

The prisoner was fettered to the wall.

fiasco

n

total failure

Our ambitious venture ended in a fiasco and we were forced to flee.

fiat

n

command

I cannot accept government by fiat; I feel that the wishes of the citizens must be consulted.

fickle

a

changeable; faithless

As soon as Romeo saw Juliet, he forgot all about his old girlfriend Rosaline. Was Romeo fickle?

fictitious

a

imaginary

Although this book purports to be a biography of George Washington, many of the incidents are fictitious.

fidelity

n

loyalty

A dog's fidelity its owner is one of the reasons why that animal is a favorite household pet.

figment

n

invention; imaginary thing

That incident never took place; it is a figment of your imagination.

figurative

a

not literal, but metaphorical; using a figure of speech

To lose one's marbles is a figurative expression; if you're told Jack has lost his marbles, no one expects you to rush out to buy him a replacement set.

figurine

n

((陶土)) (立像)

small ornamental statuette

In The Maltese Falcon, Sam Spade was hired to trace the missing figurine of a black bird.

filch

v

steal

The boys filched apples from the fruit stand.

filial

a

pertaining to a son or daughter

Many children forget their filial obligations and disregard the wishes of their parents.

filibuster

v

(가) ;

block legislation by making long speeches

Even though we disapproved of Senator Foghorn's political goals, we were impressed by his ability to filibuster endlessly to keep an issue from coming to a vote.

filigree

, (. .) (線)

n

delicate, lacelike metalwork

The pendant with gold filigree that she wore round her neck trembled with each breath she took.

filing

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n

particle removed by a file

As the prisoner filed away at the iron bar on the cell window, a small heap of filings accumulated on the window sill.

finale

, ,

n

conclusion

It is not until we reach the finale of this play that we can understand the author's message.

finesse

(),

n

delicate skill

The finesse and adroitness of the surgeon impressed the observers in the operating room.

finicky

() , ;

a

too particular; fussy

The little girl was finicky about her food, leaving anything that wasn't to her taste.

finite

a

limited

It is difficult for humanity with its finite existence to grasp the infinite.

firebrand

;

n

hothead; troublemaker

The police tried to keep track of all the local firebrands when the President came to town.

fissure

a

crevice

The mountain climbers secured footholds in tiny fissures in the rock.

fitful

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a

spasmodic; intermittent

After several fitful attempts, he decided to postpone the start of the project until he felt more energetic.

flaccid

() , ,

a

flabby

His sedentary life had left him with flaccid muscles.

flag

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v

droop; grow feeble

When the opposing hockey team scored its third goal only minutes into the first quarter, the home team's knotted flagged.

flagellate

v ;
flog; whip

The Romans used to flagellate criminals with a whip that had three violations of the rules.

flagrant

a conspicuously wicked

We cannot condone such flagrant violations of the rules.

flail

v thresh grain by hand; strike or slap

In medieval times, warriors flailed their foe with a metal ball attached to a handle.

flair

n talent

She has an uncanny flair for discovering new artists before the public has become aware of their existence.

flamboyant

a ornate

Modern architecture has discarded the flamboyant trimming on buildings and emphasizes simplicity of line.

flaunt

v display ostentatiously

She is not one of those actresses who flaunt their physical charms; she can act.

flay

v ()가 ; , ;
strip off skin; plunder

The criminal was condemned to be flayed alive.

fleck

v ,
spot

Her cheeks, flecked with tears, were testimony to the hours of weeping.

fledgling

a inexperienced

While it is necessary to provide these fledgling poets with an opportunity to present their work, it is not essential that we admire everything they write.

fleece

v () (.) ,
rob; plunder

The tricksters fleeced him of his inheritance.

fleece

n wool coat of a sheep

They shear sheep of their fleece, which they then comb into separate strands of wool.

flick

가 ()

n

light stroke as with a whip

The horse needed no encouragement; only one flick of the whip was all the jockey had to apply to get the animal to run at top speed.

flinch

, ,

v

hesitate; shrink

he did not flinch in the face of danger but fought back bravely.

flippancy

trifling gaiety

n

Your flippancy at this serious moment is offensive.

flippant

,

a

lacking proper seriousness

When Mark told Mona he loved her, she dismissed his earnest declaration with a flippant "Oh, you say that to all the girls!"

flit

가 ; 가

v

dart lightly; pass swiftly by; fly

Like a bee flitting from flower to flower, Rose flitted from one boyfriend to the next

floe

mass of floating ice

n

The ship made slow progress as it battered its way through the ice floes

flora

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n

plants of a region or era

Because she was a botanist, she spent most of her time studying the flora of the desert

florid

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a

ruddy; reddish; flowery

If you go to Florida and get a sunburn, your complexion will look florid.

flotsam

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n

drifting wreckage

Beachcombers eke out a living by salvaging the flotsam and jetsam of the sea

flounder

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v

struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter

Up to his knees in the bog, Floyd floundered about, trying to regain his footing

flourish

;

v

grow well; prosper; make sweeping gestures

The orange trees flourished in the sun

flout

v

reject; mock

The headstrong youth flouted all authority; he refused to be curbed

fluctuate

v

waver; shift

The water pressure in our shower fluctuates wildly; you start rinsing yourself off with a trickle, and two minutes later a blast of water nearly knocks you off your feet. I'll never get used to these fluctuations.

fluency

n

smoothness of speech

She spoke French with fluency and ease

fluke

n

unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune

When Douglas defeated Tyson for the heavyweight championship, some sportscasters dismissed his victory as a fluke

fluster

v

confuse

The teacher's sudden question flustered him and he stammered his reply

fluted

a

having vertical parallel grooves(as in a pillar)

All that remained of the ancient building were the fluted columns

flux

n

flowing; series of changes

While conditions are in such a state of flux, I do not wish to commit myself too deeply in this affair

fodder

n

가

coarse food for cattle, horses, etc

One of Nancy's chores at the ranch was to put fresh supplies of fodder in the horses' stalls

foible

n

weakness; slight fault

We can overlook the foibles of our friends; no one is perfect

foil

n

contrast

In Star Wars, dark, evil Darth Vader is a perfect foil for fair-haired, naive Luke Skywalker

foist

v

insert improperly; palm off

I will not permit you to foist such ridiculous idea upon the membership of this group

foliage

()

n

masses of leaves

Every autumn before the leaves fell he promised himself he would drive through New England to admire the colorful fall foliage

foment

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v

stir up; instigate

Cher's archenemy Heather spread some nasty rumors that fomented trouble in the club. Do you think Cher's foe meant to foment such discord?

foolhardy

,

a

rash

Don't be foolhardy. Get the advice of experienced people before undertaking this venture

foppish

,

a

vain about dress and appearance

He tried to imitate the foppish manner of the young men of the court

foray

,

n

raid

The company staged a midnight foray against the enemy outpost

forbearance

n

patience

We must forbearance in dealing with him because he is still weak from his illness

ford

n

place where a river can be crossed on foot

Rather than risk using the shaky rope bridge, David walked a half-mile downstream until he came to the nearest ford

forebears

n

ancestors

Reverence for one's forebears(sometimes referred to as ancestor worship) plays an important part in many Oriental cultures

foreboding

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n

premonition of evil

Suspecting no conspiracies against him, Caesar gently ridiculed his wife's forebodings about the Ides of March

forensic

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a

suitable to debate or courts of law

In her best forensic manner, the lawyer addressed the jury

foreshadow

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v

give an indication beforehand; portend; prefigure

In retrospect, political analysts realized that Yeltsin's defiance of the attempted coup foreshadowed his emergence as the dominant figure of the new Russian republic

foresight

n

ability to foresee future happenings; prudence

A wise investor, she had the foresight to buy land just before the current real estate boom

forestall

v

prevent by taking action in advance

By setting up a prenuptial agreement, the prospective bride and groom hoped to forestall any potential arguments about money in the event of a divorce

forgo

v

give up; do without

Determined to lose weight for the summer, Ida decided to forgo dessert until she could fit into a size eight again

forlorn

a

sad and lonely; wretched

Deserted by her big sisters and her friends, the forlorn child sat sadly on the steps awaiting their return

formality

n

ceremonious quality; something done just for form's sake

The president received the visiting heads of state with due formality

formidable

a

menacing; threatening

We must not treat the battle lightly for we are facing a formidable foe

forsake

v

desert; abandon; renounce

No one expected Foster to forsake his wife and children and run off with another woman

forswear

v

renounce; abandon

The captured knight could escape death only if he agreed to forswear Christianity and embrace Islam as the one true faith

forte

n

strong point or special talent

I'm not eager to play this rather serious role, for my forte is comedy

forthright

a

straightforward; direct; frank

I prefer Jill's forthright approach to Jack's tendency to beat around the bush

fortitude

n

bravery; courage

He was awarded the medal for his fortitude in the battle

fortuitous

a accidental; by chance

Though he pretend their encounter was fortuitous, he'd actually been hanging around her usual haunts for the past two weeks, hoping she'd turn up

foster

v rear; encourage

According to the legend, Romulus and Remus were fostered by a she-wolf that raised the abandoned infants as her own

founder

v fail completely, sink; person who establishes(an organization, business)

After hitting the submerged iceberg, the Titanic started taking in water rapidly and soon foundered; Among those drowned when the Titanic sank was the founder of Abraham & Strauss chain

fracas

n brawl, melee

The military police stopped the fracas in the bar and arrested the belligerents

fractious

a unruly

The fractious horse unseated its rider

frail

a weak

The delicate child seemed too frail to lift the heavy carton

franchise

n right granted by authority; right to vote; license to sell a product in a particular territory

The city issue a franchise to the company to operate surface transit lines on the streets for 99 years ; For most of American history women lacked the right to vote

frantic

a wild

At the time of the collision, many people became frantic with fear

fraudulent

a cheating; deceitful

The government seeks to prevent fraudulent and misleading advertising

fraught

v filled

Since this enterprise is fraught with danger, I will ask for volunteers who are willing to assume the risks

fray

n brawl

The three musketeers were in the thick of the fray

frenetic

a

frenzied, frantic

His frenetic activities convinced us that he had no organized plan of operation

frenzied

a

madly excited

As soon as they smelled smoke, the frenzied animals milled about in their cages

fresco

n

painting on plaster(usually fresh)

The cathedral is visited by many tourists who wish to admire the frescoes by Giotto

fret

v

to be annoyed or vexed

To fret over your poor grades is foolish; instead, decide to work harder in the future

friction

n

clash in opinion; rubbing against

At this time when harmony is essential, we cannot afford to have any friction in our group

frieze

n

(조각) ;

ornamental band on a wall

The frieze of the church was adorned with sculpture

frigid

a

intensely cold

Alaska is in the frigid zone

fritter

v

waste

He could not apply himself to any task and frittered away his time in idle conversation

frivolous

a

(가벼운) ;

lacking in seriousness; self-indulgently carefree; relatively unimportant

Though Nancy enjoyed Bill's frivolous, lighthearted companionship, she sometimes wondered whether he could ever be serious

frolicsome

a

; ;

prankish; gay

The frolicsome puppy tried to lick the face of its master

frond

n

fern leaf; palm or banana leaf

After the storm the beach was littered with the fronds of palm trees

fructify

v

bear fruit

This peach tree should fructify in three years

frugality

n

thrift; economy

In these economically difficult days business must practice frugality or risk bankruptcy

fruition

n

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bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization

This building marks the fruition of all our aspirations and years of hard work

frustrate

v

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thwart; defeat

We must frustrate this dictator's plan to seize control of the government

fugitive

a

()

fleeting or transitory; roving

The film brought a few fugitive images to her mind, but on the whole it made no lasting impression upon her

fulcrum

n

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support on which a lever rests

If we use this stone as a fulcrum and the crowbar as a lever, we may be able to move this boulder

fulminate

v

; ,

thunder; explode

The people against whom she fulminated were innocent of any wrongdoing

fulsome

a

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disgustingly excessive

His fulsome praise of the dictator annoyed his listeners

functionary

n

official

As his case was transferred from one functionary to another, he began to despair of ever reaching a settlement

fundamental

a

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basic; primary; essential

The committee discussed all sorts of side issues without ever getting down to addressing the fundamental problem

funereal

a

;

sad; solemn

I fail to understand why there is such a funereal atmosphere; we have lost a battle, not a war

furor

n ;
frenzy; great excitement
The story of her embezzlement of the funds created a furor on the stock exchange

furtive

a ;
stealthy; sneaky
Nothing the furtive glance the customer gave the diamond bracelet on the counter, the jeweler wondered whether he had a potential shoplifter on his hands

fusillade

n ; (,)
simultaneous firing or outburst(of missiles, questions, etc)
Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture concludes with a thunderous fusillade of cannon fire

fusion

n ;
union; coalition
The opponents of the political party in power organized a fusion of disgruntled groups and became an important element in the election

futile

a ; ;
useless; hopeless; ineffectual; trifling
It is futile for me to try to get any work done around here while the telephone is ringing every 30 seconds

gadfly

n ;
animal-biting fly; an irritating person
Like a gadfly, he irritated all the guests at the hotel; within forty-eight hours, everyone regarded him as an annoying busybody

gaffe

n (,) ,
social blunder
According to Miss Manners, to call your husband by your lover's name is worse than a mere gaffe; it is a tactical mistake

gainsay

v () ;
deny
She was too honest to gainsay the truth of the report.

gait

n , ; ,
manner of walking or running; speed
The lame man walked with an uneven gait.

galaxy

n ; ,
large, isolated system of stars, such as the Milky Way; a collection of brilliant personali
Science fiction speculates about the possible existence of life in other galaxies. The deaths of such famous actors as John Candy and George Burns tells us that the galaxy of

gale

n ; , ,
windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughter, tears)
The Weather Channel warned viewers about a rising gale, with winds of up to 60 miles per hour.

gall

n

bitterness; nerve

The knowledge of his failure filled him with gall.

gall

v

annoy; chafe

Their taunts galled him.

galleon

n

large sailing ship

The Spaniards pinned their hopes on the galleon, the large warship; the British, on the smaller and faster pinnace.

galvanize

v

stimulate by shock; stir up; revitalize

News that the prince was almost at their door galvanized the ugly stepsisters into a frenzy of combing and primping.

gambit

n

opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed

The player was afraid to accept his opponent's gambit because he feared a trap which as yet he could not see.

gambol

v

romp; skip about; leap playfully

Watching the children gambol in the park, Betty marveled at their youthful energy and zest.

gamely

d

in a spirited manner; with courage

Because he had fought gamely against a much superior boxer, the crowd gave him a standing ovation when he left the arena.

gamut

n

entire range

In this performance, the leading lady was able to demonstrate the complete gamut of her acting ability.

gape

v

open widely

The huge pit gaped before him; if he stumbled, he would fall in. Slack-jawed in wonder, Huck gaped at the huge stalactites hanging from the cling of the limestone cavern.

garbled

a

mixed up; jumbled; distorted

A favorite party game involves passing a whispered message from one person to another; by the time it reaches the last player, the message has become totally garbled.

gargantuan

a

huge; enormous

The gargantuan wrestler was terrified of mice.

gargoyle

()

n

waterspout carved in grotesque figures on a building

The gargoyles adorning the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris are amusing in their grotesqueness.

garish

; (가) ;

a

overbright in color; gaudy

She wore a rhinestone necklace with a garish red and gold dress trimmed with sequins.

garner

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v

gather; store up

She hoped to garner the world's literature in one library.

garnish

; ()

v

decorate

Parsley was used to garnish the boiled potato.

garrulous

, ; ,

a

loquacious; wordy; talkative

My Uncle Henry can out-talk any other three people I know. He is the most garrulous person in Cayuga County.

gastronomy

, ;

n

science of preparing and serving good food

One of the by-products of his trip to Europe was his interest in gastronomy; he enjoyed preparing and serving foreign dishes to his friends.

gauche

; ,

a

clumsy; coarse and uncouth

Compared to the sophisticated young ladies in their elegant gowns, tomboyish Jo felt gauche and out of place.

gaudy

, ; ,

a

flashy; showy

The newest Trump skyscraper is typically gaudy, covered in gilded panels that gleam in the sun.

gaunt

, ; (가) , ;

a

lean and angular; barren

His once-round face looked surprisingly gaunt after he had lost weight.

gavel

;

n

hammerlike tool; mallet

Sold! cried the auctioneer, banging her gavel on the table to indicate she'd accepted the final bid.

gawk

;

v

stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe

The country boy gawked at the skyscrapers and neon lights of the big city.

gazette

가 , ; , ...

n

official periodical publication

He read the gazettes regularly for the announcement of his promotion.

genealogy

가 , ; ;

n

record of descent; lineage

He was proud of his genealogy and constantly referred to the achievements of his ancestors.

generality

, ;

n

vague statement

This report is filled with generalities; you must be more specific in your statements.

generate

, , , ,

v

cause; produce; create

In his first days in office, President Clinton managed to generate a new mood of optimism; we hoped he could also generate a few new jobs.

generic

, ,

a

characteristic of an entire class or species

Sue knew so many computer programmers who spent their spare time playing fantasy games that she began to think that playing Dungeons & Dragons was a generic trait.

genesis

, ,

n

beginning; origin

Tracing the genesis of a family is the theme of "Roots."

geniality

, , ;

n

cheerfulness; kindness; sympathy

This restaurant is famous and popular because of the geniality of the proprietor, who tries to make everyone happy.

genre

() ; , ,

n

particular variety of art or literature

Both a short story writer and a poet, Langston Hughes proved himself equally skilled in either genre.

genteel

가 ; ; ;

a

well-bred; elegant

We are looking for a man with a genteel appearance who can inspire confidence by his cultivated manner.

gentility

; ; ;

n

those of gentle birth; refinement

Her family was proud of its gentility and elegance.

gentry

가 , ,

n

people of standing; class of people just below nobility

The local gentry did not welcome the visits of the summer tourists and tried to ignore Their presence in the community.

genuflect

(),

v

bend the knee as in worship

A proud democrat, he refused to genuflect to any man.

germane

가 ,

a

pertinent; bearing upon the case at hand

The lawyer objected that the testimony being offered was not germane to the case at hand.

germinal

, , , ;

a

pertaining to a germ; creative

Such an idea is germinal; I am certain that it will influence thinkers and philosophers for many generations.

germinate

v

cause to sprout; sprout

After the seeds germinate and develop their permanent leaves, the plants may be removed from the cold frames and transplanted to the garden.

gerontocracy

, ;

n

government ruled by old people

Gulliver visited a gerontocracy in which the young people acted as servants to their elders, all the while dreaming of the day they would be old enough to have servants of their own.

gerrymander

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v

change voting district lines in order to favor a political party

The illogical pattern of the map of this congressional district is proof that the State Legislature gerrymandered this area in order to favor the majority party.

gestate

v

evolve, as in prenatal growth

While this scheme was being gestated by the conspirators, they maintained complete silence about their intentions.

gesticulation

n

motion; gesture

Operatic performers are trained to make exaggerated gesticulation because of the large auditoriums in which they appear.

ghastly

a

horrible

The murdered man was a ghastly sight.

gibber

v

speak foolishly

The demented man gibbered incoherently.

gibberish

, , ()

n

nonsense; babbling

Did you hear that foolish boy spouting gibberish about monsters from outer space?

gibbet

n gallows

The bodies of the highwaymen were left dangling from the gibbet as a warning to other would-be transgressors.

gibe

v mock

As you gibe at their superstitious beliefs, do you realize that you, too, are guilty of similarly foolish thoughts?

giddy

a light-headed; dizzy

He felt his giddy youth was past.

gingerly

d very carefully

She was asked to give the gist of the essay in two sentences.

girth

n distance around something; circumference

It took an extra-large cummerbund to fit around Andrew Carnegie's considerable girth.

gist

n essence

She was asked to give the gist of the essay in two sentences.

glacial

a like a glacier; extremely cold

Never a warm person, when offended Hugo could seem positively glacial.

glaring

a highly conspicuous; harshly bright

Glaring spelling or grammatical errors in your resume will unfavorably impress potential employers.

glaze

v cover with a thin and shiny surface

The freezing rain glazed the streets and made driving hazardous.

glean

v gather leavings

After the crops had been harvested by the machines, the peasants were permitted to glean the wheat left in the fields.

glib

a fluent without serious intention

He is a glib speaker.

glimmer

, 가 ; ,

v

shine erratically; twinkle

In the darkness of the cavern, the glowworms hanging from the cavern roof glimmered like distant stars.

gloat

;

v

express evil satisfaction; view malevolently

As you gloat over your ill-gotten wealth, do you think of the many victims you have defrauded?

gloss over

, ;

v

explain away

No matter how hard he tried to talk around the issue, President Bush could not gloss over the fact that he had raised taxes after all.

glossary

; ,

n

brief explanation of words used in the text

I have found the glossary in this book very useful; it has eliminated many trips to the dictionary.

glossy

a

smooth and shining

I want this photograph printed on glossy paper.

glower

v

scowl

The angry boy glowered at his father.

glut

;

v

overstock; fill to excess

The many manufacturers glutted the market and could not find purchasers for the many articles they had produced.

glutinous

;

a

sticky; viscous

Molasses is a glutinous substance.

glutton

;

n

someone who eats too much

When Mother saw that Bobby had eaten all the cookies, she called him a little glutton.

gnarled

() ; ; 가

a

twisted

The gnarled oak tree had been a landmark for years and was mentioned in several deeds.

gnome

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n

dwarf; underground spirit

In medieval mythology, gnomes were the special guardians and inhabitants of subterranean mines.

gnome

;
 n dwarf; underground spirit
 The gluttonous boy ate all the cookies.

goad

,
 v urge on, prod
 He was goaded by his friends until he yielded to their wishes.

gorge

,
 v stuff oneself
 The gluttonous guest gorged himself with food as though he had not eaten for days.

gorge

() ,
 n narrow canyon; steep, rocky cleft
 Terrified of heights, George could not bring himself to peer down into the gorge to see the rapids below.

gory

, ,
 a bloody
 The audience shuddered as they listened to the details of the gory massacre.

gossamer

, 가 ; ; 가
 a sheer; like cobwebs
 Nylon can be woven into gossamer or thick fabrics.

gouge

,
 v overcharge
 During the World Series, ticket scalpers tried to gouge the public, asking astronomical prices even for bleacher seats.

gouge

,
 v tear out
 In that fight, all the rules were forgotten; the adversaries bit, kicked, and tried to gouge each other's eyes out.

gourmand

가
 n epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink
 Gourmands lack self-restraint; if they enjoy a particular cuisine, they eat far too much of it.

gourmet

가, 가
 n connoisseur of food and drink
 The gourmet stated that this was the best onion soup she had ever tasted.

graduated

, ; ,
 a arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.)
 Margaret loved her graduated set of Russian hollow wooden dolls; she spent hours happily putting the smaller dolls into their larger counterparts.

granary

; ;

n storehouse for grain

We have reason to be thankful, for our crops were good and our granaries are full.

grandeur

, ; , ;

n impressiveness; stateliness; majesty

No matter how often he hiked through the mountains, David never failed to be struck by the grandeur of the Sierra Nevada range.

grandiloquent

,

a pompous; bombastic; using high-sounding language

The politician could never speak simply; she was always grandiloquent.

grandiose

() , () ; ,

a pretentious; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated; impressive

The aged matinee idol still had grandiose notions of his supposed importance in the theatrical world.

granulate

() () ; () () .

v form into grains

Sugar that has been granulated dissolves more readily than lump sugar.

graphic

, ; ,

a pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described

I was particularly impressed by the graphic presentation of the storm.

grapple

; () ; () , ,

v wrestle; come to grips with

He grappled with the burglar and overpowered him.

grate

, ;

v make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred

The screams of the quarreling children grated on her nerves.

gratify

, ; ()

v please

Lori's parents were gratified by her successful performance on the GRE.

gratis

,

a free

The company offered to give one package gratis to every purchaser of one of their products.

gratuitous

; ; ;

a given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for

Quit making gratuitous comments about my driving; no one asked you for your opinion.

gratuity

, ; ;
n tip

Many service employees rely more on gratuities than on salaries for their livelihood.

gravity

; ;
n seriousness

We could tell we were in serious trouble from the gravity of her expression. (secondary meaning)

gregarious

() , ()
a sociable

Typically, party-throwers are gregarious; hermits are not.

grievance

(.) ; () ,
n cause of complaint

When her supervisor ignored her complaint, she took her grievance to the union.

grill

() ;
v question severely

In violation of the Miranda law, the police grilled the suspect for several hours before reading him his rights. (secondary meaning)

grimace

,
n a facial distortion to show feeling such as pain, disgust, etc.

Even though he remained silent, his grimace indicated his displeasure.

grisly

(), ;
a ghastly

She shuddered at the grisly sight.

grotesque

, ; ,
a fantastic; comically hideous

On Halloween people enjoy wearing grotesque costumes.

grotto

,
n small cavern

The Blue Grotto in Capri can be entered only by small boats rowed by natives through a natural opening in the rocks.

grouse

,
v complain; fuss

Students traditionally grouse about the abysmal quality of "mystery meat" and similar dormitory food.

grovel

, , , ;
v crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate

Even though we have been defeated, we do not have to grovel before our conquerors.

grudging

a

unwilling; reluctant; stingy

We received only grudging support from the mayor despite his earlier promises of aid.

gruel

n

thin, liquid porridge

Our daily allotment of gruel made the meal not only monotonous but also unpalatable.

grueling

a

exhausting

The marathon is a grueling race.

gruesome

a

grisly; horrible

His face was the stuff of nightmares

gruff

a

rough-mannered

Although he was blunt and gruff with most people, he was always gentle with children.

guffaw

n

()
boisterous laughter

The loud guffaws that came from the closed room indicated that the members of the committee had not yet settled down to serious business.

guile

n

, ,
deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning

Lago uses considerable guile to trick Othello into believing that Desdemona has been unfaithful.

guileless

a

가 , ,
without deceit

He is naive, simple, and guileless; he cannot be guilty of fraud.

guise

n

, ; ; 가 ,
appearance; costume

In the guise of a plumber, the detective investigated the murder case.

gull

v

trick; hoodwink

Confident no one could gull him, Paul prided himself on his skeptical disposition.

gullible

a

easily deceived

He preyed upon gullible people, who believed his stories of easy wealth.

gustatory

a

affecting the sense of taste

The Thai restaurant offered an unusual gustatory experience for those used to a bland cuisine.

gusto

n

enjoyment; enthusiasm

He accepted the assignment with such gusto that I feel he would have been satisfied with a smaller salary.

gusty

a

windy

The gusty weather made sailing precarious.

guy

n

() , ; ()

cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied

If the guys holding up the mast on that derrick snap, the mast will topple.

gyroscope

n

()

apparatus used to maintain balance, ascertain direction, etc.

By using a rotating gyroscope, they were able to stabilize the vessel, counteracting the rolling movements of the sea.

habituate

v

accustom or familiarize; addict

Macbeth gradually habituated himself to murder, shedding his scruples as he grew accustomed to his bloody deeds.

hackles

n

hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog

The dog's hackles rose and he began to growl as the sound of footsteps grew louder.

hackneyed

a

commonplace. trite

The English teacher criticized her story because of its hackneyed and unoriginal plot.

haggard

a

, ;

wasted away; gaunt

After his long illness, he was pale and haggard.

haggle

v

(.) ; ,

argue about prices

I prefer to shop in a store that has a one-price policy because, whenever I haggle with a shopkeeper, I am never certain that I paid a fair price for the articles I purchased.

halcyon

a

, ,

calm; peaceful

In those halcyon days, people were not worried about sneak attacks and bombings.

hale

(가) , ,

a

healthy

After a brief illness, he was soon hale.

hallowed

,

a

blessed; consecrated

Although the dead girl's parents had never been active churchgoers, they insisted that their daughter be buried in hallowed ground.

hallucination

; ,

n

delusion

I think you were frightened by a hallucination that you created in your own mind.

halting

, ; ,

a

hesitant; faltering

Novice extemporaneous speakers often talk in a halting fashion as they grope for the right words.

hamper

, ;

v

obstruct

The new mother hadn't realized how much the effort of caring for an infant would hamper her ability to keep an immaculate house.

hap

, (), (運)

n

chance; luck

In his poem Hap, Thomas Hardy objects to the part chance plays in our lives.

haphazard

a

random. by chance

His haphazard reading left him unacquainted with the authors of the book.

hapless

,

a

unfortunate

This hapless creature had never known a moment's pleasure.

harangue

() , ;

n

long, passionate, and vehement speech

In her lengthy harangue, the principal berated the offenders.

harass

, 가 ; ;

v

annoy by repeated attacks

When he could not pay his bills as quickly as he had promised, he was harassed by his creditors.

harbinger

, , ,

n

forerunner

The crocus is an early harbinger of spring.

harbor

v

provide a refuge for; hide

The church harbored illegal aliens who were political refugees.

hardy

a

sturdy; robust; able to stand inclement weather

We asked the gardening expert to recommend particularly hardy plants that could withstand our harsh New England winters.

harping

n

tiresome dwelling on a subject

After he had reminded me several times about what he had done for me, I told him to stop his harping on my indebtedness to him.

harrowing

a

agonizing; distressing; traumatic

At first Terry Anderson did not wish to discuss his harrowing months of captivity as a political hostage.

harry

v

harass, annoy, torment; raid

The guerrilla band harried the enemy nightly.

hatch

n

deck opening; lid covering a deck opening

The latch on the hatch failed to catch, so the hatch remained unlatched.

haughtiness

n

pride; arrogance

When she realized that Darcy believed himself too good to dance with his inferiors, Elizabeth took great offense at his haughtiness.

haven

n

place of safety; refuge

For Ricardo, the school library became his haven, a place to which he could retreat during chaotic times.

hazardous

a

dangerous

Your occupation is too hazardous for insurance companies to consider your application.

hazy

a

slightly obscure

In hazy weather, you cannot see the top of this mountain.

headlong

a

hasty; rash

The slave seized the unexpected chance to make a headlong dash across the border to freedom.

headstrong

, ; ()

a

stubborn; willful; unyielding

Because she refused to marry the man her parents had chosen for her, everyone scolded Minna and called her a foolish, headstrong girl.

heckler

; ;

n

person who verbally harasses others

The heckler kept interrupting the speaker with rude remarks.

hedonist

()

n

one who believes that pleasure is the sole aim in life

A thoroughgoing hedonist, he considered only his own pleasure and ignored any claims others had on his money or time.

heedless

, ,

a

not noticing; disregarding

She drove on, heedless of the warnings that the road was dangerous.

hegemony

, ;

n

dominance, especially of one nation over others

As one Eastern European nation after another declared its independence, commentators marveled at the sudden breakdown of the once monolithic Soviet hegemony.

heinous

가 , () ;

a

atrocious; hatefully bad

Hitler's heinous crimes will never be forgotten.

herbivorous

a

grain-eating

Some herbivorous animals have two stomachs for digesting their food.

heresy

, ,

n

opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion

Galileo's assertion that the earth moved around the sun directly contradicted the religious teachings of his day; as a result, he was tried for heresy.

hermetic

()

a

sealed by fusion so as to be airtight

After you sterilize the bandage, place them in a container and seal it with a hermetic seal to protect them from contamination by airborne bacteria.

hermetic

,

a

obscure and mysterious; occult

It is strange to consider that modern chemistry originated in the hermetic teachings of the ancient alchemists. (secondary meaning)

hermitage

, ;

n

home of a hermit

Even in his remote hermitage he could not escape completely from the world.

herpetologist

n one who studies reptiles

As a boy, Indiana Jones had a traumatic experience involving snakes; sensibly enough, he studied to be an archaeologist, not a herpetologist.

heterodox

a unorthodox; unconventional

To those who upheld the belief that the earth did not move, Galileo's theory that the earth circled the sun was disturbingly heterodox.

heterogeneous

a dissimilar; mixed

This year's entering class is a remarkably heterogeneous body

hew

v cut to piece with ax or sword

The cavalry rushed into the melee and hewed the enemy with their swords.

heyday

n time of greatest success; prime

In their heyday, the San Francisco Forty-Niners won the Super Bowl two years running.

hiatus

n gap; pause

Except for a brief two-year hiatus, during which she enrolled in the Peace Corps, Ms. Clements has devoted herself to her medical career.

hibernal

a wintry

Bears prepare for their long hibernal sleep by overeating.

hibernate

v sleep throughout the winter

Bears are one of the many species of animals that hibernate.

hierarchy

n arrangement by rank or standing; authoritarian body divided into ranks

To be low man on the totem pole is to have an inferior place in the hierarchy.

hieroglyphic

n picture writing

The discovery of the Rosetta Stone enabled scholars to read the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.

hilarity

n boisterous mirth

This hilarity is improper on this solemn day of mourning.

hindmost

가 ,

furthest behind

a

The coward could always be found in the hindmost lines whenever a battle was being waged.

hindrance

, ;

block; obstacle

n

Stalled cars along the highway are a hindrance to traffic that tow trucks should remove without delay.

hinterlands

; () ; , ,

back country

n

They seldom had visitors, living as they did way out in the hinterlands.

hireling

;

one who serves for hire (usually used contemptuously)

n

In a matter of such importance, I do not wish to deal with hirelings; I must meet with the chief.

hirsute

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hairy

a

He was a hirsute individual with a heavy black beard.

histrionic

; , ;

theatrical

a

He was proud of his histrionic ability and wanted to play the role of Hamlet.

hoard

;

stockpile; accumulate for future use

v

Whenever there are rumors of a food shortage, people are tempted to hoard food.

hoary

() 가 , ;

white with age

a

The man was hoary and wrinkled when he was 70.

hoax

;

trick; practical joke

n

Embarrassed by the hoax, she reddened and left the room.

holocaust

, , ; ()

destruction by fire

n

Citizens of San Francisco remember that the destruction of the city was caused not by the earthquake but by the holocaust that followed.

holster

(가)

pistol case

n

Even when he was not in uniform, he carried a holster and pistol under his arm.

homage

; ;

n

honor; tribute

In her speech she tried to pay homage to a great man.

homeostasis

()

n

tendency of a system to maintain relative stability

A breakdown of the body's immune system severely undermines the body's ability to maintain homeostasis.

homespun

; ; ,

a

domestic; made at home

Homespun wit, like homespun cloth, was often coarse and plain.

homily

,

n

sermon; serious warning

His speeches were always homilies, advising his listeners to repent and reform.

homogeneous

, ,

a

of the same kind

Because the student body at Elite Prep was so homogeneous, Sara and James decided to send their daughter to a school that offered greater cultural diversity.

hone

v

sharpen

To make shaving easier, he honed his razor with great care.

hoodwink

;

v

deceive; delude

Having been hoodwinked once by the fast-talking salesman, he was extremely cautious when he went to purchase a used car.

horde

; ()

n

crowd

Just before Christmas the stores are filled with hordes of shoppers.

hortatory

, ,

a

encouraging; exhortive

The crowd listened to his hortatory statements with ever-growing excitement; finally they rushed from the hall to carry out his suggestions.

horticultural

a

pertaining to cultivation of gardens

When he bought his house, he began to look for flowers and decorative shrubs, and began to read books dealing with horticultural matters.

hostility

, ;

n

unfriendliness; hatred

A child who has been the sole object of his parents' affection often feels hostility toward a new baby in the family, resenting the newcomer who has taken his place.

hovel

, ; ,

n

shack; small, wretched house

She wondered how poor people could stand living in such a hovel.

hover

, ; ;

v

hang about; wait nearby

The police helicopter hovered above the accident.

hubbub

; ,

n

confused uproar

The marketplace was a scene of hubbub and excitement; in all the noise, we could not distinguish particular voices.

hubris

() , ; ()

n

arrogance; excessive self-conceit

Filled with hubris, Lear refused to heed his friends' warnings.

hue

, ; () , ,

n

color; aspect

The aviary contained birds of every possible hue.

hue and cry

() ,

n

outcry

When her purse was snatched, she raised such a hue and cry that the thief was captured.

humane

, ,

a

marked by kindness or consideration

It is ironic that the Humane Society sometimes must show its compassion toward mistreated animals by killing them to end their misery.

humdrum

, ;

a

dull; monotonous

After her years of adventure, she could not settle down to a humdrum existence.

humid

가 ,

a

damp

She could not stand the humid climate and moved to a drier area.

humility

, ;

n

humbleness of spirit

He spoke with a humility and lack of pride that impressed his listeners.

hummock

, ;

n

small hill

The ascent of the hummock is not difficult and the view from the hilltop is ample reward for the effort.

humus

n

substance formed by decaying vegetable matter

In order to improve his garden, he spread humus over his lawn and flower beds.

hurtle

v

crash; rush

The runaway train hurtled toward disaster.

husband

v

use sparingly; conserve; save

Marathon runners must husband their energy so that they can keep going for the entire distance.

husbandry

n

frugality; thrift; agriculture

He accumulated his small fortune by diligence and husbandry.

hybrid

n

mongrel; mixed breed

Mendel's formula explains the appearance of hybrids and pure species in breeding.

hydrophobia

n

fear of water; rabies

A dog that bites a human being must be observed for symptoms of hydrophobia.

hyperbole

n

exaggeration; overstatement

As far as I'm concerned, Apple's claims about the new computer are pure hyperbole

hypercritical

a

excessively exacting

You are hypercritical in your demands for perfection; we all make mistakes.

hypochondriac

n

person unduly worried about his health; worrier without cause about illness

The doctor prescribed chocolate pills for her patient who was a hypochondriac.

hypocritical

a

pretending to be virtuous; deceiving

Because he believed Eddie to be interested only in his own advancement, Greg resented Eddie's hypocritical protestations of friendship.

hypothetical

a

based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed

Suppose you are accepted by Harvard, Stanford, and Yale. Which graduate school will you choose to attend? Remember, this is only a hypothetical situation.

ichthyology

n study of fish
Jacques Cousteau's programs about sea life have advanced the cause of ichthyology.

icon

() ;
n religious image; idol
The icons on the walls of the church were painted in the 13th century.

iconoclastic

;
a attacking cherished traditions
Deeply iconoclastic, Jean Genet deliberately set out to shock conventional theatergoers with his radical plays.

ideology

,
n system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture
For people who had grown up believing in the Communist ideology, it was hard to adjust to capitalism.

idiom

, ; ;
n expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its individual words; distinct
The phrase "to lose one's marbles" is an idiom

idiosyncrasy

; ; ,
n individual trait, usually odd in nature; eccentricity
One of Richard Nixon's little idiosyncrasies was his liking for ketchup on cottage cheese. One of Hannibal Lecter's little idiosyncrasies was his liking for human flesh.

idolatry

; ,
n worship of idols; excessive admiration
Such idolatry of singers of country music is typical of the excessive enthusiasm of youth.

idyllic

가() , ()
a charmingly carefree; simple
Far from the city, she led an idyllic existence in her rural retreat.

igneous

, ,
a produced by fire; volcanic
Lava, pumice, and other igneous rocks are found in great abundance around Mount Vesuvius near Naples.

ignite

, ()
v kindle; light
When Desi crooned, "Baby, light my fire," literal-minded Lucy looked around for some paper to ignite.

ignoble

, () ,
a unworthy; not noble
A true knight, Sir Galahad never stooped to perform an ignoble deed.

ignominy

, , ; ,
n deep disgrace; shame or dishonor

To lose the Ping-Pong match to a trained chimpanzee! How could Rollo endure the ignominy of his defeat?

illicit

; ,
a illegal

The defense attorney claimed that the police had entrapped his client; that is, they had elicited the illicit action of which they now accused him.

illimitable

, ,
a infinite

Human beings, having explored the far corners of the earth, are now reaching out into illimitable space.

illuminate

, ; () ; ,
v brighten; clear up or make understandable; enlighten

Just as a lamp can illuminate a dark room, a perceptive comment can illuminate a knotty problem.

illusion

, , ;
n misleading vision

It is easy to create an optical illusion in which lines of equal length appear different.

illusive

;
a deceiving

This is only a mirage; let us not be fooled by its illusive effect.

illusory

, () ; , 가
a deceptive; not real

Unfortunately, the costs of running the lemonade stand were so high that Tom's profits proved illusory.

imbalance

,
n lack of balance or symmetry; disproportion

To correct racial imbalance in the schools, school boards have bused black children into white neighborhoods and white children into black ones.

imbecility

, ; ;
n weakness of mind

I am amazed at the imbecility of the readers of these trashy magazines.

imbroglio

() , ;
n complicated situation; painful or complex misunderstanding; entanglement; confused mass (as
The humor of Shakespearean comedies often depends on cases of mistaken identity that involve the perplexed protagonists in one comic imbroglio after another.

imbue

,
v saturate, fill

His visits to the famous Gothic cathedrals imbued him with feelings of awe and reverence.

immaculate

immaculate
a pure; spotless

The West Point cadets were immaculate as they lined up for inspection.

imminent

imminent
a near at hand; impending

Rosa was such a last-minute worker that she could never start writing a paper till the deadline was imminent.

immobility

immobility
n state of being immovable

Modern armies cannot afford the luxury of immobility, as they are vulnerable to attack while standing still.

immolate

immolate
v offer as a sacrifice

The tribal king offered to immolate his daughter to quiet the angry gods.

immune

immune
a ; (, ,) ,
exempt

He was fortunately immune from the disease and could take care of the sick.

immure

immure
v , 가
imprison; shut up in confinement

For the two weeks before the examination, the student immured himself in his room and concentrated upon his studies.

immutable

immutable
a ,
unchangeable

Scientists are constantly seeking to discover the immutable laws of nature.

impair

impair
v (가) ,
worsen; diminish in value

This arrest will impair her reputation in the community.

impale

impale
v ,
pierce

He was impaled by the spear hurled by his adversary.

impalpable

impalpable
a ; ; ;
imperceptible; intangible

The ash is so fine that it is impalpable to the touch but it can be seen as a fine layer covering the window ledge.

impasse

impasse
n , ,
predicament from which there is no escape

In this impasse, all turned to prayer as their last hope.

impassive

a ; , , ;
without feeling; not affected by pain

The Native American had been incorrectly depicted as an impassive individual, undemonstrative and stoical.

impeach

v ; ,
charge with crime in office; indict

The angry congressman wanted to impeach the President for his misdeeds.

impeccable

a , ;
faultless

He was proud of his impeccable manners.

impecunious

a , 가
without money

Now that he was wealthy, he gladly contributed to funds to assist impecunious and disabled persons.

impede

v ,
hinder; block

The special prosecutor determined that the Attorney General, though inept, had not intentionally set out to impede the progress of the investigation.

impediment

n , , ; , ()
hindrance; stumbling-block

She had a speech impediment that prevented her from speaking clearly.

impending

a ,
nearing; approaching

The entire country was saddened by the news of his impending death.

impenetrable

a ;
not able to be pierced or entered beyond understanding

How could the murderer have gotten into the locked room? To Watson, the mystery, like the room, was impenetrable.

impenitent

a ,
not repentant

We could see by his brazen attitude that he was impenitent.

imperial

a ; ;
like an emperor; related to an empire

When hotel owner Leona Helmsley appeared in ads as Queen Leona standing guard over the Palace Hotel, her critics mocked her imperial fancies.

imperiousness

n ,
lordliness; domineering manner; arrogance

His imperiousness indicated that he had long been accustomed to assuming command.

impermeable

a

impervious; not permitting passage through its substance
This new material is impermeable to liquids.

impertinent

a

insolent
I regard your remarks as impertinent and I resent them.

imperturbable

a

calm; placid
Wellington remained imperturbable and in full command of the situation in spite of the hysteria and panic all around him.

impervious

a

(, 가) , ; , ()
not penetrable; not permitting passage through
You cannot change their habits for their minds are impervious to reasoning.

impetuous

a

violent; hasty; rash
We tried to curb his impetuous behavior because we felt in his haste he might offend some people.

impetus

n

moving force; incentive; stimulus
A new federal highway program would create jobs and give added impetus to our economic recovery.

impiety

n

; ; ()
irreverence; wickedness
We must regard your blasphemy as an act of impiety.

impinge

v

; ; ,
infringe; touch; collide with
How could they be married without impinging on one another's freedom?

impious

a

;
irreverent
The congregation was offended by her impious remarks.

implacable

a

() , , ,
incapable of being pacified
Madame Defarge was the implacable enemy of the Evremonde family.

implausible

a

;
unlikely; unbelievable
Though her alibi seemed implausible, it in fact turned out to be true.

implement

; , ; ()

v put into effect; supply with tools

The mayor was unwilling to implement the plan until she was sure it had the governor's backing.

implement (v)

, ;

v supply what is needed; furnish with tools

I am unwilling to implement this plan until I have assurance that it has the full approval of your officials.

implicate

() , ; ()

v incriminate; show to be involved

Here's the deal

implication

, ,

n something hinted at or suggested

When Miss Watson said she hadn't seen her purse since the last time Jim was in the house, the implication was that she suspected Jim had taken it.

implicit

, , , ,

a understood but not stated

Jack never told Jill he adored her; he believed his love was implicit in his deeds.

implode

()

v burst inward

If you break a vacuum tube, the glass tube implodes.

implore

,

v beg

He implored her to give him a second chance.

imply

,

v suggest a meaning not expressed; signify

Even though your statement does not declare that you are at war with that country, your actions imply that that is the actual situation.

impolitic

,

a not wise

I think it is impolitic to raise this issue at the present time because the public is too angry.

imponderable

가 , ; 가 ,

a weightless; unfathomable

I can evaluate the data gathered in this study; the imponderable items are not so easily analyzed.

import

, ,

n significance

I feel that you have not grasped the full import of the message sent to us by the enemy.

importunate

a

, urging; demanding

He tried to hide from his importunate creditors until his allowance arrived.

importune

v

가 , ;

beg persistently

Democratic and Republican phone solicitors importuned her for contributions so frequently that she decided to give nothing to either party.

imposture

n

, assuming a false identity; masquerade

She was imprisoned for her imposture of a doctor.

impotent

a

, weak; ineffective

Although he wished to break the nicotine habit, he found himself impotent in resisting the craving for a cigarette.

imprecation

n

; ()

curse

Roused from bed at what he considered an ungodly hour, Roy muttered imprecations under his breath.

impregnable

a

, () ,

invulnerable

Until the development of the airplane as a military weapon, the fort was considered impregnable.

impromptu

a

, ;

without previous preparation; off the cuff; on the spur of the moment

The judges were amazed that she could make such a thorough, well-supported presentation in an impromptu speech.

impropriety

n

() , , ,

improperness; unsuitableness

Because of the impropriety of the punk rocker's slashed T-shirt and jeans, the management refused to admit him to the hotel's very formal dining room.

improvident

a

, ; ,

thriftless

He was constantly being warned to mend his improvident ways and begin to "save for a rainy day."

improvise

v

(.) (),

compose on the spur of the moment

She would sit at the piano and improvise for hours on themes from Bach and Handel.

imprudent

a

가 , , ,

lacking caution; injudicious

It is imprudent to exercise vigorously and become overheated when you are unwell.

impudence

n

impertinence; insolence

Kissed on the cheek by a perfect stranger, Lady Catherine exclaimed, "Of all the nerve! Young man, I should have you horsewhipped for your impudence."

impugn

v

; ()

dispute or contradict (often in an insulting way); challenge; gainsay

Our treasurer was furious when the finance committee's report impugned the accuracy of his financial records and recommended that he take bonehead math.

impuissance

n

, ,

powerlessness; feebleness

The lame duck President was frustrated by his shift from enormous power to relative impuissance.

impunity

n

() , ()

freedom from punishment or harm

A 98-pound weakling can't attack a beachfront bully with impunity

impute

v

, 가

attribute; ascribe

If I wished to impute blame to the officers in charge of this program, I would state my feelings definitely and immediately.

inadvertently

d

; ,

unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly

Judy's great fear was that she might inadvertently omit a question on the exam and mismark her whole answer sheet.

inalienable

a

, ,

not to be taken away; nontransferable

The Declaration of Independence mentions the inalienable rights that all of us possess.

inane

a

; , ,

silly; senseless

There's no point in what you're saying. Why are you bothering to make such inane remarks?

inanimate

a

, ;

lifeless

She was asked to identify the still and inanimate body.

inarticulate

a

;

speechless; producing indistinct speech

She became inarticulate with rage and uttered sounds without meaning.

inaugurate

v

()... , ; ...

begin formally; install in office

The candidate promised that he would inaugurate a new nationwide health care plan as soon as he was inaugurated as president.

incandescent

a

strikingly bright; shining with intense heat

If you leave on an incandescent light bulb, it quickly grows too hot to touch.

incantation

n

singing or chanting of magic spells; magical formula

Uttering incantations to make the brew more potent, the witch doctor stirred the liquid in the caldron.

incapacitate

v

disable

During the winter, many people were incapacitated by respiratory ailments.

incarcerate

v

imprison

The civil rights workers were willing to be arrested and even incarcerated if by their imprisonment they could serve the cause.

incarnate

a

endowed with flesh; personified

Your attitude is so fiendish that you must be a devil incarnate.

incarnation

n

act of assuming a human body and human nature

The incarnation of Jesus Christ is a basic tenet of Christian theology.

incendiary

n

arsonist

The fire spread in such an unusual manner that the fire department chiefs were certain that it had been set by an incendiary.

incense

v

enrage; infuriate

Cruelty to defenseless animals incensed Kit

incentive

n

spur; motive

Mike's strong desire to outshine his big sister was all the incentive he needed to do well in school.

inception

n

start; beginning

She was involved with the project from its inception.

incessant

a

uninterrupted; unceasing

In a famous TV commercial, the frog's incessant croaking goes on and on until eventually it turns into a single word

inchoate

a

recently begun; rudimentary; elementary

Before the Creation, the world was an inchoate mass.

incidence

n

rate of occurrence; particular occurrence

Health professionals expressed great concern over the high incidence of infant mortality in major urban areas.

incidental

a

not essential; minor

The scholarship covered his major expenses at college and some of his incidental expenses as well.

incipient

a

beginning; in an early stage

I will go to sleep early for I want to break an incipient cold.

incisive

a

cutting; sharp

Her incisive remarks made us see the fallacy in our plans.

incite

v

arouse to action; goad; motivate; induce to exist

In a fiery speech, Mario incited his fellow students to go out on strike to protest the university's anti-affirmative-action stand.

inclement

a

stormy; unkind

In inclement weather, I like to curl up on the sofa with a good book and listen to the storm blowing outside.

incline

v

slope; slant

The architect recommended that the nursing home's ramp be rebuilt because its incline was too steep for wheelchairs.

inclined

a

tending or leaning toward; bent

Though I am inclined to be skeptical, the witness's manner inclines me to believe his story.

inclusive

a

tending to include all

The comedian turned down the invitation to join the Players' Club, saying any club that would let him in was too inclusive for him.

incognito

d

with identity concealed; using an assumed name

The monarch enjoyed traveling through the town incognito and mingling with the populace.

incoherent	가 , 가 ,	unintelligible; muddled; illogical
a		The excited fan blushed and stammered, her words becoming almost incoherent in the thrill of meeting her favorite rock star face to face.
incommodious	, ,	not spacious; inconvenient
a		In their incommodious quarters, they had to improvise for closet space.
incompatible	가 , ,	inharmonious
a		The married couple argued incessantly and finally decided to separate because they were incompatible.
incongruity	, ,	lack of harmony; absurdity
n		The incongruity of his wearing sneakers with formal attire amused the observers.
inconsequential	; ,	insignificant; unimportant
a		Brushing off Ali's apologies for having broken the wine glass, Tamara said, "Don't worry about it; it's inconsequential."
inconsistency	, ; , ;	state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness
n		How are lawyers different from agricultural inspectors? Where lawyers check inconsistencies in witnesses' statements, agricultural inspectors check inconsistencies in Grade A eggs.
incontinent	, ()	lacking self-restraint; licentious
a		His incontinent behavior off stage shocked many people and they refused to attend the plays and movies in which he appeared.
incontrovertible	, , ,	indisputable; not open to question
a		Unless you find the evidence against my client absolutely incontrovertible, you must declare her not guilty of this charge.
incorporate	() , , ; 가	introduce something into a larger whole; combine; unite
v		Breaking with precedent, President Truman ordered the military to incorporate blacks into every branch of the armed services.
incorporeal	, , ,	lacking a material body; insubstantial
a		Although Casper the friendly ghost is an incorporeal being, he and his fellow ghosts make quite an impact on the physical world.
incorrigible	() ,	uncorrectable
a		Though Widow Douglass hoped to reform Huck, Miss Watson pronounced him incorrigible and said he would come to no good end.

incredulity

a

a tendency to disbelief

Your incredulity in the face of all the evidence is hard to understand.

incredulous

a

withholding belief; skeptical

When Jack claimed he hadn't eaten the jelly doughnut, Jill took an incredulous look at his smeared face and laughed.

increment

n

가, , , ;

increase

The new contract calls for a 10 percent increment in salary for each employee for the next two years.

incriminate

v

, , , ...

accuse; serve as evidence against

The witness's testimony against the racketeers incriminates some high public officials as well.

incrustation

n

; , , ; ,

hard coating or crust

In dry dock, we scraped off the incrustation of dirt and barnacles that covered the hull of the ship.

incubate

v

;

hatch; scheme

Inasmuch as our supply of electricity is cut off, we shall have to rely on the hens to incubate these eggs.

incubus

n

, ;

burden; mental care; nightmare

The incubus of financial worry helped bring on her nervous breakdown.

inculcate

v

가 ,

teach

In an effort to inculcate religious devotion, the officials ordered that the school day begin with the singing of a hymn.

incumbent

a

, ;

obligatory; currently holding an office

It is incumbent upon all incumbent elected officials to keep accurate records of expenses incurred in office.

incur

v

(.) () , 가 ; ()

bring upon oneself

His parents refused to pay any future debts he might incur.

incursion

n

,

temporary invasion

The nightly incursions and hit-and-run raids of our neighbors across the border tried the patience of the country to the point where we decided to retaliate in force.

indefatigable

() ,

a

tireless

Although the effort of taking out the garbage exhausted Wayne for the entire morning, when it came to partying, he was indefatigable.

indelible

() ;

a

not able to be erased

The indelible ink left a permanent mark on my shirt. Young Bill Clinton's meeting with President Kennedy made an indelible impression on the youth.

indemnify

() () ; ()

v

make secure against loss; compensate for loss

The city will indemnify all home owners whose property is spoiled by this project.

indentation

, , ;

n

notch; deep recess

You can tell one tree from another by noting the differences in the indentations along the edges of the leaves.

indenture

() ,

v

bind as servant or apprentice to master

Many immigrants could come to America only after they had indentured themselves for several years.

indeterminate

, (不定) ,

a

uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite

That interest rates shall rise appears certain; when they will do so, however, remains indeterminate.

indicative

, ,

a

suggestive, implying

A lack of appetite may be indicative of a major mental or physical disorder.

indices

, , ;

n

signs; indications

Many college admissions officers believe that SAT scores and high school grades are the best indices of a student's potential to succeed in college.

indict

()

v

charge

The district attorney didn't want to indict the suspect until she was sure she had a strong enough case to convince a jury.

indifferent

, ,

a

unmoved or unconcerned by; mediocre

Because Ann felt no desire to marry, she was indifferent to Carl's constant proposals. Not only was she indifferent to him personally, but she felt that, given his general inanity, he would make an indifferent husband.

indigence

가 , , ,

n

poverty

Neither the economists nor the political scientists have found a way to wipe out the inequities of wealth and eliminate indigence from our society.

indigenous

, ,
a native

Cigarettes are made of tobacco, a plant indigenous to the New World.

indigent

() ;
a poor; destitute

Someone who is truly indigent can't even afford to buy a pack of cigarettes. [Don't mix up indigent and indigenous.]

indignation

() , ,
n anger at an injustice

She felt indignation at the ill-treatment of the helpless animals.

indignity

, , ,
n offensive or insulting treatment

Although he seemed to accept cheerfully the indignities heaped upon him, he was inwardly very angry.

indiscriminate

; ,
a choosing at random; confused

She disapproved of her son's indiscriminate television viewing and decided to restrict him to educational programs.

indisputable

가 ,
a too certain to be disputed

In the face of these indisputable statements, I withdraw my complaint.

indissoluble

(가) , ;
a permanent

The indissoluble bonds of marriage are all too often being dissolved.

indite

() ,
v write; compose

Cyrano indited many letters for Christian.

indolent

,
a lazy

Couch potatoes lead an indolent life lying back in their Lazyboy recliners watching TV.

indomitable

, ,
a unconquerable; unyielding

Focusing on her game despite all her personal problems, tennis champion Steffi Graf displayed an indomitable will to win.

indubitable

, ()
a unable to be doubted; unquestionable

Auditioning for the chorus line, Molly was an indubitable hit

induce

() () ... , , ...

v

persuade; bring about

After the quarrel, Tina said nothing could induce her to talk to Tony again.

inductive

;

a

pertaining to induction or proceeding from the specific to the general

The discovery of the planet Pluto is an excellent example of the results that can be obtained from inductive reasoning.

indulgent

, ,

a

humoring; yielding; lenient

Jay's mom was excessively indulgent

industrious

, ,

a

diligent; hard-working

Look busy when the boss walks by your desk; it never hurts to appear industrious.

inebriated

; ,

n

habitually intoxicated; drunk

Abe was inebriated more often than he was sober. Because of his inebriety, he was discharged from his job as a bus driver.

ineffable

; ()

n

unutterable; cannot be expressed in speech

Such ineffable joy must be experienced; it cannot be described.

ineffectual

; , ;

a

not effective; weak

Because the candidate failed to get across her message to the public, her campaign was ineffectual.

ineluctable

가 ,

a

irresistible; not to be escaped

He felt that his fate was ineluctable and refused to make any attempt to improve his lot.

inept

, ;

a

lacking skill; unsuited; incompetent

The inept glovemaker was all thumbs.

inequity

,

n

unfairness

In demanding equal pay for equal work, women protest the basic inequity of a system that allots greater financial rewards to men.

inerrancy

() ,

n

infallibility

Jane refused to believe in the pope's inerrancy, reasoning

inert

inert ; , ,
a inactive; lacking power to move

Get up, you lazybones, Tina cried to Tony, who lay in bed inert.

inevitable

inevitable ,
a unavoidable

Though death and taxes are both supposedly inevitable, some people avoid paying taxes for years.

inexorable

inexorable () , 가
a relentless; unyielding; implacable

After listening to the pleas for clemency, the judge was inexorable and gave the convicted man the maximum punishment allowed by law.

infallible

infallible ; ;
a unerring

We must remember that none of us is infallible; we all make mistakes.

infamous

infamous ,
a notoriously bad

Chales Manson and Jffrey Dahmer are two examples of infamous killers.

infantile

infantile ;
a childish; infantlike

When will he outgrow such infantile behavior?

infer

infer , ,
v deduce; conclude

From the students' glazed looks, it was easy for me to infer that they were bored out of their minds.

infernal

infernal , ; ,
a pertaining to hell; devilish

Batman was baffled

infidel

infidel , ;
n unbeliever

The Saracens made war against the infidels.

infiltrate

infiltrate ,
v pass into or through; penetrate (an organization) sneakily

In order to infiltrate enemy lines at night without being seen, the scouts darkened their faces and wore black coveralls.

infinitesimal

infinitesimal , ,
a very small

In the twentieth century, physicists have made their greatest discoveries about the characteristics of infinitesimal objects like the atom and its parts.

infirmity

, ; , ;
n weakness

Her greatest infirmity was lack of willpower.

inflated

; ; (가)
n exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with air or gas)

His claims about the new product were inflated; it did not work as well as he had promised.

influx

, , ,
n flowing into

The influx of refugees into the country has taxed the relief agencies severely.

infraction

,
n violation (of a rule or regulation); breach

When basketball star Dennis Rodman butted heads with the referee, he committed a clear infraction of NBA rules.

infringe

() , ... ,
v violate; encroach

I think your machine infringes on my patent and I intend to sue.

ingenious

, ;
a clever; resourceful

Kit admired the ingenious way that her computer keyboard opened up to reveal the built-in CD-ROM below.

ingenuous

,
a naive. young. unsophisticated

These remarks indicate that you are ingenuous and unaware of life's harsher realities.

ingrained

, ;
a deeply established; firmly rooted

Try as they would, the missionaries were unable to uproot the ingrained superstitions of the natives.

ingrate

()
n ungrateful person

That ingrate Bob sneered at the tie I gave him.

ingratiate

,
v become popular with

He tried to ingratiate himself into her parents' good graces.

inherent

, ,
a firmly established by nature or habit

Katya's inherent love of justice caused her to champion anyone she considered to be treated unfairly by society.

inhibit

v

restrain; retard or prevent

Only two things inhibited him from taking a punch at Mike Tyson

inimical

a

unfriendly; hostile; harmful; detrimental

I've always been friendly to Martha. Why is she so inimical to me?

inimitable

a

matchless; not able to be imitated

We admire Auden for his inimitable use of language; he is one of a kind.

iniquitous

a

wicked; immoral; unrighteous

Whether or not King Richard III was responsible for the murder of the two young princes in the Tower, it was an iniquitous deed.

initiate

v

begin; originate; receive into a group

The college is about to initiate a program for reducing math anxiety among students.

injurious

a

harmful

Smoking cigarettes can be injurious to your health.

inkling

n

hint

This came as a complete surprise to me as I did not have the slightest inkling of your plans.

innate

a

inborn

Mozart's parents soon recognized young Wolfgang's innate talent for music.

innocuous

a

harmless

An occasional glass of wine with dinner is relatively innocuous and should have no ill effect on most people.

innovation

n

change; introduction of something new

Although Recharad liked to keep up with all the latest technological innovations, he didn't always abandon tried and true techniques in favor of something new.

innuendo

n

hint; insinuation

I can defend myself against direct accusations; innuendoes and oblique attacks on my character are what trouble me.

inopportune

()가 ,

a

untimely; poorly chosen

A rock concert is an inopportune setting for a quiet conversation.

inordinate

;

a

unrestrained; excessive

She had an inordinate fondness for candy, eating two or three boxes in a single day.

inquisitor

,

n

questioner (especially harsh); investigator

Fearing being grilled ruthlessly by the secret police, Marsha faced her inquisitors with trepidation.

insalubrious

,

a

unwholesome; not healthful

The mosquito-ridden swamp was an insalubrious place, a breeding ground for malarial contagion.

insatiable

,

a

not easily satisfied; unquenchable; greedy

The young writer's thirst for knowledge was insatiable; she was always in the library.

inscrutable

가 ,

a

impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious

Experienced poker players try to keep their expressions inscrutable, hiding their reactions to the cards behind a so-called poker face.

insensate

, ,

a

without feeling

She lay there as insensate as a log.

insensible

, ,

a

unconscious; unresponsive

Sherry and I are very different; at times when I would be covered with embarrassment, she seems insensible to shame.

insidious

, ,

a

treacherous; stealthy; sly

The fifth column is insidious because it works secretly within our territory for our defeat.

insightful

,

a

discerning; perceptive

Sol thought he was very insightful about human behavior, but actually he was clueless as to why people acted the way they did.

insinuate

,

v

hint; imply; creep in

When you said I looked robust, did you mean to insinuate that I'm getting fat?

insipid

; , ,

a

lacking in flavor; dull

Flat prose and flat ginger ale are equally insipid.

insolence

, ,

n

impudent disrespect; haughtiness

How dare you treat me so rudely! The manager will hear of your insolence.

insolvent

() ;

a

bankrupt; lacking money to pay

When rumors that he was insolvent reached his creditors, they began to press him for payment of the money due them.

insomnia

,

n

wakefulness; inability to sleep

She refused to join us in a midnight cup of coffee because she claimed it gave her insomnia.

insouciant

,

a

indifferent; without concern or care

Your insouciant attitude at such a critical moment indicates that you do not understand the gravity of the situation.

instigate

.

v

urge. start. provoke

I'm afraid that this statement will instigate a revolt.

insubordination

() ,

n

disobedience; rebelliousness

At the slightest hint of insubordination from the sailors on the Bounty, Captain Bligh had them flogged; finally, they mutinied.

insubstantial

가 , , ;

a

lacking substance; insignificant; frail

His hopes for a career in acting proved insubstantial; no one would cast him, even in an insubstantial role.

insularity

,

n

narrow-mindedness; isolation

The insularity of the islanders manifested itself in their suspicion of anything foreign.

insuperable

,

a

insurmountable; unbeatable

Though the odds against their survival seemed insuperable, the Apollo 13 astronauts reached earth safely.

insurgent

,

a

rebellious

Because the insurgent forces had occupied the capital and had gained control of the railway lines, several of the war correspondents covering the uprising predicted a rebel victory.

insurmountable

가 ,

a

overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable

Facing almost insurmountable obstacles, the members of the underground maintained their courage and will to resist.

insurrection

, ,

n

rebellion; uprising

In retrospect, given how badly the British treated the American colonists, the eventual insurrection seems inevitable.

intangible

; ,

a

not able to be perceived by touch; vague

Though the financial benefits of his Oxford post were meager, Lewis was drawn to it by its intangible rewards

integral

, ;

a

complete; necessary for completeness

Physical education is an integral part of our curriculum; a sound mind and a sound body are complementary.

integrate

(.) , ,

v

make whole; combine; make into one unit

She tried to integrate all their activities into one program.

integrity

, ; ,

n

uprightness; wholeness

Lincoln, whose personal integrity has inspired millions, fought a civil war to maintain the integrity of the republic, that these United States might remain undivided for all time.

intellect

, ,

n

higher mental powers

He thought college would develop his intellect.

intelligentsia

,

n

intellectuals; members of the educated elite [often used derogatorily]

She preferred discussions about sports and politics to the literary conversations of the intelligentsia.

inter

v

bury

They are going to inter the body tomorrow at Broadlawn Cemetery.

interdict

, ,

v

prohibit; forbid

Civilized nations must interdict the use of nuclear weapons if we expect our society to live.

interim

, ; ,

n

meantime

The company will not consider our proposal until next week; in the interim, let us proceed as we have in the past.

interloper

n intruder
, ; 가

The merchant thought of his competitors as interlopers who were stealing away his trade.

interminable

a endless

Although his speech lasted for only twenty minutes, it seemed interminable to his bored audience.

intermittent

a periodic; on and off

The outdoor wedding reception had to be moved indoors to avoid the intermittent showers that fell on and off all afternoon.

internecine

a mutually destructive

The rising death toll on both sides indicates the internecine nature of this conflict.

interpolate

v insert between
, ()

She talked so much that I could not interpolate a single remark.

interregnum

n period between two reigns
(.) ; () ; ()

Henry VIII desperately sought a male heir because he feared the civil strife that might occur if any prolonged interregnum succeeded his death.

interrogate

v question closely; cross-examine
, ;

Knowing that the Nazis would interrogate him about his background, the secret agent invented a cover story that would help him meet their questions.

intervene

v come between
;

When two close friends get into a fight, be careful if you try to intervene; they may join forces and gang up on you.

intimate

v hint
,

She intimated rather than stated her preferences.

intimidate

v frighten
()

I'll learn karate and then those big bullies won't be able to intimidate me anymore.

intractable

a unruly; stubborn; unyielding
,

Charlie Brown's friend Pigpen was intractable

intransigence

(), (), ()

n

refusal of any compromise; stubbornness

The negotiating team had not expected such intransigence from the striking workers, who rejected any hint of a compromise.

intrepid

a

fearless

For her intrepid conduct nursing the wounded during the war, Florence Nightingale was honored by Queen Victoria.

intrinsic

a

essential; inherent; built-in

Although my grandmother's china has little intrinsic value, I shall always cherish it for the memories it evokes.

introspective

a

looking within oneself

Though young Francis of Assisi led a wild and worldly life, even he had introspective moments during which he examined his soul.

introvert

n

one who is introspective; inclined to think more about oneself

In his poetry, he reveals that he is an introvert by his intense interest in his own problems.

intrude

v

trespass; enter as an uninvited person

She hesitated to intrude on their conversation.

intuition

n

immediate insight; power of knowing without reasoning

Even though Tony denied that anything was wrong, Tina trusted her intuition that something was bothering him.

inundate

v

overwhelm; flood; submerge

This semester I am inundated with work

inured

a

accustomed; hardened

He became inured to the Alaskan cold.

invalidate

v

weaken; destroy

The relatives who received little or nothing sought to invalidate the will by claiming that the deceased had not been in his right mind when he had signed the document.

invective

n

abuse, harangue

He had expected criticism but not the invective which greeted his proposal.

inveigh

v

denounce; utter censure or invective

He inveighed against the demagoguery of the previous speaker and urged that the audience reject his philosophy as dangerous.

inveigle

v

lead astray; wheedle

She was inveigled into joining the club.

inverse

a

opposite

There is an inverse ratio between the strength of light and its distance.

invert

v

turn upside down or inside out

When he inverted his body in a hand stand, he felt the blood rush to his head.

inveterate

a

deep-rooted; habitual

She is an inveterate smoker.

invidious

a

designed to create ill will or envy

We disregarded her invidious remarks because we realized how jealous she was.

invincible

a

unconquerable

Superman is invincible.

inviolability

n

security from being destroyed, corrupted or profaned

They respected the inviolability of her faith and did not try to change her manner of living.

invoke

v

call upon; ask for

She invoked her advisor's aid in filling out her financial aid forms.

invulnerable

a

incapable of injury

Achilles was invulnerable except in his heel.

iota

n

very small quantity

She hadn't an iota of common sense.

irascible

;
a irritable; easily angered
His irascible temper frightened me.

irate

a angry
When John's mother found out that he had overdrawn his checking account for the third month in a row, she was so irate floated on the surface of the water.

iridescent

a exhibiting rainbowlike colors
She admired the iridescent hues of the oil that floated on the surface of the water.

irksome

;
a annoying; tedious
He found working on the assembly line irksome because of the monotony of the operation he had to perform.

ironic

a resulting in an unexpected and contrary manner
It is ironic that his success came when he least wanted it.

irony

;
n hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that convey a meaning opposite to the literal meaning
Gradually his listeners began to realize that the excessive praise he was lavishing was merely irony; he was actually denouncing his opponent.

irreconcilable

;
a incompatible; not able to be resolved
Because the separated couple were irreconcilable, the marriage counselor recommended a divorce.

irrefragable

;
a not to be disproved; indisputable
This statement is irrelevant and should be disregarded by the jury.

irrefutable

a indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable
No matter how hard I tried to find a good comeback for her argument, I couldn't think of one

irrelevant

;
a not applicable; unrelated
No matter how irrelevant the patient's mumblings may seem, they give us some indications of what is on his mind.

irremediable

;
a incurable; uncorrectable
The error she made was irremediable; she could see no way to repair it.

irreparable

a not able to be corrected or repaired
Your apology cannot atone for the irreparable damage you have done to her reputation.

irrepressible

a unable to be restrained or held back
Her high spirits were irrepressible.

irreproachable

a 가 , ,
blameless; impeccable
Homer's conduct at the office party was irreproachable; even Marge had nothing bad to say about how he behaved.

irresolute

a ;
uncertain how to act; weak
She had no respect for him because he seemed weak-willed and irresolute.

irretrievable

a , 가
impossible to recover or regain; irreparable
The left fielder tried to retrieve the ball, but it flew over the fence, bounced off a wall, and fell into the sewer

irreverence

n ,
lack of proper respect
Some people in the audience were amused by the irreverence of the comedian's jokes about the Pope; others felt offended by his lack of respect for their faith.

irreverent

a
lacking proper respect
The worshippers resented her irreverent remarks about their faith.

irrevocable

a
unalterable
Let us not brood over past mistakes since they are irrevocable.

isotope

n ,
varying form of an element
The study of the isotopes of uranium led to the development of the nuclear bomb.

isthmus

n
narrow neck of land connecting two larger bodies of land
In a magnificent feat of engineering, Goethals and his men cut through the isthmus of Panama in constructing the Panama Canal.

itinerant

a , ,
wandering; traveling
He was an itinerant peddler and traveled through Pennsylvania and Virginia selling his wares.

itinerary

n

plan of a trip

Disliking sudden changes in plans when she traveled abroad, Ethel refused to make any alterations in her itinerary.

jabber

v

chatter rapidly or unintelligibly

Why does the fellow insist on jabbering away in French when I can't understand a word he says?

jaded

a

fatigued; surfeited

He looked for exotic foods to stimulate his jaded appetite.

jargon

n

language used by a special group; technical terminology; gibberish

The computer salesmen at the store used a jargon of their own that we simply couldn't follow; we had no idea what they were jabbering about.

jaundiced

a

prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful); yellowed

Because Sue disliked Carolyn, she looked at Carolyn's paintings with a jaundiced eye, calling them formless smears. Newborn infants afflicted with jaundice look slightly yellow

jaunt

n

trip; short journey

He took a quick jaunt to Atlantic City.

jaunty

a

lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree

In *Singing in the Rain*, Gene Kelly sang and danced his way through the lighthearted title number in a properly jaunty style.

jeopardize

v

endanger; imperil; put at risk

You can't give me a D in chemistry

jettison

v

throw overboard

In order to enable the ship to ride safely through the storm, the captain had to jettison much of his cargo.

jibe

v

agree; be in harmony with

Moe says Curly started the fight; Curly insists it was Moe. Their stories just don't jibe.

jingoist

n

extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist

Always bellowing "America first!," the congressman was such a jingoist you could almost hear the sabers rattling as he marched down the halls.

jocose

a

given to joking

The salesman was so jocose that many of his customers suggested that he become a stand-up comic.

jocular

a

said or done in jest

Although Bill knew the boss hated jokes, he couldn't resist making one jocular remark; his jocularly cost him the job.

jocund

a

merry

Santa Claus is always cheerful and jocund.

jollity

n

gaiety; cheerfulness

The festive Christmas dinner was a merry one, and old and young alike joined in the general jollity.

jostle

v

() 가

shove; bump

In the subway he was jostled by the crowds.

jovial

a

, , ; ,

good-natured; merry

A frown seemed out of place on his invariably jovial face.

jubilant

n

, ()

rejoicing

There was great jubilation when the armistice was announced.

judicious

a

,

sound in judgment; wise

At a key moment in his life, he made a judicious investment that was the foundation of his later wealth.

juggernaut

n

, 가 ;

irresistible crushing force

Nothing could survive in the path of the juggernaut.

juncture

n

, ; ,

crisis; joining point

At this critical juncture, let us think carefully before determining the course we shall follow.

junket

n

, () ; ,

trip, especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense

Though she maintained she had gone abroad to collect firsthand data on the Common Market, the opposition claimed that her trip was merely a political junket.

junta

(군정) ; (군주정)

n

group of persons joined in political intrigue; cabal

As soon as he learned of its existence, the dictator ordered the execution of all of the members of the junta.

jurisprudence

법학

n

science of law

She was more a student of jurisprudence than a practitioner of the law.

justification

정당화, (구속) 이유

n

good or just reason; defense; excuse

The jury found him guilty of the more serious charge because they could see no possible justification for his actions.

juxtapose

가까이 놓다

v

place side by side

Comparison will be easier if you juxtapose the two objects.

kaleidoscope

칼리도스코프

n

tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass, etc., produced

People found a new source of entertainment while peering through the kaleidoscope; they found the ever-changing patterns fascinating.

ken

지식 범위

n

range of knowledge

I cannot answer your question since this matter is beyond my ken.

kernel

핵심, 씨앗 ; (핵심)

n

central or vital part; whole seed (as of corn)

Watson, buried within this tissue of lies there is a kernel of truth; when I find it, the mystery will be solved.

killjoy

기쁨을 빼앗는 사람

n

grouch; spoilsport

At breakfast we had all been enjoying our bacon and eggs until that killjoy John started talking about how bad animal fats and cholesterol were for our health.

kindle

불을 붙이다 ; (불을) 피우는 것

v

start a fire; inspire

One of the first things Ben learned in the Boy Scouts was how to kindle a fire by rubbing two dry sticks together. Her teacher's praise for her poetry kindled a spark of hope inside Maya.

kindred

같은 성질, 성격

a

related; similar in nature or character

Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn were two kindred spirits.

kinetic

운동 에너지

a

producing motion

Designers of the electric automobile find that their greatest obstacle lies in the development of light and efficient storage batteries, the source of the kinetic energy needed to propel the vehicle.

kismet

n

fate

Kismet is the Arabic word for "fate."

kleptomaniac

n

a person who has a compulsive desire to steal

They discovered that the wealthy customer was a kleptomaniac when they caught her stealing some cheap trinkets.

knave

n

untrustworthy person; rogue, scoundrel

Any politician nicknamed Tricky Dick clearly has the reputation of a knave.

knead

v

mix; work dough

Her hands grew strong from kneading bread.

knell

n

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

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day.

knit

v

() , () ; contract into wrinkles; grow together

Whenever David worries, his brow knits in a frown. <p>When he broke his leg, he sat around the house all day waiting for the bones to knit.

knoll

n

little, round hill

Robert Louis Stevenson's grave is on a knoll in Samoa; to reach the grave site, you must climb uphill and walk a short distance along a marked path.

knotty

a

intricate; difficult; tangled

What to Watson had been a knotty problem to Sherlock Holmes was simplicity itself.

kudos

n

honor; glory; praise

The singer complacently received kudos on his performance from his entourage.

labile

a

likely to change; unstable

Because the hormonal changes they undergo affect their spirits, adolescents may become emotionally labile and experience sudden shifts of mood.

laborious

a

demanding much work or care; tedious

In putting together his dictionary of the English language, Doctor Johnson undertook a laborious task.

labyrinth

n

, maze

Tom and Becky were lost in the labyrinth of secret caves.

lacerate

v

, mangle; tear

Her body was lacerated in the automobile crash.

lachrymose

a

, () producing tears

His voice has a lachrymose quality that is more appropriate at a funeral than a class reunion.

lackadaisical

a

, , affectedly languid

He was lackadaisical and indifferent about his part in the affair.

lackluster

a

, dull

We were disappointed by the lackluster performance.

laconic

a

, brief and to the point

Many of the characters portrayed by Clint Eastwood are laconic types

laggard

n

, slow; sluggish

The sailor taught not be laggard in carrying out orders.

lagoon

n

; () shallow body of water near a sea; lake

They enjoyed their swim in the calm lagoon.

laity

n

, , , ; laypersons; persons not connected with the clergy

The laity does not always understand the clergy's problems.

lambaste

v

; , beat; thrash verbally or physically

It was painful to watch the champion lambaste his opponent, tearing into him mercilessly.

lament

v

, , grieve; express sorrow

Even advocates of the war lamented the loss of so many lives in combat.

lampoon

, ()
v ridicule

This article lampoons the pretensions of some movie moguls.

lancet

, ;
n small surgical tool for making incisions

With the sharp tip of her lancet, Doctor Wheeler cut into the abscess, opening it to let it drain.

languid

, ,
a weary; sluggish; listless

Her siege of illness left her languid and pallid.

languish

,
v lose animation or strength

Left at Miss Minchin's school for girls while her father went off to war, Sarah Crewe refused to languish; instead, she hid her grief and actively befriended her less fortunate classmates.

languor

, , , , ,
n lassitude; depression

His friends tried to overcome the languor into which he had fallen by taking him to parties and to the theater.

lank

, ; () ,
a long and thin

Lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln was a striking figure.

lap

(.) , ; () ; (가) ,
v take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently

The kitten neatly lapped up her milk. The waves softly lapped against the pier.

larceny

n theft

Because of the prisoner's record, the district attorney refused to reduce the charge from grand larceny to petit larceny.

larder

;
n pantry; place where food is kept

The first thing Bill did on returning home from school was to check what snacks his mother had in the larder.

largess

() , ; ,
n generous gift

Lady Bountiful distributed largess to the poor.

lascivious

, ,
a lustful

Because they might arouse lascivious impulses in their readers, the lewd books were banned by the clergy.

lassitude

n

languor; weariness

After a massage and a long soak in the hot tub, I surrendered to my growing lassitude and lay down for a nap.

latent

a

potential but undeveloped; dormant; hidden

Polaroid pictures are popular at parties because you can see the latent photographic image gradually appear before your eyes.

lateral

a

() ,

coming from the side

In order to get good plant growth, the gardener must pinch off all lateral shoots.

latitude

a

; ,

freedom from narrow limitations

I think you have permitted your son too much latitude in this matter.

laud

v

, ()

praise

The NFL lauded Boomer Esiason's efforts to raise money to combat cystic fibrosis.

lavish

a

, ;

liberal; wasteful

The actor's lavish gifts pleased her.

lax

a

, ;

careless

We dislike restaurants where the service is lax and inattentive.

leaven

v

,

cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven

As bread dough is leavened, it puffs up, expanding in volume.

lechery

n

,

gross lewdness; lustfulness

In his youth he led a life of lechery and debauchery; he did not mend his ways until middle age.

lectern

n

,

reading desk

The chaplain delivered his sermon from a hastily improvised lectern.

leery

a

; ,

suspicious; cautious

Don't eat the sushi at this restaurant; I'm a bit leery about how fresh it is.

leeway

(. .) ;

n

room to move; margin

When you set a deadline, allow a little leeway.

legacy

,

n

a gift made by a will

Part of my legacy from my parents is an album of family photographs.

legend

(.) , ;

n

explanatory list of symbols on a map

The legend at the bottom of the map made it clear which symbols stood for rest areas along the highway and which stood for public camp sites. (secondary meaning)

legerdemain

, ;

n

sleight of hand

The magician demonstrated his renowned legerdemain.

leniency

, ; ,

n

mildness; permissiveness

Considering the gravity of the offense, we were surprised by the leniency of the sentence.

leonine

; ; ,

a

like a lion

He was leonine in his rage.

lethal

,

a

deadly

It is unwise to leave lethal weapons where children may find them.

lethargic

() , ; ; ,

a

drowsy; dull

The stuffy room made her lethargic

levee

()

v

earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding

As the river rose and threatened to overflow the levee, emergency workers rushed to reinforce the walls with sandbags.

levitate

() ()

v

float in the air (especially by magical means)

As the magician passed his hands over the recumbent body of his assistant, she appeared to rise and levitate about three feet above the table.

levity

, , ,

n

lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity

Stop giggling and wriggling around in the pew

levy

() ; ... ,

v

impose (a fine); collect (a payment)

Crying "No taxation without representation!", the colonists demonstrated against England's power to levy taxes.

lewd

; ,

a

lustful

They found his lewd stories objectionable.

lexicographer

,

n

compiler of a dictionary

The new dictionary is the work of many lexicographers who spent years compiling and editing the work.

lexicon

; (), ()

n

dictionary

I cannot find this word in any lexicon in the library.

liability

, ; , , ;

n

drawback; debts

Her lack of an extensive vocabulary was a liability that she was able to overcome.

liaison

; ()

n

contact that keeps parties in communication; go-between; secret love affair

As the liaison between the American and British forces during World War II, the colonel had to ease tensions between the leaders of the two armies. Romeo's romantic liaison with Juliet ended in tragedy.

libel

; () ,

n

defamatory statement; act of writing something that smears a person's character

If Batman wrote that the Joker was a dirty, rotten, mass-murdering criminal, could the Joker sue Batman for libel?

libertine

,

n

debauched person, roue

Although she was aware of his reputation as a libertine, she felt she could reform him and help him break his dissolute way of life.

libidinous

, ,

a

lustful

They objected to his libidinous behavior.

libido

() , ,

n

emotional urges behind human activity

The psychiatrist maintained that suppression of the libido often resulted in maladjustment and neuroses.

libretto

가 가 ()

n

text of an opera

The composer of an opera's music is remembered more frequently than the author of its libretto.

licentious

() , ,

a

amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained

Unscrupulously seducing the daughter of his host, Don Juan felt no qualms about the immorality of his licentious behavior.

lien

(先取特權), ;

n

legal claim on a property

There was a delay before Ralph could take possession of his late uncle's home; apparently, another claimant had a lien upon the estate.

ligneous

,

a

like wood

Petrified wood may be ligneous in appearance, but it is stonelike in composition.

lilliputian

;

a

extremely small

Tiny and delicate, the model was built on a lilliputian scale.

limber

; ,

a

flexible

Hours of ballet classes kept him limber.

limbo

; ,

n

region near heaven or hell where certain souls are kept; a prison (slang)

Among the divisions of Hell are Purgatory and Limbo.

limn

;

v

draw; outline; describe

Paradoxically, the more realistic the details this artist chooses, the better able she is to limn her fantastic, other-worldly landscapes.

limpid

, , ()

a

clear

A limpid stream ran through his property.

lineage

, 가 , ; ()

n

descent; ancestry

He traced his lineage back to Mayflower days.

lineaments

, , ; ,

n

features, especially of the face

She quickly sketched the lineaments of his face.

linger

, ; , ()

v

loiter or dawdle; continue or persist

Hoping to see Juliet pass by, Romeo lingered outside the Capulet house for hours. Though Mother made stuffed cabbage on Monday, the smell lingered around the house for days.

linguistic

a

pertaining to language

The modern tourist will encounter very little linguistic difficulty as English had become an almost universal language.

lionize

v

() , ; ()

treat as a celebrity

She enjoyed being lionized and adored by the public.

liquidate

v

, () ,

settle accounts; clear up

He was able to liquidate all his debts in a short period of time.

list

v

(가)

tilt; lean over

That flagpole should be absolutely vertical; instead, it lists to one side. (secondary meaning)

listless

a

, ; ;

lacking in spirit or energy

We had expected her to be full of enthusiasm and were surprised by her listless attitude.

litany

n

, (連禱)

supplicatory prayer

On this solemn day, the congregation responded to the prayers of the priest during the litany with fervor and intensity.

lithe

a

,

flexible; supple

Her figure was lithe and willowy.

litigation

n

,

lawsuit

Try to settle this amicably; I do not want to star litigation.

litotes

n

()

understatement for emphasis

To say, "He little realizes," when we mean that he does not realize at all, is an example of the kind of understatement we call litotes.

livid

a

; ;

lead-colored; black and blue; enraged

His face was so livid with rage that we were afraid that he might have an attack of apoplexy.

loath

a

;

averse; reluctant

They were both loath for him to go.

loathe

v

detest

We loathed the wicked villain.

lode

n

metal-bearing vein

If this lode which we have discovered extends for any distance, we have found a fortune.

lofty

a

very high

They used to tease him about his lofty ambitions.

log

n

() ;

record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities

Flogged two seamen today for insubordination, wrote Captain Bligh in the Bounty's log. To see how much work I've accomplished recently, just take a look at the number of new files

loiter

v

() ;

hang around; linger

The policeman told him not to loiter in the alley.

loll

v

lounge about

They lolled around in their chairs watching television.

longevity

n

long life

The old man was proud of his longevity.

loom

v

() () ; (.) 가 ;

appear or take shape (usually in an enlarged or distorted form)

The shadow of the gallows loomed threateningly above the small boy.

lope

v

() ,

gallop slowly

As the horses loped along, we had an opportunity to admire the ever-changing scenery.

loquacious

n

talkative

She is very loquacious and can speak on the telephone for hours.

lout

n

() , ;

clumsy person

The delivery boy is an awkward lout.

low

(가)

moo

v

From the hilltop, they could see the herd like ants in the distance; they could barely hear the cattle low.

lubricity

;

slipperiness; evasiveness

n

He exasperated the reporters by his lubricity; they could not pin him down to a definite answer.

lucid

;

bright; easily understood

a

His explanation was lucid and to the point.

lucrative

,

profitable

a

He turned his hobby into a lucrative profession.

lucre

money

n

Preferring lucre to fame, he wrote stories of popular appeal.

ludicrous

;

laughable; trifling

a

Let us be serious; this is not a ludicrous issue.

lugubrious

mournful

a

The lugubrious howling of the dogs added to our sadness.

lull

moment of calm

n

Not wanting to get wet, they waited under the awning for a lull in the rain.

lumber

move heavily or clumsily

v

Still somewhat torpid after its long hibernation, the bear lumbered through the woods.

luminous

;

shining; issuing light

a

The sun is a luminous body.

lunar

pertaining to the moon

a

Lunar craters can be plainly seen with the aid of a small telescope.

lupine

a like a wolf
She was terrified of his fierce, lupine smile.

lurid

a ; < >
wild; sensational
The lurid stories he told shocked his listeners.

luscious

a pleasing to taste or smell
The ripe peach was luscious.

luster

n ;
shine; gloss
The soft luster of the silk in the dim light was pleasing.

lustrous

a shining
Her large and lustrous eyes gave a touch of beauty to an otherwise drab face.

luxuriant

a ; ;
fertile; abundant; ornate
Farming was easy in this luxuriant soil.

macabre

a ;
gruesome; grisly
The city morgue is a macabre spot for the uninitiated.

mace

n , ;
ceremonial staff; clublike medieval weapon
The Grand Marshal of the parade raised his mace to signal that it was time for the procession to begin.

macerate

v ;
soak, wet; waste away
Cancer macerated his body.

machiavellian

a carftly; double-dealing
I do not think he will be a good ambassador because he is not accustomed to the machiavellian maneuverings of foreign diplomats.

machinations

n schemes
I can see through your wily machinations.

madrigal

가

n

pastoral song

His program of folk songs included several madrigals which he sang to the accompaniment of a lute.

maelstrom

n

whirlpool

The canoe was tossed about in the maelstrom.

magnanimous

a

generous

The philanthropist was most magnanimous.

magnate

n

person of prominence or influence

The steel stories of the trial, the reporters ridiculed the magniloquent speeches of the defense attorney.

magniloquent

a

boastful; pompous

In their stories of the trial, the reporters ridiculed the magniloquent speeches of the defense attorney.

magnitude

n

greatness; extent

It is difficult to comprehend the magnitude of his crime.

maim

v

mutilate; injure

The hospital could not take care of all who had been wounded or maimed in the railroad accident.

maladroit

a

clumsy; bungling

In his usual maladroit way, he managed to upset the cart and spill the food.

malaise

n

uneasiness; distress

She felt a sudden vague malaise when she heard sounds at the door.

malapropism

n

comic misuse of a word

When Mrs. Malaprop criticizes Lydia for being "as headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile," she confuses "allegory" and "alligator" in a typical malapropism.

malcontent

a

person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs

He was one of the few malcontents in Congress; he constantly voiced his objections to the Presidential program.

malediction

n curse
The witch uttered maledictions against her captors.

malefactor

n criminal
We must try to bring these malefactors to justice.

malevolent

a wishing evil
We must thwart his malevolent schemes.

malicious

a dictated by hatred or spite
The malicious neighbor spread the gossip.

malign

v ;
speak evil of; defame
Because of her hatred of the family, she maligns all who are friendly to them.

malignant

a 가 ;
having an evil influence; virulent
This is a malignant disease; we may have to use drastic measures to stop its spread.

malingerer

n one who feigns illness to escape duty
The captain ordered the sergeant to punish all malingerers.

mall

n public walk
The Mall in Central Park has always been a favorite spot for Sunday strollers.

malleable

a capable of being shaped by pounding
Gold is a malleable metal.

malodorous

a 가
foul-smelling
The compost heap was most malodorous in summer.

mammal

n a vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young
Many people regard the whale as a fish and do not realize that it is a mammal.

mammoth

a gigantic

The mammoth corporations of the twentieth century are a mixed blessing.

manacle;
v restrain; handcuff

The police immediately manacled the prisoner so he could not escape.

mandate;
n order; charge

In his inaugural address, the President stated that he had a mandate from the people to seek an end to social evils such as poverty, poor housing, etc.

mandatory

a obligatory

These instructions are mandatory; any violation will be severely punished.

mangy;
a shabby; wretched

We finally threw out the mangy rug that the dog had destroyed.

maniacal

a raving mad

His maniacal laughter frightened us.

manifest;
a understandable; clear

His evil intentions were manifest and yet we could not stop him.

manifestation, , ; () ,
n outward demonstration; indication

Mozart's early attraction to the harpsichord was the first manifestation of his pronounced musical bent.

manifesto, ,
n declaration; statement of policy

The Communist Manifesto by Marx and Engels proclaimed the principles of modern communism.

manifold, 가 가 ,
a numerous; varied

I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate your manifold kindnesses.

manipulate, , ,
v operate with one's hands; control or play upon (people, forces, etc.) artfully

Jim Henson understood how to manipulate the Muppets. Madonna understands how to manipulate publicity (and men).

mannered

, ;
a affected; not natural

Attempting to copy the style of his wealthy neighbors, Gatsby adopted a mannered, artificial way of speech.

manumit

(.)
v emancipate; free from bondage

Enlightened slave owners were willing to manumit their slaves and thus put an end to the evil of slavery in the country.

marital

,
a pertaining to marriage

After the publication of his book on marital affairs, he was often consulted by married people on the verge of divorce.

maritime

, ;
a bordering on the sea; nautical

The Maritime Provinces depend on the sea for their wealth.

marked

, , ; ()
a noticeable; targeted for vengeance

He walked with a marked limp, a souvenir of an old IRA attack. As British ambassador, he knew he was a marked man.

marred

,
a damaged; disfigured

She had to refinish the marred surface of the table.

marshal

, , ; ... ,
v put in order

At a debate tournament, extemporaneous speakers have only a minute or two to marshal their thoughts before addressing their audience.

marsupial

(有袋)
n one of a family of mammals that nurse their offspring in a pouch

The most common marsupial in North America is the opossum.

martial

; , ,
a warlike

The sound of martial music inspired the young cadet with dreams of military glory.

martinet

() , 가
n person who requires and enforces strict discipline

No talking at meals! No mingling with the servants! Miss Minchin was a martinet who insisted that the schoolgirls in her charge observe each regulation to the letter.

martyr

, ; ()
n one who voluntarily suffers death for his or her religion or cause; great sufferer

By burning her at the stake, the English made Joan of Arc a martyr for her faith. Mother played the martyr by staying home to clean the house while the rest of the family went off to the

masochist

n person who enjoys his own pain
The masochist begs, "Hit me." The sadist smiles and says, "I won't."

masticate

v ,
chew
We must masticate our food carefully and slowly in order to avoid digestive disorders.

materialism

n , ; ,
preoccupation with physical comforts and things
By its nature, materialism is opposed to idealism, for where the materialist emphasizes the needs of the body, the idealist emphasizes the needs of the soul.

maternal

a () , ; 가
motherly
Many animals display maternal instincts only while their offspring are young and helpless.

matriarch

n 가 , ;
woman who rules a family or larger social group
The matriarch ruled her gypsy tribe with a firm hand.

matriculate

v ; 가 ,
enroll (in college or graduate school)
Incoming students formally matriculate at our college in a special ceremony during which they sign the official register of students.

matrix

n , ; (·) , ; ;
point of origin; array of numbers or algebraic symbols; mold or die
Some historians claim the Nile Valley was the matrix of Western civilization.

maudlin

a , ,
effusively sentimental
Whenever a particularly maudlin tearjerker was playing at the movies, Marvin would embarrass himself by weeping copiously.

maul

v () ;
handle roughly
The rock star was mauled by his overexcited fans.

mausoleum

n ,
monumental tomb
His body was placed in the family mausoleum.

mauve

n ()
pale purple
The mauve tint in the lilac bush was another indication that spring had finally arrived.

maverick

n

an unbranded animal; rebel, nonconformist

To the masculine literary establishment, George Sand with her insistence on wearing trousers and smoking cigars was clearly a maverick who fought her proper womanly role.

mawkish

a

sickening; insipid

Your mawkish sighs fill me with disgust.

maxim

n

proverb; a truth pithily stated

His body was placed in the family mausoleum.

mayhem

n

injury to body

The riot was marked not only by mayhem, with its attendant loss of life and limb, but also by arson and pillage.

meager

a

scanty, inadequate

His salary was far too meager for him to afford to buy a new car.

mealy-mouthed

a

indirect in speech; hypocritical; evasive

Rather than tell Jill directly what he disliked, Jack made a few mealy-mouthed comments and tried to change the subject.

meander

v

to wind or turn in its course

It is difficult to sail up this stream because of the way it meanders through the countryside.

meddlesome

a

interfering

He felt his marriage was suffering because of his meddlesome mother-in-law.

mediate

v

settle a dispute through the services of an outsider

Let us mediate our differences rather than engage in a costly strike.

mediocre

a

ordinary, commonplace

We were disappointed because he gave a rather mediocre performance in this role.

meditation

a

reflection; thought

She reached her decision only after much meditation.

medley

n

mixture

The band played a medley of Gershwin tunes.

meek

a

submissive; patient and long-suffering

Mr. Barrett never expected his meek daughter would dare to defy him by eloping with her suitor.

megalomania

n

mania for doing grandiose things.

Developers who spend millions trying to build the world's tallest skyscraper suffer from megalomania.

melee

n

fight

The captain tried to ascertain the cause of the melee that had broken out among the crew members.

mellifluous

a

flowing smoothly; smooth

Italian is a mellifluous language.

memento

n

token; reminder

Take this book as memento of your visit.

memorialize

v

commemorate

Let us memorialize his great contribution by dedicating this library in his honor.

mendacious

a

lying; false

He was a pathological liar, and his friends learned to discount his mendacious stories.

mendicant

n

beggar; poor, penniless

From the moment we left the ship, we were surrounded by mendicants and peddlers.

menial

a

suitable for servants; low

I cannot understand why a person of your ability and talent should engage in such menial activities.

mentor

n

counselor; teacher

During this very trying period, she could not have had a better mentor, for the teacher was sympathetic and understanding.

mercantile

a

concerning trade

I am more interested in the opportunities available in the mercantile field than I am in those in the legal profession.

minion

n

a servile dependent

He was always accompanied by several of his minions because he enjoyed their subservience and flattery.

minuscule

a

extremely small

Why should I involve myself with a project with so minuscule a chance for success?

minute

a

extremely small

The twins resembled one another closely; only minute differences set them apart.

minutiae

n

petty details

She would have liked to ignore the minutiae of daily living.

mirage

n

unreal reflection; optical illusion

The lost prospector was fooled by a mirage in the desert.

mire

v

entangle; stick in swampy ground

Their rear wheels became mired in mud.

mirth

n

merriment; laughter

Sober Malvolio found Sir Toby's mirth improper.

misadventure

n

mischance; ill luck

The young explorer met death by misadventure.

misanthrope

n

one who hates mankind

We thought the hermit was a misanthrope because he shunned our society.

misapprehension

n

error; misunderstanding

To avoid misapprehension, I am going to ask all of you to repeat the instructions I have given.

miscegenation

n

intermarriage between races

Some states passed laws against miscegenation.

miscellany

n

mixture of writings on various subjects

This is an interesting miscellany of nineteenth-century prose and poetry.

mischance

n

ill luck

By mischance, he lost his week's salary.

misconstrue

v

interpret incorrectly; misjudge

She took the passage seriously rather than humorously because she misconstrued the author's ironic tone.

miscreant

n

wretch; villain

His kindness to the miscreant amazed all of us who had expected to hear severe punishment pronounced.

misdemeanor

n

minor crime

The culprit pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor rather than face trial for a felony.

miserly

a

stingy; mean

The miserly old man hoarded his coins not out of prudence but out of greed.

misgivings

n

doubts

Hamlet described his misgivings to Horatio but decided to fence with Laertes despite his foreboding of evil.

mishap

n

accident

With a little care you could have avoided this mishap.

misnomer

n

wrong name; incorrect designation

his tyrannical conduct proved to all that his nickname, King Eric the Just, was a misnomer.

misogamy

n

hatred of marriage

He remained a bachelor not because of misogamy but because of ill fat

misogynist

n

hater of women

She accused him of being a misogynist because he had been a bachelor all his life.

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missile

n

object to be thrown or projected

Scientists are experimenting with guided missiles.

missive

n

letter

The ambassador received a missive from the Secretary of State.

mite

n

;
 very small object or creature; small coin

Gnats are annoying mites that sting.

mitigate

v

appease

Nothing he did could mitigate her wrath; she was unforgiving.

mnemonic

a

pertaining to memory

he used mnemonic tricks to master new words.

mobile

a

; 가
 movable; not fixed

The mobile blood bank operated by the Red Cross visited our neighborhood today.

mode

n

prevailing style

She was not used to their lavish mode of living.

modicum

a

limited quantity

His story is based on a modicum of truth.

modish

a

fashionable

She always discarded all garments which were no longer modish.

modulation

;
 n toning down; changing from one key to another
 When she spoke, it was with quiet modulation of voice.

mogul

n powerful person
 The oil moguls made great profits when the price of gasoline rose.

moiety

;
 n half; part
 There is a slight moiety of the savage in her personality which is not easily perceived by those who do not know her well.

molecule

n the smallest part of a homogeneous substance
 In chemistry, we study how atoms and molecules react to form new substances.

mollify

v soothe
 We tried to mollify the hysterical child by promising her many gifts.

mollycoddle

;
 v pamper; indulge excessively
 Don't mollycoddle the boy, Maud! You'll spoil him.

molt

v shed or cast off hair or feathers
 The male robin molted in the spring.

molten

a melted
 The city of Pompeii was destroyed by volcanic ash rather than by molten lava flowing from Mount Vesuvius.

momentous

a very important
 On this momentous occasion, we must be very solemn.

momentum

;
 n quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus
 The car lost momentum as it tried to ascend the steep hill.

monarchy

n government under a single ruler
 England today remains a monarchy.

monastic

a related to monks
Wanting to live a religious life, he took his monastic vows.

monetary

a pertaining to money
She was in complete charge of all monetary matters affecting the household.

monolithic

a ;
solidly uniform; unyielding
The patriots sought to present a monolithic front.

monotheism

n belief in one God
Abraham was the first to proclaim his belief in monotheism.

monotony

n sameness leading to boredom
He took a clerical job, but soon grew to hate the monotony of his daily routine.

monumental

a massive
Writing a dictionary is a monumental task.

moodiness

n fits of depression or gloom
We could not discover the cause of her recurrent moodiness.

moor

n marshy wasteland
These moors can only be used for hunting ; they are too barren for agriculture.

moot

a 가
debatable
Our tariff policy is a moot subject.

moratorium

n legal delay of payment
If we declare a moratorium and delay collection of debts for six months, I am sure the farmers will be able to meet their bills.

morbid

a ;
given to unwholesome thought; gloomy
These morbid speculations are dangerous; we must lighten our spirits by emphasizing more pleasant matters.

mordant

; ;

a

biting; sarcastic; stinging

Actors feared the critic's mordant pen.

mores

n

customs

The mores of Mexico are those of Spain with some modifications.

morganatic

n

describing a marriage between a member of a royal family and a commoner in which it is agreed

Refusing the suggestion of a morganatic marriage, the king abdicated from the throne when he could not marry the woman he loved.

moribund

가 ; 가

a

dying

Hearst took a moribund, failing weekly newspaper and transformed it into one of the liveliest, most profitable daily papers around.

morose

a

ill-humored; sullen; melancholy

Forced to take early retirement, Bill acted morose for months; then, all of a sudden, he shook off his gloom and was his usual cheerful self.

mortician

n

undertaker

The mortician prepared the corpse for burial.

mortify

v

humiliate; punish the flesh

She was so mortified by her blunder that she ran to her room in tears.

mosaic

n

(),
picture made of small, colorful inlaid tiles

The mayor compared the city to a beautiful mosaic made up of people of every race and religion on earth.

mote

n

;
small speck

The tiniest mote in the eye is very painful.

motif

n

(.) ,
theme

This simple motif runs throughout the score.

motility

n

() ,
ability to move spontaneously

Certain organisms exhibit remarkable motility; motile spores, for example, may travel for miles before coming to rest.

motley

a

multicolored; mixed

The jester wore a motley tunic, red and green and blue and gold all patched together haphazardly. Captain Ahab had gathered a motley crew to sail the vessel

mottled

a

blotched in coloring; spotted

When old Falstaff blushed, his face became mottled, all pink and purple and red.

mountebank

n

charlatan; boastful pretender

The patent medicine man was a mountebank.

muddle

v

confuse; mix up

Her thoughts were muddled and chaotic.

muggy

a

warm and damp

August in New York City is often muggy.

mulct

v

, ; ()

defraud a person of something

The lawyer was accused of trying to mulct the boy of his legacy.

multifarious

a

, ;

varied; greatly diversified

A career woman and mother, she was constantly busy with the multifarious activities of her daily life.

multiform

a

가 ,

having many forms

Snowflakes are multiform but always hexagonal.

multilingual

a

,

having many languages

Because they are bordered by so many countries, the Swiss people are multilingual.

multiplicity

n

, , 가

state of being numerous

She was appalled by the multiplicity of details she had to complete before setting out on her mission.

mundane

a

,

worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday

Uninterested in philosophical or spiritual discussions, Tom talked only of mundane matters such as the daily weather forecast or the latest basketball results.

munificent

a

very generous

Shamelessly fawning over a particularly generous donor, the dean kept referring to her as "our munificent benefactor."

mural

n

wall painting

The walls of the Chicano Community Center are covered with murals painted in the style of Diego Rivera, the great Mexican artist.

murky

a

dark and gloomy; thick with fog; vague

The murky depths of the swamp were so dark that you couldn't tell the vines and branches from the snakes.

muse

v

ponder

For a moment he mused about the beauty of the scene, but his thoughts soon changed as he recalled his own personal problems.

musky

a

() , 가
having the odor of musk

She left a trace of musky perfume behind her.

muster

v

gather; assemble

Washington mustered his forces at Trenton.

musty

a

, 가 ;
stale; spoiled by age

The attic was dark and musty.

mutability

n

, ;
ability to change in form; fickleness

Going from rags to riches, and then back to rags again, the bankrupt financier was a victim of the mutability of fortune.

muted

a

, 가
silent; muffled; toned down

Thanks to the thick, sound-absorbing walls of the cathedral, only muted traffic noise reached the worshippers within.

mutilate

v

(.) , ()
maim

The torturer threatened to mutilate his victim.

mutinous

a

, ;
unruly; rebellious

The captain had to use force to quiet his mutinous crew.

myopic

a nearsighted; lacking foresight

Stumbling into doors despite the coke-bottle lenses on his glasses, the nearsighted Mr. Magoo is markedly myopic. In playing all summer long and failing to store up food for winter, the character in Aesop's fable was equally as well.

myriad

1 ; (.)

n very large number

Myriads of mosquitoes from the swamps invaded our village every twilight.

nadir

; ,

n lowest point

Although few people realized it, the Dow-Jones averages had reached their nadir and would soon begin an upward surge.

naivete

, ,

n quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility

Touched by the naivete of sweet, convent-trained Cosette, Marius pledges himself to protect her innocence.

narcissist

n conceited person

A narcissist is his own best friend.

narrative

, ; ()

a related to telling a story

A born teller of tales, Olsen used her impressive narrative skills to advantage in her story "I Stand Here Ironing."

nascent

, ,

a incipient; coming into being

If we could identify these revolutionary movements in their nascent state, we would be able to eliminate serious trouble in later years.

natation

()

n swimming

The Red Cross emphasizes the need for courses in natation.

natty

(. 가) , , ;

a neatly or smartly dressed

Priding himself on being a natty dresser, the gangster Bugsy Siegel collected a wardrobe of imported suits and ties.

nauseate

,

v cause to become sick; fill with disgust

The foul smells began to nauseate her.

nautical

; ; ;

a pertaining to ships or navigation

The Maritime Museum contains many models of clipper ships, logbooks, anchors and many other items of a nautical nature.

navigable

() ; ()

a

wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; able to be steered

So much sand had built up at the bottom of the canal that the waterway was barely navigable.

nebulous

,

a

vague; hazy; cloudy

Phil and Dave tried to come up with a clear, intelligible business plan, not some hazy, nebulous proposal.

necromancy

() , ,

n

black magic; dealings with the dead

The evil sorcerer performed feats of necromancy, calling on the spirits of the dead to tell the future.

nefarious

, ,

a

very wicked

The villain's crimes, though various, were one and all nefarious.

negate

, , ,

v

cancel out; nullify; deny

A sudden surge of adrenaline can negate the effects of fatigue

negligence

, ;

n

neglect; failure to take reasonable care

Tommy failed to put back the cover on the well after he fetched his pail of water; because of his negligence, Kitty fell in.

negligible

, ,

a

so small trifling, or unimportant as to be easily disregarded

Because the damage to his car had been negligible, Michael decided he wouldn't bother to report the matter to his insurance company.

nemesis

, ; (N~)

n

someone seeking revenge

Abandoned at sea in a small boat, the vengeful Captain Bligh vowed to be the nemesis of Fletcher Christian and his fellow mutineers.

neologism

, ; ()

n

new or newly coined word or phrase

As we invent new techniques and professions, we must also invent neologisms such as "microcomputer" and "astronaut" to describe them.

neophyte

; ,

n

recent convert; beginner

This mountain slope contains slides that will challenge experts as well as neophytes.

nepotism

,

n

favoritism(to a relative)

John left his position with the company because he felt that advancement was based on nepotism rather than ability.

nether

a

lower

Tradition locates hell in the nether regions.

nettle

v

annoy; vex

Do not let her nettle you with her sarcastic remarks.

nexus

n

connection

I fail to see the nexus that binds these two widely separated events.

nib

n

beak; pen point

The nibs of fountain pens often become clotted and corroded.

nicety

n

precision; minute distinction

I cannot distinguish between such niceties of reasoning.(secondary meaning)

niggardly

a

meanly stingy; parsimonious

The niggardly pittance the widow receives from the government cannot keep her from poverty.

niggle

v

spend too much time on minor points; carp

Let's not niggle over details.

nihilist

n

one who considers traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless; absolute sk
estroy Germany itself, in order that his will might prevail. The root of the word nihilist is nihil,
Latin for "nothing."

nip

v

stop something's growth or development; snip off; bite; make numb with cold

The twins were plotting mischief, but Mother intervened and nipped their plan in the bud. The
gardener nipped off a lovely rose and gave it to me. Last week a guard dog nipped the

nirvana

n

In Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in which the individual loses himself in the attainment of a
Despite his desire to achieve nirvana, the young Buddhist found that even the buzzing of a fly
could distract him from his meditation.

nocturnal

a

done at night

Mr.Jones obtained a watchdog to prevent the nocturnal raids on his chicken coops.

noisome

가 , ;

a

foul-smelling; unwholesome

The noisome atmosphere downwind of the oil refinery not only stank but also damaged the lungs of everyone living in the area.

nomadic

,

a

wandering

Several nomadic tribes of Indians would hunt in this area each year.

nomenclature

() ; () ,

n

terminology; system of names

Sharon found Latin word parts useful in translating medical nomenclature

nominal

, ;

a

in name only; trifling

He offered to drive her to the airport for only a nominal fee.

nonchalance

, , ,

n

indifference; lack of concern; composure

Cool, calm, and collected under fire, James Bond shows remarkable nonchalance in the face of danger.

noncommittal

,

a

neutral; unpledged; undecided

We were annoyed by his noncommittal reply for we had been led to expect definite assurances of his approval.

nondescript

, ,

a

undistinctive; ordinary

The private detective was a short, nondescript fellow with no outstanding features, the sort of person one would never notice in a crowd.

nonentity

()

n

person of no importance; nonexistence

Because the two older princes dismissed their youngest brother as a nonentity, they did not realize that he was quietly plotting to seize the throne.

nonplus

,

v

bring to a halt by confusion; perplex

Jack's uncharacteristic rudeness nonplussed Jill, leaving her uncertain how to react.

nostalgia

,

n

homesickness; longing for the past

My grandfather seldom spoke of life in the old country; he had little patience with nostalgia.

nostrum

, ; ; (.) ,

n

questionable medicine

No quack selling nostrums is going to cheat me.

notable

a

conspicuous; important; distinguished

Normally notable for his calm in the kitchen, today the head cook was shaking, for the notable chef Julia Child was coming to dinner.

notoriety

n

disrepute; ill fame

To the starlet, any publicity was good publicity

novelty

n

something new; newness

The computer is no longer a novelty around the office.

novice

n

beginner

Even a novice at working with computers can install Barron's Computer Study Program for the SAT by following the easy steps outlined in the user's manual.

noxious

a

harmful

We must trace the source of these noxious gases before they asphyxiate us.

nuance

n

shade of difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction

Jody gazed at the Monet landscape for an hour, appreciating every subtle nuance of color in the painting.

nubile

a

marriageable

Mrs. Bennet, in *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, was worried about finding suitable husbands for her five nubile daughters.

nugatory

a

futile; worthless

This agreement is nugatory for no court will enforce it.

nullify

v

to make invalid

Once the contract was nullified, it no longer had any legal force.

numismatist

n

person who collects coins

The numismatist had a splendid collection of antique coins.

nuptial

a

related to marriage

Reluctant to be married in a traditional setting, they decided to hold their nuptial ceremony at the carousel in Golden Gate Park.

nurture

v

nourish; educate; foster

The Head Start program attempts to nurture prekindergarten children so that they will do well when they enter public school.

nutrient

n

nourishing substance

As a budding nutritionist, Kim has learned to design diets that contain foods rich in important basic nutrients.

oaf

n

stupid, awkward person

He called the unfortunate waiter a clumsy oaf.

obdurate

a

stubborn

He was obdurate in his refusal to listen to our complaints.

obeisance

n

bow

She made an obeisance as the king and queen entered the room.

obelisk

n

tall column tapering and ending in a pyramid

Cleopatra's Needle is an obelisk in New York City's Central Park.

obese

a

fat

It is advisable that obese people try to lose weight.

obfuscate

v

; confuse; muddle

Do not obfuscate the issues by dragging in irrelevant arguments.

objective

a

; not influenced by emotions; fair

Even though he was her son, she tried to be objective about his behavior.

objective (n)

n

; goal; aim

A degree in medicine was her ultimate objective.

objurgation

n

; severe rebuke; scolding

Objurgations and even threats of punishment did not deter the young hoodlums.

obligatory

;
 a binding; required

It is obligatory that books borrowed from the library be returned within two weeks.

oblique

;
 a slanting; deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line

The sergeant ordered the men to march "Oblique Right."

obliterate

;
 v destroy completely

The tidal wave obliterated several island villages.

oblivion

;
 n forgetfulness

Her works had fallen into a state of oblivion, no one bothered to read them.

obnoxious

;
 a offensive

I find your behavior obnoxious; please mend your ways.

obscure (a)

; ;
 a dark; vague; unclear

Even after I read the poem a fourth time, its meaning was still obscure.

obscure (v)

;
 v darken; make unclear

At times he seemed purposely to obscure his meaning, preferring mystery to clarity.

obsequious

; ;
 a slavishly attentive; servile; sycophantic

Helen valued people who behaved as if they respected themselves; nothing irritated her more than an excessively obsequious waiter or a fawning salesclerk.

obsequy

;
 n funeral ceremony

Hundreds paid their last respects at his obsequies.

obsession

;
 n fixed idea; continued brooding

This obsession with the supernatural has made him unpopular with his neighbors.

obsidian

, (烏石)
 n black volcanic rock

The deposits of obsidian on the mountain slopes were an indication that the volcano had erupted in ancient times.

obsolete

a outmoded
That word is obsolete; do not use it.

obstetrician

n physician specializing in delivery of babies
In modern times, the delivery of children has passed from the midwife to the more scientifically trained obstetrician.

obstinate

a stubborn
We tried to persuade him to give up smoking, but he was obstinate and refused to change.

obstreperous

a ;
boisterous; noisy
The crowd became obstreperous and shouted their disapproval of the proposals made by the speaker.

obtrude

v push into prominence
The other members of the group object to the manner in which you obtrude your opinions into matters of no concern to you.

obtrusive

a pushing forward
I found her a very obtrusive person, constantly seeking the center of the stage.

obtuse

a ;
blunt; stupid
Because he was so obtuse, he could not follow the teacher's reasoning and asked foolish questions.

obviate

v ;
make unnecessary; get rid of
I hope this contribution will obviate any need for further collections of funds.

occident

n the West
It will take time for the Occident to understand the ways and customs of the Orient.

occlude

v ;
shut; close
A blood clot occluded an artery to the heart.

occult

a ; ;
mysterious; secret; supernatural
The occult rites of the organization were revealed only to members.

oculist

n physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes
In many states, an oculist is the only one who may apply medicinal drops to the eyes for the purpose of examining them.

odious

a hateful
I find the task of punishing you most odious.

odium

n repugnance; dislike
I cannot express the odium I feel at your heinous actions.

odoriferous

a giving off an odor
The odoriferous spices stimulated her jaded appetite.

odorous

a having an odor
This variety of hybrid tea rose is more odorous than the one you have in your garden.

odyssey

n long, eventful journey
The refugee's journey from Cambodia was a terrifying odyssey.

offal

n waste; garbage
In America, we discard as offal that which could feed families in less fortunate parts of the world.

offertory

n collection of money at religious ceremony; part of the Mass during which offerings are made
The donations collected during the offertory will be assigned to our mission work abroad.

officious

a meddlesome; excessively trying to please
Browning informs us that the Duke resented the bough of cherries some officious fool brought to please the Duchess.

ogle

v glance coquettishly at; make eyes at
Sitting for hours at the sidewalk cafe, the old gentleman would ogle the young girls and recall his youthful romances.

olfactory

a concerning the sense of smell
The olfactory organ is the nose.

oligarchy

n government by a few
The feudal oligarchy was supplanted by an autocracy.

ominous

a threatening
These clouds are ominous; they ported a severe storm.

omnipotent

a all-powered
The monarch regarded himself as omnipotent and responsible to no one for his acts.

omnipresent

a ;
universally present; ubiquitous
On Christmas Eve, Santa Claus is omnipresent.

omniscient

a all-knowing
I do not pretend to be omniscient, but I am positive about this fact.

omnivorous

a ;
eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything
some animals, including man, are omnivorous and eat both meat and vegetables; others are either carnivorous or herbivorous.

onerous

a 가 ,
burdensome
He asked for an assistant because his work load was too onerous.

onomatopoeia

n words formed in imitation of natural sounds
Words like "rustle" and "gargle" are illustrations of onomatopoeia.

onslaught

n vicious assault
We suffered many casualties during the unexpected onslaught of the enemy troops.

onus

n ;
burden; responsibility
The emperor was spared the onus of signing the surrender papers; instead, he relegated the assignment of the enemy troops.

opalescent

a iridescent
The Ancient Mariner admired the opalescent sheen on the water.

opaque

;
 a dark; not transparent

The opaque window kept the sunlight out of the room.

opiate

;
 n sleep producer; deadener of pain

By such opiates, she made the people forget their difficulties and accept their unpleasant circumstances.

opportune

가 ;
 a timely; well chosen

You have come at an opportune moment for I need a new secretary.

opulence

,
 n wealth

Visitors from Europe are amazed at the opulence of this country.

oratorio

,
 n dramatic poem set to music

The glee club decided to present an oratorio during their recital.

ordinance

n decree

Passing a red light is a violation of a city ordinance.

orifice

, 가
 n mouthlike opening; small opening

The Howe Caverns were discovered when someone observed that a cold wind was issuing from an orifice in the hillside.

ornate

a excessively decorated, highly decorated

Furniture of the Baroque period can be recognized by its ornate carvings.

ornithologist

n scientific student of birds

Audubon's drawings of American bird life have been of interest not only to the ornithologists but also to the general public.

oscillate

.
 v vibrate pendulumlike; waver

It is interesting to note how public opinion oscillates between the extremes of optimism and pessimism.

osseous

, ;
 a made of bone; bony

The hollow "soft spot" found at the top of the infant's skull gradually closes as new osseous tissue fills in the gap.

ossify

; ;

v

When he called his opponent a "bonehead", he implied that his adversary's brain had ossified and that he was not capable of clear thinking.

ostensible

, ,가

a

apparent; professed; pretended

Although the ostensible purpose of this expedition is to discover new lands, we are really interested in finding new markets for our products.

ostentatious

, ,

a

showy; pretentious

The real hero is never ostentatious.

ostracize

, .

v

exclude from public favor; ban

As soon as the newspapers carried the story of his connection with the criminals, his friends began to ostracize him.

oust

(.)... ; () ()

v

expel; drive out

The world wondered if Aquino would be able to oust Marcos from office.

outlandish

, ; ,

a

bizarre; peculiar; unconventional

The eccentric professor who engages in markedly outlandish behavior is a stock figure in novels with an academic setting.

outmoded

a

no longer stylish; old-fashioned

Unconcerned about keeping in style, Lenore was perfectly happy to wear outmoded clothes as long as they were clean and unfrayed.

outskirts

,

n

fringes; outer borders

Living on the outskirts of Boston, Sarah sometimes felt as if she were cut off from the cultural heart of the city.

outspoken

() ,

a

candid; blunt

The candidate was too outspoken to be a successful politician; he had not yet learned to weigh his words carefully.

outstrip

()... 가 ,

v

surpass; outdo

Jesse Owens easily outstripped his competitors to win the gold medal at the Olympic Games.

outwit

, ,

v

outsmart; trick

By disguising himself as an old woman, Holmes was able to outwit his pursuers and escape capture.

ovation

() ,

n

enthusiastic applause

When Placido Domingo came on stage in the first act of La Boheme, he was greeted by a tremendous ovation.

overbearing

, , ; ,

a

bossy; arrogant; decisively important

Certain of her own importance and of the unimportance of everyone else, Lady Bracknell was intolerably overbearing in manner. "In choosing a husband," she said, "good birth is of

overt

,

a

open to view

According to the United States Constitution, a person must commit an overt act before he may be tried for treason.

overweening

, ,

a

presumptuous; arrogant

is overweening pride in his accomplishments was not justified.

overwrought

; ; ,

a

extremely agitated; hysterical

When Kate heard the news of the sudden tragedy, she became too overwrought to work and had to leave the office early.

ovoid

a

egg-shaped

At Easter she had to cut out hundreds of brightly colored ovoid shapes.

pachyderm

(.)

n

thick-skinned animal

The elephant is probably the best-known pachyderm.

pacifist

n

one opposed to force; anti-militarist

The pacifists urged that we reduce our military budget and recall our troops stationed overseas.

pacify

,

v

soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue

Dentists criticize the practice of giving fussy children sweets to pacify them.

paeon

, 가,

n

song of praise or joy

They sang paeans to the god of spring.

painstaking

, ; ,

a

showing hard work; taking great care

The new high-frequency word list is the result of painstaking efforts on the part of our research staff.

palatable

a

agreeable;pleasing to the taste

Paying taxes can never be made palatable.

palate

n

roof of the mouth; sense of taste

When you sound out the letter "d," your tongue curves up to touch the edge of your palate.
 When Alice was sick, her mother made special meals to tempt her palate.

palatial

a

magnificent

He proudly showed us through his palatial home.

palaver

n

discussion;misleading speech;chatter

In spite of all the palaver before the meeting, the delegates were able to conduct serious negotiations when they sat down at the conference table.

paleontology

n

study of prehistoric life

The professor of paleontology had a superb collection of fossils.

palette

n

board on which painter mixes pigments

At the present time, art supply stores are selling paper palettes which may be discarded after use.

pallet

n

small,poor bed

The weary traveler went to sleep on his straw pallet.

palliate

v

ease pain;make less guilty or offensive

Doctors must palliate that which they cannot cure.

pallid

a

pale;wan

Because his occupation required that he work at night and sleep during the day, he had an exceptionally pallid complexion.

palpable

a

tangible;easily perceptible

I cannot understand how you could overlook such a palpable blunder.

palpitate

v

throb;flutter

As he become excited,his heart began to palpitate more and more erratically.

paltry

, 가

a

insignificant;petty

This is a paltry sum to pay for such a masterpiece.

panacea

n

cure -all;remedy for all disease.

There is no easy panacea that will solve our complicated international situation.

pandemonium

,

n

wild tumult

When the ships collided in the harbor,pandemonium broke out among the passengers.

pander

,

n

cater to the low desires of others

Books which pander to man's lowest instincts should be banned.

panegyric

,

n

formal praise

The modest hero blushed as he listened to the panegyric uttered by the speakers about his valorous act.

panorama

,

n

comprehensive view;unobstructed view in all directions

Tourists never forget the impact of their first panorama of the Grand Canyon.

pantomime

n

acting without dialogue

Because he worked in pantomime, the clown could be understood wherever he appeared.

papyrus

,

n

ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant.

The ancient Egyptians were among the first to write on papyrus.

parable

n

short,simple story teaching a moral.

Let us apply the lesson that this parable teaches to our own conduct.

parapet

n

low wall at edge of roof or balcony

The best way to attack the soldiers fighting behind the parapets on the roof is by bombardment from the air.

paraphernalia

n

equipment; odds and ends

His desk was cluttered with paper, pen, ink, dictionary and other paraphernalia of the writing craft.

paraphrase

v restate a passage in one's own words while retaining thought of author
In 250 words or less, paraphrase this article.

parasite

; ;
n animal or plant living on another; toady; sycophant
The tapeworm is an example of the kind of parasite that may infest the human body.

parched

; ;
a extremely dry; very thirsty
The parched desert landscape seemed hostile to life.

paregoric

n medicine that eases pain
The doctor prescribed a paregoric to alleviate his suffering.

pariah

n social outcast
I am not a pariah to be shunned and ostracized.

parity

; ;
n equality; close resemblance
I find your analogy inaccurate because I do not see the parity between the two illustrations.

parlance

; ;
n language; idiom
All this legal parlance confuses me; I need an interpreter.

parley

n conference
The peace parley has not produced the anticipated truce.

parochial

; ;
a narrow in outlook; provincial; related to parishes
Although Jane Austen writes novels set in small rural communities, her concerns are universal, not parochial.

parody

; ;
n humorous imitation; travesty
We enjoyed the clever parodies of popular songs which the chorus sang.

paroxysm

< >
n fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage
When he heard of his son's misdeeds, he was seized by a paroxysm of rage.

parricide

n ;
person who murders his own father; murder of a father

The jury was shocked by the details of this vicious parricide.

parsimonious

a ;
stingy; excessively frugal

His parsimonious nature did not permit him to enjoy any luxuries.

partial (1)

a
incomplete

In this issue we have published only a partial list of contributors because we lack space to acknowledge everyone.

partial (2)

a
biased; having a liking for something

I am extremely partial to chocolate eclairs.

partisan

a ,
one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party

On certain issues of conscience, she refused to take a partisan stand.

parturition

n ;
delivery; childbirth

The difficulties anticipated by the obstetricians at parturition did not materialize; it was a normal delivery.

parvenu

n ;
upstart; newly rich person

Although extremely wealthy, he was regarded as a parvenu by the aristocratic members of society.

passe

a ;
old-fashioned; past the prime

Her style is passe and reminiscent of the Victorian era.

passive

a ;
not active; acted upon

Mahatma Gandhi urged his followers to pursue a program of passive resistance as he felt that it was more effective than violence and acts of terrorism.

pastiche

n
imitation of another's style in musical composition or in writing

We cannot even say that her music is a pastiche of this composer or that; it is, rather, reminiscent of many musicians.

pastoral

a
rural

In these stories of pastoral life, we find an understanding of the daily tasks of country folk.

patent

a

open for the public to read; obvious

It was patent to everyone that the witness spoke the truth.

pathetic

a

causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching

Everyone in the auditorium was weeping by the time he finished his pathetic tale about the orphaned boy.

pathological

a

pertaining to disease

As we study the pathological aspects of this disease, we must not overlook the psychological elements.

pathos

n

tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings

The quiet tone of pathos that ran through the novel never degenerated into the maudlin or the overly sentimental.

patina

a

green crust on old bronzes; tone slowly taken by varnished painting

Judging by the patina on this bronze statue, we can conclude that this is the work of a medieval artist.

patois

n

local or provincial dialect

His years of study of the language at the university did not enable him to understand the patois of the natives.

patriarch

n

father and ruler of a family or tribe

In many primitive tribes, the leader and lawmaker was the patriarch.

patrician

a

noble; aristocratic

We greatly admired her well-bred, patrician elegance.

patricide

n

person who murders his father; murder of a father

The words parricide and patricide have exactly the same meaning.

patrimony

n

inheritance from father

As predicted by his critics, he spent his patrimony within two years of his father's death.

patronize

v

support; act superior toward

Experts in a field sometimes appear to patronize people who are less knowledgeable of the subject.

paucity

n

scarcity

They closed the restaurant because the paucity of customers made it uneconomical to operate.

pauper

n

very poor person

Though Widow Brown was living on a reduced income, she was by no means a pauper.

peccadillo

n

slight offense

If we examine these escapades carefully, we will realize that they are mere peccadilloes rather than major crimes.

peculation

n

embezzlement; theft

Her peculations were not discovered until the auditors found discrepancies in the financial statements.

pecuniary

a

pertaining to money

I never expected pecuniary reward for my work in this activity.

pedagogue

n

teacher; dull and formal teacher

He could never be a stuffy pedagogue; his classes were always lively and filled with humor.

pedagogy

n

teaching; art of education

Though Maria montessori gained fame for her innovations in pedagogy, it took years before her teaching techniques were common practice in American schools.

pedant

n

scholar who overemphasizes book learning or technicalities

Her insistence that the book be memorized marked the teacher as a pedant rather than a scholar.

pedantic

a

showing off learning; bookish

What you say is pedantic and reveals an unfamiliarity with the realities of life.

pedestrian

a

ordinary; unimaginative

Unintentionally boring, he wrote page after page of pedestrian prose.

pediatrician

n

expert in children's diseases

The family doctor advised the parents to consult a pediatrician about their child's ailment.

pediment

n

triangular part above columns in Greek buildings

The pediment of the building was filled with sculptures and adorned with elaborate scrollwork.

pejorative

a

having a deteriorating or depreciating effect on the meaning of a word

His use of pejorative language indicated his contempt for his audience.

pell-mell

a

in confusion; disorderly

The excited students dashed pell-mell into the stadium to celebrate the victory.

pellucid

a

transparent; limpid; easy to understand

After reading these stodgy philosophers, I find his pellucid style very enjoyable.

penance

n

self-imposed punishment for sin

The Ancient Mariner said, "I have penance done and penance more will do," to atone for the sin of killing the albatross.

penchant

n

strong inclination; liking

He had a strong penchant for sculpture and owned many statues.

pendant

a

hanging down from something

Her pendant earrings glistened in the light.

pendulous

a

hanging; suspended

The pendulous chandeliers swayed in the breeze and gave the impression that they were about to fall from the ceiling.

penitent

a

repentant

When he realized the enormity of his crime, he became remorseful and penitent.

pensive

a

dreamily thoughtful; thoughtful with a hint of sadness

The pensive youth gazed at the painting for a long time and then sighed.

penumbra

n

partial shadow(in an eclipse)

During an eclipse, we can see an area of total darkness and a lighter area which is the penumbra.

penurious

; 가 ,

a

stingy; parsimonious

He was a penurious man, averse to spending money even for the necessities of life.

penury

, ,

n

extreme poverty

We find much penury and suffering in this slum area.

peon

; () 가

n

landless agricultural worker; bond servant

The land reformers sought to liberate the peons and establish them as independent farmers.

perceptive

, ,

a

insightful; aware; wise

Although Maud was a generally perceptive critic, she had her blind spots; she could never see flaws in the work of her friends.

percussion

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n

striking one object against another sharply

The drum is a percussion instrument.

perdition

; ,

n

damnation; complete ruin

Praying for salvation, young Daedalus feared he was damned to eternal perdition.

peregrination

,

n

journey

Auntie Mame was a world traveler whose peregrinations took her from Tiajuana to Timbuctoo.

peremptory

, , ,

a

demanding and leaving choice

From Jack's peremptory knock on the door, Jill could tell he would not give up until she let him in.

perennial

, ;

a

something long-lasting

These plants are hardy perennials and will bloom for many years.

perfidious

, ; ,

a

treacherous; disloyal

When Caesar realized that Brutus had betrayed him, he reproached his perfidious friend.

perforate

; ,

v

pierce; put a hole through

Before you can open the aspirin bottle, you must first perforate the plastic safety seal that covers the cap.

perfunctory

a

superficial; listless; not thorough

He overlooked many weaknesses when he inspected the factory in his perfunctory manner.

perigee

n

point of moon's orbit when it is nearest the earth

The rocket which was designed to take photographs of the moon was launched as the moon approached its perigee.

perimeter

n

outer boundary

To find the perimeter of any quadrilateral, we add the lengths of the four sides.

peripatetic

a

walking about; moving

The peripatetic school of philosophy derives its name from the fact that Aristotle walked with his pupils while discussing philosophy with them.

peripheral

a

marginal; outer

We lived, not in central London, but in one of those peripheral suburbs that spring up on the outskirts of a great city.

periphery

n

edge, especially of a round surface

He sensed that there was something just beyond the periphery of his vision.

perjury

n

false testimony while under oath

When several witnesses appeared to challenge his story, he was indicted for perjury.

permeable

a

porous; allowing passage through

Glass is permeable to light.

pernicious

a

very destructive

He argued that these books had a pernicious effect on young and susceptible minds.

peroration

n

conclusion of an oration

The peroration was largely hortatory and brought the audience to its feet clamoring for action at its close.

perpetrate

v

commit an offense

Only an insane person could perpetrate such a horrible crime.

perpetual

a

everlasting

Ponce de Leon hoped to find perpetual youth.

perquisite

n

any gain above stipulated salary

The perquisites attached to this job make it even more attractive than the salary indicates.

personable

a

attractive

The man I am seeking to fill this position must be personable since he will be representing us before the public.

perspicacious

a

having insight; penetrating; astute

The brilliant lawyer was known for his perspicacious deductions.

perspicuity

n

clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity

One of the outstanding features of this book is the perspicuity of its author; her meaning is always clear.

pert

a

impertinent; forward

I think your pert and impudent remarks call for an apology.

pertinacious

a

stubborn; persistent

He is bound to succeed because his pertinacious nature will not permit him to quit.

pertinent

a

suitable; to the point

The lawyer wanted to know all the pertinent details.

perturb

v

disturb greatly

I am afraid this news will perturb him and cause him grief.

perusal

n

reading

I am certain that you have missed important details in your rapid perusal of this document.

pervasive

a

pervading; spread throughout

Despite airing them for several hours, she could not rid her clothes of the pervasive odor of mothballs that clung to them.

perverse

, , 가 ,
a stubborn; intractable

Because of your perverse attitude, I must rate you as deficient in cooperation.

perversion

, ; , ; ()
n corruption; turning from right to wrong

Inasmuch as he had no motive for his crimes, we could not understand his perversion.

perversity

, ;
n stubborn maintenance of a wrong cause

I cannot forgive your perversity in repeating such an impossible story.

pessimism

, ,
n belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess

The good news we have been receiving lately indicates that there is little reason for your pessimism.

pestilential

, ; 가
a causing plague; baneful

People were afraid to explore the pestilential swamp.

pestle

,
n tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl

From the way in which the elderly pharmacist pounded the drug with his pestle, young George could tell that his employer was agitated about something.

petrify

, ; ,
v turn to stone

His sudden and unexpected appearance seemed to petrify her.

petty

, , ; ,
a trivial; unimportant; very small

She had no major complaints to make about his work, only a few petty quibbles that were almost too minor to state.

petulant

, ,
a touchy; peevish

The feverish patient was petulant and restless.

pharisaical

, ; ,
a pertaining to the Pharisees, who paid scrupulous attention to tradition; self-righteous; hypocritical
Walter Lippmann has pointed out that moralists who do not attempt to explain the moral code they advocate are often regarded as pharisaical and ignored.

phenomena

, , , phenomenon
n observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation

We kept careful records of the phenomena we noted in the course of these experiments.

philanderer

n faithless lover; flirt

Swearing he had never so much as looked at another woman, Jack assured Jill he was no philanderer.

philanthropist

n lover of mankind; doer of good

As he grew older, he became famous as a philanthropist and benefactor of the needy.

philatelist

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n stamp - collector

When she heard the value of the Penny Black stamp, Phyllis was inspired to become a philatelist.

philistine

, ; ; ()

n narrow - minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain

We need more men of culture and enlightenment; we have too many philistines among us.

philology

;

n study of language

The professor of philology advocated the use of Esperanto as an international language.

phlegmatic

, ;

a calm; not easily disturbed

The nurse was a cheerful but phlegmatic person, unexcited in the face of sudden emergencies.

phobia

n morbid fear

Her fear of flying was more than mere nervousness; it was a real phobia.

physiognomy

; , ; ,

n face

He prided himself on his ability to analyze a person's character by studying his physiognomy.

physiological

a pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms

To understand this disease fully, we must examine not only its physiological aspects but also its psychological elements.

piebald

, ,

a of different colors; mottled; spotted

You should be able to identify Polka Dot in this race; he is the only piebald horse running.

pied

,

a variegated; multicolored

The Pied Piper of Hamelin got his name from the multicolored clothing he wore.

piety

() ; () ,

n

devoutness; reverence of God

Living her life in prayer and good works, Mother Teresa exemplifies the true spirit of piety.

pigment

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n

coloring matter

Van Gogh mixed various pigments with linseed oil to create his paints.

pillage

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v

plunder

The enemy pillaged the quiet village and left it in ruins.

pillory

() ;

v

punish by placing in a wooden frame; subject to criticism and ridicule

Even though he was mocked and pilloried, he maintained that he was correct in his beliefs.

pine

, ; ,

v

languish, decline; long for, yearn

Though she tried to be happy living with Clara in the city, Heidi pined for the mountains and for her gruff but loving grandfather.

pinion

, ,

v

restrain

They pinioned his arms against his body but left his legs free so that he could move about.

pinnacle

; ,

n

peak

We could see the morning sunlight illuminate the pinnacle while the rest of the mountain lay in shadow.

pious

,

a

devout

The pious parents gave their children a religious upbringing.

piquant

, ; ;

a

pleasantly tart-tasting; stimulating

The piquant sauce added to our enjoyment of the meal.

pique

, , ,

n

irritation; resentment

She showed her pique by her refusal to appear with the other contestants at the end of the contest.

piscatorial

, ,

a

pertaining to fishing

He spent many happy hours at the lake in his piscatorial activities.

pithy

; ,

a

concise; neatly

I enjoy reading his essays because they are always compact and pithy.

pittance

n

a small allowance or wage

He could not live on the pittance he received as a pension and had to look for an additional source of revenue.

pivotal

;

a

central; critical

De Klerk's decision to set Nelson Mandela free was pivotal; without Mandela's release, there was no possibility that the African National Congress would entertain talks with the South African government.

placate

< > ; < >

v

pacify; conciliate

The teacher tried to placate the angry mother.

placebo

< >

n

harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill

In a controlled experiment, fifty volunteers were given erythromycin tablets; the control group received only placebos.

placid

;

a

peaceful; calm

After his vacation in this placid section, he felt soothed and rested.

plagiarize

< , , >

n

steal another's ideas and pass them off as one's own

The editor could tell that the writer had plagiarized parts of the article; he could recognize whole paragraphs from the original source.

plaintive

a

mournful

The dove has a plaintive and melancholy call.

platitude

;

n

trite remark; commonplace statement

The platitudes in his speech were applauded by the vast majority in his audience; only a few people perceived how trite his remarks were.

platonic

; ;

a

purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire

Accused of impropriety in his dealings with female students, the professor maintained he had only a platonic interest in the women involved.

plauditory

;

a

approving; applauding

The theatrical company reprinted the plauditory comments of the critics in its advertisement.

plausible

;
 a having a show of truth but open to double; specious

Even though your argument is plausible, I still would like to have more proof.

plebiscite

n expression of the will of a people by direct election

I think this matter is so important that it should be decided not by a handful of legislators but by a plebiscite of the entire nation.

plenary

;
 a complete; full

The union leader was given plenary power to negotiate a new contract with the employers.

plenipotentiary

가
 a fully empowered

Since he was not given plenipotentiary powers by his government, he could not commit his country without consulting his superiors.

plenitude

;
 n abundance; completeness

Looking in the pantry, we admired the plenitude of fruits and pickles we had preserved during the summer.

plethora

;
 n excess; overabundance

She offered a plethora of reasons for her shortcomings.

pluck

n courage

Even the adversaries of young Indiana Jones were impressed by the boy's pluck in trying to rescue the archeological treasure they had stolen.

plumb

;
 a checking perpendicularity; vertical

Before hanging wallpaper it is advisable to drop a plumb line from the ceiling as a guide.

podiatrist

가
 n doctor who treats ailments of the feet

He consulted a podiatrist about his fallen arches.

poignant

; ;
 a keen; piercing; severe

Her poignant grief left her pale and weak.

polarize

v split into opposite extremes or camps

The abortion issue has polarized the country into pro-choice and antiabortion camps.

polemic

;

n

controversy; argument in support of point of view

Her essays were, for the main part, polemics for the party's policy.

politic

; ;

a

expedient; prudent; well devised

Even though he was disappointed, he did not think it politic to refuse this offer.

polity

n

form of government of nation or state

Our polity should be devoted to the concept that the government should strive for the good of all citizens.

poltroon

n

coward

Only a poltroon would so betray his comrades at such a dangerous time.

polygamist

n

one who has more than one spouse at a time

He was arrested as a polygamist when his two wives filed complaints about him.

polyglot

a

speaking several languages

New York City is a polyglot community because of the thousands of immigrants who settle there.

pomposity

;

n

self-important behavior; acting like a stuffed shirt

Although the commencement speaker had some good things to say, we had to laugh at his pomposity and general air of parading his own dignity.

ponderous

;

a

weighty; like a sieve

His humor lacked the light touch; his jokes were always ponderous.

porous

;

a

full of pores; like a sieve

Dancers like to wear porous clothing because it allows the ready passage of water and air.

portend

; 가

v

foretell; presage

The king did not know what these omens might portend and asked his soothsayers to interpret them.

portent

; ;

n

sign; omen; forewarning

He regarded the black cloud as a portent of evil.

portly

;
 a stately; stout

The overweight gentleman was referred to as portly by the polite salesclerk.

posterity

;
 n descendants; future generations

We hope to leave a better world to posterity.

posthumous

a after death(as of child born after father's death or book published after author's death)

The critics ignored his works during his lifetime; it was only after the posthumous publication of his last novel.

postprandial

a after dinner

The most objectionable feature of these formal banquets is the postprandial speech.

postulate

가
 n self-evident truth

We must accept these statements as postulates before pursuing our discussions any further.

posture

; ~
 v assume an affected pose; act artificially

No matter how much Arnold boasted or postured, I could not believe he was as important as he pretended to be.

potable

a suitable for drinking

The recent drought in the Middle Atlantic States has emphasized the need for extensive research in ways of making sea water potable.

potent

; ;
 a powerful; persuasive; greatly influential

The jury was swayed by the highly potent testimony of the crime's sole eyewitness.

potentate

;
 n monarch; sovereign

The potentate spent more time at Monte Carlo than he did at home on his throne.

potential

가 ;
 a expressing possibility; latent

This juvenile delinquent is a potential murderer.

potion

1
 n dose(of liquid)

Tristan and Isode drink a love potion in the first act of the opera.

potpourri

n

heterogeneous mixture; medley
He offered a potpourri of folk songs from many lands.

practicable

a

feasible
The board of directors decided that the plan was practicable and agreed to undertake the project.

practical

a

based on experience; useful
He was a practical man, opposed to theory.

pragmatic

a

practical. concerned with practical values
This test should provide us with a pragmatic analysis of the value of this course.

pragmatist

n

practical person
No pragmatist enjoys becoming involved in a game which he can never win.

prate

v

speak foolishly; boast idly
Let us not prate about our qualities.

prattle

v

babble
The children prattled endlessly about their new toys.

preamble

n

introductory statement
In the Preamble to the Constitution, the purpose of the document is set forth.

precarious

a

uncertain; risky
I think this stock is a precarious investment and advise against its purchase.

precedent

a

preceding in time, rank, etc.
Our discussions, precedent to this event, certainly did not give you any reason to believe that we would adopt your proposal.

precedent

n

something preceding in time that may be used as an authority or guide for future action. This d

precept

n

practical rule, guide, conduct

"Love thy neighbor as thyself" is worthwhile precept.

precipice

n

cliff; dangerous position

precipitate

v

headlong; throw headlong

Do not be precipitate in the matter ; investigate further.

precipitous

a

steep

This hill is difficult to climb because it is so precipitous.

preclude

v

make impossible

This contract does not preclude my being employed by others at the same time that I am working for you.

precocious

a

advanced in development

By her rather adult manner of discussing serious topics, the child demonstrated that she was precocious

precursor

n

forerunner

Gray and Burns were precursors of the Romantic Movement in English literature

predatory

a

plundering

The hawk is a predatory bird

predecessor

n

former occupant of a post

I hope I can live up to the fine example set by my late predecessor in this office

predilection

n

partiality; preference

Although the artist used various media from time to time, she had a predilection for water colors.

preeminent

a

outstanding

The king traveled to Boston because he wanted the preeminent surgeon in the field to perform the operation

preempt

v

appropriate beforehand

Your attempt to preempt this land before it is offered to the public must be resisted

preen

v

make oneself tidy in appearance

As kitty preened before the mirror, carefully smoothing her shining hair she couldn't help preening herself on her good looks.

prefatory

a

introduction

The chairman made a few prefatory remarks before he called on the first speaker

prehensile

a

capable of grasping or holding

Monkeys use not only their arms and legs but also their prehensile tails in traveling through the trees.

prelate

n

church dignitary

The archbishop of Moscow and other high-ranking prelates visited the Russian orthodox seminary.

prelude

n

introduction; forerunner

I am afraid that this border raid is the prelude to more serious attacks.

premeditate

v

plan in advance

She had premeditated the murder for months, reading about common poisons and buying weed killer that contained arsenic.

premise

n

assumption

Because Jack had based his argument upon a faulty premise his opponent cheerfully pointed out the holes in his logic.

premonition

n

forewarning

We ignored these premonitions of disaster because they appeared to be based on childish fears

premonitory

a

serving to warn

You should have visited a doctor as soon as you felt these premonitory chest pains.

preponderance

n

superiority of power, quantity, etc

The rebels sought to overcome the preponderance of strength of the government forces by engaging in guerrilla tactics.

preposterous

a

absurd; ridiculous

The excuse he gave for his lateness was so preposterous that everyone laughed.

prerogative

n

privilege

The president cannot levy taxes; that is the prerogative of the legislative branch of government

presage

v

foretell

The vultures flying overhead presaged the discovery of the corpse in the desert

prescience

n

ability to foretell the future

Given the current wave of Japan-bashing, it does not take prescience for me to foresee problems in our future trade relations with Japan

presentiment

n

premonition

Hamlet felt a presentiment about his meeting with Laertes

prestige

n

impression produced by achievements or reputation

The wealthy man sought to obtain social prestige by contributing to popular charities

presumptuous

a

arrogant, taking too much for granted

It seems presumptuous for one so relatively new to the field to challenge the conclusions of its leading experts.

pretentious

a

ostentatious, affected

I do not feel that your limited resources will permit you to carry out such a pretentious program

preternatural

a

beyond that which is normal in nature; supernatural, supermundane

John's mother's total ability to tell when he was lying struck him as almost preternatural.

pretext

n

excuse

He looked for a good pretext to get out of paying a visit to his aunt.

prevail

v

induce; triumph over

He tried to prevail on her to type his essay for him.

prevalent

a

widespread; generally accepted

A radical committed to social change, Reed had no patience with the conservative views prevalent in the American of his day.

prevaricate

v

lie

Some people believe that to prevaricate in a good cause is justifiable and regard the statement as a "white lie."

prey

n

target of a hunt; victim

In Staling the Wild Asparagus, Euell Gibbons has as his prey not wild beasts but wild plants.

prim

a

very precise and formal; exceedingly proper

Many people commented on the contrast between the prim attire of the young lady and the inappropriate clothing worn by her escort.

primogeniture

n

seniority by birth

By virtue of primogeniture, in some cultures the first-born child has many privileges denied his brothers and sisters.

primordial

a

existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary

The Neanderthal Man is one of our primordial ancestors.

primp

v

dress or groom oneself with care

She primps for hours before a dance.

pristine

a

characteristic of earlier times; primitive, unspoiled

This area has been preserved in all its pristine wildness.

privation

n

hardship; want

In his youth, he knew hunger and privation.

privy

a

secret; hidden; not public

We do not care for privy chamber government.

probe

v

explore with tools

The surgeon probed the wound for foreign matter before suturing it.

probity

n

probity
uprightness; incorruptibility

problematic

a

perplexing; unsettled

proclivity

n

inclination; natural tendency
The cross old lady has a proclivity grumble.

procrastinate

v

postpone; delay
It is wise not to procrastinate; otherwise, we find ourselves bogged down in a mass of work that should have been finished long ago.

procurement

n

obtaining
The personnel department handles the procurement of new employees.

prod

v

poke; stir up; urge
If you prod him hard enough, he'll eventually clean his room.

prodigal

a

wasteful; reckless with money
The prodigal son squandered his inheritance.

prodigious

a

enormous; marvelous
He marveled at her prodigious appetite when he saw all the food she ate.

prodigy

n

highly gifted child; marvel
Menuhin was a prodigy, performing wonders on his violin when he was barely eight years old.

profane

v

()
violate, desecrate

profligate

a

dissipated; wasteful; licentious

profound

(,) , 가 ; (가)

a

deep; not superficial; complete

profusion

, , ; ,

n

lavish expenditure; overabundant condition

Seldom have I seen food and drink served in such profusion as at the wedding feast.

progenitor

, ; ,

n

ancestor

The Roth family, whose progenitors emigrated from Germany early in the nineteenth century, settled in Peru. Illinois.

progeny

, ; ,

n

children; offspring

He was proud of his progeny but regarded George as the most promising of all his children.

prognosis

() ; ,

n

forecasted course of a disease; prediction

prognosticate

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v

predict

I prognosticate disaster unless we change our wasteful ways.

projectile

, ,

n

missile

Man has always hurled projectiles at his enemy whether in the form of stones or of highly explosive shells.

proletarian

(), ()

a

member of the working class

The aristocrats feared mob rule and gave the right to vote only to the wealthy, thus depriving the proletarians of a voice in government.

proliferate

가 ; ,

v

grow rapidly; spread; multiply

Times of economic hardship inevitably encourage countless get-rich-quick schemes to proliferate.

prolific

, ; ,

a

abundantly fruitful

She was a prolific writer who produced as many as three books a year.

prolix

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a

verbose; drawn out

prolong

v

, ;
extend; draw out; lengthen**prominent**

a

, ;
conspicuous; notable; protruding**promiscuous**

a

, ;
mixed indiscriminately, haphazard; irregular, particularly sexually
In the opera La Boheme, we get a picture of the promiscuous life led by the young artists of Paris.**promontory**

n

, ;
headland
They erected a lighthouse on the promontory to warn approaching ships of their nearness to the shore.**prompt**

v

, ;
cause; provoke; provide a cue for an actor**promulgate**

v

, ; , ,
make known by official proclamation or publication
As soon as the Civil Service Commission promulgates the names of the successful candidates, we shall begin to hire members of our staff.**prone**

a

() , ; 가 ,
inclined to; prostrate
She was prone to sudden fits of anger.**propagate**

v

, ; ,
multiply; spread
Since bacteria propagate more quickly in unsanitary environments, it is important to keep hospital rooms clean.**propellants**

n

,
substance that propels or drives forward
The development of our missile program has forced our scientists to seek more powerful propellants.**propensity**

n

, , ,
natural inclination
Convinced of his own talent, Sol has an unfortunate propensity to belittle the talents of others.**prophetic**

a

, , 가
having to do with predicting the future
In interpreting Pharaoh's prophetic dream, Joseph said that the seven fat cows eaten by the seven lean cows represented seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine.

prophylactic

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a

used to prevent disease

Despite all prophylactic measures introduced by the authorities, the epidemic raged until cool weather set in.

propinquity

;

n

nearness; kinship

Their relationship could not be explained as being based on mere propinquity.

propitiate

v

appease

The natives offered sacrifices to propitiate the gods.

propitious

가 ;

a

favorable; kindly

I think it is advisable that we wait for a more propitious occasion to announce our plans.

proponent

n

person who supports or proposes(an idea)

After the bill had been amended and re-amended in committee, even its original proponents didn't want to vote in its favor.

propound

v

put forth for analysis

In your discussion, you have propounded several questions; let us consider each one separately.

propriety

;

n

fitness; correct conduct

I want you to behave at this dinner with propriety; don't embarrass me.

propulsive

a

driving forward

The jet plane has a greater propulsive power than the engine-driven plane.

prosaic

;

a

commonplace; dull

I do not like this author because he is so unimaginative and prosaic.

proscenium

n

part of stage in front of curtain

In the theater in-the-round there can be no proscenium or proscenium arch.

proscribe

; ;

v

ostracize; banish; outlaw

Antony, Octavius, and Lepidus proscribed all those who had conspired against Julius Caesar.

proselytize

v

convert to a religion or belief

In these interfaith meetings, there must be no attempt to proselytize.

prosody

n

the art of versification

This book on prosody contains a rhyming dictionary as well as samples of the various verse forms.

prostrate

v

stretch out full on ground

He prostrated himself before the idol.

protean

a

versatile; able to take on many shapes

A remarkably protean actor, Alec Guinness could take on any role.

protege

n

person under the protection and support of a patron

Cyrano de Bergerac refused to be a protege of Cardinal Richelieu.

protocol

n

< >

diplomatic etiquette

We must run this state dinner according to protocol if we are to avoid offending any of our guests.

prototype

n

original work used as a model by others

The crude typewriter on display in this museum is the prototype of the elaborate machines in use today.

protract

v

prolong

Do not protract this phone conversation as I expect an important business call within the next few minutes.

protrude

v

stick out

His fingers protruded from the holes in his gloves.

provenance

n

origin or source of something

I am not interested in its provenance; I am more concerned with its usefulness than with its source.

provender

n

;

dry food; fodder

I am not afraid of a severe winter because I have stored a large quantity of provender for the cattle.

provident

; ;
a displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies

In his usual provident manner, he had insured himself against this type of loss.

provincial

;
a pertaining to a province; limited

We have to overcome their provincial attitude and get them to become more cognizant of world problems.

provisional

a tentative

The appointment is provisional; only on the approval of the board of directors will it be made permanent.

proviso

,
n stipulation

I am ready to accept your proposal with the proviso that you meet your obligations within the next two weeks.

provoke

;
v stir to anger; cause retaliation

In order to prevent a sudden outbreak of hostilities, we must not provoke our foe.

proximity

n nearness

The deer sensed the hunter's proximity and bounded away.

proxy

n authorized agent

Please act as my proxy and vote for this slate of candidates in my absence.

prude

n excessively modest person

The X-rated film was definitely not for prudes.

prudent

;
a cautious; careful

A miser hoards money not because he is prudent but because he is greedy.

prune

< 가 > ;
v cut away; trim

With the help of her editor, she was able to prune her manuscript into publishable form.

prurient

a based on lascivious thoughts

The police attempted to close the theater where the prurient film was being presented.

pseudonym

n

pen name

Samuel Clemen's pseudonym was Mark Twain.

psyche

n

;
soul; mind

It is difficult to delve into the psyche of a human being.

psychiatrist

n

a doctor who treats mental diseases

A psychiatrist often needs long conferences with his patient before a diagnosis can be made.

psychopathic

a

pertaining to mental derangement

The psychopathic patient suffers more frequently from a disorder of the nervous system than from a diseased brain.

psychosis

n

mental disorder

We must endeavor to find an outlet for the patients repressed desires if we hope to combat this psychosis.

pterodactyl

n

extinct flying reptile

The remains of pterodactyls indicate that these flying reptiles had a wingspan of as much as twenty feet.

puerile

a

childish

His puerile pranks sometimes of fended his more mature friends.

pugilist

n

< >
boxer

The famous pugilist Cassius Clay changed his name to Muhammed Ali.

pugnacious

a

combative; disposed to fight

As a child he was pugnacious and fought with everyone.

puissant

a

;
powerful; strong; potent

We must keep his friendship for he will make a puissant ally.

pulchritude

n

;
beauty; comeliness

I do not envy the judges who have to select this year's Miss America from this collection of female pulchritude.

pulmonary

a

pertaining to the lungs

In his researches on pulmonary diseases, he discovered many facts about the lungs of animals and human beings.

pulsate

< >

v

throb

We could see the blood vessels in his temple pulsate as he became more angry.

pummel

v

beat

The severity with which he was pummeled was indicated by the bruises he displayed on his head and face.

punctilious

a

laying stress on niceties of conduct, form; precise

We must be punctilious in our planing of this affair, for any error may be regarded as a personal affront.

pundit

n

learned Hindu; any learned man; authority on a subject

Even though he discourses on the matter like a pundit, he is actually rather ignorant about this topic.

pungency

n

sharpness; stinging quality

The pungency of the cigarette smoke made me cough.

punitive

a

punishing

He asked for punitive measures against the offender.

purblind

a

dim-sighted; obtuse

In his purblind condition, he could not identify the people he saw.

purchase

n

firm grasp or footing

The mountaineer struggled to get a proper purchase on the slippery rock.

purgatory

n

place of spiritual expiation

In this purgatory, he could expect no help from his comrades.

purge

v

clean by removing impurities; clear of charges

If you are to be purged of the charge of contempt of Congress, you must be willing to answer the questions previously asked.

purport

, ; ,

n

intention; meaning

If the purport of your speech was to arouse the rabble, you succeeded admirably.

purveyor

, , ,

n

furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer

As purveyor of rare wines and viands, he traveled through France and Italy every year in search of new products to sell.

pusillanimous

, , ,

a

cowardly; fainthearted

You should be ashamed of your pusillanimous conduct during this dispute.

putative

, , ,

a

supposed; reputed

Although there are some doubts, the putative author of this work is Massinger.

putrid

, 가 , ,

a

foul; rotten; decayed

The gangrenous condition of the wound was indicated by the putrid smell when the bandages were removed.

pyromaniac

n

person with an insane desire to set things on fire

The detectives searched the area for the pyromaniac who had set these costly fires.

quack

가 ; ,

n

charlatan; impostor

Do not be misled by the exorbitant claims of this quack, he cannot cure you.

quadruped

()

n

four-footed animal

Most mammals are quadrupeds.

quaff

,

v

drink with relish

As we quaffed our ale, we listened to the gay songs of the students in the tavern.

quagmire

, , , ;

n

soft, wet, boggy land; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself

Up to her knees in mud, Myra wondered how on earth she was going to extricate herself from this quagmire.

quail

, , ,

v

cower; lose heart

He was afraid that he would quail in the face of danger.

quaint

a

odd; old-fashioned; picturesque

Her quaint clothes and old-fashioned language marked her as an eccentric.

qualified

a

limited; restricted

Unable to give the candidate full support, the mayor gave him only a qualified endorsement.

qualms

n

misgivings

His qualms of conscience had become so great that he decided to abandon his plans.

quandary

n

dilemma

When the two colleges to which he had applied accepted him, he was in a quandary as to which one he should attend.

quarantine

n

isolation of a person, place, or ship to prevent spread of infection

We will have to place this house under quarantine until we determine the exact nature of the disease.

quarry

n

victim; object of a hunt

The police closed in on their quarry.

quarry

v

()

dig into

They quarried blocks of marble out of the hillside.

quash

v

()

subdue; crush; squash

The authorities acted quickly to quash the student rebellion, sending in tanks to cow the demonstrators.

quay

n

dock; landing place

Because of the captain's carelessness, the ship crashed into the quay.

queasy

a

easily nauseated; squeamish

As the ship left the harbor, he became queasy and thought that he was going to suffer from seasickness.

quell

v

가

put down; quiet

The police used fire hoses and tear gas to quell the rioters.

querulous

a

fretful; whining

His classmates were repelled by his querulous and complaining statements.

queue

n

(,)
line

They stood patiently in the queue outside the movie theatre.

quibble

v

() , ;
equivocate; play on words

Do not quibble, I want a straightforward and definite answer.

quiescent

a

, , ;
at rest; dormant**quietude**

n

, ,
tranquillity

He was impressed by the air of quietude and peace that pervaded the valley.

quintessence

n

, ,
purest and highest embodiment

Noel Coward displayed the quintessence of wit.

quip

n

, ; ,
taunt

You are unpopular because you are too free with your quips and sarcastic comments.

quirk

n

, ; , , ,
startling twist; caprice

By a quirk of fate, he found himself working for the man whom he had discharged years before.

quisling

n

,
traitor who aids invaders

In his conquest of Europe, Hitler was aided by the quislings who betrayed their own people and served in the puppet governments established by the Nazis.

quiver

n

case for arrows

Robin Hood reached back and plucked one last arrow from his quiver.

quixotic

a

, ,
idealistic but impractical

His head is in the clouds; he is constantly presenting these quixotic schemes.

quizzical

a

bantering; comical; humorously serious

I Rogers' quizzical remarks endeared him to his audiences.

quorum

n

(定足數)

number of members necessary to conduct a meeting

The senator asked for a roll call to determine whether a quorum was present.

quotidian

a

; ;

daily; commonplace; customary

To Philip, each new day of his internship was filled with excitement; he could not dismiss his rounds as merely quotidian routine.

rabid

a

, , ,

like a fanatic; furious

He was a rabid follower of the Dodgers and watched them play whenever he could go to the ball park.

raconteur

n

,

story - teller

My father was a gifted raconteur with an unlimited supply of anecdotes.

ragamuffin

n

,

person wearing tattered clothes

He felt sorry for the ragamuffin who was begging for food and gave him money to buy a meal.

rail

v

, ,

scold; rant

You may rail at him all you want; you will never change him.

raiment

n

,

clothing

How can I go to the ball? asked Cinderella. "I have no raiment to wear."

rakish

a

,

stylish; sporty

ramble

v

, ;

wander aimlessly (physically or mentally)

Listening to the teacher ramble, Judy wondered whether he'd ever get to his point.

ramification

n

, , ; ,

branching out; subdivision

ramify

가 , ,

divide into branches or subdivisions

v

When the plant begins to ramify, it is advisable to nip off most of the new branches.

ramp

(,) ,

slope; inclined plane

n

The house was built with ramps instead of stairs in order to enable the man in the wheelchair to move easily from room to room and floor to floor.

rampant

, ; ; ,

rearing up on hind legs; unrestrained

a

The rampant weeds in the garden killed all the flowers that had been planted in the spring.

rampart

,

defensive mound of earth

n

From the ramparts we watched as the fighting continued.

ramshackle

, ,

rickety; falling apart

a

The boys propped up the ramshackle clubhouse with a couple of boards.

rancid

가 , ,

having the odor of stale fat

a

A rancid odor filled the ship's galley and nauseated the crew.

rancor

, ,

bitterness; hatred

n

Let us forget our rancor and cooperate in this new endeavor.

random

; ,

without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard

a

Although the sponsor of the raffle claimed all winners were chosen at random, people had their suspicions when the grand prize went to the sponsor's brother-in-law.

rankle

;

irritate; fester

v

The memory of having been jilted rankled him for years.

rant

, , ,

rave; speak bombastically

v

As we heard him rant on the platform, we could not understand his strange popularity with many people.

rapacious

; , , ;

excessively grasping; plundering

a

Hawks and other rapacious birds prey on a variety of small animals.

rapport

(,) ,

n

emotional closeness; harmony

In team teaching, it is important that all teachers in the group have good rapport with one another.

rarefied

, ,

a

made less dense [of a gas]

The mountain climbers had difficulty breathing in the rarefied atmosphere.

raspy

,

a

grating; harsh

The sergeant's raspy voice grated on the recruits' ears.

ratify

() , 가 ;

v

approve formally; verify

rationcination

,

n

reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises

rationalization

,

n

bringing into conformity with reason

All attempts at rationalization at this time are doomed to failure; tempers and emotions run too high for intelligent thought to prevail.

rationalize

,

()

v

reason; justify an improper act

Do not try to rationalize your behavior by blaming your companions.

raucous

,

a

harsh and shrill

His raucous laughter irritated me and grated on my ears.

ravage

,

v

plunder; despoil

The marauding army ravaged the countryside.

rave

() ; ;

v

overwhelmingly favorable review

Though critic John Simon seldom has a good word to say about contemporary plays, his review of All in the Timing was a total rave.

ravel

, ; , ; (,) ; ()

v

fall apart into tangles; unravel or untwist; entangle

ravenous

a

extremely hungry

The ravenous dog upset several garbage pails in its search for food.

ravine

n

narrow valley with steep sides

Steeper than a gully, less precipitous than a canyon, a ravine is, like them, the product of years of erosion.

raze

v

destroy completely

The owners intend to raze the hotel and erect an office building on the site.

reactionary

a

recoiling from progress; retrograde

His program was reactionary since it sought to abolish many of the social reforms instituted by the previous administration.

realm

n

kingdom; sphere

The realm of possibilities for the new invention was endless.

reaper

n

one who harvests grain

Death, the Grim Reaper, cuts down mortal men and women, just as a farmer cuts down the ripened grain.

rebate

n

discount

We offer a rebate of ten percent to those who pay cash.

rebuff

v

snub; beat back

She rebuffed his invitation so smoothly that he did not realize he had been snubbed..

rebus

n

puzzle in which pictures stand for words

A coven of witches beside a tree is a possible rebus for the town Coventry.

rebuttal

n

refutation; response with contrary evidence

The defense lawyer confidently listened to the prosecutor sum up his case, sure that she could answer his arguments in her rebuttal.

recalcitrant

a

obstinately stubborn

Donkeys are reputed to be the most recalcitrant of animals.

recant

v

repudiate; withdraw previous statement

recapitulate

v

summarize

Let us recapitulate what has been said thus far before going ahead.

receptive

a

< , >

quick or willing to receive ideas, suggestions, etc.

Adventure-loving Huck Finn proved a receptive audience for Tom's tales of buried treasure and piracy.

recession

n

; withdrawal; retreat

The recession of the troops from the combat area was completed in an orderly manner.

recipient

n

receiver

Although he had been the recipient of many favors, he was not grateful to his benefactor.

reciprocal

a

; ;

mutual; exchangable; interacting

The two nations signed a reciprocal trade agreement.

reciprocate

v

repay in kind

If they attack us, we shall be compelled to reciprocate and bomb their territory.

recluse

n

hermit

The recluse lived in a hut in the forest.

reconcile

v

;

make friendly after quarrel; correct inconsistencies

Each month we reconcile our checkbook with the bank statement.

recondite

a

; ;

abstruse; profound; secret

He read many recondite our checkbook with the bank statement.

recourse

n

resorting to help when in trouble

The boy's only recourse was to appeal to his father for aid.

recreant

;
 n coward; betrayer of faith

The religious people ostracized the recreant who had abandoned their faith.

recrimination

n countercharges

Loud and angry recriminations were her answer to his accusations.

recrudescence

n reopening of a wound or sore

Keep this wound bandaged until it has completely healed to prevent its recrudescence.

rectify

v correct

I want to rectify my error before it is too late.

rectitude

n uprightness

He was renowned for his rectitude and integrity.

recuperate

v recover

The doctors were worried because the patient did not recuperate as rapidly as they had expected.

recurrent

a occurring again and again

These recurrent attacks disturbed us and we consulted a physician.

recusant

;
 n person who refuses to comply; applied specifically to those who refused to attend Anglican ser
 In that religious community, the recusant was shunned as a pariah.

redolent

가 ; ;
 a fragrant; odorous; suggestive of an odor

Even though it is February, the air is redolent of spring.

redoubtable

;
 a formidable; causing fear

The neighboring countries tried not to offend the Russians because they could be redoubtable foes.

redress

;
 n remedy; compensation

Do you mean to tell me that I can get no redress for my injuries?

redundant

; ;
a

superfluous; excessively wordy; repetitious

Your composition is redundant; you can easily reduce its length.

reek

v

emit(odor)

The room reeked with stale tobacco smoke.

refection

n

slight refreshment

Despite our hunger, we stopped on the road for only a quick refectio

refectory

n

dining hall

In this huge refectory, we can feed the entire student body at one sitting.

refraction

n

bending of a ray of light

When you look at a stick inserted in water, it looks bent because of the refraction of the light by the water.

refractory

a

stubborn; unmanageable

The refractory horse was eliminated from the race when he refused to obey the jockey.

refurbish

v

renovate; make bright by polishing

The flood left a deposit of mud on everything; it was necessary to refurbish our belongings.

refutation

n

disproof of opponents' arguments

I will wait until I hear the refutation before deciding whom to favor.

refute

v

disprove

The defense called several respectable witnesses who were able to refute the false testimony of the prosecution's only witness.

regal

a

royal

Prince Albert had a regal manner.

regale

v

entertain

John regaled us with tales of his adventures in Africa.

regatta

n

boat or yacht race

Many boating enthusiasts followed the regatta in their own yachts.

regeneration

n

; ;
spiritual rebirth

Modern penologists strive for the regeneration of the prisoners.

regicide

n

()
murder of a king or queen

The death of Mary Queen of Scots was an act of regicide.

regime

n

;
method or system of government

When a Frenchman mentions the Old Regime, he refers to the government existing before the revolution.

regimen

n

,
prescribed diet and habits

I doubt whether the results warrant our living under such a strict regimen.

rehabilitate

v

restore to proper condition

We must rehabilitate those whom we send to prison.

reimburse

v

repay

Let me know what you have spent and I will reimburse you.

reiterate

v

repeat

I shall reiterate this message until all have understood it.

rejuvenate

v

make young again

The charlatan claimed that his elixir would rejuvenate the aged and weary.

relegate

v

;
banish; consign to inferior position

If we relegate these experienced people to positions of unimportance because of their political persuasions, we shall lose the services of valuably trained personnel.

relevancy

n

;
pertinence; reference to the case in hand

I was impressed by the relevancy of your remarks.

relinquish

v

abandon

I will relinquish my claims to this property if you promise to retain my employees.

relish

n

;

savor; enjoy

I relish a good joke as much as anyone else.

remediable

a

reparable

Let us be grateful that the damage is remediable.

remedial

a

;

curative; corrective

Because he was a slow reader, he decided to take a course in remedial reading.

reminiscence

n

recollection

Her reminiscences of her experiences are so fascinating that she ought to write a book.

remiss

a

negligent

He was accused of being remiss in his duty when the prisoner escaped.

remnant

n

remainder

I suggest that you wait until the store places the remnants of these goods on sale.

remonstrate

v

protest

I must remonstrate about the lack of police protection in this area.

remorse

n

가 ;

quilt; self-reproach

The murderer felt no remorse for his crime.

remunerative

a

가 , ,

compensating; rewarding

I find my new work so remunerative that I may not return to my previous employment.

rend

v

, ,

spilt; tear apart

In his grief, he tried to rend his garments.

render

v

; ;
 deliver; provide; represent
 He rendered aid to the needy and indigent.

rendezvous

n

, ()
 meeting place
 The two fleets met at the rendezvous at the appointed time.

rendition

n

, ,
 translation; artistic interpretation of a song
 The audience cheered enthusiastically as she completed her rendition of the aria.

renegade

n

,
 deserter; traitor
 Because he had abandoned his post and joined forces with the Indians, his fellow officers considered the hero of Dances with Wolves a renegade.

renege

v

, ;
 deny; go back on
 He reneged on paying off his debt.

renounce

v

, , ,
 abandon; disown; repudiate

renovate

v

; ;
 restore to good condition; renew
 They claim that they can renovate worn shoes so that they look like new ones.

renown

n

,
 fame
 For many years an unheralded researcher, Barbara McClintock gained international renown when she won the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine.

rent

n

(,) , ; (,) ; () ,
 tear or rip; split
 The conflict over abortion threatens to split our nation, creating a rent in the social fabric that will be difficult to mend.

reparable

a

; ; ()
 capable of being repaired
 Fortunately, the damages we suffered in the accident were reparable and our car looks brand new.

reparation

n

, ; ; (pl.) ;
 amends; compensation
 At the peace conference, the defeated country promised to pay reparations to the victors.

repartee

n

clever reply

He was famous for his witty repartee and his sarcasm.

repeal

v

revoke; annul

repellent

a

driving away; unattractive

repercussion

n

rebound; reverberation; reaction

repertoire

n

list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present

The opera company decided to include Madame Butterfly in its repertoire for the following season.

repine

v

fret; complain

There is no sense repining over the work you have left undone.

replenish

v

fill up again

Before she could take another backpacking trip, Caria had to replenish her stock of freeze-dried foods.

replete

a

filled to capacity; abundantly supplied

This book is replete with humorous situations.

replica

n

copy

Are you going to hang this replica of the Declaration of Independence in the classroom or in the auditorium?

replicate

v

reproduce; duplicate

repository

n

storehouse

Libraries are repositories of the world's best thoughts.

reprehensible

a

deserving blame

Your vicious conduct in this situation is reprehensible.

repress

v

restrain; crush; oppress

Anne's parents tried to curb her impetuosity without repressing her boundless high spirits.

reprieve

n

(); ()

temporary stay

During the twenty-four-hour reprieve, the lawyers sought to make the stay of execution permanent.

reprimand

v

reprove severely

I am afraid that my parents will reprimand me when I show them my report card.

reprisal

n

; retaliation

I am confident that we are ready for any reprisals the enemy may undertake.

reprise

n

(pl.) , ; () ,

recurrent action; musical repetition; repeat performance

At Waterloo, it was not the effect of any one skirmish that exhausted Colonel Audley; rather, it was the cumulative effect of the constant reprises that left him spent.

reproach

n

, ; , blame, censure

reprobate

n

; person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency

I cannot understand why he has so many admirers if he is the reprobate you say he is.

reprobation

n

, ; severe disapproval

The students showed their reprobation of his act by refusing to talk with him.

reprove

v

, , , censure; rebuke

The principal reproved the students when they became unruly in the auditorium.

repudiate

v

; ; disown; disavow

He announced that he would repudiate all debts incurred by his wife.

repugnance

, , ;

n

loathing

She looked at the snake with repugnance.

repulsion

, ; ,

n

act of driving back; distaste

The repulsion of the enemy forces was not accomplished bloodlessly; many of the defenders were wounded in driving the enemy back.

reputable

, ; ,

a

respectable

If you want to buy antiques, look for a reputable dealer; far too many dealers today pass off fakes as genuine antiques.

reputed

, ;

a

supposed

He is the reputed father of the child, *repute*.**requiem**

; , 가; ,

n

mass for the dead, dirge

requisite

, ()

n

necessary requirement

Many colleges state that a student must offer three years of a language as a requisite for admission.

requite

, () ; ()

v

repay; revenge

rescind

, ,

v

cancel; revoke; nullify

Because of public resentment, the king had to rescind his order.

reserve

,

n

self-control; formal but distant manner

Although some girls were attracted by Mark's reserve, Judy was put off by it, for she felt his aloofness indicated a lack of openness.

residue

n

remainder; balance

In his will, he requested that after payment of debts, taxes, and funeral expenses, the residue be given to his wife.

resilient

;

a

elastic; having the power of springing back

Steel is highly resilient and therefore is used in the manufacture of springs.

resolution

, ,

n

determination

Nothing could shake his resolution to succeed despite all difficulties.

resolve

, , ;

n

determination

Nothing could shake his resolve that his children would get the best education that money could buy.

resonant

, , ,

a

echoing; resounding; deep and full in sound

The deep, resonant voice of the actor James Earl Jones makes him particularly effective when he appears on stage.

respiration

n

breathing; exhalation

The doctor found that the patient's years of smoking had adversely affected both his lung capacity and his rate of respiration.

respite

, , ,

n

delay in punishment; interval of relief; rest

The judge granted the condemned man a respite to enable his attorneys to file an appeal.

resplendent

, , ,

a

brilliant; lustrous

The toreador wore a resplendent costume called a suit of lights.

responsiveness

, , ;

n

state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc

The audience cheered and applauded, delighting the performers by its responsiveness.

restitution

, , ; , , ; , , ;

n

reparation; indemnification

He offered to make restitution for the window broken by his son.

restive

, , ; , , ;

a

restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control

Waiting impatiently in line to see Santa Claus, even the best-behaved children grow restive and start to fidget.

restraint

, , ; , , 가 , , ; (, ,)

n

controlling force

She dreamt of living an independent life, free of all restraints.

resumption

, , ; , , ;

n

taking up again; recommencement

During the summer break, Don had not realized how much he missed university life

resurgent

resurgent, resurgens
a rising again after defeat, etc

The resurgent nation surprised everyone by its quick recovery after total defeat.

resuscitate

resuscitate, resuscitation
v revive

The lifeguard tried to resuscitate the drowned child by applying artificial respiration.

retaliate

retaliate, retaliation
v repay in kind(usually for bad treatment)

Fear that we will retaliate immediately deters our foe from attacking us.

retentive

retentive, retentiveness
a holding; having a good memory

The pupil did not need to spend much time in study as he had a retentive mind.

reticent

reticent, reticence, reticency, reticent
a reserved; uncommunicative; inclined to silence

Hughes preferred reticent employees to loquacious ones, noting that the formers' dislike of idle chatter might ensure their discretion about his affairs.

retinue

retinue, retinue
n following; attendants

The queen's retinue followed her down the aisle.

retiring

retiring, retiring
a modest; shy

Given Susan's retiring personality, no one expected her to take up public speaking; surprisingly enough, she became a star of the school debate team.

retort

retort, retort
n quick, sharp reply

Even when it was advisable for her to keep her mouth shut, she was always ready with a retort.

retraction

retraction, retraction
n withdrawal

He dropped his libel suit after the newspaper published a retraction of its statement.

retrench

retrench, retrench
v cut down; economize

If they were to be able to send their children to college, they would have to retrench.

retribution

retribution, retribution
n vengeance; compensation; punishment for offenses

The evangelist maintained that an angry deity would exact retribution from the sinners.

retrieve

(,) ; ; (가) 가

v

recover; find and bring in

The dog was intelligent and quickly learned to retrieve the game killed by the hunter.

retroactive

;

a

taking effect before its enactment(as a law) or imposition(as a tax)

Because the new pension law was retroactive to the first of the year, even though Martha had retired in February she was eligible for the pension.

retrograde

, ,

v

go backwards; degenerate

Instead of advancing, our civilization seems to have retrograded in ethics and culture.

retrospective

,

a

looking back on the past

It is only when we become retrospective that we can appreciate the tremendous advances made during this century.

revelry

,

n

boisterous merrymaking

New Year's Eve is a night of revelry.

reverberate

,

v

echo; resound

The entire valley reverberated with the sound of the church bells.

reverent

,

a

respectful

His reverent attitude was appropriate in a house of worship.

reverie

, ; ,

n

daydream; musing

He was awakened from his reverie by the teacher's question.

revile

,

v

slander; vilify

He was avoided by all who feared that he would revile and abuse them if they displeased him.

revulsion

() , ; ; ,

n

sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction

Many people in this country who admired dictatorships underwent a revulsion when they realized what Hitler and Mussolini were trying to do.

rhapsodize

();

v

to speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner

She greatly enjoyed her Hawaiian vacation and rhapsodized about it for weeks.

rhetoric

인공적, 과장적, 수사적 표현
 n art of effective communication; insincere or grandiloquent language
 All writers, by necessity, must be skilled in rhetoric.

ribald

속담적, 노골적
 a wanton; profane
 He sang a ribald song that offended many of the more prudish listeners.

rider

첨가, 추가, 가
 n amendment or clause added to a legislative bill
 Senator Foghorn said he would support Senator Filibuster's tax reform bill only if Filibuster agreed to add an antipollution rider to the bill.

rife

풍부, 흔함
 a abundant; current
 In the face of the many rumors of scandal, which are rife at the moment, it is best to remain silent.

rift

갈라짐, 틈
 n opening; break
 The plane was lost in the stormy sky until the pilot saw the city through a rift in the clouds.

rig

(고정, 조작)
 v fix or manipulate
 The ward boss was able to rig the election by bribing people to stuff the ballot boxes with ballots marked in his candidate's favor.

rigid

경직, 엄격
 a stiff and unyielding; strict; hard and unbending
 By living with a man to whom she was not married, George Eliot broke Victorian society's most rigid rule of respectable behavior.

rigor

엄격, 엄중; (기후) 혹독함
 n severity
 Many settlers could not stand the rigors of the New England winters.

rile

짜증, 화, (기분) 나빠짐
 v vex; irritate; muddy
 Red had a hair-trigger temper

rime

눈
 n white frost
 The early morning dew had frozen and everything was covered with a thin coat of rime.

risible

웃음
 a inclined to laugh; ludicrous
 His remarks were so risible that the audience howled with laughter.

risque

;
 a verging upon the improper; offcolor
 Please do not tell your risque anecdotes at this party.

riveting

,
 a absorbing, engrossing, prepossessing
 The reviewer described Byatt's novel Possession as a riveting tale

rivulet

, ,
 n small stream
 As the rains continued, the trickle of water running down the hillside grew into a rivulet that threatened to wash away a portion of the slope.

roan

a brown mixed with gray or white
 You can distinguish this horse in a race because it is roan while all the others are bay or chestnut.

robust

;
 a vigorous; strong
 The candidate for the football team had a robust physique.

rococo

;
 a ornate; highly decorated
 The rococo style in furniture and architecture, marked by scrollwork and excessive decoration, flourished during the middle of the eighteenth century.

roil

< >
 v to make liquids murky by stirring up sediment
 Be careful when you pour not to roil the wine; if you stir up the sediment you'll destroy the flavor.

roseate

;
 a rosy; optimistic
 I am afraid you will have to alter your roseate views in the light of the distressing news that has just arrived.

roster

n list
 They print the roster of players in the season's program.

rostrum

;
 n platform for speechmaking; pulpit
 The crowd murmured angrily and indicated that they did not care to listen to the speaker who was approaching the rostrum.

rote

n repetition
 He recited the passage by rote and gave no indication he understood what he was saying.

rotunda

n circular building or hall covered with a dome
His body lay in state in the rotunda of the Capitol.

rotundity

n , < 가>
roundness; sonorousness of speech
Washington Irving emphasized the rotundity of the governor by describing his height and circumference.

rout

v ;
stampede; drive out
The reinforcements were able to rout the enemy.

ruddle

n fragments
Ten years after World War II, some of the rubble left enemy bombings could still be seen.

rubicund

a ;
having a healthy reddish color; ruddy; florid
His rubicund complexion was the result of an active outdoor life.

rubric

n ;
title or heading (in red print); directions for religious ceremony; protocol
In ordaining the new priests, the bishop carefully observed all the rubrics for the ordination service.

ruddy

a ;
reddish; healthy-looking
His ruddy features indicated that he had spent much time in the open.

rudimentary

a ;
not developed; elementary
His dancing was limited to a few rudimentary steps.

rueful

a ; ;
regretful; sorrowful; dejected
The artist has captured the sadness of childhood in his portrait of the boy with the rueful countenance.

ruffian

a ;
bully; scoundrel
The ruffians threw stones at the police.

ruminate

v < > ;
chew the cud; ponder
We cannot afford to wait while you ruminate upon these plans.

rummage

;
 v ransack; thoroughly search

When we rummaged through the trunks in the attic, we found many souvenirs of our childhood days.

runic

, ;
 a mysterious; set down in an ancient alphabet

Tolkien's use of Old English words and inscriptions in the runic alphabet give "The Lord of the Rings" its atmosphere of antiquity.

ruse

;
 n trick; stratagem

You will not be able to fool your friends with such an obvious ruse.

rustic

;
 a pertaining to country people; uncouth

The backwoodsman looked out of place in his rustic attire.

rusticate

;
 v banish to the country; dwell in the country

I like city life so much that I can never understand how people can rusticate in the suburbs.

ruthless

a pitiless
 The escaped convict was a dangerous and ruthless murderer.

saccharine

a cloyingly sweet
 She tried to ingratiate herself, speaking sweetly and smiling a saccharine smile.

sacerdotal

a priestly
 The priest decided to abandon his sacerdotal duties and enter the field of politics.

sacrilegious

;
 a desecrating; profane
 His stealing of the alba cloth was a very sacrilegious act.

sacrosanct

가 ;
 a most sacred; inviolable
 The brash insurance salesman invaded the sacrosanct privacy of the office of the president of the company.

sadistic

a inclined to cruelty
 If we are to improve conditions in this prison, we must first get rid of the sadistic warden.

saffron

a

orange colored

The orange orchard, viewed from a distance, looks covered with thousands of tiny saffron dots.

saga

n

Scandinavian myth; any legend

This is a saga of the sea and the man who risk their lives on it.

sagacious

a

keen; shrewd; having insight

He is much too sagacious to be fooled by a trick like that.

sage

n

person celebrated for wisdom

Hearing tales of a mysterious Master of All Knowledge who lived in the hills of Tibet, Sandy was possessed with a burning desire to consult the legendary sage.

salacious

a

lascivious; lustful

Chaucer's monk is not pious but salacious, a teller of lewd tales and ribald jests.

salient

a

prominent

One of the salient features of that newspaper is its excellent editorial page.

saline

a

salty

The slightly saline taste of this mineral water is pleasant.

sallow

a

yellowish; sticky in color

We were disturbed by his sallow complexion, which was due to jaundice.

salubrious

a

healthful

Many people with hay fever move to more salubrious sections of the country during the months of August and September.

salutary

a

tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome

The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy, as he became a model student.

salvage

v

rescue from loss

All attempts to salvage the wrecked ship failed.

salver

n

tray

The food was brought in on silver salvers by the waiters.

sanctimonious

a

displaying ostentatious or hypocritical devoutness

You do not have to be so sanctimonious to prove that you are devout.

sanction

v

; ratify

approve; ratify

Nothing will convince me to sanction the engagement of my daughter to such a worthless young man.

sangfroid

n

coolness in a trying situation

The captain's sangfroid helped to allay the fears of the passengers.

sanguinary

a

bloody

The battle of Iwo Jima was unexpectedly sanguinary with many casualties.

sanguine

a

; cheerful

cheerful; hopeful

Let us not be too sanguine about the outcome; something could go wrong.

sapient

a

; shrewd

wise; shrewd

The students enjoyed the professor's sapient digressions more than his formal lectures.

sarcasm

n

; sting

scornful remarks; sting rebuke

His feeling were hurt by the sarcasm of his supposed friends.

sardonic

a

; cynical

disdainful; sarcastic; cynical

The sardonic humor of nightclub comedians who satirize or ridicule patrons in the audience strikes some people as amusing and others as rude.

sartorial

a

()

pertaining to tailors

He was as famous for the sartorial splendor of his attire as he was for his acting.

sate

v

; cloy

satisfy to the full; cloy

Its hunger sated, the lion dozed.

satellite

n small body revolving around a larger one

During the first few years of the Space Age, hundreds of satellites were launched by Russia and the United States.

satiate

v surfeit; satisfy fully

The guests, having eaten until they were satiated, now listened inattentively to the speakers.

satiety

n condition of being crammed full; glutton state; repletion

The satiety of the guests at the sumptuous feast became apparent when they refused the delicious dessert.

satire

n form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack is regarded by m 'Gulliver's Travels,' which is regarded by many as a tale for children, is actually a bitter satire attacking man's folly.

satirical

a mocking

The humor of cartoonist Gary Trudeau often is satirical; through the comments of the Doonesbury characters, Trudeau ridicules political corruption and folly.

saturate

v soak

Their clothes were saturated by the rain.

saturnine

a gloomy

Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance; he is not as gloomy as he looks.

satyr

n half-human, half-bestial being in the court of Dionysus, portrayed as wanton and cunning
He was like a satyr in his lustful conduct.

saunter

v stroll slowly

As we sauntered through the park, we stopped frequently to admire the spring flowers.

savant

n scholar

Our faculty includes many world-famous savants.

savor

v have a distinctive flavor; smell or quality; enjoy

Relishing his triumph, Costner especially savored the chagrin of the critics who had predicted his failure.

savory

; ; ;

a

tasty; pleasing; attractive; agreeable

Julia Child's recipes enable amateur chefs to create savory delicacies for their guests.

scabbard

()

n

case for a sword blade; sheath

The drill master told the recruit to wipe the blood from his sword before slipping it back into the scabbard.

scaffold

; ; ;

n

temporary platform for workers; bracing framework; platform for execution

Before painting the house, the workers put up a scaffold to allow them to work on the second story.

scale

; 가

v

climb up; ascend

To locate a book on the top shelf of the stacks, Lee had to scale an exceptionally rickety ladder.

scanty

; ;

a

meager; insufficient

Thinking his helping of food was scanty, Oliver Twist asked for more.

scapegoat

;

n

someone who bears the blame for others

After the Challenger disaster, NASA searched for scapegoats on whom they could cast the blame.

scavenger

;

n

collector and disposer of refuse; animal that devours refuse and carrion

The Oakland Scavenger Company is responsible for the collection and disposal of the community's garbage.

scenario

; ;

n

plot outline; screenplay; opera libretto

Scaramouche startled the other actors in the commedia troupe when he suddenly departed from their customary scenario and began to improvise.

schematic

; ;

a

relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols

In working out the solution to an analytical logic question, you may find it helpful to construct a simple schematic diagram illustrating the relationships between the items of information given in the question.

schism

; ;

n

division; split

Let us not widen the schism by further bickering.

scintilla

; ; ; ;

n

shred; least bit

You have not produced a scintilla of evidence to support your argument.

scintillate

; ()

v

sparkle; flash

I enjoy her dinner parties because the food is excellent and the conversation scintillates.

scoff

; ;

v

mock; ridicule

He scoffed at dentists until he had his first toothache.

scotch

; ; ;

v

stamp out; thwart; hinder

Heather tried to scotch the rumor that she had stolen her best friend's fiancé.

scourge

(,) ;

n

lash; whip; severe punishment

They feared the plague and regarded it as a deadly scourge.

scrupulous

; ; ;

a

conscientious; extremely thorough

I can recommend him for a position of responsibility for I have found him a very scrupulous young man.

scrutinize

v

examine closely and critically

Searching for flaws, the sergeant scrutinized every detail of the private's uniform.

scurrilous

; ; ;

a

obscene; indecent

Your scurrilous remarks are especially offensive because they are untrue.

scurry

;

v

move briskly

The White Rabbit had to scurry to get to his appointment on time.

scuttle

() ; ; 가

v

sink

The sailors decided to scuttle their vessel rather than surrender it to the enemy.

seamy

; ;

a

sordid; unwholesome

In 'The Godfather', Michael Corleone is unwilling to expose his wife and children to the seamy side of his life as the son of a Mafia don.

seasoned

;

a

experienced

Thought pleased with her new batch of rookies, the basketball coach wished she had a few more seasoned players on the team.

secession

;

n

withdrawal

The secession of the Southern states provided Lincoln with his first major problem after his inauguration.

seclusion

; ; ;

n

isolation; solitude

One moment she loved crowds; the next, she sought seclusion.

secrete

; ;

v

hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism

The pack rat secretes odds and ends in its nest; the pancreas secretes insulin in the islets of Langerhans.

sectarian

; ;

a

narrow-minded; limited in scope

As university chaplain, she sought to address universal religious issues and not limit herself to mere sectarian concerns.

secular

; ; ;

a

worldly; not pertaining to church matters; temporal

The church leaders decided not to interfere in secular matters.

sedate

; ;

a

composed; grave

The parents were worried because they felt their son was too quiet and sedate.

sedentary

; ;

a

requiring sitting

Because he had a sedentary occupation, he decided to visit a gymnasium weekly.

sedition

; ;

n

resistance to authority; insubordination

His words, though not treasonous in themselves, were calculated to arouse thoughts of sedition.

sedulous

; ; 가

a

diligent

The young woman was so sedulous that she received a commendation for her hard work.

seedy

; ; 가

a

run-down; decrepit; disreputable

I would rather stay in dormitory lodgings in a decent youth hostel than have a room of my own in a seedy downtown hotel.

seemly

; ;

a

proper; appropriate

Lady Bracknell did not think it was seemly for Ernest to lack a proper family; no baby abandoned on a doorstep could grow up to marry her daughter.

seep

a

; ooze; trickle

During the rainstorm, water seeped through the crack in the basement wall and damaged the floor boards.

seethe

v

; ; be disturbed; boil

The nation was seething with discontent as the noblemen continued their arrogant ways.

seine

n

; net for catching fish

When the shad run during the spring, you may see fishermen with seines along the banks of our coastal rivers.

seismic

a

; pertaining to earthquakes

The Richter scale is a measurement of seismic disturbances.

semblance

n

; outward appearance; guise

Although this book has a careful examination will reveal many errors and omissions.

seminal

a

; ; germinal; influencing future developments; related to seed or semen

Although Freud has generally been regarded as a seminal thinker who shaped the course of psychology, his psychoanalytic methods have come under attack recently.

seminary

n

school for training future ministers; academy for young women

Sure of his priestly vocation, Terrence planned to pursue his theological training at the local Roman Catholic seminary.

senility

n

; old age; feeble mindedness of old age

Most of the decisions are being made by the junior members of the company because of the senility of the president.

sensual

a

; ; devoted to the pleasures of the senses; carnal; voluptuous

I cannot understand what caused him to drop his sensual way of life and become so ascetic.

sensuous

a

; ; pertaining to the physical senses; operating through the senses

He was stimulated by the sights, sounds and smells about him; he was enjoying his sensuous experience.

sententious

a

; ; terse; concise; aphoristic

After reading so many redundant speeches, I find his sententious style particularly pleasing.

sentinel

;
 n sentry; lookout

Though camped in enemy territory, Bledsoe ignored the elementary precaution of posting sentinels around the encampment.

septic

; ;
 a putrid; producing putrefaction

The hospital was in such a filthy state that we were afraid that many of the patients would suffer from septic poisoning.

sepulcher

;
 n tomb

Annabel Lee was buried in the sepulcher by the sea.

sequester

;
 v isolate; retire from public life; segregate; seclude

To prevent the jurors from hearing news broadcasts about the case, the judge decided to sequester the jury.

sere

, ,
 a parched; dry

After the unseasonably dry winter the Berkeley hills looked dusty and sere.

serendipity

n gift for finding valuable or desirable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck
 n Many scientific discoveries are a matter of serendipity

serenity

; , ; , ,
 n calmness, placidity

The serenity of the sleepy town was shattered by a tremendous explosion.

serpentine

,
 a winding; twisting

The car swerved at every curve in the serpentine road.

serrated

, 가
 a having a sawtoothed edge

The beech tree is one of many plants that have serrated leaves.

servile

, ,
 a slavish; cringing

Constantly fawning on his employer, humble Uriahh Heap was a servile creature.

servitude

, ,
 n slavery; compulsory labor

Born a slave, Douglass resented his life of servitude and plotted to escape to the North.

sever

;
 v cut; separate

Dr. Guillotin invented a machine that could neatly sever an aristocratic head from its equally aristocratic body. Unfortunately, he couldn't collect any severance pay.

severity

, ; 가 ; , ; ,
 n harshness; intensity; sternness; austerity

The severity of Jane's migraine attack was so great that she took to her bed for a week.

shackle

() , ,
 v chain; fetter

The criminal's ankles were shackled to prevent his escape.

sham

, 가
 v pretend

She shammed sickness to get out of going to school.

shambles

; ;
 n wreck; mess

After the hurricane, the Carolina coast was a shambles. After the New Year's Eve party, the host's apartment was a shambles.

shard

,
 n fragment, generally of pottery

The archaeologist assigned several students the task of reassembling earthenware vessels from the shards he had brought back from the expedition.

shaving

;
 n very thin piece, usually of wood

As the carpenter pared away at the edge of the board with his plane, a small pile of shavings began to accumulate on the floor.

sheaf

() , ,
 n bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together

The lawyer picked up a sheaf of papers as she rose to question the witness.

sheathe

, , , , ,
 v place into a case

As soon as he recognized the approaching men, he sheathed his dagger and hailed them as friends.

sherbet

flavored dessert ice
 n

I prefer raspberry sherbet to ice cream since it is less fattening.

shimmer

, 가
 v glimmer intermittently

The moonlight shimmered on the water as the moon broke through the clouds for a moment.

shirk

(, ,) , ,

v

avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malingering

Brian has a strong sense of duty; he would never shirk any responsibility.

shoddy

가 ; 가 ;

a

sham; not genuine; inferior

You will never get the public to buy such shoddy material.

shrew

가

n

scolding woman

No one wanted to marry Shakespeare's Kate because she was a shrew.

shrewd

;

a

clever; astute

A shrewd investor, he took clever advantage of the fluctuations of the stock market.

shunt

; ; < >

v

turn aside; divert; sidetrack

If the switchman failed to shunt the Silver Streak onto a side track, the train would plow right into Union Station.

shyster

,

n

lawyer using questionable methods

On L.A. Law, respectable attorney Brackman was horrified to learn that his newly discovered half brother was a cheap shyster.

sibling

n

brother or sister

We may not enjoy being siblings, but we cannot forget that we still belong to the same family.

sibylline

;

a

prophetic; oracular

Until their destruction by fire in 83 B.C., the sibylline books were often consulted by the Romans.

sidereal

a

relating to the stars

The study of sidereal bodies has been greatly advanced by the new telescope.

silt

()

n

sediment deposited by running water

The harbor channel must be dredged annually to remove the silt.

simian

a

monkeylike

Lemurs are nocturnal mammals and have many simian characteristics, although, they are less intelligent than monkeys.

simile

n

comparison of one thing with another, using the word like or as

"My love is like a red, red rose" is a simile.

similitude

n

; similarity; using comparisons such as similes, etc.

Although the critics deplored his use of mixed metaphors, he continued to write in similitudes.

simpering

a

smirking

I can overlook his simpering manner, but I cannot ignore his stupidity.

simulate

v

feign

He simulated insanity in order to avoid punishment for his crime.

sinecure

n

well-paid position with little responsibility

My job is no sinecure; I work long hours and have much responsibility.

sinewy

a

, tough; strong and firm

The steak was too sinewy to chew.

singular

a

; unique; extraordinary; odd

Though the young man tried to understand Father William's singular behavior, he still found it odd that the old man incessantly stood on his head.

sinister

a

가 evil

We must defeat the sinister forces that seek our downfall.

sinuous

a

; ; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest

The snake moved in a sinuous manner.

sirocco

n

warm, sultry wind blown from Africa to southern Europe

We can understand the popularity of the siesta in southern Spain.

skeptic

n

; doubter; person who suspends judgment until he has examined the evidence supporting a point
In this matter, I am a skeptic; I want proof.

skiff

1 , 가

n

small, light sailboat or rowboat

Tom dreamed of owning an ocean-going yacht but had to settle for a skiff he could sail in the bay.

skimp

;

v

provide scantily; live very economically

They were forced to skimp on necessities in order to make their limited supplies last the winter.

skinflint

n

miser

The old skinflint refused to give her a raise.

skirmish

n

minor fight

Custer's troops expected they might run into a skirmish or two on maneuvers; they did not expect to face a major battle.

skittish

,

a

lively; frisky

She is as skittish as a kitten playing with a piece of string.

skulk

가

v

move furtively and secretly

He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city in order to avoid meeting any of his former friends.

skulduggery

n

dishonest behavior

The investigation into municipal corruption turned up new instances of skulduggery daily.

slacken

;

v

slow up; loosen

As they passed the finish line, the runners slackened their pace.

slag

, (

), ,

n

residue from smelting metal; dross; waste matter

The blast furnace had a special opening at the bottom to allow the workers to remove the worthless slag.

slake

;

v

quench; sate

When we reached the oasis, we were able to slake our thirst.

slander

;

n

defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements

Unless you can prove your allegations, your remarks constitute slander.

slapdash

a

haphazard; careless; sloppy

From the number of typos and misspellings I've found in it, it's clear that Mario proofread the report in a remarkably slapdash fashion.

slattern

n

untidy or slovenly person

If you persist in wearing such sloppy clothes, people will call you a slattern.

sleazy

a

flimsy; unsubstantial

This is a sleazy fabric; it will not wear well.

sleeper

n

something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable

Unnoticed by the critics at its publication, the eventual Pulitzer Prize winner was a classic sleeper.

sleight

n

dexterity

The magician amazed the audience with his sleight of hand.

slew

n

large quantity or number

Although Ellen had checked off a number of items on her "To Do" list, she still had a whole slew of errands left.

slight

v

insult to one's dignity; snub

Hypersensitive and ready to take offense at any discourtesy, Bertha was always on the lookout for real or imaginary slights.

slipshod

a

untidy or slovenly; shabby

As a master craftsman, the carpenter prided himself on never doing slipshod work.

slither

v

slip or slide

During the recent ice storm, many people slithered down this hill as they walked to the station.

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sloth

n

slow-moving tree-dwelling mammal

Note how well the somewhat greenish coat of the sloth enables it to blend in with its arboreal surroundings.(secondary meaning)

slothful

a

lazy

The British word "layabout" is a splendid descriptive term for someone slothful

slough

v

cast off

Each spring, the snake sloughs off its skin.

slough

v

cast off

Each spring, the snake sloughs off its skin.

slovenly

a

untidy; careless in work habits

Unshaven, sitting around in his bathrobe all afternoon, Gus didn't care about the slovenly appearance he presented.

sluggard

n

lazy person

You are a sluggard, a drone, a parasite, the angry father shouted at his lazy son.

sluggish

a

slow; lazy; lethargic

After two nights without sleep, she felt sluggish and incapable of exertion.

sluice

n

artificial channel for directing or controlling the flow of water

In times of drought, this sluice enables farmers to obtain water for irrigation.

slur (N.)

n

insult to one's character or reputation; slander

Polls revealed that the front-runner's standing had been damaged by the slurs and innuendoes circulated by his opponent's staff.

slur (V.)

v

speak indistinctly; mumble

When Sol has too much to drink, he starts to slur his words

smattering

n

slight knowledge

I don't know whether it is better to be ignorant of a subject or to have a mere smattering of information about it.

smirk

v

conceited smile

Wipe that smirk off your face!

smolder

; < >

v

burn without flame; be liable to break out at any moment

The rags smoldered for hours before they burst into flame.

snicker

n

half-stifled laugh

The boy could not suppress a snicker, when the teacher sat on the tack.

snivel

; ;

v

run at the nose; snuffle; whine

Don't you come sniveling to me complaining about your big brother.

sobriety

, ; , ,

n

moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness

Neither drunkards nor comics are noted for sobriety.

sodden

; 가 , 가

a

soaked; dull, as if from drink

He set his sodden overcoat near the radiator to dry.

sojourn

, ,

n

temporary stay

After his sojourn in Florida, he began to long for the colder climate of his native New England home.

solace

,

n

comfort in trouble

I hope you will find solace in the thought that all of us share your loss.

solder

; ,

v

repair or make whole by using a metal alloy

The plumber fixed the leak in the pipes by soldering a couple of joints from which water had been oozing.

solecism

() ;

n

construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically

I must give this paper a failing mark because it contains many solecisms.

solemnity

, , ,

n

seriousness; gravity

The minister was concerned that nothing should disturb the solemnity of the marriage service.

solicit

, ,

v

request earnestly; seek

Knowing she needed to have a solid majority for the budget to pass, the mayor telephoned all the members of the city council to solicit their votes.

solicitous

, ;
a worried, concerned

The employer was very solicitous about the health of her employees as replacements were difficult to get.

soliloquy

,
n talking to oneself

The soliloquy is a device used by the dramatist to reveal a character's innermost thoughts and emotions.

solstice

,
n point at which the sun is farthest from the equator

The winter solstice usually occurs on December 21.

solvent

, ; ,
a able to pay all debts

By dint of very frugal living, he was finally able to become solvent and avoid bankruptcy proceedings.

somatic

, ;
a pertaining to the body; physical

Why do you ignore the spiritual aspects and emphasize only the corporeal and the somatic ones?

somber

, ; , ; ,
a gloomy; depressing

From the doctor's grim expression, I could tell he had somber news.

somnambulist

,
n sleepwalker

The most famous somnambulist in literature is Lady Macbeth; her monologue in the sleepwalking scene is one of the highlights of Shakespeare's play.

somnolent

, ; ,
a half asleep

The heavy meal and the overheated room made us all somnolent and indifferent to the speaker.

sonorous

, ; ,
a resonant

His sonorous voice resounded through the hall.

sophist

가,
n teacher of philosophy; quibbler; employer of fallacious reasoning

You are using all the devices of a sophist in trying to prove your case; your argument is specious.

sophistication

, ; ,
n artificiality; unnaturalness; act of employing sophistry in reasoning

Sophistication is an acquired characteristic, found more frequently among city dwellers than among residents of rural areas.

sophistry

; ;

n

seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning

Instead of advancing valid arguments, he tried to overwhelm his audience with a flood of sophistries.

sophomoric

, , ; 2

a

immature; shallow

Your sophomoric remarks are a sign of your youth and indicate that you have not given much thought to the problem.

soporific

, ,

a

sleep producing

I do not need a sedative when I listen to one of his soporific speeches.

sordid

, , ; ,

a

filthy; base; vile

The social worker was angered by the sordid housing provided for the homeless.

spangle

;

n

small metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation

The thousands of spangles on her dress sparkled in the glare of the stage lights.

spasmodic

; ; ,

a

fithful; periodic

The spasmodic coughing in the auditorium annoyed the performers.

spat

, ,

n

squabble; minor dispute

What had started out as a mere spat escalated into a full-blown argument.

spate

, ,

n

sudden flood

I am worried about the possibility of a spate if the rains do not diminish soon.

spatial

, ,

a

relating to space

It is difficult to visualize the spatial extent of our universe.

spatula

;

n

broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing

The manufacturers of this frying pan recommend the use of a rubber spatula to avoid scratching the specially treated surface.

spawn

; ,

v

lay eggs

Fish ladders had to be built in the dams to assist the salmon returning to spawn in their native streams.

specious

, , 가 ,
a seemingly reasonable but incorrect
Let us not be misled by such specious arguments.

spectral

(), , ;
a ghostly
We were frightened by the spectral glow that filled the room.

spectrum

,
n colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism
The visible portion of the spectrum includes red at one end and violet at the other.

spendthrift

가, ;
n someone who wastes money
Easy access to credit encourages people to turn into spendthrifts who shop till they drop.

sphinx-like

,
a enigmatic; mysterious
The Mona Lisa's sphinx-like expression has puzzled art lovers for centuries.

splice

() 가 , ,
v fasten together; unite
Before you splice two strips of tape together, be sure to line them up evenly.

spontaneity

, ;
n impulsiveness; absence of premeditation
What I liked best about Dale's parties was their spontaneity

spoonerism

(2)
n accidental transposition of sounds in successive words
When the radio announcer introduced the President as Hoover Herver, he was guilty of a spoonerism.

sporadic

, 가 , ,
a occurring irregularly
Although there are still sporadic outbursts of shooting in the streets, the rebellion is essentially over.

sportive

, , ()
a playful
Such a sportive attitude is surprising in a person as serious as you usually are.

spruce

, ,
a neat and trim
Every button buttoned, tie firmly in place, young Alex Keaton looked spruce and tidy for his job interview at the bank.

spry

a

vigorously active; nimble

She was eighty years old, yet still spry and alert.

spurious

a

false; counterfeit; forged; illogical

The hero of Jonathan Gash's mystery novels is an antique dealer who gives the reader advice on how to tell spurious antiques from the real thing.

spurn

v

reject; scorn

The heroine spurned the villain's advances.

squabble

n

minor quarrel; bickering

Children invariably get involved in petty squabbles; wise parents know when to interfere and when to let the children work things out on their own.

squalid

a

dirty; neglected; poor

It is easy to see how crime can breed in such a squalid neighborhood.

squander

v

waste

The prodigal son squandered the family estate.

squat

a

stocky; short and thick

Tolkien's hobbits are somewhat squat, sturdy little creatures, fond of good ale, good music, and good food.

staccato

a

played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt, sharp sound

His staccato speech reminded one of the sound of a machine gun.

stagnant

a

motionless; stale; dull

The stagnant water was a breeding ground for disease.

staid

a

sober; sedate

Her conduct during the funeral ceremony was staid and solemn.

stalemate

n

deadlock

Negotiations between the union and the employers have reached a stalemate; neither side is willing to budge from previously stated positions.

stalwart

; ; , , ,

a

strong, brawny; steadfast

His consistent support of the party has proved that he is a stalwart and loyal member.

stamina

, , ,

n

strength; staying power

I doubt that she has the stamina to run the full distance of the marathon race.

stanch

, , 가 ,

v

check flow of blood

It is imperative that we stanch the gushing wound before we attend to the other injuries.

stanza

,

n

division of a poem

Do you know the last stanza of "The Star-Spangled Banner"?

static

, ,

a

unchanging; lacking development

Nothing had changed at home; things were static there.

statute

, ;

n

law

We have many statutes in our law books which should be repealed.

statutory

, ,

a

created by statute or legislative action

The judicial courts review and try statutory crimes.

steadfast

, , ,

a

loyal; unswerving

Penelope was steadfast in her affections, faithfully waiting for Ulysses to return from his wanderings.

stealth

n

slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness

Fearing detection by the sentries on duty, the scout inched his way toward the enemy camp with great stealth.

steep

, 가 ,

v

soak; saturate

Be sure to steep the fabric in the dye bath for the full time prescribed.

stellar

, ; 스타;

a

pertaining to the stars

He was the stellar attraction of the entire performance.

stem

v

check the flow

The paramedic used a tourniquet to stem the bleeding from the slashed artery.

stem from

v

arise from

Milton's problems in school stemmed from his poor study habits.

stentorian

a

가

extremely loud

The town crier had a stentorian voice.

stereotyped

a

oversimplified; lacking individuality; seen as a type

My chief objection to the book is that the characters are stereotyped; they come across as ethnic caricatures, not as real people with individual quirks, fears, and dreams.

stickler

n

, ;

perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right

The Internal Revenue Service agent was a stickler for accuracy; no approximations or rough estimates would satisfy him.

stigma

n

, ;

token of disgrace; brand

I do not attach any stigma to the fact that you were acquitted clears you completely.

stilted

a

,

bombastic; stiffly pompous

His stilted rhetoric did not impress the college audience; they were immune to bombastic utterances.

stint (N.)

n

, ; ,

supply; allotted amount; assigned portion of work

She performed her daily stint cheerfully and willingly.

stint (V.)

v

,

be thrifty; set limits

Spare no expense, the bride's father said, refusing to stint on the wedding arrangements.

stipend

n

, ,

pay for services

There is a nominal stipend for this position.

stipple

v

,

paint or draw with dots

Seurat carefully stippled dabs of pure color on the canvas, juxtaposing dots of blue and yellow that the viewer's eye would interpret as green.

stipulate

(,) ~ , ~

v

make express conditions, specify

Before agreeing to reduce American military forces in Europe, the president stipulated that NATO teams be allowed to inspect Soviet bases.

stoic

n

impassive; unmoved by joy or grief

I wasn't particularly stoic when I had my flu shot; I squealed like a stuck pig.

stoke

v

stir up a fire; feed plentifully

As a Scout, Marisa learned how to light a fire, how to stoke it if it started to die down, and how to extinguish it completely.

stolid

a

dull; impassive

The earthquake shattered Stuart's usual stolid demeanor; trembling, he crouched on the no longer stable ground.

stratagem

n

clever trick; deceptive scheme

What a gem of a stratagem! Watson, I have the perfect plan to trick Moriarty into revealing himself.

stratified

a

divided into classes; arranged into strata

As the economic gap between the rich and the poor increased, Roman society grew increasingly stratified.

stratum

n

layer of earth's surface; layer of society

Unless we alleviate conditions in the lowest stratum of our society, we may expect grumbling and revolt.

strew

v

spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter

Preceding the bride to the altar, the flower girl will strew rose petals along the aisle.

striated

a

marked with parallel bands; grooved

The glacier left many striated rocks.

stricture

n

critical comments; severe and adverse criticism

His strictures on the author's style are prejudiced and unwarranted.

strident

a

loud and harsh; insistent

We could barely hear the speaker over the strident cries of the hecklers.

stringent

; ; , ()

a

binding; rigid

I think these regulations are too stringent.

strut

,

n

pompous walk

His strut as he marched about the parade ground revealed him for what he was

studied

, , , 가 ,

a

unspontaneous; deliberate; thoughtful

Given Jill's previous slights, Jack felt that the omission of his name from the guest list was a studied insult.

stultify

; ,

v

cause to appear or become stupid or inconsistent; frustrate or hinder

His long hours in the blacking factory left young Dickens numb and incurious, as if the menial labor had stultified his mind.

stupefy

, , ;

v

make numb; stun; amaze

Disapproving of drugs in general, Laura refused to take sleeping pills or any other medicine that might stupefy her.

stupor

, ,

n

state of apathy; daze; lack of awareness

In his stupor, the addict was unaware of the events taking place around him.

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stygian

, ; ;

a

gloomy; hellish; deathly

Shielding the flickering candle from any threatening draft, Tom and Becky descended into the stygian darkness of the underground cavern. Stygian derives from Styx, the chief river in the subterranean land of the dead.

stygian

; ;

a

gloomy; hellish; deathly

They descended into the stygian, half-lit sub-basement.

stymie

;

v

present an obstacle; stump

The detective was stymied by the contradictory evidence in the robbery investigation.

suavity

;

n

urbanity; polish

He is particularly good in roles that require suavity and sophistication.

sub rosa

;
a in strict confidence; privately
I heard of this sub rosa and I cannot tell you about it.

subaltern

, ,
n subordinate
The captain treated his subalterns as though they were children rather than commissioned officers.

subjective

;
a occurring or taking place within the subject; unreal
Your analysis is highly subjective; you have permitted your emotions and your opinions to color your thinking.

subjugate

;
v conquer; bring under control
It is not our aim to subjugate our foe; we are interested only in establishing peaceful relations.

sublimate

v refine; purify
We must strive to sublimate these desires and emotions into worthwhile activities.

sublime

; ;
a exalted; noble; uplifting
Mother Teresa has been honored for her sublime deeds.

subliminal

a below the threshold
We may not be aware of the subliminal influences which affect our thinking.

submissive

, ,
a yielding; timid
Crushed by his authoritarian father, Will had no defiance left in him; he was totally submissive in the face of authority.

suborn

, ,
v persuade to act unlawfully(especially to commit perjury)
In The Godfather, the mobsters used bribery and threats to suborn the witnesses against Don Michael Corleone.

subsequent

;
a following; later
In subsequent lessons, we shall take up more difficult problems.

subservient

; ;
a behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious
He was proud and dignified; he refused to be subservient to anyone.

subside

< , >가 ; 가 ;

settle down; descent; grow quiet

The doctor assured us that the fever would eventually subside.

v

subsidiary

;

subordinate; secondary

This information may be used as subsidiary evidence but is not sufficient by itself to prove your argument.

a

subsidy

< 가 >

direct financial aid by government, etc.

Without this subsidy, American ship operators would not be able to compete in world markets.

n

subsistence

; ;

existence; means of support; livelihood

In these days of inflated prices, my salary provides a mere subsistence.

n

substantiate

;

verify; support

I intend to substantiate my statement by producing witnesses.

v

substantive

;

essential; pertaining to the substance

Although the delegates were aware of the importance of the problem, they could not agree on the substantive issues.

a

subsume

, ,

include; encompass

Does the general theory of relativity contradict Newtonian physics, or is Newton's law of gravity subsumed into Einstein's larger scheme?

v

subterfuge

;

pretense; evasion

As soon as we realized that you had won our support by a subterfuge, we withdrew our endorsement of your candidacy.

n

subtlety

; ;

nicety; cunning; guile; delicacy

The subtlety of his remarks was unnoticed by most of his audience.

n

subversive

tending to overthrow or ruin

We must destroy such subversive publications.

a

succinct

; ;

brief; terse; compact

His remarks are always succinct and pointed.

a

succor

;
 n aid; assistance; relief

We shall be ever grateful for the succor your country gave us when we were in need.

succulent

;
 a juicy; full of richness

The citrus foods from Florida are more succulent to some people than those from California.

succumb

; ;
 v yield; give in; die

I succumb to temptation whenever it comes my way.

suffuse

가
 v spread over

A blush suffused her cheeks when we teased her about her love affair.

sully

;
 v tarnish; soil

He felt that it was beneath his dignity to sully his hands in such menial labor.

sultry

sweltering
 a

He could not adjust himself to the sultry climate of the tropics.

summation

;
 n act of finding the total; summary

In his summation, the lawyer emphasized the testimony given by the two witnesses.

sumptuary

limiting or regulating expenditures
 a

While no sumptuary law has been enacted, the public will never tolerate the expenditure of so large a sum.

sumptuous

;
 a lavish; rich

I cannot recall when I have had such a sumptuous Thanksgiving feast.

sunder

가 ;
 v separate; part

Northern and southern Ireland are politically and religiously sundered.

sundry

; 가 가
 a various; several

My suspicions were aroused when I read sundry items in the newspapers about your behavior.

superannuated

; retired on pension because of age

a

The superannuated man was indignant because he felt that he could still perform a good day's work.

supercilious

; haughty; domineering; contemptuous

a

I resent your supercilious and arrogant attitude.

supererogatory

, ; superfluous; more than needed or demanded

a

We have more than enough witnesses to corroborate your statement; to present any more would be supererogatory.

superficial

, 가 trivial; shallow

a

Since your report gave only a superficial analysis of the problem, I cannot give you more than a passing grade.

superfluity

, excess; overabundance

n

We have a definite lack of sincere workers and a superfluity of leaders.

superfluous

, ; excessive; overabundant, unnecessary

a

Please try not to include so many superfluous details in your report; just give me the bare facts.

superimpose

, 가 , 가 place over something else

v

Your attempt to superimpose another agency in this field will merely increase the bureaucratic nature of our government.

supernumerary

, ; person or thing in excess of what is necessary; extra

n

His first appearance on the stage was as a supernumerary in a Shakespearean tragedy.

supersede

, cause to be set aside; replace; make obsolete

v

Bulk mailing postal regulation 326D supersedes bulk mailing postal regulation 326C. If, in bundling your bulk mailing, you follow regulation 326C, our bulk mailing will be returned.

supine

; lying on back; negligent on ones' duties

a

The defeated pugilist lay supine on the canvas.

supplant

, () , (,) replace; usurp

v

Did the other woman actually supplant Princess Diana in Prince Charles's affections, or did Charles never love Diana at all? Bolingbroke, later to be known as King Henry IV, fought to supplant his cousin, Richard III, as King of England.

supple

a

flexible; pliant

Years of yoga exercises made Grace's body supple.

suppliant

a

entreating; beseeching; a person who beseeches for something

He could not resist the dog's suppliant whimpering, and he gave it some food.

supplicate

v

petition humbly; pray to grant a favor

We supplicate your majesty to grant him amnesty. ()

supposititious

a

가 , 가

assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical

I find no similarity between your supposititious illustration and the problem we are facing.

suppurate

v

< 가>

create pus

The surgeon refused to lance the abscess until it suppurated.

surcease

n

cessation

He begged the doctors to grant him surcease from his suffering.

surfeit

n

; ;

cloy; overfed

I am surfeited with the sentimentality of the average motion picture film.

surly

a

;

rude; cross

Because of his surly attitude, many people avoided his company.

surmise

v

guess

I surmise that he will be late for this meeting.

surmount

v

(,) ; () ; ~ ,

overcome

He had to surmount many obstacles in order to succeed.

surpass

v

(, 가)~ 가 , ; (, 가)~

exceed

Her SAT scores surpassed our expectations.

surreptitious

a

secret

News of their surreptitious meeting gradually leaked out.

surrogate

n

(),

substitute

For a fatherless child, a male teacher may become a father surrogate.

surveillance

n

,

watching; guarding

The FBI kept the house under constant surveillance in the hope of capturing all the criminals at one time.

susceptible

a

, , ,

impressionable; easily influenced; having little resistance, as to a disease

He was a very susceptible young man, and so his parents worried that he might fall into bad company.

sustain

v

; ; ; ,

experience; support; nourish

He sustained such a severe injury that the doctors feared he would be unable to work to sustain his growing family.

sustenance

n

; ; ,

means of support, food, nourishment

In the tropics, the natives find sustenance easy to obtain because of all the fruit trees.

suture

n

, ,

stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing

We will remove the sutures as soon as the wound heals.

swarthy

a

(,) ,

dark; dusky

Despite the stereotype, not all Italians are swarthy; many are fair and blond.

swathe

v

, ~

wrap around; bandage

When I visited him in the hospital, I found him swathed in bandages.

swelter

v

(,)

be oppressed by heat

I am going to buy an air conditioning unit for my apartment as I do not intend to swelter through another hot and humid summer.

swerve

v

() , 가

deviate; turn aside sharply

The car swerved wildly as the driver struggled to regain control of the wheel.

swill

v

drink greedily

Singing "Yo, ho, ho and a bottle of rum," Long John Silver and his fellow pirates swilled their grog.

swindler

n

cheat

She was gullible and trusting, an easy victim for the first swindler who came along.

sybarite

n

()

lover of luxury

Rich people are not always sybarites; some of them have little taste for a life of luxury.

sycophant

n

()

servile flatterer

The king enjoyed the servile compliments and attentions of the sycophants in his retinue.

syllogism

n

()

logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or

There must be a fallacy in this syllogism; I cannot accept its conclusion.

sylvan

a

()

pertaining to the woods; rustic

His paintings of nymphs in sylvan backgrounds were criticized as oversentimental.

symbiosis

n

()

interdependent relationship(between groups, species), often mutually beneficial

Both the crocodile bird and the crocodile derive benefit from their symbiosis; pecking away at food particles embedded in the crocodile's teeth, the bird derives nourishment; the crocodile,

symmetry

n

()

arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity

The addition of a second tower will give this edifice the symmetry that it now lacks.

synchronous

a

()

similarly timed; simultaneous with

We have many examples of scientists in different parts of the world who have made synchronous discoveries.

synoptic

a

()

providing a general overview; summary

The professor turned to the latest issue of Dissertation Abstracts for a synoptic account of what was new in the field.

synthesis

n

()

combining parts into a whole

Now that we have succeeded in isolating this drug, our next problem is to plan its synthesis in the laboratory.

synthetic

, ; ,

a

artificial; resulting from synthesis

During the twentieth century, many synthetic products have replaced the natural products.

tacit

, , ,

a

understood; not put into words

We have a tacit agreement based on only a handshake.

taciturn

가 ,

a

habitually silent; talking little

New Englanders are reputedly taciturn people.

tactile

, ; ,

a

pertaining to the organs or sense of touch

His callused hands had lost their tactile sensitivity.

tainted

, ,

a

contaminated; corrupt

Health authorities are always trying to prevent the sale and use of tainted food.

talisman

,

n

charm

She wore the talisman to ward off evil.

talon

() ,

n

claw of bird

The falconer wore a leather gauntlet to avoid being clawed by the hawk's talons.

tangential

; ; (가) ,

a

peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing

Despite Clark's attempts to distract her with tangential remarks, Lois kept on coming back to her main question

tangible

, , , ;

a

able to be touched; real; palpable

Although Tom did not own a house, he had several tangible assets - a car, a television, a PC - that he could sell if he needed cash.

tanner

,

n

person who turns animal hides into leather

Using a solution of tanbark, the tanner treated the cowhide, transforming it into supple leather.

tantalize

,

v

tease; torture with disappointment

Tom loved to tantalize his younger brother with candy; he knew the boy was forbidden to have it.

tantamount

가 가 , ~

a

equal

Your ignoring their pathetic condition is tantamount to murder.

tantrum

, , ,

n

fit of petulance; caprice

The child learned that he could have almost anything if he wne into tantrums.

taper

, 가

n

candle

He lit the taper on the windowsill.

tarantula

n

venomous spider

We need an antitoxin to counteract the bite of the tarantula.

tarry

, , , , ,

v

delay; dawdle

We can't tarry if we want to get to the airport on time.

taut

; ;

a

tight; ready

The captain maintained that he ran a taut ship.

tautological

,

a

needlessly repetitious

In the sentence "It was visible to the eye," the phrase "to the eye" is tautological.

tawdry

, , ,

a

cheap and gaudy

He won a few tawdry trinkets in Coney Island.

taxonomist

n

specialist in classifying (animals, etc.)

Dental patterns often enable the taxonomist to distinguish members of one rodent species from those of another.

tedium

, ,

n

boredom; weariness

We hope this radio will help overcome the tedium of your stay in the hospital.

teetotalism

n

practice of abstaining totally from alcoholic drinks

Though the doctor warned Bert to cut down his booze intake, she didn't insist that he practice teetotalism.

temerity

n

boldness; rashness

Do you have the temerity to argue with me?

temper

v

(), ~

moderate; tone down or restrain; toughen (steel)

Not even her supervisor's grumpiness could temper Nancy's enthusiasm for her new job.

temperament

n

, ; ,

characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess

Although the twins look alike, they differ markedly in temperament

temperate

a

, ,

restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature

Try to be temperate in your eating this holiday season; if you control your appetite, you won't gain too much weight. Goldilocks found San Francisco's temperate climate neither too hot nor too cold for breakfast.

tempestuous

a

() ; ,

stormy; impassioned; violent

Racket-throwing tennis star John McEnroe was famed for his displays of tempestuous temperament.

tempo

n

; , ;

speed of music

I find the conductor's tempo too slow for such a brilliant piece of music.

temporal

a

, ;

not lasting forever; limited by time; secular

At one time in our history, temporal rulers assumed that they had been given their thrones by divine right.

temporize

v

() ; , ;

avoid committing oneself; gain time

I cannot permit you to temporize any longer; I must have a definite answer today.

tenacious

a

, ,

holding fast

I had to struggle to break his tenacious hold on my arm.

tenacity

n

, ,

firmness; persistence

Jean Valjean could not believe the tenacity of Inspector Javert. Here all Valjean had done was to steal a loaf of bread, and the inspector had pursued him doggedly for 20 years!

tendentious

a

() ; ;

having an aim; biased; designed to further a cause

The editorials in this periodical are tendentious rather than truth-seeking.

tender

v

offer; extend

Although no formal charges had been made against him, in the wake of the recent scandal the mayor felt he should tender his resignation.

tenet

n

doctrine; dogma

The agnostic did not accept the tenets of their faith.

tensile

a

capable of being stretched

Mountain climbers must know the tensile strength of their ropes.

tentative

a

hesitant; not fully worked out or developed; experimental; not definite or positive

Unsure of his welcome at the Christmas party, Scrooge took a tentative step into his nephew's drawing room.

tenuous

a

thin; rare; slim

The allegiance of our allies is held by rather tenuous ties; let us hope they will remain loyal.

tenure

n

holding of an office; time during which such an office is held

She has permanent tenure in this position and cannot be fired.

tepid

a

lukewarm

During the summer, I like to take a tepid bath, not a hot one.

termination

n

end

Though the time for termination of the project was near, we still had a lot of work to finish before we shut up shop.

terminology

n

terms used in a science or art

The special terminology developed by some authorities in the field had done more to confuse laypersons than to enlighten them.

terminus

n

last stop of railroad

After we reached the railroad terminus, we continued our journey into the wilderness on saddle horses.

terrestrial

a

on or relating to the earth

We have been able to explore the terrestrial regions much more thoroughly than the aquatic or celestial regions.

terse

a

concise; abrupt; pithy

There is a fine line between speech that is terse and to the point and speech that is too abrupt.

tertiary

a

3 , 3 , 3

third

He is so thorough that he analyzes tertiary causes where other writers are content with primary and secondary reasons.

tessellated

a

inlaid; mosaic

I recall seeing a table with a tessellated top of bits of stone and glass in a very interesting pattern.

testator

n

maker of a will

The attorney called in his secretary and his partner to witness the signature of the testator.

testy

a

irritable; short-tempered

My advice is to avoid discussing this problem with her today as she is rather testy and may shout at you.

tether

v

(,) ;

tie with a rope

Before we went to sleep, we tethered the horses to prevent their wandering off during the night.

thematic

a

relating to a unifying motif or idea

Those who think of Moby Dick as a simple adventure story about whaling miss its underlying thematic import.

theocracy

n

government run by religious leaders

Though some Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower favored the establishment of a theocracy in New England, many of their fellow voyagers preferred a nonreligious form of government.

theoretical

a

not practical or applied; hypothetical

Bob was better at applied engineering and computer programming than he was at theoretical physics and math. While I can still think of some theoretical objections to your plan, you've convinced me of its basic soundness.

thermal

n

pertaining to heat

The natives discovered that the hot springs gave excellent thermal baths and began to develop their community as a health resort.

thespian

a

pertaining to drama

Her success in the school play convinced her she was destined for a thespian career.

thrall

;
 n slave; bondage

The captured soldier was held in thrall by the conquering army.

threnody

가; 가
 n song of lamentation; dirge

When he died, many poets wrote thrall by the conquering army.

thrifty

;
 a careful about money; economical

A thrifty shopper compares prices before making major purchases.

throes

n violent anguish

The throes of despair can be as devastating as the spasms accompanying physical pain.

throng

n crowd

Throng of shoppers jammed the aisles.

throttle

v strangle

The criminal tried to throttle the old man.

thwart

;
 v baffle; frustrate

He felt that everyone was trying to thwart his plans.

thyme

n aromatic plant used for seasoning

The addition of a little thyme will enhance the flavor of the clam chowder.

timbre

n quality of a musical tone produced by a musical instrument

We identify the instrument producing a musical sound by its timbre.

timidity

n lack of self-confidence or courage

If you are to succeed as a salesman, you must first lose your timidity and fear of failure.

timorous

;
 a fearful; demonstrating fear

His timorous manner betrayed the fear he felt at the moment.

tipple

< >

v

drink(alcoholic beverages) frequently

He found that his most enjoyable evenings occurred when he tippled with his friends at the local pub.

tirade

;

n

extended scolding; denunciation

Long before he had finished his tirade, we were sufficiently aware of the seriousness of our misconduct.

titanic

a

gigantic

Titanic waves beat against the shore during the hurricane.

tithe

n

tax of one-tenth

Because he was an agnostic, he refused to pay his tithes to the clergy.

titillate

v

tickle

I am here not to titillate my audience but to enlighten it.

title

n

, ; , ;

right or claim to possession; mark of rank; name(of a book, film, etc.)

Though the penniless Duke of Ragwort no longer held title to the family estate, he still retained his title as head of one of England's oldest families.

titter

v

,

nervous laugh

Her aunt's constant titter nearly drove her mad.

titular

a

,

having the title of an office without the obligations

Although she was the titular head of the company, the real decisions were made by his general manager.

toady

n

,

servile flatterer; yes man

Never tell the boss anything he doesn't wish to hear

tocsin

n

alarm bell

Awakened by the sound of the tocsin, we rushed to our positions to await the attack.

toga

n

()

Roman outer robe

Marc Antony pointed to the slashes in Caesar's toga.

tome

() ;

n

large volume

He spent much time in the libraries poring over ancient tomes.

tonsure

n

shaving of the head, especially by person entering religious orders

His tonsure, even more than his monastic garb, indicated that he was a member of the religious order.

topography

n

physical features of a region

Before the generals gave the order to attack, they ordered a complete study of the topography of the region.

torpor

n

; ;

lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy

Nothing seemed to arouse him from his torpor, he had wholly surrendered himself to lethargy.

torque

n

;

twisting force; force producing rotation

With her wrench she applied sufficient torque to the nut to loosen it.

torrent

n

, , ; () ,

rushing stream; flood

Day after day of heavy rain saturated the hillside until the water ran downhill in torrents.

torso

n

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trunk of statue with head and limbs missing; human trunk

This torso, found in the ruins of Pompeii, is now on exhibition in the museum in Naples.

tortilla

n

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flat cake made of cornmeal, etc

As we traveled through Mexico, we became more and more accustomed to the use of tortillas instead of bread.

tortuous

a

;

winding; full of curves

Because this road is so tortuous, it is unwise to go faster than twenty miles an hour on it.

touchstone

n

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stone used to test the fineness of gold alloys; criterion

What touchstone can be used to measure the character of a person?

touchy

a

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sensitive; irascible

Do not discuss this phase of the problem as he is very touchy about it.

tout

v

; publicize; praise excessively

I lost confidence in my broker after he touted some junk bonds that turned out to be a bad investment.

toxic

a

poisonous

We must seek an antidote for whatever toxic substance he has eaten.

tract

n

; pamphlet; a region of indefinite size

The King granted William Penn a tract of land in the New World.

tractable

a

docile

You will find the children in this school very tractable and willing to learn.

traduce

v

expose to slander

His opponents tried to traduce the candidate's reputation by spreading rumors about his past.

trajectory

n

path taken by a projectile

The police tried to locate the spot from which the assassin had fired the fatal shot by tracing the trajectory of the bullet.

tranquillity

n

; calmness; peace

After the commotion and excitement of the city, I appreciate the tranquillity of these fields and forests.

transcend

v

; 가 exceed; surpass

This accomplishment transcends all our previous efforts.

transcribe

v

, copy

When you transcribe your notes, please send a copy to Mr. Smith and keep the original for our files.

transgression

n

; violation of a law; sin

Forgive us our transgressions.

transient

a

; fleeting; quickly passing away; staying for a short time

This hotel caters to a transient trade.

transition

n going from one state of action to another

During the period of transition from oil heat to gas heat, the furnace will have to be shut off.

transitoriness

n impermanence, transience

Conscious that all things pass, the psalmist relates the transitoriness of happiness and fame.

translucent

a partly transparent

We could not recognize the people in the next room because of the translucent curtains which separated us.

transmute

v change; convert to something different

He was unable to transmute his dreams into actualities.

transparent

a permitting light to pass through freely

Your scheme is so transparent that it will fool no one.

transpire

v exhale; become known; happen

In spite of all our efforts to keep the meeting a secret, news of our conclusions transpired.

trappings

n outward decorations; ornaments

He loved the trappings of success

traumatic

a pertaining to an injury caused by violence

In his nightmares, he kept on recalling the traumatic experience of being wounded in battle.

travail

n painful labor

How long do you think a man can endure such travail and degradation without rebelling?

traverse

v go through or across

When you traverse this field, be careful of the bull.

travesty

n comical parody; treatment aimed at making something appear ridiculous

The ridiculous decision the jury has arrived at is a travesty of justice.

treatise

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n

article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly

He is preparing a treatise on the Elizabethan playwrights for his graduate degree.

trek

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n

travel; journey

The tribe made their trek further north that summer in search of game.

tremor

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n

trembling; slight quiver

She had a nervous tremor in her right hand.

tremulous

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a

trembling; wavering

She was tremulous more from excitement than from fear.

trenchant

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a

cutting; keen

I am afraid of his trenchant wit for it is so often sarcastic.

trepidation

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n

fear; trembling agitation

We must face the enemy without trepidation if we are to win this battle.

tribulation

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n

distress; suffering

After all the trials and tribulations we have gone through, we need this rest.

tribunal

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n

court of justice

The decision of the tribunal was final and the prisoner was sentenced to death.

tribute

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n

tax levied by a ruler; mark of respect

The colonists refused to pay tribute to a foreign despot.

trident

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n

three-pronged spear

Neptune is usually depicted as rising from the sea, carrying his trident on his shoulder.

trilogy

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n

group of three works

Romain Rolland's novel 'Jean Christophe' was first published as a trilogy.

trinket

n

knickknack; bauble

Whenever she traveled abroad, Ethel would pick up costume jewelry and other trinkets as souvenirs.

trite

a

hackneyed; commonplace

The trite and predictable situations in many television programs alienate many viewers.

trivia

n

() ()
trifles; unimportant matters

Too many magazines ignore newsworthy subjects and feather trivia.

troth

n

pledge of good faith especially in betrothal

He gave her his troth and vowed he would cherish her always.

truculence

n

aggressiveness; ferocity

Tynan's reviews were noted for their caustic attacks and general tone of truculence.

truism

n

self-evident truth

Many a truism is well expressed in a proverb.

truncate

v

cut the top off

The top of a cone which has been truncated in a plane parallel to its base is a circle.

tryst

n

meeting

The lovers kept their tryst even though they realized their danger.

tumid

a

swollen; pompous; bombastic

I especially dislike his tumid style; I prefer writing which is less swollen and bombastic.

tumult

n

commotion; riot; noise

She could not make herself heard over the tumult of the mob.

tundra

n

rolling, treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America

Despite the cold, many geologists are trying to discover valuable mineral deposits in the tundra.

turbid

a

muddy; having the sediment disturbed

The water was turbid after the children had waded through it.

turbulence

n

state of violent agitation

We were frightened by the turbulence of the ocean during the storm.

tureen

n

deep table dish for holding soup

The waiters brought the soup to the tables in silver tureens.

turgid

a

swollen; distended

The turgid river threatened to overflow the levees and flood the countryside.

turmoil

n

confusion; strife

Conscious he had sinned, he was in a state of spiritual turmoil.

turncoat

n

traitor

The British considered Benedict Arnold a loyalist; the Americans considered him a turncoat.

turpitude

n

depravity

A visitor may be denied admittance to this country if she has been guilty of moral turpitude.

tutelage

n

guardianship; training

Under the tutelage of such masters of the instrument, she made rapid progress as a virtuoso.

tutelary

a

protective; pertaining to a guardianship

I am acting in my tutelary capacity when I refuse to grant you permission to leave the campus.

tycoon

n

wealthy leader

John D. Rockefeller was a prominent tycoon.

tyranny

n

oppression; cruel government

Frederick Douglass fought against the tyranny of slavery throughout his entire life.

tyro

n

beginner; novice

For a mere tyro, you have produced some marvelous results.

ubiquitous

a

being everywhere omnipresent

You must be ubiquitous for I meet you wherever I go.

ulterior

a

situated beyond; unstated and often questionable

You must have an ulterior motive for your behavior, since there is no obvious reason for it.

ulterior

a

situated beyond; unstated and often questionable

You must have an ulterior motive for your behavior, since there is no obvious reason for it.

ultimate

a

final; not susceptible to further analysis

Scientists are searching for the ultimate truths.

ultimatum

n

last demand; warning

Since they have ignored our ultimatum, our only recourse is to declare war.

umbrage

n

resentment; anger; sense of injury or insult

She took umbrage at his remarks and stormed away in a huff.

unanimity

n

complete agreement

We were surprised by the unanimity with which our proposals were accepted by the different groups.

unassuaged

a

unsatisfied; not soothed

Her anger is unassuaged by your apology.

unassuming

a

modest

He is so unassuming that some people fail to realize how great a man he really is.

unbridled

a

violent

She had a sudden fit of unbridled rage.

uncanny

a

strange; mysterious

You have the uncanny knack of reading my innermost thoughts.

unconscionable

a

unscrupulous; excessive

She found the loan shark's demands unconscionable and impossible to meet.

uncouth

a

outlandish; clumsy; boorish

Most biographers portray Lincoln as an uncouth and ungainly young man.

unction

n

the act of anointing with oil

The anointing with oil of a person near death is called extreme unction.

unctuous

a

oily; bland; insincerely suave

Uriah Heep disguised his nefarious actions by unctuous protestations of his "humility."

undermine

v

weaken; sap

The recent corruption scandals have undermined many people's faith in the city government.

undulate

v

move with a wavelike motion

The flag undulated in the breeze.

unearth

v

dig up

When they unearthed the city, the archeologists found many relics of an ancient civilization.

unearthly

a

not earthly; weird

There is an unearthly atmosphere in her work which amazes the casual observer.

unequivocal

a

plain; obvious

My answer to your proposal is an unequivocal and absolute "No."

unerringly

d

infallibly

My teacher unerringly pounced on the one typographical error in my essay.

unfaltering

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a

steadfast

She approached the guillotine with unfaltering steps.

unfeigned

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a

genuine; real

She turned so pale that I am sure her surprise was unfeigned.

unfetter

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v

liberate; free from chains

Chained to the wall for months on end, the hostage despaired that he would ever be unfettered.

unfledged

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a

immature

It is hard for an unfledged writer to find a sympathetic publisher.

unfrock

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v

to strip a priest or minister of church authority

To disbar a lawyer, to unfrock a priest, to suspend a doctor's license to practice - these are extreme steps that the authorities should take only after careful consideration.

ungainly

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a

awkward

He is an ungainly young man; he trips over everything.

unguent

n

ointment

Apply this unguent to the sore muscles before retiring.

uniformity

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n

sameness; consistency; monotony

After a while, the uniformity of TV situation comedies becomes boring.

unilateral

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a

one-sided

This legislation is unilateral since it binds only one party in the controversy.

unimpeachable

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a

blameless and exemplary

Her conduct in office was unimpeachable and her record is spotless.

uninhibited

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a

unrepressed

The congregation was shocked by her uninhibited laughter during the sermon.

unique

a

without an equal; single in kind

You have the unique distinction of being the first student whom I have had to fail in this course.

unison

n

unity of pitch; complete accord

The choir sang in unison.

universal

a

characterizing or affecting all; present everywhere

At first, no one shared Christopher's opinions; his theory that the world was round was met with universal disdain.

unkempt

a

disheveled; with uncared-for appearance

The beggar was dirty and unkempt.

unmitigated

a

harsh; severe; not lightened

I sympathize with you in your unmitigated sorrow.

unobtrusive

a

inconspicuous; not blatant

The secret service agents in charge of protecting the President tried to be as unobtrusive as possible.

unprecedented

a

novel; unparalleled

Margaret Mitchell's book 'Gone with the Wind' was an unprecedented success.

unprepossessing

a

unattractive

During adolescence many attractive young people somehow acquire the false notion that their appearance is unprepossessing.

unravel

v

disentangle; solve

With equal ease Miss Marple unraveled tangled balls of yarn and baffling murder mysteries.

unruly

a

disobedient; lawless

The only way to curb this unruly mob is to use tear gas.

unsavory

a

distasteful; morally offensive

People with unsavory reputations should not be allowed to work with young children.

unscathed

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a

unharmcd

They prayed he would come back from the war unscathed.

unseemly

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a

unbecoming; indecent

Your levity is unseemly at this time of mourning.

unsightly

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a

ugly

Although James was an experienced emergency room nurse, he occasionally became queasy when faced with a particularly unsightly injury.

unsullied

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a

untarnished

I am happy that my reputation is unsullied.

untenable

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a

unsupportable

I find your theory untenable and must reject it.

untoward

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a

unfortunate; annoying

Untoward circumstances prevent me from being with you on this festive occasion.

unwarranted

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a

unjustified; groundless; undeserved

We could not understand Martin's unwarranted rudeness to his mother's guests.

unwieldy

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a

awkward; cumbersome; unmanageable

The large carton was so unwieldy that the movers had trouble getting it up the stairs.

unwitting

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a

unintentional; not knowing

She was the unwitting tool of the swindlers.

unwonted

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a

unaccustomed

He hesitated to assume the unwonted role of master of ceremonies at the dinner.

upbraid

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v

scold; reproach

I must upbraid him for his unruly behavior.

upshot

n

outcome

The upshot of the rematch was that the former champion proved that he still possessed all the skills of his youth.

urbane

a

suave; refined; elegant

The courtier was urbane and sophisticated.

urchin

n

mischievous child

Get out! This store is no place for grubby urchins!

ursine

a

bearlike; pertaining to a bear

Because of its ursine appearance, the great panda has been identified with the bears; actually, it is closely related to the raccoon.

usurp

v

seize power; supplant

The revolution ended when the victorious rebel leader usurped the throne.

usury

n

lending money at illegal rates of interest

The loan shark was found guilty of usury.

utopia

n

imaginary land with perfect social and political system

Shangri-la was the name of James Hilton's Tibetan utopia.

uxorious

a

excessively devoted to one's wife

His friends laughed at him because he was so uxorious and submissive to his wife's desires.

vacillation

n

fluctuation; wavering

His vacillation when confronted with a problem annoyed all of us who had to wait until he made his decision.

vacuous

a

empty; inane

The vacuous remarks of the politician annoyed the audience, who had hoped to hear more than empty platitudes.

vagabond

n

wanderer; tramp

In summer, college students wander the roads of Europe like carefree vagabonds.

vagary

n

caprice; whim

She followed every vagary of fashion.

vagrant

a

stray; random

He tried to study, but could not collect his vagrant thoughts.

vainglorious

a

boastful; excessively conceited

She was a vainglorious and arrogant individual.

valedictory

a

pertaining to farewell

I found the valedictory address too long; leave-taking should be brief.

valid

a

logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable

You're going to have to come up with a better argument if you want to convince me that your reasoning is valid.

validate

v

< > ;

confirm; ratify

I will not publish my findings until I validate my results.

valor

n

bravery

He received the Medal of Honor for his valor in battle.

vampire

n

ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living

Children were afraid to go to sleep at night because of the many legends of vampires.

vanguard

n

; forerunners; advance forces

We are the vanguard of a tremendous army that is following us.

vantage

n

position giving an advantage

They fired upon the enemy from behind trees, walls and any other point of vantage they could find.

vapid

a

; insipid; inane

She delivered an uninspired and vapid address.

variegated

a many - colored

He will not like this solid blue necktie as he is addicted to variegated clothing.

vassal

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n in feudalism, one who held land of a superior lord

The lord demanded that his vassals contribute more to his military campaign.

vaunted

; ;

a boasted; bragged; highly publicized

This much vaunted project proved a disappointment when it collapsed.

veer

v change in direction

After what seemed an eternity, the wind veered to the east and the storm abated.

vegetate

v live in monotonous way

I do not understand how you can vegetable in this quiet village after the adventure life you have led.

vehement

;

a impetuous; with marked vigor

He spoke with vehement eloquence in defense of his client.

vellum

n parchment

Bound in vellum and embossed in gold, this book is a beautiful example of the binder's craft.

velocity

n speed

The train went by at considerable velocity.

venal

a capable of being bribed

The venal policeman accepted the bribe offered him by the speeding motorist whom he had stopped.

vendetta

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n blood feud

The rival mobs engaged in a bitter vendetta.

vendor

n seller

The fruit vendor sold her wares from a stall on the sidewalk.

veneer

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 n thin layer; cover

Casual acquaintances were deceived by his veneer of sophistication and failed to recognize his fundamental shallowness.

venerable

a deserving high respect

We do not mean to be disrespectful when we refuse to follow the advice of our venerable leader.

venerate

v revere

In China, the people venerate their ancestors.

venial

; 가 가
 a forgivable; trivial

We may regard a hungry man's stealing as a venial crime.

venison

n the meat of a deer

The hunters dined on venison.

vent

< > ;
 v express; utter

He vented his wrath on his class.

vent

;
 n a small opening; outlet

The wine did not flow because the air vent in the barrel was clogged.

ventral

a abdominal

We shall now examine the ventral plates of this serpent.

ventriloquist

n someone who can make his or her voice seem to come from another person or thing
 This ventriloquist does an act in which she has a conversation with a wooden dummy.

venturesome

a bold

A group of venturesome women were the first to scale Mt. Annapurna.

venturous

a daring

The five venturesome young men decided to look for a new approach to the mountain top.

venue

n location

The attorney asked for a chance of venue; he thought his client would do better if the trial were held in a less conservative country.

veracious

a truthful

I can recommend him for this position because I have always found him veracious and reliable.

verbalize

v to put into words

I know you don't like to talk about these things, but please try to verbalize your feelings.

verbatim

d word for word

He repeated the message verbatim.

verbiage

n pompous array of words

After we had waded through all the verbiage, we discovered that the writer had said very little.

verbose

가

a wordy

This article is too verbose ; we must edit it.

verdant

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a green; fresh

The verdant meadows in the spring are always an inspiring sight.

verdigris

n a green coating on copper which has been exposed to the weather

Despite all attempts to protect the statue from the elements, it became coated with verdigris.

verge

가 ;

n border; edge

Madame Curie knew she was on the verge of discovering the secrets of radioactive elements.

verisimilitude

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n appearance of truth; likelihood

Critics praised her for the verisimilitude of her performance as Lady Macbeth. She was completely believable.

verity

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n truth; reality

The four verities were revealed to Buddha during his long meditation.

vernacular

;
 n living language; natural style
 Cut out those old-fashioned thee's and thou's and write in the vernacular.

vernal

a pertaining to spring
 We may expect vernal showers all during the month of April.

versatile

;
 a having many talents; capable of working in many fields
 He was a versatile athlete.

vertex

, ,
 n summit
 Let us drop a perpendicular line from the vertex of the triangle to the base.

vertigo

n dizziness
 We test potential plane pilots for susceptibility to spells of vertigo.

verve

() , , ; () ,
 n enthusiasm; liveliness
 She approached her studies with such verve that it was impossible for her to do poorly.

vestige

, ,
 n trace; remains
 We discovered vestiges of early Indian life in the cave.

vex

, 가 , ; ~ ,
 v annoy; distress
 Please try not to vex your mother; she is doing the best she can.

viable

;
 a capable of maintaining life
 The infant, though premature born, is viable and has a good chance to survive.

viands

, , ,
 n food
 There was a variety of viands at the feast.

vicarious

, ,
 a acting as a substitute; done by a deputy
 Many people get a vicarious thrill at the movies by imagining they are the characters on the screen.

vicissitude

, , (,)

n

change of fortune

I am accustomed to life's vicissitudes, having experienced poverty and wealth, sickness and health, and failure and success.

victuals

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n

food

I am very happy to be able to provide you with these victuals; I know you are hungry.

vie

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v

contend; compete

When we vie with each other for his approval, we are merely weakening ourselves and strengthening him.

vigilance

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n

watchfulness

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

vignette

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n

picture; short literary sketch

'The New Yorker' published her latest vignette.

vilify

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v

slander

She is a liar and is always trying to vilify my reputation.

vindicate

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v

clear of charges

I hope to vindicate my client and return him to society as a free man.

vindictive

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a

revengeful

She was very vindictive and never forgave an injury.

vintner

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n

winemaker; seller of wine

The poet wondered what the vintners could buy that would be half as precious as the wine they sold.

viper

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n

poisonous snake

The habitat of the horned viper, a particularly venomous snake, is in sandy regions like the Sahara or the Sinai peninsula.

virile

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a

manly

I do not accept the premise that a man is virile only when he is belligerent.

virtual

, ;
a in essence; for practical purposes
She is a virtual financial wizard when it comes to money matters.

virtue

, ,
n goodness; moral excellence; good quality
Virtue carried to extremes can turn into vice

virtuoso

() , 가; 가(가)
n highly skilled artist
The child prodigy Yehudi Menuhin grew into a virtuoso whose virtuosity on the violin thrilled millions.

virulent

, ;
a extremely poisonous
The virus is highly virulent and has made many of us ill for days.

virus

, ,
n disease communicator
The doctors are looking for a specific medicine to control this virus.

visage

, ,
n face; appearance
The stern visage of the judge indicated that she had decided to impose a severe penalty.

visceral

, () , ; ,
a felt in one's inner organs
She disliked the visceral sensations she had whenever she rode the roller coaster.

viscid

, ,
a sticky; adhesive
Glue is a viscid liquid.

viscous

, ,
a sticky; gluey
Melted tar is a viscous substance.

vise

n tool for holding work in place
Before filing its edges, the keysmith took the blank key and fixed it firmly between the jaws of a vise.

visionary

, ,
a produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical
She was given to visionary schemes which never materialized.

vital

a

vibrant and lively; critical; living, breathing

The vital, highly energetic first aid instructor stressed that it was vital in examining accident victims to note their vital signs.

vitiate

v

spoil the effect of; make inoperative

Fraud will vitiate the contract.

vitreous

a

pertaining to or resembling glass

Although this plastic has many vitreous qualities such as transparency, it is unbreakable.

vitriolic

a

corrosive; sarcastic

Such vitriolic criticism is uncalled for.

vituperative

a

abusive; scolding

He became more vituperative as he realized that we were not going to grant him his wish.

vivacious

a

animated; gay

She had always been vivacious and sparkling.

vivisection

n

act of dissecting living animals

The society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals opposed vivisection and deplored the practice of using animals in scientific experiments.

vixen

n

female fox; ill-tempered woman

Aware that she was right once again, he lost his temper and called her a shrew and a vixen.

vociferous

a

clamorous; noisy

The crowd grew vociferous in its anger and threatened to take the law into its own hands.

vogue

n

popular fashion

Jeans became the vogue on many college campuses.

volatile

a

changeable; explosive; evaporating rapidly

The political climate is extremely volatile

volition

n

act of making a conscious choice

She selected this dress of her own volition.

voluble

a

fluent; glib

She was a voluble speaker, always ready to talk.

voluminous

a

bulky; large

Despite her family burdens, she kept up a voluminous correspondence with her friends.

voluptuous

a

gratifying the senses

The nobility during the Renaissance led voluptuous lives.

voracious

a

ravenous

The wolf is a voracious animal, its hunger never satisfied.

vortex

n

whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predicament into which one is inexorably plunged

Sucked into the vortex of the tornado, Dorothy and Toto were carried from Kansas to Oz.

vouchsafe

v

grant condescendingly; guarantee

I can safely vouchsafe you fair return on your investment.

voyeur

n

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Peeping Tom

Jill called Jack a voyeur when she caught him aiming his binoculars at a bedroom window of the house next door.

vulnerable

a

susceptible to wounds

Achilles was vulnerable only in his heel.

vulpine

a

like a fox; crafty

She disliked his sly ways, but granted him a certain vulpine intelligence.

waffle

v

speak equivocally about an issue

When asked directly about the governor's involvement in the savings and loan scandal, the press secretary waffled, talking all around the issue.

waft

(,) , , 가 ()

v

moved gently by wind or waves

Daydreaming, he gazed at the leaves that wafted past his window.

waggish

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a

mischievous; humorous; tricky

He was a prankster who, unfortunately, often overlooked the damage he could cause with his waggish tricks.

waif

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n

homeless child or animal

Although he already had eight cats, he could not resist adopting yet another feline waif.

waive

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v

give up temporarily; yield

I will waive my rights in this matter in order to expedite our reaching a proper decision.

wallow

(, ,) ; ()

v

roll in; indulge in; become helpless

The hippopotamus love to wallow in the mud.

wan

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a

having a pale or sickly color; pallid

Sucking asked, "Why so pale and wan, fond lover?"

wane

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v

grow gradually smaller

From now until December 21, the winter solstice, the hours of daylight will wane.

wangle

(,) ~ , ; ,

v

wiggle out; fake

She tried to wangle an invitation to the party.

wanton

, , ,

a

unrestrained; willfully malicious; unchaste

Pointing to the stack of bills, Sheldon criticized Sarah for her wanton expenditures. In response, Sara accused Sheldon of making an unfounded, wanton attack.

warble

() ; (가)

v

sing; babble

Every morning the birds warbled outside her window.

warrant

() , 가 , ,

v

justify; authorize

Before the judge issues the injunction, you must convince her this action is warranted.

warranty

, , ,
n guarantee; assurance by seller

The purchaser of this automobile is protected by the manufacturer's warranty that he will replace any defective part for five years or 50,000 miles.

warren

; ,
n tunnels in which live; crowded conditions in which people live

The tenement was a veritable warren, packed with people too poor to live elsewhere.

wary

, , ,
a very cautious

The spies grew wary as they approached the sentry.

wastrel

; ,
n profligate

He was denounced as a wastrel who had dissipated his inheritance.

wax

,
v increase; grow

With proper handling, his fortunes waxed and he became rich.

waylay

, ; ~ 가
v ambush; lie in wait

They agreed to waylay their victim as he passed through the dark alley going home.

wean

, ; ()
v accustom a baby not to nurse; give up a cherished activity

He decided he would wean himself away from eating junk food and stick to fruits and vegetables.

weather

(,) , ; , ()
v endure the effects of weather or other forces

He weathered the changes in his personal life with difficulty, as he had no one in whom to confide.

welt

(,) ; ,
n mark from a beating or whipping

The evidence of child abuse was very clear; Jennifer's small body was covered with welts and bruises.

welter (n)

, ; , ;
n turmoil; bewildering jumble

The existing welter of overlapping federal and state proclaims cries out for immediate reform.

welter (v)

, ; ,
v wallow

wheedle

v

cajole; coax; deceive by flattery

She knows she can wheedle almost anything she wants from her father.

whelp

n

young wolf, dog, tiger, etc

This collie whelp won't do for breeding, but he'd make a fine pet.

whet

v

sharpen; stimulate

The odors from the kitchen are whetting my appetite; I will be ravenous by the time the meal is served.

whimsical

a

capricious; fanciful

He dismissed his generous gift to his college as a sentimental fancy, an old man's whimsical gesture.

whinny

v

neigh like a horse

When he laughed through his nose, it sounded as if he whinnied.

whit

n

smallest speck

There is not a whit of intelligence or understanding in your observations.

whorl

n

ring of leaves around stem; ring

Identification by fingerprints is based on the difference in shape and number of the whorls on the fingers.

willful

a

intentional, headstrong

Donald had planned to kill his wife for months; clearly, her death was a case of deliberate, willful murder, not a crime of passion committed by a hasty, willful youth unable to foresee the consequences of his deeds.

wily

a

cunning; artful

She is as wily as a fox in avoiding trouble.

wince

v

shrink back; flinch

The screech of the chalk on the blackboard made her wince.

windfall

a

fallen fruit; unexpected lucky event

This huge tax refund is quite a windfall.

winnow

() , ; () , 가

v

sift; separate good parts from bad

This test will winnow out the students who study from those who don't bother.

winsome

, , , , ,

a

agreeable; gracious; engaging

By her winsome manner, she made herself liked by everyone who met her.

wispy

, , 가 , 가

a

thin; slight, barely discernible

Worried about preserving his few wispy tufts of hair, Walter carefully massaged his scalp and applied hair restorer every night.

wistful

; ;

a

vaguely longing; sadly pensive

With a last wistful glance at the happy couples dancing in the hall, Sue headed back to her room to study for her exam.

wither

() ; ; (,) , (,)

v

shrink; decay

Cut flowers are beautiful for a day, but all too soon they wither.

witless

;

a

foolish; idiotic

Such witless and fatuous statements will create the impression that you are an ignorant individual.

witticism

;

n

witty saying; facetious remark

What you regard as witticisms are often offensive to sensitive people.

wizardry

;

n

sorcery; magic

Merlin amazed the knights with his wizardry.

wizened

;

a

withered; shriveled

The wizened old man in the home for the aged was still active and energetic.

wont

;

n

custom; habitual procedure

As was his wont, he jogged two miles every morning before going to work.

worldly

;

a

engrossed in matters of this earth; not spiritual

You must leave your worldly goods behind you when you go to meet your Maker.

wraith

;
 n ghost; phantom of a living person

It must be a horrible experience to see a ghost; it is even more horrible to see the wraith of a person we know to be alive.

wrangle

; ; <가> >
 v quarrel; obtain through arguing; herd cattle

They wrangled over their inheritance.

wrath

;
 n anger; fury

She turned to him, full of wrath, and said, "What makes you think I'll accept lower pay for this job than you get?"

wreak

, ()
 v inflict

I am afraid he will wreak his vengeance on the innocent as well as the guilty.

wrench

; ;
 v pull; strain; twist

She wrenched free of her attacker and landed a powerful kick to his grasp.

wrest

;
 v pull away; take by violence

With only ten seconds left to play, our team wrested victory from their grasp.

writ

() ; , () ,
 n written command issued by a court

The hero of Leonard's novel is a process server who invents unorthodox ways of serving writs on reluctant parties.

writhe

;
 v squirm; twist

He was writhing in pain, desperate for the drug his body required.

wry

;
 a twisted; with a humorous twist

We enjoy Dorothy Parker's verse for its wry wit.

xenophobia

()
 n fear of hatred of foreigners

When the refugee arrived in America, he was unprepared for the xenophobia he found there.

yen

;
 n longing; urge

She had a yen to get away and live on her own for a while.

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1. abase	35. accord	69. adjutant	103. agility
2. abash	36. accost	70. admonish	104. agitate
3. abdicate	37. accouter	71. adorn	105. agnostic
4. abettor	38. accretion	72. adroit	106. agrarian
5. abeyance	39. accrue	73. adulation	107. alacrity
6. abhor	40. acerbity	74. adulterate	108. alchemy
7. abjure	41. acetic	75. advent	109. alcove
8. ablution	42. acidulous	76. adventitious	110. alias
9. abominate	43. acknowledge	77. adversary	111. alienate
10. aboriginal	44. acme	78. adverse	112. alimentary
11. abortive	45. acoustics	79. adversity	113. alimony
12. abrade	46. acquiesce	80. advert	114. allay
13. abrogate	47. acquittal	81. advocacy	115. allege
14. abscond	48. acrid	82. advocate	116. allegiance
15. absolve	49. acrimonious	83. aegis	117. allegory
16. abstemious	50. acrophobia	84. aerie	118. alleviate
17. abstinence	51. actuarial	85. aesthetic	119. alliteration
18. abstract	52. actuate	86. affable	120. allocate
19. abstruse	53. acuity	87. affected	121. alloy
20. abusive	54. acumen	88. affidavit	122. alloy
21. abut	55. acute	89. affiliation	123. allude
22. abysmal	56. adage	90. affinity	124. allure
23. abyss	57. adamant	91. affirmation	125. allusion
24. academic	58. adapt	92. affix	126. alluvial
25. accede	59. addendum	93. affliction	127. aloft
26. accelerate	60. addiction	94. affluence	128. aloof
27. accessible	61. addle	95. affray	129. altercation
28. accessory	62. address	96. affront	130. altruistic
29. acclaim	63. adept	97. agape	131. amalgamate
30. acclimate	64. adhere	98. agenda	132. amass
31. acclivity	65. adherent	99. agglomeration	133. amazon
32. accolade	66. adjacent	100. aggrandize	134. ambidextrous
33. accommodate	67. adjunct	101. aggregate	135. ambience
34. accomplice	68. adjuration	102. aghast	136. ambiguous

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137. ambivalence	173. anesthetic	209. aperture	245. arbitrate
138. amble	174. anguish	210. apex	246. arboretum
139. ambrosia	175. angular	211. aphasia	247. arcade
140. ambulatory	176. animadversion	212. aphorism	248. arcane
141. ameliorate	177. animated	213. apiary	249. archaeology
142. amenable	178. animosity	214. aplomb	250. archaic
143. amend	179. animus	215. apocalyptic	251. archetype
144. amenities	180. annals	216. apocryphal	252. archipelago
145. amiable	181. anneal	217. apogee	253. archives
146. amicable	182. annex	218. apolitical	254. ardor
147. amiss	183. annihilate	219. apologist	255. arduous
148. amity	184. annotate	220. apostate	256. argot
149. amnesia	185. annuity	221. apothecary	257. aria
150. amnesty	186. annul	222. apothegm	258. arid
151. amok(amuck)	187. anodyne	223. apotheosis	259. aristocracy
152. amoral	188. anoint	224. appall	260. armada
153. amorous	189. anomalous	225. apparition	261. aromatic
154. amorphous	190. anomaly	226. appease	262. arraign
155. amphibian	191. anonymity	227. appellation	263. array
156. amphitheater	192. antagonism	228. append	264. array
157. ample	193. antecede	229. application	265. arrears
158. amplify	194. antediluvian	230. apposite	266. arrhythmic
159. amputate	195. anthem	231. appraise	267. arrogance
160. amulet	196. anthology	232. appreciate	268. arroyo
161. anachronism	197. anthropoid	233. apprehend	269. arsenal
162. analgesic	198. anthropologist	234. apprehensive	270. articulate
163. analogous	199. anthropomorphic	235. apprise	271. artifact
164. analogy	200. anticlimax	236. approbation	272. artifice
165. anarchist	201. antidote	237. appropriate	273. artisan
166. anarchy	202. antipathy	238. appurtenances	274. artless
167. anathema	203. antiquated	239. apropos	275. ascendancy
168. ancestry	204. antiseptic	240. aptitude	276. ascertain
169. anchor	205. antithesis	241. aquiline	277. ascetic
170. ancillary	206. anvil	242. arable	278. ascribe
171. anecdote	207. apathy	243. arbiter	279. aseptic
172. anemia	208. ape	244. arbitrary	280. ashen

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281. asinine	317. attrition	353. babble	389. beholden
282. askance	318. atypical	354. badger	390. behoove
283. askew	319. audacious	355. badinage	391. belabor
284. asperity	320. audit	356. baffle	392. belated
285. aspersion	321. augment	357. bagatelle	393. beleaguer
286. aspirant	322. augury	358. bait	394. belie
287. aspire	323. august	359. baleful	395. belittle
288. assail	324. aureole	360. balk	396. bellicose
289. assay	325. auroral	361. ballast	397. belligerent
290. assent	326. auspicious	362. balm	398. bemoan
291. assert	327. austere	363. balmy	399. bemused
292. assessment	328. authenticate	364. banal	400. benediction
293. assiduous	329. authoritarian	365. bane	401. benefactor
294. assimilate	330. authoritative	366. baneful	402. beneficent
295. assuage	331. autocratic	367. bantering	403. beneficial
296. assumption	332. automaton	368. bard	404. beneficiary
297. assurance	333. autonomous	369. barefaced	405. benevolent
298. asteroid	334. autopsy	370. baroque	406. benign
299. astigmatism	335. auxiliary	371. barrage	407. benison
300. astral	336. avalanche	372. barrister	408. bent
301. astringent	337. avarice	373. barterer	409. bequeath
302. astronomical	338. avenge	374. bask	410. berate
303. astute	339. aver	375. bastion	411. bereavement
304. asunder	340. averse	376. bate	412. bereft
305. asylum	341. aversion	377. bauble	413. berserk
306. asymmetric	342. avert	378. bawdy	414. beseech
307. atavism	343. aviary	379. beatific	415. beset
308. atheistic	344. avid	380. beatitude	416. besiege
309. atone	345. avocation	381. bedizen	417. besmirch
310. atrocity	346. avow	382. bedraggle	418. bestial
311. atrophy	347. avuncular	383. beeline	419. bestow
312. attentive	348. awe	384. befuddle	420. betoken
313. attenuate	349. awl	385. beget	421. betray
314. attest	350. awry	386. begrudge	422. betroth
315. attribute	351. axiom	387. beguile	423. bevy
316. attribute	352. azure	388. behemoth	424. bicameral

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425. bicker	461. boon	497. bulwark	533. cantankerous
426. biennial	462. boorish	498. bungle	534. cantata
427. bifurcated	463. bouillon	499. buoyant	535. canter
428. bigotry	464. bountiful	500. bureaucracy	536. canto
429. bilious	465. bourgeois	501. burgeon	537. canvass
430. bilk	466. bovine	502. burlesque	538. capacious
431. billowing	467. bowdlerize	503. burly	539. capacity
432. bivouac	468. boycott	504. burnish	540. capillary
433. bizarre	469. brackish	505. buttress	541. capitulate
434. blanch	470. braggadocio	506. buxom	542. caprice
435. bland	471. braggart	507. cabal	543. capricious
436. blandishment	472. brandish	508. cache	544. caption
437. blare	473. bravado	509. cacophony	545. captious
438. blase	474. brawn	510. cadaver	546. carafe
439. blasphemy	475. brazen	511. cadaverous	547. carapace
440. blatant	476. breach	512. cadence	548. carat
441. bleak	477. breadth	513. cajole	549. carcinogenic
442. blighted	478. brevity	514. calamity	550. cardinal
443. blithe	479. brindled	515. caldron	551. cardiologist
444. bloated	480. bristling	516. caliber	552. careen
445. blowhard	481. brittle	517. calligraphy	553. caricature
446. bludgeon	482. broach	518. callous	554. carillon
447. bluff	483. brocade	519. callow	555. carnage
448. bluff	484. brochure	520. calorific	556. carnal
449. blunder	485. brooch	521. calumniate	557. carnivorous
450. blurt	486. brook	522. calumny	558. carousal
451. bluster	487. browbeat	523. camaraderie	559. carping
452. bode	488. browse	524. cameo	560. carrion
453. bogus	489. brunt	525. camouflage	561. cartographer
454. bohemian	490. brusque	526. canard	562. cascade
455. boisterous	491. buccaneer	527. candor	563. caste
456. bolster	492. bucolic	528. canine	564. castigation
457. bolt	493. buffet	529. canker	565. casualty
458. bolt	494. buffoonery	530. canny	566. cataclysm
459. bombardment	495. bugaboo	531. canon	567. catalyst
460. bombastic	496. bullion	532. cant	568. catapult

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569. cataract	605. chagrin	641. circumscribe	677. cog
570. catastrophe	606. chalice	642. circumspect	678. cogent
571. catcall	607. chameleon	643. circumvent	679. cogitate
572. categorical	608. champion	644. cistern	680. cognate
573. catharsis	609. chaotic	645. citadel	681. cognitive
574. cathartic	610. charisma	646. cite	682. cognizance
575. catholic	611. charlatan	647. civil	683. cohabit
576. caucus	612. chary	648. clairvoyant	684. cohere
577. caulk	613. chase	649. clamber	685. cohesion
578. causal	614. chasm	650. clamor	686. cohorts
579. caustic	615. chassis	651. clandestine	687. coiffure
580. cauterize	616. chaste	652. clangor	688. coin
581. cavalcade	617. chasten	653. clapper	689. coincidence
582. cavalier	618. chastise	654. clarion	690. colander
583. cavil	619. chauvinist	655. claustrophobia	691. collaborate
584. cede	620. check	656. clavicle	692. collage
585. celerity	621. checkered	657. cleave	693. collate
586. celestial	622. cherubic	658. cleft	694. collateral
587. celibate	623. chicanery	659. clemency	695. collation
588. censor	624. chide	660. cliché	696. colloquial
589. censorious	625. chimerical	661. clientele	697. colloquy
590. censure	626. chisel	662. climactic	698. collusion
591. centaur	627. chisel	663. clime	699. colossal
592. centigrade	628. chivalrous	664. clique	700. colossus
593. centrifugal	629. choleric	665. cloister	701. comatose
594. centripetal	630. choreography	666. clout	702. combustible
595. centurion	631. chortle	667. cloying	703. comely
596. cerebral	632. chronic	668. coagulate	704. comestible
597. cerebration	633. chronicle	669. coalesce	705. comeuppance
598. ceremonious	634. churlish	670. coalition	706. comity
599. certitude	635. ciliated	671. coda	707. commandeer
600. cessation	636. cipher	672. coddle	708. commemorative
601. cession	637. cipher	673. codicil	709. commensurate
602. chafe	638. circlet	674. codify	710. commiserate
603. chaff	639. circuitous	675. coercion	711. commodious
604. chaffing	640. circumlocution	676. coeval	712. communal

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713. compact	749. concur	785. consign	821. conveyance
714. compact	750. concurrent	786. consistency	822. conviction
715. compatible	751. condescend	787. console	823. convivial
716. compelling	752. condign	788. consonance	824. convoke
717. compendium	753. condiments	789. consort	825. convoluted
718. compensatory	754. condole	790. consort	826. copious
719. compilation	755. condone	791. conspiracy	827. coquette
720. complacent	756. conducive	792. constituent	828. cordial
721. complaisant	757. conduit	793. constraint	829. cordon
722. complement	758. confidant	794. construe	830. cornice
723. compliance	759. confine	795. consummate	831. cornucopia
724. compliant	760. confiscate	796. contagion	832. corollary
725. complicity	761. conflagration	797. contaminate	833. corporeal
726. component	762. confluence	798. contempt	834. corpulent
727. comport	763. conformity	799. contend	835. correlation
728. composure	764. confound	800. contentious	836. corroborate
729. compound	765. congeal	801. context	837. corrosive
730. comprehensive	766. congenial	802. contiguous	838. corrugated
731. compress	767. congenital	803. continence	839. cosmic
732. compromise	768. conglomeration	804. contingent	840. coterie
733. compunction	769. congruence	805. contortion	841. countenance
734. compute	770. conifer	806. contraband	842. countermand
735. concatenate	771. conjecture	807. contravene	843. counterpart
736. concave	772. conjugal	808. contrite	844. coup
737. conceit	773. conjure	809. contrived	845. couple
738. concentric	774. connivance	810. controvert	846. courier
739. conception	775. connoisseur	811. contumacious	847. covenant
740. concerted	776. connotation	812. contusion	848. covert
741. concession	777. connubial	813. conundrum	849. covetous
742. conciliatory	778. consanguinity	814. convene	850. cow
743. concise	779. conscientious	815. conventional	851. cower
744. conclave	780. conscript	816. converge	852. coy
745. conclusive	781. consecrate	817. conversant	853. cozen
746. concoct	782. consensus	818. converse	854. crabbed
747. concomitant	783. consequential	819. convert	855. crass
748. concord	784. conservatory	820. convex	856. craven.

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857. credence	893. debonair	929. deify	965. depreciate
858. credo	894. debris	930. deign	966. depredation
859. credulity	895. debunk	931. delete	967. deranged
860. creed	896. debutante	932. deleterious	968. derelict
861. crescendo	897. decadence	933. deliberate	969. deride
862. crestfallen	898. decant	934. delineate	970. derision
863. cull	899. decapitate	935. delirium	971. derivative
864. culmination	900. decelerate	936. delta	972. dermatologist
865. culpable	901. deciduous	937. delude	973. derogatory
866. culvert	902. decimate	938. deluge	974. descry
867. cumbersome	903. decipher	939. delusion	975. desecrate
868. cumulative	904. declivity	940. delusive	976. desiccate
869. cupidity	905. décolleté	941. delve	977. desolate
870. curator	906. decomposition	942. demagogue	978. despicable
871. curmudgeon	907. decorum	943. demean	979. despise
872. cursive	908. decoy	944. demeanor	980. despoil
873. cursory	909. decrepitude	945. demented	981. despondent
874. curtail	910. decry	946. demise	982. despotism
875. cynical	911. deducible	947. demographic	983. destitute
876. cynosure	912. deface	948. demolition	984. desuetude
877. dais	913. defamation	949. demoniac	985. desultory
878. dally	914. default	950. demotic	986. detached
879. dank	915. defeatist	951. demur	987. detergent
880. dapper	916. defection	952. denigrate	988. determinate
881. dappled	917. deference	953. denizen	989. deterrent
882. daub	918. defile	954. denotation	990. detonation
883. daunt	919. definitive	955. denouement	991. detraction
884. dauntless	920. deflect	956. denounce	992. detriment
885. dawdle	921. defoliate	957. depict	993. detrimental
886. deadlock	922. defray	958. deplete	994. deviate
887. deadpan	923. defrock	959. deplore	995. devious
888. dearth	924. deft	960. deploy	996. devoid
889. debacle	925. defunct	961. depose	997. devolve
890. debase	926. degenerate	962. deposition	998. devotee
891. debauch	927. degraded	963. depravity	999. devout
892. debilitate	928. dehydrate	964. deprecate	1000. dexterous

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1001. diabolical	1037. disclaim	1073. disparity	1109. doff
1002. diadem	1038. disclose	1074. dispassionate	1110. doggerel
1003. dialectic	1039. discombobulated	1075. dispatch	1111. dogmatic
1004. diaphanous	1040. discomfit	1076. dispel	1112. dolorous
1005. diatribe	1041. disconcert	1077. disperse	1113. dolt
1006. dichotomy	1042. disconsolate	1078. dispirited	1114. domicile
1007. dictum	1043. discord	1079. disport	1115. dormant
1008. didactic	1044. discordant	1080. disputatious	1116. dorsal
1009. die	1045. discount	1081. disquisition	1117. dotage
1010. diffidence	1046. discourse	1082. dissection	1118. doughty
1011. diffusion	1047. discredit	1083. dissemble	1119. dour
1012. digression	1048. discrepancy	1084. disseminate	1120. dregs
1013. dilapidated	1049. discrete	1085. dissent	1121. droll
1014. dilate	1050. discretion	1086. dissertation	1122. dross
1015. dilatory	1051. discriminating	1087. dissident	1123. drudgery
1016. dilemma	1052. discursive	1088. dissimulate	1124. dubious
1017. dilettante	1053. disdain	1089. dissipate	1125. duenna
1018. diligence	1054. disembark	1090. dissolution	1126. dulcet
1019. dilute	1055. disenfranchise	1091. dissonance	1127. duplicity
1020. diminution	1056. disengage	1092. dissuade	1128. durance
1021. din	1057. disfigure	1093. distant	1129. duress
1022. dinghy	1058. disgorge	1094. distend	1130. dutiful
1023. dingy	1059. disgruntle	1095. distill	1131. dwindle
1024. dint	1060. dishearten	1096. distortion	1132. dynamic
1025. diorama	1061. disheveled	1097. distrait	1133. dyspeptic
1026. dire	1062. disinclination	1098. distraught	1134. earthy
1027. dirge	1063. disingenuous	1099. diurnal	1135. ebb
1028. disabuse	1064. disinter	1100. diva	1136. ebullient
1029. disaffected	1065. disinterested	1101. diverge	1137. eccentric
1030. disapprobation	1066. disjointed	1102. divergent	1138. eccentricity
1031. disarray	1067. dislodge	1103. divest	1139. ecclesiastic
1032. disavowal	1068. dismantle	1104. divination	1140. eclectic
1033. disband	1069. dismember	1105. divulge	1141. eclipse
1034. disburse	1070. dismiss	1106. docile	1142. ecologist
1035. discernible	1071. disparage	1107. docket	1143. economy
1036. discerning	1072. disparate	1108. doddering	1144. ecstasy

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1145. eddy	1181. embryonic	1217. ensconce	1253. exemplary
1146. edify	1182. emend	1218. ensue	1254. exemplify
1147. eerie	1183. emendation	1219. entail	1255. exempt
1148. efface	1184. emetic	1220. enterprising	1256. exertion
1149. effectual	1185. eminent	1221. enthrall	1257. exhilarating
1150. effervescence	1186. emissary	1222. entice	1258. exhort
1151. effete	1187. emollient	1223. entity	1259. exhume
1152. efficacy	1188. emolument	1224. entomology	1260. exigency
1153. effigy	1189. empirical	1225. entrance	1261. exiguous
1154. effluvium	1190. emulate	1226. eulogy	1262. existential
1155. effrontery	1191. enamored	1227. euphemism	1263. exodus
1156. effusion	1192. enclave	1228. euphony	1264. exonerate
1157. egoism	1193. encomiastic	1229. euphoria	1265. exorbitant
1158. egotism	1194. encomium	1230. euthanasia	1266. exorcise
1159. egregious	1195. encompass	1231. evanescent	1267. exotic
1160. egress	1196. encroachment	1232. evasive	1268. expansive
1161. ejaculation	1197. encumber	1233. evenhanded	1269. expatriate
1162. elaboration	1198. endearment	1234. evince	1270. expatriate
1163. elated	1199. endemic	1235. evocative	1271. expedient
1164. elegy	1200. endorse	1236. evoke	1272. expedite
1165. elicit	1201. endue	1237. ewe	1273. expenditure
1166. elixir	1202. enduring	1238. exacerbate	1274. expertise
1167. ellipsis	1203. energize	1239. exacting	1275. expiate
1168. elliptical	1204. enervate	1240. exalt	1276. expletive
1169. eloquence	1205. enfranchise	1241. exasperate	1277. explicate
1170. elucidate	1206. engage	1242. exceptionable	1278. explicit
1171. elusive	1207. engaging	1243. excerpt	1279. exploit
1172. elysian	1208. engender	1244. exchequer	1280. exploit
1173. emaciated	1209. engross	1245. excise	1281. expository
1174. emanate	1210. enhance	1246. exclaim	1282. expostulation
1175. emancipate	1211. enigma	1247. excoriate	1283. exposure
1176. embark	1212. enjoin	1248. exculpate	1284. expropriate
1177. embed	1213. enmity	1249. execrable	1285. expunge
1178. embellish	1214. ennui	1250. execrate	1286. expurgate
1179. embezzlement	1215. enormity	1251. execute	1287. extant
1180. embroil	1216. enrapture	1252. exegesis	1288. extemporaneous

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1289. extenuate	1325. fastidious	1361. filch	1397. flout
1290. extirpate	1326. fatalism	1362. filial	1398. fluctuate
1291. extol	1327. fathom	1363. filibuster	1399. fluency
1292. extort	1328. fatuous	1364. filigree	1400. fluke
1293. extradition	1329. fauna	1365. filing	1401. fluster
1294. extraneous	1330. fawning	1366. finale	1402. fluted
1295. extrapolation	1331. faze	1367. finesse	1403. flux
1296. extricate	1332. feasible	1368. finicky	1404. fodder
1297. extrinsic	1333. febrile	1369. finite	1405. foible
1298. extrovert	1334. fecundity	1370. firebrand	1406. foil
1299. extrude	1335. feign	1371. fissure	1407. foist
1300. exuberance	1336. feint	1372. fitful	1408. foliage
1301. exude	1337. felicitous	1373. flaccid	1409. foment
1302. exult	1338. felicity	1374. flag	1410. foolhardy
1303. fabricate	1339. fell	1375. flagellate	1411. foppish
1304. facade	1340. fell	1376. flagrant	1412. foray
1305. facet	1341. felon	1377. flail	1413. forbearance
1306. facetious	1342. feral	1378. flair	1414. ford
1307. facile	1343. ferment	1379. flamboyant	1415. forebears
1308. facilitate	1344. ferret	1380. flaunt	1416. foreboding
1309. facsimile	1345. fervent	1381. flay	1417. forensic
1310. faction	1346. fervid	1382. fleck	1418. foreshadow
1311. factious	1347. fervor	1383. fledgling	1419. foresight
1312. factitious	1348. fester	1384. fleece	1420. forestall
1313. factotum	1349. festive	1385. fleece	1421. forgo
1314. faculty	1350. fete	1386. flick	1422. forlorn
1315. fallacious	1351. fetid	1387. flinch	1423. formality
1316. fallible	1352. fetter	1388. flippancy	1424. formidable
1317. fallow	1353. fiasco	1389. flippant	1425. forsake
1318. falter	1354. fiat	1390. flit	1426. forswear
1319. fanaticism	1355. fickle	1391. floe	1427. forte
1320. fancied	1356. fictitious	1392. flora	1428. forthright
1321. fancier	1357. fidelity	1393. florid	1429. fortitude
1322. fanciful	1358. figment	1394. flotsam	1430. fortuitous
1323. fanfare	1359. figurative	1395. flounder	1431. foster
1324. farce	1360. figurine	1396. flourish	1432. founder

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1433. fracas	1469. gaffe	1505. gentility	1541. goad
1434. fractious	1470. gainsay	1506. gentry	1542. gorge
1435. frail	1471. gait	1507. genuflect	1543. gorge
1436. franchise	1472. galaxy	1508. germane	1544. gory
1437. frantic	1473. gale	1509. germinal	1545. gossamer
1438. fraudulent	1474. gall	1510. germinate	1546. gouge
1439. fraught	1475. gall	1511. gerontocracy	1547. gouge
1440. fray	1476. galleon	1512. gerrymander	1548. gourmand
1441. frenetic	1477. galvanize	1513. gestate	1549. gourmet
1442. frenzied	1478. gambit	1514. gesticulation	1550. graduated
1443. fresco	1479. gambol	1515. ghastly	1551. granary
1444. fret	1480. gamely	1516. gibber	1552. grandeur
1445. friction	1481. gamut	1517. gibberish	1553. grandiloquent
1446. frieze	1482. gape	1518. gibbet	1554. grandiose
1447. frigid	1483. garbled	1519. gibe	1555. granulate
1448. fritter	1484. gargantuan	1520. giddy	1556. graphic
1449. frivolous	1485. gargoyle	1521. gingerly	1557. grapple
1450. frolicsome	1486. garish	1522. girth	1558. grate
1451. frond	1487. garner	1523. gist	1559. gratify
1452. fructify	1488. garnish	1524. glacial	1560. gratis
1453. frugality	1489. garrulous	1525. glaring	1561. gratuitous
1454. fruition	1490. gastronomy	1526. glaze	1562. gratuity
1455. frustrate	1491. gauche	1527. glean	1563. gravity
1456. fugitive	1492. gaudy	1528. glib	1564. gregarious
1457. fulcrum	1493. gaunt	1529. glimmer	1565. grievance
1458. fulminate	1494. gavel	1530. gloat	1566. grill
1459. fulsome	1495. gawk	1531. gloss over	1567. grimace
1460. functionary	1496. gazette	1532. glossary	1568. grisly
1461. fundamental	1497. genealogy	1533. glossy	1569. grotesque
1462. funereal	1498. generality	1534. glower	1570. grotto
1463. furor	1499. generate	1535. glut	1571. grouse
1464. furtive	1500. generic	1536. glutinous	1572. grovel
1465. fusillade	1501. genesis	1537. glutton	1573. grudging
1466. fusion	1502. geniality	1538. gnarled	1574. gruel
1467. futile	1503. genre	1539. gnome	1575. grueling
1468. gadfly	1504. genteel	1540. gnome	1576. gruesome

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1577.gruff	1613.haven	1649.holster	1685.iconoclastic
1578.guffaw	1614.hazardous	1650.homage	1686.ideology
1579.guile	1615.hazy	1651.homeostasis	1687.idiom
1580.guileless	1616.headlong	1652.homespun	1688.idiosyncrasy
1581.guise	1617.headstrong	1653.homily	1689.idolatry
1582.gull	1618.heckler	1654.homogeneous	1690.idyllic
1583.gullible	1619.hedonist	1655.hone	1691.igneous
1584.gustatory	1620.heedless	1656.hoodwink	1692.ignite
1585.gusto	1621.hegemony	1657.horde	1693.ignoble
1586.gusty	1622.heinous	1658.hortatory	1694.ignominy
1587.guy	1623.herbivorous	1659.horticultural	1695.illicit
1588.gyroscope	1624.heresy	1660.hostility	1696.illimitable
1589.habituate	1625.hermetic	1661.hovel	1697.illuminate
1590.hackles	1626.hermetic	1662.hover	1698.illusion
1591.hackneyed	1627.hermitage	1663.hubbub	1699.illusive
1592.haggard	1628.herpetologist	1664.hubris	1700.illusory
1593.haggle	1629.heterodox	1665.hue	1701.imbalance
1594.halcyon	1630.heterogeneous	1666.hue and cry	1702.imbecility
1595.hale	1631.hew	1667.humane	1703.imbroglia
1596.hallowed	1632.heyday	1668.humdrum	1704.imbue
1597.hallucination	1633.hiatus	1669.humid	1705.immaculate
1598.halting	1634.hibernal	1670.humility	1706.imminent
1599.hamper	1635.hibernate	1671.hummock	1707.immobility
1600.hap	1636.hierarchy	1672.humus	1708.immolate
1601.haphazard	1637.hieroglyphic	1673.hurtle	1709.immune
1602.hapless	1638.hilarity	1674.husband	1710.immure
1603.harangue	1639.hindmost	1675.husbandry	1711.immutable
1604.harass	1640.hindrance	1676.hybrid	1712.impair
1605.harbinger	1641.hinterlands	1677.hydrophobia	1713.impale
1606.harbor	1642.hireling	1678.hyperbole	1714.impalpable
1607.hardy	1643.hirsute	1679.hypercritical	1715.impasse
1608.harping	1644.histrionic	1680.hypochondriac	1716.impassive
1609.harrowing	1645.hoard	1681.hypocritical	1717.impeach
1610.harry	1646.hoary	1682.hypothetical	1718.impeccable
1611.hatch	1647.hoax	1683.ichthyology	1719.impecunious
1612.haughtiness	1648.holocaust	1684.icon	1720.impede

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1721. impediment	1757. improvident	1793. incoherent	1829. indignity
1722. impending	1758. improvise	1794. incommodious	1830. indiscriminate
1723. impenetrable	1759. imprudent	1795. incompatible	1831. indisputable
1724. impenitent	1760. impudence	1796. incongruity	1832. indissoluble
1725. imperial	1761. impugn	1797. inconsequential	1833. indite
1726. imperiousness	1762. impuissance	1798. inconsistency	1834. indolent
1727. impermeable	1763. impunity	1799. incontinent	1835. indomitable
1728. impertinent	1764. impute	1800. incontrovertible	1836. indubitable
1729. imperturbable	1765. inadvertently	1801. incorporate	1837. induce
1730. impervious	1766. inalienable	1802. incorporeal	1838. inductive
1731. impetuous	1767. inane	1803. incorrigible	1839. indulgent
1732. impetus	1768. inanimate	1804. incredulity	1840. industrious
1733. impiety	1769. inarticulate	1805. incredulous	1841. inebriated
1734. impinge	1770. inaugurate	1806. increment	1842. ineffable
1735. impious	1771. incandescent	1807. incriminate	1843. ineffectual
1736. implacable	1772. incantation	1808. incrustation	1844. ineluctable
1737. implausible	1773. incapacitate	1809. incubate	1845. inept
1738. implement	1774. incarcerate	1810. incubus	1846. inequity
1739. implement	1775. incarnate	1811. inculcate	1847. inerrancy
1740. implicate	1776. incarnation	1812. incumbent	1848. inert
1741. implication	1777. incendiary	1813. incur	1849. inevitable
1742. implicit	1778. incense	1814. incursion	1850. inexorable
1743. implode	1779. incentive	1815. indefatigable	1851. infallible
1744. implore	1780. inception	1816. indelible	1852. infamous
1745. imply	1781. incessant	1817. indemnify	1853. infantile
1746. impolitic	1782. inchoate	1818. indentation	1854. infer
1747. imponderable	1783. incidence	1819. indenture	1855. infernal
1748. import	1784. incidental	1820. indeterminate	1856. infidel
1749. importunate	1785. incipient	1821. indicative	1857. infiltrate
1750. importune	1786. incisive	1822. indices	1858. infinitesimal
1751. imposture	1787. incite	1823. indict	1859. infirmity
1752. impotent	1788. inclement	1824. indifferent	1860. inflated
1753. imprecation	1789. incline	1825. indigence	1861. influx
1754. impregnable	1790. inclined	1826. indigenous	1862. infraction
1755. impromptu	1791. inclusive	1827. indigent	1863. infringe
1756. impropriety	1792. incognito	1828. indignation	1864. ingenious

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1865. ingenuous	1901. insuperable	1937. inveigle	1973. jaundiced
1866. ingrained	1902. insurgent	1938. inverse	1974. jaunt
1867. ingrate	1903. insurmountable	1939. invert	1975. jaunty
1868. ingratiate	1904. insurrection	1940. inveterate	1976. jeopardize
1869. inherent	1905. intangible	1941. invidious	1977. jettison
1870. inhibit	1906. integral	1942. invincible	1978. jibe
1871. inimical	1907. integrate	1943. inviolability	1979. jingoist
1872. inimitable	1908. integrity	1944. invoke	1980. jocose
1873. iniquitous	1909. intellect	1945. invulnerable	1981. jocular
1874. initiate	1910. intelligentsia	1946. iota	1982. jocund
1875. injurious	1911. inter	1947. irascible	1983. jollity
1876. inkling	1912. interdict	1948. irate	1984. jostle
1877. innate	1913. interim	1949. iridescent	1985. jovial
1878. innocuous	1914. interloper	1950. irksome	1986. jubilation
1879. innovation	1915. interminable	1951. ironic	1987. judicious
1880. innuendo	1916. intermittent	1952. irony	1988. juggernaut
1881. inopportune	1917. internecine	1953. irreconcilable	1989. juncture
1882. inordinate	1918. interpolate	1954. irrefragable	1990. junket
1883. inquisitor	1919. interregnum	1955. irrefutable	1991. junta
1884. insalubrious	1920. interrogate	1956. irrelevant	1992. jurisprudence
1885. insatiable	1921. intervene	1957. irremediable	1993. justification
1886. inscrutable	1922. intimate	1958. irreparable	1994. juxtapose
1887. insensate	1923. intimidate	1959. irrepressible	1995. kaleidoscope
1888. insensible	1924. intractable	1960. irreproachable	1996. ken
1889. insidious	1925. intransigence	1961. irresolute	1997. kernel
1890. insightful	1926. intrepid	1962. irretrievable	1998. killjoy
1891. insinuate	1927. intrinsic	1963. irreverence	1999. kindle
1892. insipid	1928. introspective	1964. irreverent	2000. kindred
1893. insolence	1929. introvert	1965. irrevocable	2001. kinetic
1894. insolvent	1930. intrude	1966. isotope	2002. kismet
1895. insomnia	1931. intuition	1967. isthmus	2003. kleptomaniac
1896. insouciant	1932. inundate	1968. itinerant	2004. knave
1897. instigate	1933. inured	1969. itinerary	2005. knead
1898. insubordination	1934. invalidate	1970. jabber	2006. knell
1899. insubstantial	1935. invective	1971. jaded	2007. knit
1900. insularity	1936. inveigh	1972. jargon	2008. knoll

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2009.knotty	2045.leery	2081.liquidate	2117.luxuriant
2010.kudos	2046.leeway	2082.list	2118.macabre
2011.labile	2047.legacy	2083.listless	2119.mace
2012.laborious	2048.legend	2084.litany	2120.macerate
2013.labyrinth	2049.legerdemain	2085.lithe	2121.machiavellian
2014.lacerate	2050.leniency	2086.litigation	2122.machinations
2015.lachrymose	2051.leonine	2087.litotes	2123.madrigal
2016.lackadaisical	2052.lethal	2088.livid	2124.maelstrom
2017.lackluster	2053.lethargic	2089.loath	2125.magnanimous
2018.laconic	2054.levee	2090.loathe	2126.magnate
2019.laggard	2055.levitate	2091.lode	2127.magniloquent
2020.lagoon	2056.levity	2092.lofty	2128.magnitude
2021.laity	2057.levy	2093.log	2129.maim
2022.lambaste	2058.lewd	2094.loiter	2130.maladroit
2023.lament	2059.lexicographer	2095.loll	2131.malaise
2024.lampoon	2060.lexicon	2096.longevity	2132.malapropism
2025.lancet	2061.liability	2097.loom	2133.malcontent
2026.languid	2062.liaison	2098.lope	2134.malediction
2027.languish	2063.libel	2099.loquacious	2135.malefactor
2028.languor	2064.libertine	2100.lout	2136.malevolent
2029.lank	2065.libidinous	2101.low	2137.malicious
2030.lap	2066.libido	2102.lubricity	2138.malign
2031.larceny	2067.libretto	2103.lucid	2139.malignant
2032.larder	2068.licentious	2104.lucrative	2140.malingerer
2033.largess	2069.lien	2105.lucre	2141.mall
2034.lascivious	2070.ligneous	2106.ludicrous	2142.malleable
2035.lassitude	2071.lilliputian	2107.lugubrious	2143.malodorous
2036.latent	2072.limber	2108.lull	2144.mammal
2037.lateral	2073.limbo	2109.lumber	2145.mammoth
2038.latitude	2074.limn	2110.luminous	2146.manacle
2039.laud	2075.limpid	2111.lunar	2147.mandate
2040.lavish	2076.lineage	2112.lupine	2148.mandatory
2041.lax	2077.lineaments	2113.lurid	2149.mangy
2042.leaven	2078.linger	2114.luscious	2150.maniacal
2043.lechery	2079.linguistic	2115.luster	2151.manifest
2044.lectern	2080.lionize	2116.lustrous	2152.manifestation

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2153.manifesto	2189.medley	2225.missive	2261.mortify
2154.manifold	2190.meek	2226.mite	2262.mosaic
2155.manipulate	2191.megalomania	2227.mitigate	2263.mote
2156.mannered	2192.melee	2228.mnemonic	2264.motif
2157.manumit	2193.mellifluous	2229.mobile	2265.motility
2158.marital	2194.memento	2230.mode	2266.motley
2159.maritime	2195.memorialize	2231.modicum	2267.mottled
2160.marked	2196.mendacious	2232.modish	2268.mountebank
2161.marred	2197.mendicant	2233.modulation	2269.muddle
2162.marshal	2198.menial	2234.mogul	2270.muggy
2163.marsupial	2199.mentor	2235.moiety	2271.mulct
2164.martial	2200.mercantile	2236.molecule	2272.multifarious
2165.martinet	2201.minion	2237.mollify	2273.multiform
2166.martyr	2202.minuscule	2238.mollycoddle	2274.multilingual
2167.masochist	2203.minute	2239.molt	2275.multiplicity
2168.masticate	2204.minutiae	2240.molten	2276.mundane
2169.materialism	2205.mirage	2241.momentous	2277.munificent
2170.maternal	2206.mire	2242.momentum	2278.mural
2171.matriarch	2207.mirth	2243.monarchy	2279.murky
2172.matriculate	2208.misadventure	2244.monastic	2280.muse
2173.matrix	2209.misanthrope	2245.monetary	2281.musky
2174.maudlin	2210.misapprehension	2246.monolithic	2282.muster
2175.maul	2211.miscegenation	2247.monotheism	2283.musty
2176.mausoleum	2212.miscellany	2248.monotony	2284.mutability
2177.mauve	2213.mischance	2249.monumental	2285.muted
2178.maverick	2214.misconstrue	2250.moodiness	2286.mutilate
2179.mawkish	2215.miscreant	2251.moor	2287.mutinous
2180.maxim	2216.misdemeanor	2252.moot	2288.myopic
2181.mayhem	2217.miserly	2253.moratorium	2289.myriad
2182.meager	2218.misgivings	2254.morbid	2290.nadir
2183.mealy-mouthed	2219.mishap	2255.mordant	2291.naivete
2184.meander	2220.misnomer	2256.mores	2292.narcissist
2185.meddlesome	2221.misogamy	2257.morganatic	2293.narrative
2186.mediate	2222.misogynist	2258.moribund	2294.nascent
2187.mediocre	2223.misogynist	2259.morose	2295.natation
2188.meditation	2224.missile	2260.mortician	2296.natty

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2297. nauseate	2333. notoriety	2369. obtrude	2405. ornate
2298. nautical	2334. novelty	2370. obtrusive	2406. ornithologist
2299. navigable	2335. novice	2371. obtuse	2407. oscillate
2300. nebulous	2336. noxious	2372. obviate	2408. osseous
2301. necromancy	2337. nuance	2373. occident	2409. ossify
2302. nefarious	2338. nubile	2374. occlude	2410. ostensible
2303. negate	2339. nugatory	2375. occult	2411. ostentatious
2304. negligence	2340. nullify	2376. oculist	2412. ostracize
2305. negligible	2341. numismatist	2377. odious	2413. oust
2306. nemesis	2342. nuptial	2378. odium	2414. outlandish
2307. neologism	2343. nurture	2379. odoriferous	2415. outmoded
2308. neophyte	2344. nutrient	2380. odorous	2416. outskirts
2309. nepotism	2345. oaf	2381. odyssey	2417. outspoken
2310. nether	2346. obdurate	2382. offal	2418. outstrip
2311. nettle	2347. obeisance	2383. offertory	2419. outwit
2312. nexus	2348. obelisk	2384. officious	2420. ovation
2313. nib	2349. obese	2385. ogle	2421. overbearing
2314. nicety	2350. obfuscate	2386. olfactory	2422. overt
2315. niggardly	2351. objective	2387. oligarchy	2423. overweening
2316. niggle	2352. objective (n)	2388. ominous	2424. overwrought
2317. nihilist	2353. objurgation	2389. omnipotent	2425. ovoid
2318. nip	2354. obligatory	2390. omnipresent	2426. pachyderm
2319. nirvana	2355. oblique	2391. omniscient	2427. pacifist
2320. nocturnal	2356. obliterate	2392. omnivorous	2428. pacify
2321. noisome	2357. oblivion	2393. onerous	2429. paean
2322. nomadic	2358. obnoxious	2394. onomatopoeia	2430. painstaking
2323. nomenclature	2359. obscure (a)	2395. onslaught	2431. palatable
2324. nominal	2360. obscure (v)	2396. onus	2432. palate
2325. nonchalance	2361. obsequious	2397. opalescent	2433. palatial
2326. noncommittal	2362. obsequy	2398. opaque	2434. palaver
2327. nondescript	2363. obsession	2399. opiate	2435. paleontology
2328. nonentity	2364. obsidian	2400. opportune	2436. palette
2329. nonplus	2365. obsolete	2401. opulence	2437. pallet
2330. nostalgia	2366. obstetrician	2402. oratorio	2438. palliate
2331. nostrum	2367. obstinate	2403. ordinance	2439. pallid
2332. notable	2368. obstreperous	2404. orifice	2440. palpable

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2441. palpitate	2477. pathological	2513. perdition	2549. petulant
2442. paltry	2478. pathos	2514. peregrination	2550. pharisaical
2443. panacea	2479. patina	2515. peremptory	2551. phenomena
2444. pandemonium	2480. patois	2516. perennial	2552. philanderer
2445. pander	2481. patriarch	2517. perfidious	2553. philanthropist
2446. panegyric	2482. patrician	2518. perforate	2554. philatelist
2447. panorama	2483. patricide	2519. perfunctory	2555. philistine
2448. pantomime	2484. patrimony	2520. perigee	2556. philology
2449. papyrus	2485. patronize	2521. perimeter	2557. phlegmatic
2450. parable	2486. paucity	2522. peripatetic	2558. phobia
2451. parapet	2487. pauper	2523. peripheral	2559. physiognomy
2452. paraphernalia	2488. peccadillo	2524. periphery	2560. physiological
2453. paraphrase	2489. speculation	2525. perjury	2561. piebald
2454. parasite	2490. pecuniary	2526. permeable	2562. pied
2455. parched	2491. pedagogue	2527. pernicious	2563. piety
2456. paregoric	2492. pedagogy	2528. peroration	2564. pigment
2457. pariah	2493. pedant	2529. perpetrate	2565. pillage
2458. parity	2494. pedantic	2530. perpetual	2566. pillory
2459. parlance	2495. pedestrian	2531. perquisite	2567. pine
2460. parley	2496. pediatrician	2532. personable	2568. pinion
2461. parochial	2497. pediment	2533. perspicacious	2569. pinnacle
2462. parody	2498. pejorative	2534. perspicuity	2570. pious
2463. paroxysm	2499. pell-mell	2535. pert	2571. piquant
2464. parricide	2500. pellucid	2536. pertinacious	2572. pique
2465. parsimonious	2501. penance	2537. pertinent	2573. piscatorial
2466. partial (1)	2502. penchant	2538. perturb	2574. pithy
2467. partial (2)	2503. pendant	2539. perusal	2575. pittance
2468. partisan	2504. pendulous	2540. pervasive	2576. pivotal
2469. parturition	2505. penitent	2541. perverse	2577. placate
2470. parvenu	2506. pensive	2542. perversion	2578. placebo
2471. passe	2507. penumbra	2543. perversity	2579. placid
2472. passive	2508. penurious	2544. pessimism	2580. plagiarize
2473. pastiche	2509. penury	2545. pestilential	2581. plaintive
2474. pastoral	2510. peon	2546. pestle	2582. platitude
2475. patent	2511. perceptive	2547. petrify	2583. platonic
2476. pathetic	2512. percussion	2548. petty	2584. plauditory

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2585. plausible	2621. pragmatic	2657. presumptuous	2693. prolific
2586. plebiscite	2622. pragmatist	2658. pretentious	2694. prolix
2587. plenary	2623. prate	2659. preternatural	2695. prolong
2588. plenipotentiary	2624. prattle	2660. pretext	2696. prominent
2589. plenitude	2625. preamble	2661. prevail	2697. promiscuous
2590. plethora	2626. precarious	2662. prevalent	2698. promontory
2591. pluck	2627. precedent	2663. prevaricate	2699. prompt
2592. plumb	2628. precedent	2664. prey	2700. promulgate
2593. podiatrist	2629. precept	2665. prim	2701. prone
2594. poignant	2630. precipice	2666. primogeniture	2702. propagate
2595. polarize	2631. precipitate	2667. primordial	2703. propellants
2596. polemic	2632. precipitous	2668. pimp	2704. propensity
2597. politic	2633. preclude	2669. pristine	2705. prophetic
2598. polity	2634. precocious	2670. privation	2706. prophylactic
2599. poltroon	2635. precursor	2671. privy	2707. propinquity
2600. polygamist	2636. predatory	2672. probe	2708. propitiate
2601. polyglot	2637. predecessor	2673. probity	2709. propitious
2602. pomposity	2638. predilection	2674. problematic	2710. proponent
2603. ponderous	2639. preeminent	2675. proclivity	2711. propound
2604. porous	2640. preempt	2676. procrastinate	2712. propriety
2605. portend	2641. preen	2677. procurement	2713. propulsive
2606. portent	2642. prefatory	2678. prod	2714. prosaic
2607. portly	2643. prehensile	2679. prodigal	2715. proscenium
2608. posterity	2644. prelate	2680. prodigious	2716. proscribe
2609. posthumous	2645. prelude	2681. prodigy	2717. proselytize
2610. postprandial	2646. premeditate	2682. profane	2718. prosody
2611. postulate	2647. premise	2683. profligate	2719. prostrate
2612. posture	2648. premonition	2684. profound	2720. protean
2613. potable	2649. premonitory	2685. profusion	2721. protege
2614. potent	2650. preponderance	2686. progenitor	2722. protocol
2615. potentate	2651. preposterous	2687. progeny	2723. prototype
2616. potential	2652. prerogative	2688. prognosis	2724. protract
2617. potion	2653. presage	2689. prognosticate	2725. protrude
2618. potpourri	2654. prescience	2690. projectile	2726. provenance
2619. practicable	2655. presentiment	2691. proletarian	2727. provender
2620. practical	2656. prestige	2692. proliferate	2728. provident

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2729. provincial	2765. putrid	2801. raiment	2837. recalcitrant
2730. provisional	2766. pyromaniac	2802. rakish	2838. recant
2731. proviso	2767. quack	2803. ramble	2839. recapitulate
2732. provoke	2768. quadruped	2804. ramification	2840. receptive
2733. proximity	2769. quaff	2805. ramify	2841. recession
2734. proxy	2770. quagmire	2806. ramp	2842. recipient
2735. prude	2771. quail	2807. rampant	2843. reciprocal
2736. prudent	2772. quaint	2808. rampart	2844. reciprocate
2737. prune	2773. qualified	2809. ramshackle	2845. recluse
2738. prurient	2774. qualms	2810. rancid	2846. reconcile
2739. pseudonym	2775. quandary	2811. rancor	2847. recondite
2740. psyche	2776. quarantine	2812. random	2848. recourse
2741. psychiatrist	2777. quarry	2813. rankle	2849. recreant
2742. psychopathic	2778. quarry	2814. rant	2850. recrimination
2743. psychosis	2779. quash	2815. rapacious	2851. recrudescence
2744. pterodactyl	2780. quay	2816. rapport	2852. rectify
2745. puerile	2781. queasy	2817. rarefied	2853. rectitude
2746. pugilist	2782. quell	2818. raspy	2854. recuperate
2747. pugnacious	2783. querulous	2819. ratify	2855. recurrent
2748. puissant	2784. queue	2820. ratiocination	2856. recusant
2749. pulchritude	2785. quibble	2821. rationalization	2857. redolent
2750. pulmonary	2786. quiescent	2822. rationalize	2858. redoubtable
2751. pulsate	2787. quietude	2823. raucous	2859. redress
2752. pummel	2788. quintessence	2824. ravage	2860. redundant
2753. punctilious	2789. quip	2825. rave	2861. reek
2754. pundit	2790. quirk	2826. ravel	2862. refection
2755. pungency	2791. quisling	2827. ravenous	2863. refectory
2756. punitive	2792. quiver	2828. ravine	2864. refraction
2757. purblind	2793. quixotic	2829. raze	2865. refractory
2758. purchase	2794. quizzical	2830. reactionary	2866. refurbish
2759. purgatory	2795. quorum	2831. realm	2867. refutation
2760. purge	2796. quotidian	2832. reaper	2868. refute
2761. purport	2797. rabid	2833. rebate	2869. regal
2762. purveyor	2798. raconteur	2834. rebuff	2870. regale
2763. pusillanimous	2799. ragamuffin	2835. rebus	2871. regatta
2764. putative	2800. rail	2836. rebuttal	2872. regeneration

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2873.regicide	2909.repine	2945.restive	2981.risque
2874.regime	2910.replenish	2946.restraint	2982.riveting
2875.regimen	2911.replete	2947.resumption	2983.rivulet
2876.rehabilitate	2912.replica	2948.resurgent	2984.roan
2877.reimburse	2913.replicate	2949.resuscitate	2985.robust
2878.reiterate	2914.repository	2950.retaliate	2986.rococo
2879.rejuvenate	2915.reprehensible	2951.retentive	2987.roil
2880.relegate	2916.repress	2952.reticent	2988.roseate
2881.relevancy	2917.reprive	2953.retinue	2989.roster
2882.relinquish	2918.reprimand	2954.retiring	2990.rostrum
2883.relish	2919.reprisal	2955.retort	2991.rote
2884.remediable	2920.reprise	2956.retraction	2992.rotunda
2885.remedial	2921.reproach	2957.retrench	2993.rotundity
2886.reminiscence	2922.reprobate	2958.retribution	2994.rout
2887.remiss	2923.reprobation	2959.retrieve	2995.rubble
2888.remnant	2924.reprove	2960.retroactive	2996.rubicund
2889.remonstrate	2925.repudiate	2961.retrograde	2997.rubric
2890.remorse	2926.repugnance	2962.retrospective	2998.ruddy
2891.remunerative	2927.repulsion	2963.revelry	2999.rudimentary
2892.rend	2928.reputable	2964.reverberate	3000.rueful
2893.render	2929.reputed	2965.reverent	3001.ruffian
2894.rendezvous	2930.requiem	2966.reverie	3002.ruminate
2895.rendition	2931.requisite	2967.revile	3003.rummage
2896.renegade	2932.requite	2968.revulsion	3004.runic
2897.renege	2933.rescind	2969.rhapsodize	3005.ruse
2898.renounce	2934.reserve	2970.rhetoric	3006.rustic
2899.renovate	2935.residue	2971.ribald	3007.rusticate
2900.renown	2936.resilient	2972.rider	3008.ruthless
2901.rent	2937.resolution	2973.rife	3009.saccharine
2902.reparable	2938.resolve	2974.rift	3010.sacerdotal
2903.reparation	2939.resonant	2975.rig	3011.sacrilegious
2904.repartee	2940.respiration	2976.rigid	3012.sacrosanct
2905.repeal	2941.respite	2977.rigor	3013.sadistic
2906.repellent	2942.resplendent	2978.rile	3014.saffron
2907.repercussion	2943.responsiveness	2979.rime	3015.saga
2908.repertoire	2944.restitution	2980.risible	3016.sagacious

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3017.sage	3053.scavenger	3089.sensuous	3125.similitude
3018.salacious	3054.scenario	3090.sententious	3126.simpering
3019.salient	3055.schematic	3091.sentinel	3127.simulate
3020.saline	3056.schism	3092.septic	3128.sinecure
3021.sallow	3057.scintilla	3093.sepulcher	3129.sinewy
3022.salubrious	3058.scintillate	3094.sequester	3130.singular
3023.salutary	3059.scoff	3095.sere	3131.sinister
3024.salvage	3060.scotch	3096.serendipity	3132.sinuous
3025.salver	3061.scourge	3097.serenity	3133.sirocco
3026.sanctimonious	3062.scrupulous	3098.serpentine	3134.skeptic
3027.sanction	3063.scrutinize	3099.serrated	3135.skiff
3028.sangfroid	3064.scurrilous	3100.servile	3136.skimp
3029.sanguinary	3065.scurry	3101.servitude	3137.skinflint
3030.sanguine	3066.scuttle	3102.sever	3138.skirmish
3031.sapient	3067.seamy	3103.severity	3139.skittish
3032.sarcasm	3068.seasoned	3104.shackle	3140.skulk
3033.sardonic	3069.secession	3105.sham	3141.skullduggery
3034.sartorial	3070.seclusion	3106.shambles	3142.slacken
3035.sate	3071.secrete	3107.shard	3143.slag
3036.satellite	3072.sectarian	3108.shaving	3144.slake
3037.satiate	3073.secular	3109.sheaf	3145.slander
3038.satiety	3074.sedate	3110.sheathe	3146.slapdash
3039.satire	3075.sedentary	3111.sherbet	3147.slattern
3040.satirical	3076.sedition	3112.shimmer	3148.sleazy
3041.saturate	3077.sedulous	3113.shirk	3149.sleeper
3042.saturnine	3078.seedy	3114.shoddy	3150.sleight
3043.satyr	3079.seemly	3115.shrew	3151.slew
3044.sauter	3080.seep	3116.shrewd	3152.slight
3045.savant	3081.seethe	3117.shunt	3153.slipshod
3046.savor	3082.seine	3118.shyster	3154.slither
3047.savory	3083.seismic	3119.sibling	3155.slither
3048.scabbard	3084.semblance	3120.sibylline	3156.sloth
3049.scaffold	3085.seminal	3121.sidereal	3157.slothful
3050.scale	3086.seminary	3122.silt	3158.slough
3051.scanty	3087.senility	3123.simian	3159.slough
3052.scapegoat	3088.sensual	3124.simile	3160.slovenly

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3161.sluggard	3197.spate	3233.stellar	3269.subjective
3162.sluggish	3198.spatial	3234.stem	3270.subjugate
3163.sluiice	3199.spatula	3235.stem from	3271.sublimate
3164.slur	3200.spawn	3236.stentorian	3272.sublime
3165.slur	3201.specious	3237.stereotyped	3273.subliminal
3166.smattering	3202.spectral	3238.stickler	3274.submissive
3167.smirk	3203.spectrum	3239.stigma	3275.suborn
3168.smolder	3204.spendthrift	3240.stilted	3276.subsequent
3169.snicker	3205.sphinx-like	3241.stint	3277.subservient
3170.snivel	3206.splice	3242.stint	3278.subside
3171.sobriety	3207.spontaneity	3243.stipend	3279.subsidiary
3172.sodden	3208.spoonerism	3244.stipple	3280.subsidy
3173.sojourn	3209.sporadic	3245.stipulate	3281.subsistence
3174.solace	3210.sportive	3246.stoic	3282.substantiate
3175.solder	3211.spruce	3247.stoke	3283.substantive
3176.solecism	3212.spry	3248.stolid	3284.subsume
3177.solemnity	3213.spurious	3249.stratagem	3285.subterfuge
3178.solicit	3214.spurn	3250.stratified	3286.subtlety
3179.solicitous	3215.squabble	3251.stratum	3287.subversive
3180.soliloquy	3216.squalid	3252.strew	3288.succinct
3181.solstice	3217.squander	3253.striated	3289.succor
3182.solvent	3218.squat	3254.stricture	3290.succulent
3183.somatic	3219.staccato	3255.strident	3291.succumb
3184.somber	3220.stagnant	3256.stringent	3292.suffuse
3185.somnambulist	3221.staid	3257.strut	3293.sully
3186.somnolent	3222.stalemate	3258.studied	3294.sultry
3187.sonorous	3223.stalwart	3259.stultify	3295.summation
3188.sophist	3224.stamina	3260.stupefy	3296.sumptuary
3189.sophistication	3225.stanch	3261.stupor	3297.sumptuous
3190.sophistry	3226.stanza	3262.stupor	3298.sunder
3191.sophomoric	3227.static	3263.stygian	3299.sundry
3192.soporific	3228.statute	3264.stygian	3300.superannuated
3193.sordid	3229.statutory	3265.stymie	3301.supercilious
3194.spangle	3230.steadfast	3266.suavity	3302.supererogatory
3195.spasmodic	3231.stealth	3267.sub rosa	3303.superficial
3196.spat	3232.steep	3268.subaltern	3304.superfluity

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3305.superfluous	3341.synchronous	3377.tender	3413.tithe
3306.superimpose	3342.synoptic	3378.tenet	3414.titillate
3307.supernumerary	3343.synthesis	3379.tensile	3415.title
3308.supersede	3344.synthetic	3380.tentative	3416.titter
3309.supine	3345.tacit	3381.tenuous	3417.titular
3310.supplant	3346.taciturn	3382.tenure	3418.toady
3311.supple	3347.tactile	3383.tepid	3419.tocsin
3312.suppliant	3348.tainted	3384.termination	3420.toga
3313.supPLICATE	3349.talisman	3385.terminology	3421.tome
3314.supposititious	3350.talon	3386.terminus	3422.tonsure
3315.suppurate	3351.tangential	3387.terrestrial	3423.topography
3316.surcease	3352.tangible	3388.terse	3424.torpor
3317.surfeit	3353.tanner	3389.tertiary	3425.torque
3318.surly	3354.tantalize	3390.tessellated	3426.torrent
3319.surmise	3355.tantamount	3391.testator	3427.torso
3320.surmount	3356.tantrum	3392.testy	3428.tortilla
3321.surpass	3357.taper	3393.tether	3429.tortuous
3322.surreptitious	3358.tarantula	3394.thematic	3430.touchstone
3323.surrogate	3359.tarry	3395.theocracy	3431.touchy
3324.surveillance	3360.taut	3396.theoretical	3432.tout
3325.susceptible	3361.tautological	3397.thermal	3433.toxic
3326.sustain	3362.tawdry	3398.thespian	3434.tract
3327.sustenance	3363.taxonomist	3399.thrall	3435.tractable
3328.suture	3364.tedium	3400.threnody	3436.traduce
3329.swarthy	3365.teetotalism	3401.thrifty	3437.trajectory
3330.swathe	3366.temerity	3402.throes	3438.tranquillity
3331.swelter	3367.temper	3403.throng	3439.transcend
3332.swerve	3368.temperament	3404.throttle	3440.transcribe
3333.swill	3369.temperate	3405.thwart	3441.transgression
3334.swindler	3370.tempestuous	3406.thyme	3442.transient
3335.sybarite	3371.tempo	3407.timbre	3443.transition
3336.sycophant	3372.temporal	3408.timidity	3444.transitoriness
3337.syllogism	3373.temporize	3409.timorous	3445.translucent
3338.sylvan	3374.tenacious	3410.tipple	3446.transmute
3339.symbiosis	3375.tenacity	3411.tirade	3447.transparent
3340.symmetry	3376.tendentious	3412.titanic	3448.transpire

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3449. trappings	3485. tycoon	3521. unison	3557. valid
3450. traumatic	3486. tyranny	3522. universal	3558. validate
3451. travail	3487. tyro	3523. unkempt	3559. valor
3452. traverse	3488. ubiquitous	3524. unmitigated	3560. vampire
3453. travesty	3489. ulterior	3525. unobtrusive	3561. vanguard
3454. treatise	3490. ulterior	3526. unprecedented	3562. vantage
3455. trek	3491. ultimate	3527. unprepossessing	3563. vapid
3456. tremor	3492. ultimatum	3528. unravel	3564. variegated
3457. tremulous	3493. umbrage	3529. unruly	3565. vassal
3458. trenchant	3494. unanimity	3530. unsavory	3566. vaunted
3459. trepidation	3495. unassuaged	3531. unscathed	3567. veer
3460. tribulation	3496. unassuming	3532. unseemly	3568. vegetate
3461. tribunal	3497. unbridled	3533. unsightly	3569. vehement
3462. tribute	3498. uncanny	3534. unsullied	3570. vellum
3463. trident	3499. unconscionable	3535. untenable	3571. velocity
3464. trilogy	3500. uncouth	3536. untoward	3572. venal
3465. trinket	3501. unction	3537. unwarranted	3573. vendetta
3466. trite	3502. unctuous	3538. unwieldy	3574. vendor
3467. trivia	3503. undermine	3539. unwitting	3575. veneer
3468. troth	3504. undulate	3540. unwonted	3576. venerable
3469. truculence	3505. unearth	3541. upbraid	3577. venerate
3470. truism	3506. unearthly	3542. upshot	3578. venial
3471. truncate	3507. unequivocal	3543. urbane	3579. venison
3472. tryst	3508. unerringly	3544. urchin	3580. vent
3473. tumid	3509. unfaltering	3545. ursine	3581. vent
3474. tumult	3510. unfeigned	3546. usurp	3582. ventral
3475. tundra	3511. unfetter	3547. usury	3583. ventriloquist
3476. turbid	3512. unfledged	3548. utopia	3584. venturesome
3477. turbulence	3513. unfrock	3549. uxorious	3585. venturous
3478. tureen	3514. ungainly	3550. vacillation	3586. venue
3479. turgid	3515. unguent	3551. vacuous	3587. veracious
3480. turmoil	3516. uniformity	3552. vagabond	3588. verbalize
3481. turncoat	3517. unilateral	3553. vagary	3589. verbatim
3482. turpitude	3518. unimpeachable	3554. vagrant	3590. verbiage
3483. tutelage	3519. uninhibited	3555. vainglorious	3591. verbose
3484. tutelary	3520. unique	3556. valedictory	3592. verdant

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3593. verdigris	3629. visionary	3665. wary	3701. wrest
3594. verge	3630. vital	3666. wastrel	3702. writ
3595. verisimilitude	3631. vitiate	3667. wax	3703. writhe
3596. verity	3632. vitreous	3668. waylay	3704. wry
3597. vernacular	3633. vitriolic	3669. wean	3705. xenophobia
3598. vernal	3634. vituperative	3670. weather	3706. yen
3599. versatile	3635. vivacious	3671. welt	3707. yeoman
3600. vertex	3636. vivisection	3672. welter	3708. yield
3601. vertigo	3637. vixen	3673. welter (n)	3709. yoke
3602. verve	3638. vociferous	3674. wheedle	3710. yokel
3603. vestige	3639. vogue	3675. whelp	3711. yore
3604. vex	3640. volatile	3676. whet	3712. zany
3605. viable	3641. volition	3677. whimsical	3713. zealot
3606. viands	3642. voluble	3678. winny	3714. zenith
3607. vicarious	3643. voluminous	3679. whit	3715. zephyr
3608. vicissitude	3644. voluptuous	3680. whorl	
3609. victuals	3645. voracious	3681. willful	
3610. vie	3646. vortex	3682. wily	
3611. vigilance	3647. vouchsafe	3683. wince	
3612. vignette	3648. voyeur	3684. windfall	
3613. vilify	3649. vulnerable	3685. winnow	
3614. vindicate	3650. vulpine	3686. winsome	
3615. vindictive	3651. waffle	3687. wispy	
3616. vintner	3652. waft	3688. wistful	
3617. viper	3653. waggish	3689. wither	
3618. virile	3654. waif	3690. witless	
3619. virtual	3655. waive	3691. witticism	
3620. virtue	3656. wallow	3692. wizardry	
3621. virtuoso	3657. wan	3693. wizened	
3622. virulent	3658. wane	3694. wont	
3623. virus	3659. wangle	3695. worldly	
3624. visage	3660. wanton	3696. wraith	
3625. visceral	3661. warble	3697. wrangle	
3626. viscid	3662. warrant	3698. wrath	
3627. viscous	3663. warranty	3699. wreak	
3628. vise	3664. warren	3700. wrench	

yeoman

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 n man owning small estate; middle-class farmer

It was not the aristocrat but the yeoman who determined the nation's policies.

yield

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 n amount produced; crop; income on investment

An experienced farmer can estimate the annual yield of his acres with surprising accuracy.

yoke

;
 v join together; unite

I don't wish to be yoked to him in marriage, as if we were cattle pulling a plow.

yokel

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 n country bumpkin

At school, his classmates regarded him as a yokel and laughed at his rustic mannerisms.

yore

,
 n time past

He dreamed of the elegant homes of yore, but gave no thought to their inelegant plumbing.

zany

,
 a crazy; comic

I can watch the Marx brothers' zany antics for hours.

zealot

;
 n fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal

It is good to have a few zealots in our group for their enthusiasm is contagious.

zenith

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 n point directly overhead in the sky; summit

When the sun was at its zenith.

zephyr

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 n soft gentle breeze; west wind

When these zephyrs blow; it is good to be in an open boat under a full sail.