acknowledge  recognize; admit
acme  peak; pinnacle; highest point
acne  skin disease (on the face)
acoustics  science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in
acquiesce  assent; agree passively; comply without protest
acquittal  deliverance from a charge; V. acquit: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner
acrid  bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent
acrimonious  stinging; caustic; bitter in words or manner; N. acrimony: bitter ill-natured animosity in speech or behavior
acrophobia  fear of heights
actuarial  calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics
actuary  someone who advises insurance companies
actuate  motivate; activate; cause to act
acuity  sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)
acumen  mental keenness; sharpness of judgment; ability to judge quickly and well; Ex. business acumen
acute  (of the senses) sharp; quickly perceptive; keen; penetrating; brief and severe; Ex. acute sense of smell/analysis/pain
adage  wise saying; proverb
adamant  hard; inflexible
adapt  act of adapting; composition recast into a new form; Ex. The play is an adaptation of a short novel.
addendum  addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)
adaption  compulsive habitual need
addled  make or become confused; muddle; drive crazy; become rotten (egg)
address  direct a speech to; speak to; deal with or discuss; direct one's efforts or attention to; make with a destination; N. formal speech
adept  expert at; very skilled
adhere  stick fast; be a devout follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty
adherent  supporter; follower
adjacent  adjoining; neighboring; close by
adjourn  be next to
allude refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference
allure entice; attract; tempt
alluvial pertaining to soil deposits left by running water
alms money or goods given to the poor
aloft upward; high up in the air
aloof apart; not open in one's relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.
altruistic unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism
alum alluvial
amalgam combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth
amalgamate (of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body
ammass collect (gradually, in a very large amount)
amazon female warrior
ambidextrous capable of using either hand with equal ease
ambience environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding; Ex. ambient temperature
ambiguous unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation
ambivalence the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes or opinions
amble walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly
ambrosia food of the gods
ambulatory able to walk
ambush act of lying in wait to attack by surprise; sudden attack made from a concealed position; Ex. lie in ambush; V.
ameliorate improve obedient; compliant; readily managed; responsive; willing to be led; answerable amenable or accountable legally; responsible; able to be tested by; Ex. amenable to sensible suggestions; Ex. He is very amenable; Ex. amenable to the usual tests
amend correct; change; generally for the better
amenities convenient features that helps to make life pleasant; social courtesies
amicable agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly
amiss wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.
amity friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations

atone  make amends for; pay for; Ex. atone for
atrocity  brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious
atrophy  wasting away; V: weaken and lose flesh and muscle (through lack of blood or lack of use)
attentive  politely helpful; Ex. attentive audience; Ex. He was attentive to the old lady; N. attentions: act of courtesy and consideration
attenuate  make thin; weaken
attest  testify; bear witness
attire  clothe; N: clothing; array; apparel
attribute  essential quality; V: ascribe; explain
atrophy  wasting away; V: weaken and lose flesh and muscle (through lack of blood or lack of use)
bacchanalian  drunken
backslide  revert (to bad habits); N. reverter
and forwards; Ex. reciprocate his invitation by inviting him; N.
backwards  reciprocity: reciprocal relationship; mutual interchange of advantages
between two groups; Ex. reciprocity in trading rights
badger  again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N:
a kind of mountain animal
badinage  teasing conversation; banter; joking talk
baffle  frustrate; perplex
bait  harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other lure used to
catch fish or trap animals
baleful  evil; malignant in intent or effect; deadly; having a malign influence;
portending evil; ominous; threatening; Ex. baleful look
balk  stop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil; stop
or get in the way of; frustrate
ballast  heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast
balm  something that relieves pain; oily liquid with a pleasant smell from trees
balmy  soft and mild (of air); fragrant
banal  hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd
bandy  discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words)
heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words with
bane  poison; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous
bank  heap; piled-up mass; embankment; lateral tilting (as of an aircraft in
turning); V: pile up; protect with a bank; tilt in turning
bantering  joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N.V. banter
railing in a courtroom; legal profession; vertical line dividing a staff into
bar  equal measures; Ex. prisoner at the bar; V: shut in or out with bars;
forbid; exclude; CF. barrister
barb  sharp projection from fishhook, arrow, or other object; openly cutting
remark
bard  poet
barefaced  shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; unconcealed; having no covering
on the face; Ex. barefaced lie
bargain  agreement between two groups or people; something for sale at a price
advantageous to the buyer; V: negotiate; trade; Ex. bargaining power
baroque  highly ornate
cacophonous   discordant; inharmonious; N. cacophony: unpleasant mixture of loud sounds

cadaver   corpse; dead human body

cadaverous   like a corpse; pale

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

cadet   student at a military school

cajole   persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle

calamity   disaster; misery

calculated   deliberately planned; likely

calderon(cauldron)   large kettle

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

calligraphy   beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

callous   hardened; unfeeling; without sympathy for the sufferings of others; unkind

callow   youthful; immature; inexperienced

callus   area of thick hard skin

calorific   heat-producing; N. calorie

calumny   malicious misrepresentation; slander

camaraderie   good-fellowship; CF. comrade

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

camp   group sharing a common cause or opinion

canard   unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report

candor   frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid

canine   related to dogs; doglike

canker   any ulcerous sore; ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer

canny   shrewd in money matters; thrifty

cant   insincere speech or expression of piety; jargon of thieves;

special words used by a particular group of people

cantankerous   ill-humored; irritable

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

canter   slow gallop; V. CF. trot
canto division of a long poem
canvas determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region)
capacious spacious
capacity mental or physical ability; role; position or duty; ability to accommodate; Ex. in my capacity as president having a very fine bore; resembling a hair; fine and slender;
capillary Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hairlike tube; CF.
capillarity
capitate surrender; give up all resistance
caprice whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause
capricious unpredictable; fickle
capsize (of a boat) turn over
caption title; chapter heading; text under illustration
captious faultfinding; too critical
carafe glass water bottle; decanter
carapace shell covering the back (of a turtle, tortoise, crab, etc.)
carat(karat) unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold
carcinogenic causing cancer; N. carcinogen
cardinal chief; most important; N: priest; cardinal number: number that shows quantity rather than order
cardiologist doctor specializing in ailments of the heart
careen lurch; sway from side to side; move with irregular swinging movement; stagger
career rush wildly; go at full speed
carefree free from worries; having no problems
caricature distortion; burlesque
carillon a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played
 carnage destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals
carnal fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body
carnivorous meat-eating; N. carnivore; CF. herbivore
 carrousal drunken revel; V. carouse
carping petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble
caulk (calk)  make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)
causal  implying a cause-and-effect relationship; N. causality
caustic  sarcastically biting; (of remarks) intended to hurt; bitter; harmful; OP. harmless
cauterize  burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection
cavalcade  procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry
caviler  casual and offhand; arrogant; N. knight
cavalry  casual and offhand; arrogant; N. knight
cavil  quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily
cede  yield (title or territory) to (esp. after losing a war); surrender formally; N. cession
celerity  speed; rapidity
celestial  heavenly
celibate  abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy
cemetery  place for burying the dead
censor  (in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.
censorious  severely critical
censure  blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N. severe criticism; strong disapproval
centaur  mythical figure, half man and half horse
centigrade  denoting a widely used temperature scale (basically same as Celsius)
centrifugal  radiating; departing from the center
centrifuge  machine that separates substances by whirling them
centripetal  tending toward the center
centurion  Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)
cerebral  pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF. cerebrum
cerebration  thought; working of the brain
ceremonious  marked by formality; extremely formal and polite; CF.
ceremony: conventional social courtesy
certitude  certainty
condign  adequate; (of punishment) severe and well deserved
condiments  seasonings; spices
condole  express condolences; N. condolence: sympathy for someone who has experienced great sorrow
condone  overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse
conducive  helpful; contributive; V. conduce; Ex. conduce to/towards
conduit  aqueduct; passageway for fluids
confidant(confidante) trusted friend (to whom one tells one's secret)
confide  tell in confidence (to a person one trusts); be confident about
confidential  spoken or written in secret; trusted with private matters; Ex. confidential secretary
confine  shut in an enclosed space; restrict; keep within limits; N. confinement
confiscate  seize; take possession of (private property) by official order (usu. as a punishment); commandeer
conflagration  great fire
confluence  flowing together; the place where two rivers flow together; crowd; gathering together
conformist  OP. nonconformist: one who does not conform to accepted beliefs of norms; harmony; agreement with established rules or customs; similarity; Ex. behave in conformity with; V. conform: be
conformity  similar; act in agreement; comply; Ex. conform to the rule; CT. conformance
confound  confuse; puzzle
congeal  freeze; coagulate
congenial  pleasant; friendly; in agreement with one's tastes and nature; Ex. congenial weather
congenital  existing at birth
conglomerate  corporation made up of several different companies in diversified fields; mass of various material gathered together; rock consisting of small stones held together by clay; V.
despoil  plunder; sack; Ex. despoil the village

despondent  without hope and courage; depressed; gloomy; N. despondency: loss of hope with gloom; dejection

despot  tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; CF. despotism

destitute  extremely poor; lacking means of subsistence; utterly lacking; devoid; Ex. destitute of any experience

detached  emotionally removed; free from emotional involvement; calm and objective; physically separate; N. detachment; CF. attachment

detain  keep waiting; prevent from leaving or going; N. detention

determinate  having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; invariable; fixed; conclusive; final

determination  resolve; firmness of purpose; measurement or calculation; decision

deterrent  something that discourages or deters

detonation  explosion

detractive  slandering; aspersions; detracting; CF. detractor

detrimental  harmful; damaging; N. detriment

deviate  standard; swerve; depart; diverge; N. deviation; Ex. deviation of the path of light by a prism

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

devise  think up; invent; plan; bequeath; N. bequest

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

devote  enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach

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

dexterous  skillful; skill in using hands or mind; N. dexterity

diabolical  diabolic; devilish; fiendish

diadem  crown

diaphanous  sheer; transparent
dispatch  speediness; prompt execution; message sent with all due speed; V: send to a specified destination; finish promptly; kill
dispel  scatter; drive away; cause to vanish
distribute  prepare and give out (medicines); N. dispensation:
dispense  dispensing; religious system; official exemption from an obligation or a rule
disperse  scatter; Ex. disperse the cloud/crowd
dispirit  lacking in spirit
disport  amuse; Ex. disport oneself; CF. divert
disproportion  lack of proportion (between the parts); ADJ. disproportionate
dispute  argumentative; fond of argument
disquietude  uneasiness; anxiety; V. disquiet; make anxious
disquisition  formal systematic inquiry; explanation of the results of a formal inquiry; long formal speech or written report
dissection  analysis; cutting apart in order to examine
dissemble  disguise; hide the real nature of; pretend
disseminate  distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)
dissension  disagreement of opinions causing strife within a group
dissent  disagree
dissertation  formal essay; treatise
dissident  dissenting (with an opinion, a group, or a government); rebellious; N.
dissimulate  pretend; conceal by feigning; dissemble
dissipate  squander; waste foolishly; scatter
dissolution  disintegration; reduction to a liquid form; looseness in morals; sensual indulgence; debauchery; ADJ. dissolute; lacking in moral restraint; leading an immoral life
dissonance  discord
dissuade  persuade not to do; discourage; N. dissuasion
distant  reserved or aloof; cold in manner; Ex. distant greeting; ADV. distantly

distend  expand; swell out

distill  concentrate; separate the most important parts from; Ex. distill fresh water from sea water; CF. brew
drab  dull; lacking color; cheerless; Ex. drab coat/life
 draconian  extremely severe; Ex. draconian punishment; CF. Draco: Athenian politician
 draft  first rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; conscript
drama  prose or verse composition to be performed by actors; play; exciting and unusual situation
drastic  strong; violent and severe; Ex. drastic changes/measures
draught  current of air (through a room or to a fire); act of pulling roads; act of swallowing liquid or amount of liquid swallowed at a time
draw  choosing of a lot or card
dregs  sediment in a liquid; lees; worthless residue
dribble  flow or fall in drops; let saliva flow out slowly from the mouth; move a ball; N.
drip  fall or let fall in drops; shed drops; N: action or sound of falling in drops; liquid that falls in drops
driveler  nonsense; foolishness; V: talk nonsense
droll  queer and amusing
drone  talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee; N.
droop  bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.
dross  waste matter; worthless impurities
drudge  do drudgery; N: person who drudges
drugery  hard unpleasant work; menial work
dubious  questionable; (of something) causing doubt; (of someone) filled with doubt; N. dubiety
ductile  malleable; pliable; (of metals) easily pulled into shape; flexible; (of someone) easily influenced or controlled
dulcet  sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious (of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; boring; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V.
dumbfound(dumbfound)  astonish (making dumb); ADJ. dumbfounded, dumfounded, dumbrstruck
dummy  imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy
dupe  someone easily fooled or deceived; V: deceive
egoism  excessive interest in one's self; belief that one should be interested in one's self rather than in others; selfishness; ADJ. egoistic, egotistical; IC, egoistical
egotism  tendency to speak or write of oneself excessively; conceit; self-importance
egotistical  egoistic; excessively self-centered(egocentric); self-important; conceited
egregious  notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking
egress  exit; opening for going out; act of going out; OP. ingress
ejaculation  exclamation; abrupt ejection (to discharge sperm); V. ejaculate
elaborate  work out carefully; add more detail or information; ADJ.
elaboration  addition of details; intricacy
elastic  able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment);
able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N: elastic material
elated  filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed; in high spirits; joyful and proud; Ex. elated crowd; V. elate; N. elation
eliegic  poem or song expressing lamentation (for the dead); ADJ. elegiacal, eliegic
elocation  elevated position; altitude; height; flat upright side of a building; angle made by pointing a gun; Ex. The elevation of her style is much admired; Ex. front elevation of the house
elicit  draw out fact or information (by discussion or from someone)
elixir  cure-all; panacea; something invigorating
ellipsis  omission of words from a text; mark used to indicate an omission (when the meaning can be understood without them); PL. ellipses
elliptical  elliptic; oval; of an ellipse; containing an ellipse; ambiguous either purposely or because key words have been left out
elope  run away secretly with the intention of getting married
elocution  expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent; movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influenced
elude  escape from; escape the understanding or grasp of; Ex. elude the hunter; Ex. His name eludes me.
elusive  evasive; not frank; baffling; hard to grasp, catch, or understand; V. elude:
elusive  relating to paradise; blissful
elusian  place or condition of bliss
emaciate  thin and wasted (from hunger or illness)
emanate  issue forth; come out
emancipate  set free; liberate
enclave   territory enclosed within an alien land
encomiastic   praising; eulogistic; N. encomium: very high praise; eulogy
encompass   surround; include; Ex. His activities encompass publishing and
computers.
encroachment   time; V. encroach: take another's possessions or right gradually or
stealthily; intrude; Ex. encroach on/upon
encumber   burden; N. encumbrance
endear   make beloved; Ex. endear her to everyone; ADJ. dear: loved; cherished;
high-priced
endearment   fond word or act; expression of affection
endemic   prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or
country; peculiar to a particular region or people; CF: pandemic
endorse   approve; support; write one's signature on the back of; N. endorsement;
CF: dorsal
endue   provide with some quality; endow
enduring   lasting; surviving; V. endure: bear (pain or suffering) for a long time;
remain alive (in spite of difficulties); last; survive
energize   invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active
enervate   weaken; take away energy from
enfranchise   admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote); CF:
franchise
engage   agreement to marry; arrangement to meet someone or to do something;
battle
engaged   employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict
engaging   charming; attractive
engender   cause; produce; give rise to
engross   occupy fully; absorb
engulf   surround and swallow up
enhance   increase; make greater (as in value, reputation, or usefulness); improve
enigma   puzzle; mystery; ADJ. enigmatic: obscure; puzzling
enjoin   command; order; forbid
enlist   (cause to) join the armed forces; obtain (help, sympathy, or support)
enliven   make lively or spirited; animate
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fabricate build; lie; make up (a story) in order to deceive; Ex. fabricate the whole story; CF. fabric: underlying structure; Ex. fabric of society

facade (fâ'se'ad) front or face (of building); superficial or false appearance

facet small plane surface (of a gem (precious stone)); a side

facetious joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous
easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial; not deep; Ex. facile solution to a complex problem; Ex. facile speaker; N. facility: ability to do something easily and well; ease in doing resulting from skill or aptitude; something that facil

facilitate help bring about; make less difficult

facsimile copy

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

factitious inclined to form factions; causing dissension

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

faculty mental or bodily powers; teaching staff

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

fallacious false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument

fallible liable to err

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

falsify make (something written) false by changing

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

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

fancied imagined; unreal

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

fanciful whimsical; visionary; imaginary; produced by imagination; Ex. fanciful scheme
fancy | imagination (of a whimsical or fantastic nature); capricious liking; V: imagine; be fond of; ADJ. decorative; elaborate
fanfare | call by bugles or trumpets; showy display; spectacular public display
farce | broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening; ADJ. farcical
far-fetched | too improbable to be believed; implausible; Ex. far-fetched story
fashion | give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay
fastidious | difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky
fatalism | belief that events are determined by forces or fates beyond one's control; ADJ. fatalistic; CF. fatal: causing death
fathom | comprehend; investigate; determine the depth of; N. unit of measurement for the depth of water
fathomless | too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable
fatuous | smugly and unconsciously foolish; inane; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness
fauna | animals of a period or region; CF. flora
favoritism | display of partiality toward a favored person
fawning | courting favor by cringing and flattering; V. fawn: exhibit affection as a dog; seek favor or attention by obsequiousness
faze | disconcert; dismay; embarrass
feasible | practical; able to be carried out; practicable
feature | appearance of the face; prominent or distinctive quality; prominent article; film; V: make prominent
febrile | feverish
fecundity | fertility; fruitfulness; ADJ. fecund: very productive of crops or young
feebleminded | deficient in intelligence; very stupid
feign | pretend
feint | trick; shift; sham blow; feigned attack to draw away defensive action; V.
felicity | happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.); quality of being felicitous
feline | of a member of the cat family; N.
fell | cut or knock down (a tree or a person); bring down (with a missile)
felon | person convicted of a grave crime; CF. felony: serious crime
feral | (of an animal) not domestic; wild
forerunner   predecessor; one that comes before and indicates the approach of another
foreshadow   give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend;
foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future
foretell prevent by taking action in advance
forfeit   something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N. forfeiture
counterfeit; reproduce fraudulently; form by heating in a forge and hammering into shape; move with a sudden increase of speed or power;
forge
Ex. forged ahead in the last two years; N: furnace where metals are heated
forge(fo)  give up; do without
forfeit sad and lonely; wretched; desolate
formality ceremonious quality; ceremonious adherence to rules; something done just for form's sake; Ex. mere formality
formidable menacing; arousing fear; threatening; difficult to defeat; Ex. formidable foe/question
forsake desert; abandon; renounce
forswear renounce under oath; abandon; make a solemn promise to give up; CF. abjure
forte strong point or special talent in a person's character
forthcoming happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming.
forthright straightforward; direct; frank
fortitude bravery; courage; strength of mind
fortuitous accidental; by chance; N. fortuity
forum public square of an ancient Roman city; public place for open discussion; court of law
forward presumptuous or bold
rear; bring up (for a certain period only); encourage; promote the development of (feelings or ideas); Ex. help foster friendly relations;
foster
ADJ: giving parental care although not related by blood; Ex. foster parents
very bad or disagreeable; very dirty; Ex. foul
foul smell/flavor/temper/language/air/deed/weather/means; N. act against the rules; V. make or become foul; commit a foul
founder  person who establishes (an organization or business)
fracas  brawl(noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; melee
fracious  unruly; peevish; cranky; bad-tempered; Ex. fractious horse
frail  weak; N. frailty
franchise  right or privilege granted by authority; right to vote; license to sell a product in a particular territory
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frantic  wild; distraught as from fear or worry; Ex. frantic with fear
fraudulent  cheating; deceitful; Ex. fraudulent means; N. fraud: deception; swindle
fraught  filled (with something unpleasant); full; Ex. fraught with danger and difficulties; CF. freight
freebooter  pirate or plunderer who makes war in order to grow rich
frenetic(phrenetic) frenzied; frantic
freighted  madly excited; N. frenzy: violent wild excitement
fresco  painting on wet plaster (usually fresh)
free  be annoyed or vexed; Ex. fret over your poor grades; N: irritation of mind; ADJ. fretful
friction  clash or conflict in opinion; rubbing against
fringe  decorative edge of hanging threads; edge
frighten  cause to become worn out (a person's temper or nerves); CF. rub
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fractify  bear fruit; produce fruit
frugality  thrift; economy; ADJ. frugal: practicing economy; costing little; inexpensive
gruel  thin liquid porridge
grueling  exhausting; Ex. grueling marathon race
gruesome  grisly; horrible
gruff  rough-mannered; (of a voice) rough; hoarse
grumble  complain; mutter discontentedly; grouch; N.
grunt  utter a deep guttural sound (as a pig does); N.
guffaw  boisterous laughter; V.
guile  deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning; Ex. persuade her by guile
guileless  without deceit
 guise  outward appearance; costume; Ex. in a new guise
gull  trick; deceive; hoodwink; N: person who is easily tricked; dupe
gullible  easily deceived
gush  (of liquid) pour out in large quantities from a hole; make an excessive display of feeling (without true feeling); Ex. Blood gushed from the wound.
gust  strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster
gustatory  affecting or relating to the sense of taste
gusto  eager enjoyment; zest; enthusiasm
gusty  windy
guy  cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied; CF. guide
gyroscope  apparatus used to maintain balance, ascertain direction, etc.

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habitat  natural home of a plant or animal; CF. habitation
habituate  accustom or familiarize; addict
hackle  hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone's hackles rise
hackneyed  commonplace; trite
haggard  wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners
haggle  argue about prices (in an attempt to bargain)
hail  frozen rain drop; V: salute or greet; precipitate hail
incorporate introduce something into a larger whole; include; embody; give material form to; ADJ.
incorporeal without a material body; insubstantial
incorrigible uncorrectable
incrduity tendency to disbelief
incrduous withholding belief; skeptical; showing disbelief
increment increase
incriminate accuse of or implicate in a crime; serve as evidence against; cause to seem or make guilty of a crime; Ex. incriminating evidence
incrustation hard coating or crust; V. incrust: encrust; cover with a crust hatch; warm (eggs) with the body to promote hatching; maintain at optimal environment conditions for development; be holding in one's body an incubate

incubus burden; very worrying problem; mental care; nightmare; male devil; CF. succubus
inculcate teach (ideas or principles); instill
incumbent obligatory; imposed as an obligation; currently holding an office; N: person who holds an office
incur bring upon oneself
incursion temporary invasion; CF. excursion: short journey
indecision irresolution; inability to make up one's mind
indecisive marked by indecision; inconclusive; Ex. indecisive battle
indemnify make secure against damage or loss; compensate for damage or loss; CF. make uninjured
indentation notch; deep recess; V. indent; CF. tooth
indenture binding one party into the service of another for a specified time (as between an apprentice and his master)
indeterminate uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite
indicative suggestive; implying; serving to indicate
indices signs; indications; Ex. indices of a student's potential; CF. index; something that reveals or indicates; sign; Ex. cost-of-living index
indict charge; N. indictment
malapropos  inapposite; ADV.
malevolent  person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs; discontented person; ADJ: discontented
malefactor  evildoer; criminal
maleficent  doing evil; N. maleficence
malign  evil; N. malevolence
malignant  wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)
maligner  one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malinger: feign illness to avoid work
mannish  vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young
mandate  order; charge; authoritative command; power to govern another country; power to give to a government; region under administration; V: give a mandate to; place under a mandate; Ex. mandated territory
mandatory  obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate
maneuver  strategic military or naval movement (done for training purposes); carefully planned process; stratagem; V: carry out a military maneuver; use maneuvers in gaining an end
mange  skin disease (esp. of domestic animals) marked by loss of hair
mangle  tear or cut to pieces; mutilate or disfigure; Ex. badly mangled bodies
manic  raging mad; insane; N. manic: insane person; CF: manic: disorder of the mind; intense enthusiasm
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<td>outskirts</td>
<td>fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston</td>
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<td>outspoken</td>
<td>candid; blunt</td>
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<td>outrun, surpass; outdo</td>
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<td>outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly</td>
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<td>enthusiastic applause</td>
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<td>bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing manner/importance; V. overbear: dominate</td>
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<td>inflated; exaggerated</td>
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<td>watch over and direct; supervise; N. oversight: unintentional failure to notice or do something; supervision</td>
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<td>open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert</td>
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<td>topple; N.</td>
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<td>musical introduction to a long musical piece; first offer or proposal (to begin talks in the hope of reaching an agreement); Ex. overtures for peace</td>
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<td>turn over; capsize; topple</td>
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<td>arrogant; presumptuous</td>
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<td>cover completely; defeat completely by much greater force; Ex. overwhelmed by grief</td>
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<td>nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF. wrought: made or done</td>
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<td>egg-shaped; CF. ovum; CF. ovulate</td>
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<td>pacifist</td>
<td>one opposed to force; antimilitarist; ADJ. N. pacifism: opposition to war as a means of resolving disputes</td>
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<td>pacify</td>
<td>soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue; bring peace to</td>
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<td>padre</td>
<td>chaplain (in the armed forces)</td>
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<td>paeon</td>
<td>song of praise or joy; Ex. paeans celebrating the victory</td>
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|painstaking|taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and
peripheral nerve/interest
periphery outside edge especially of a round surface; perimeter; Ex. periphery of the town
perjury false testimony while under oath; V. perjure oneself: testify falsely under oath
permeable that can be permeated; penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through; V. permeate: spread or flow throughout; charge
permissive allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society
pernicious very harmful; deadly; very destructive; Ex. pernicious effect/anemia
peroration conclusion of an oration; perorating; V. perorate: conclude a speech; speak at great length
perpetrate commit an offense; do (something wrong)
perpetual everlasting
perpetuate make perpetual; make something last for a long time; preserve from extinction; N. perpetuity
perquisite(perk) any gain above stipulated salary; Ex. perquisites such as free meals and a car
persevere continue steadily in spite of difficulties
perspective continue in existence; last; continue in a course of action in spite of opposition; Ex. persist in/with something; ADJ. persistent
personable attractive (in personality or appearance)
personify represent (an inanimate object) as a person; be the embodiment or perfect example of; Ex. She is evil/patience personified; N. personification
perspicacious (of someone) having insight; penetrating; astute
perspicuity clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity
perspicuous (of something) plainly expressed; easy to understand; Ex, perspicuous comments
pert (esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; trim; jaunty; Ex. pert young missihat
pertinacious holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn; persistent
pertinent suitable; to the point; relevant
perturb disturb greatly
peruse read through with care; N. perusal
pervasive spread throughout; V. pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate
purposely continuing to do something wrong; stubbornly wrongheaded; perverted; directed away from what is right; wicked

desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural

corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual
corruption; turning from right to wrong; Ex. perverse mood; N. perversity

the gloomiest possible view of a situation; ADJ. pessimistic
corrupting plague; tending to cause death; baneful; N. pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)
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a hard bowl or mortar
turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze

touchy; peevish; ill-tempered

formation of infantry carrying overlapping shields and long spears; group of men packed together (for attack or defense)

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

observance of the Mosaic law (considering themselves very holy); hypocritical self-righteous person

observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation; SG. phenomenon: observable fact; very unusual person, thing, or event;

marvel; wonder; CF. phenomenons; ADJ. phenomenal: very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Ex. phenomenal strength

faithless lover; flirt

lover of mankind, doer of good; N. philanthropy

narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain; uncultured person who is indifferent to artistic and

uncultured; members of an ancient people in Palestine; OP. aesthete

study of language of words

production in the respiratory tract

morbid fear
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<td>quicksilver</td>
<td>mercury</td>
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<td>quiescent</td>
<td>dormant; temporarily inactive; at rest; N. quiescence</td>
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<td>quietude</td>
<td>tranquillity; calmness</td>
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<td>quintessence</td>
<td>purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF. fifth essence</td>
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<td>quip</td>
<td>taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.</td>
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<td>quirk</td>
<td>sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate</td>
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<td>quisling</td>
<td>traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling</td>
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<td>quiver</td>
<td>tremble; shake; N.</td>
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<td>quizzical</td>
<td>curious; suggesting puzzlement (without saying); questioning; teasing; mocking; bantering; Ex. quizzical glance</td>
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<td>quorum</td>
<td>minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting</td>
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<td>quotidian</td>
<td>daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine</td>
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<td>mob; noisy crowd</td>
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<td>rabid</td>
<td>of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; CF. rabies: hydrophobia</td>
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<td>rabies</td>
<td>disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)</td>
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<td>raconteur</td>
<td>story-teller; one who tells stories with wit and skill</td>
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<td>raffle</td>
<td>lottery; V: award as a prize in a raffle; Ex. raffle off a new car</td>
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<td>rag</td>
<td>scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance</td>
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<td>ragamuffin</td>
<td>dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes</td>
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<td>raiment</td>
<td>clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.</td>
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<td>rake</td>
<td>immoral or dissolute person</td>
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<td>rakish</td>
<td>jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolute; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.</td>
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retrinue  following; attendants
retiring  shy and reserved (of a person); modest; Ex. her retiring personality
retract  withdraw; take back; draw back; Ex. retract a statement/an offer/claws; N. retraction; CF. retractile
retribution  deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back
retrieval  recover; put right; find and bring in; regain; Ex. retrieve the situation
retroactive  taking effect before its enactment (as a law) or imposition (as a tax); (of a law) having effect on the past as well as the future
retrograde  go backwards; recede; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.
retrospective  looking back on the past; N. retrospection; V. retrospect
revelry  boisterous merrymaking; V. revel: engage boisterous festivities; enjoy greatly; N. boisterous festivity or celebration
reverberate  echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley.
reverend  deserving reverence; N. priest
reverent  respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect
reverie  daydream; abstracted musing
revolve  attack with abusive language; vilify(slander)
revocable  cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable
revulsion  sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture
rhapsody  excessively enthusiastic expression of feeling; musical composition of irregular form (as if made up as one plays it); art of effective communication; art of using language effectively and persuasively; style of speaking or writing; grandiloquent language; Ex. rhetoric
rhetoric  political rhetoric; ADJ. rhetorical; CF. rhetorical question: question to which no answer is expected as
ribald  marked by vulgar lewd humor; wanton; profane; N. ribaldry: ribald language or joke
rickety  (of buildings) likely to break or fall apart; of rickets; CF. rickets; CF. vitamin
seamy  sordid; base; filthy; unwholesome; Ex. seamy side of city life
sear   burn the surface of; char or burn; brand; parch; cause (a plant) to
wither
season  enhance the flavor of by adding a spice, etc.; inure; harden; N.
seasoning; something used in seasoning
seasonable  occurring at the proper time or season; opportune; Ex.
seasonable intervention in the dispute
seasonal  of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employment
seasoned  experienced
secession  withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from membership
seclusion  isolation; solitude; V. seclude: set apart from others; isolate
secrete  conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance
into an organism; CF. secretive
sect  separate religious body; faction; group of people with common
beliefs within a larger group
sectarian  of a sect; narrow-minded; parochial; N: member of a sect;
narrow-minded person
secular  worldly; not pertaining to church matters or religion; temporal
sedate  composed (with no excitement); grave; V: administer a sedative
to; CF. sedative
sedentary  requiring sitting; done while sitting; not moving from one place
to another; settled; Ex. sedentary job/population
sedition  conduct or language inciting rebellion; rebellion; resistance to
authority; insubordination; ADJ. seditious
seduce  lead away from proper conduct; entice; ADJ. seductive
sedulous  diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N. sedulity
seedy  run-down; decrepit; disreputable; having many seeds; Ex. seedy
downtown hotel
seemly  (of behavior) proper; appropriate
seep  pass slowly through small openings; ooze; trickle; N. seepage
seethe  be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if
boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.
seine  seine net; net for catching fish
seismic  pertaining to earthquakes
selective  careful in choosing; having an effect only on certain things; not
general; Ex. eclectic weed killer
shoddy  made of inferior material; sham; not genuine; inferior; dishonest;  
Ex. shoddy goods/trick  
shoot  new growth from a plant  
shove  push forward; push roughly; Ex. pushing and shoving to get on  
the bus; N.  
shrew  scolding woman; very small mouselike animal  
shrewd  clever; astute  
shriveL  make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)  
shudder  shake uncontrollably; tremble; V.  
  mix together; jumble; move (something) from one place to  
shuffle  another; slide (the feet) along the ground while walking; Ex.  
shuffle papers from one pile to another; N.  
shun  keep away from; avoid deliberately; Ex. She has been shunned by  
her neighbors.  
shunt  move (a railway train) from one track to another; turn aside;  
diver; sidetrack; Ex. shunt traffic around an accident; N.  
shyster  lawyer using questionable methods; unscrupulous practitioner  
sibling  brother or sister  
sibylline  prophetic; oracular; N. sibyl: woman prophet (in the ancient  
world)  
sidereal  relating to stars; Ex. sidereal day  
  switch (a railroad car) to a siding; divert from a main issue; N.  
sidetrack  CF. siding: short section of railroad track connected by switches  
with a main track  
sift  put through a sieve to separate fine from coarse particles; sort or  
expressing a meaning; important; Ex. significant smile; N.  
significant  significance: importance; meaning; V. signify: denote; mean;  
signal; make known; matter; be significant  
silt  sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor  
or by a bend in a river)  
simian  monkeylike; N: ape or monkey  
simile  comparison of one thing with another, using the word like or as  
simper  smirk; smile in a silly way; smile affectedly  
simplistic  oversimplified  
simulate  feign; imitate  


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

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xenophobia  fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe

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yen  strong desire; longing; urge; Ex. yen for travel
yeoman  man or farmer owning small estate; middle-class farmer
yield  amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment;
V: produce; give in; surrender
yoke  join together; unite; N: crossbar used to joining two draft animals
yokel  rustic; country bumpkin;
yore  time long past; Ex. in the days of yore

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zany  comic; crazy; N: clown; comical person (given to outlandish behavior)
zeal  eager enthusiasm (to a cause or ideal); ADJ. zealous
zealot  one who is zealous; fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal
zenith  point directly overhead in the sky; summit; acme; highest point
zephyr  gentle breeze; west wind
zest  outer skin of an orange used for giving a special taste to food; spice; interest; flavor;
spirited enjoyment; Ex. add a certain zest to the affair; Ex. zest for life