

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
make or become suitable for a specific use; alter; modify; adjust; N. adaptation:
adapt act of adapting; composition recast into a new form; Ex. The play is an adaption of
a short novel.
addendum addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or
book)
addiction compulsive habitual need
addle 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 devotd follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty
adherent supporter; follower
adjacent adjoining; neighboring; close by
adjoin 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.

altercation noisy quarrel

altruistic unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altiruisim: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism

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

amass collect (gradually, in a very large amount)

amazon female warrior

ambidextrous capable of using either hand with equal ease

ambience environment; atmosphere; Ex. restraurant 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

amiable agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly

amicable peaceful; politely friendly; not quarrelsome; Ex. amicable settlement

amiss wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.

amity friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations

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
 pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and
 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; clich\ed
 bandy discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words)
 heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words with
 bane posion; 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

caldron(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

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canto division of a long poem
canvass determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region)
 to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.
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
capitulate 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
carousal 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
 burning; corrosive; able to burn by chemical action;
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
cavalier 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

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
desultory aimless; haphazard; digressing at random
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
detraction slandering; aspersion; detracting; CF. detractor
detrimental harmful; damaging; N. detriment
 turn away from (a principle, norm); move away from an accepted
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
devoid empty; lacking
devolve deputize; pass or be passed to others (power, work, or property); Ex.
 devolve on/upon/to
devotee 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
 relating to the art of debate; mutual or reciprocal; Ex. dialectical
dialectical situation; N. dialectic: art of arriving at the truth by the exchange of
 logical arguments
diaphanous sheer; transparent

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

drivel 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

drudgery 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

dull (of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; boring; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V.

dumbfound(dumfound) astonish (making dumb); ADJ. dumbfounded, dumfounded, dumbstruck

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, egoistical

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

egotistical egotistic; 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

elegy poem or song expressing lamentation (for the dead); ADJ. elegiacal, elegiac

 elevated position; altitude; height; flat upright side of a building; angle

elevation 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 ellipsis; ambiguous either purposely or because key words have been left out

elope run away secretly with the intention of getting married

eloquence expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influeneced

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

 evasive; not frank; baffling; hard to grasp, catch, or understand; V. elude:

elusive escape from; escape the understanding or grasp of; Ex. elude the hunter; Ex. His name eludes me.

elysian relating to paradise; blissful

Elysium place or condition of bliss

emaciated 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.
 gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable
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
 attract; employ; hire; pledge oneself; confront; fight; enter into conflict; interlock; lock together; participate; N. engagement:
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(fa\c{c}ade)	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
facile	
	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
factious	inclined to form factions; causing dissension
factitious	artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears
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

 distinctive part of the faces (as the eyes or mouth); features: overall

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

feeble-minded deficient in intelligence; very stupid

feign pretend

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

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

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; prefigure

foresight ability to foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future

forestall 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

forgo(forego) give up; do without

forlorn 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

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
hackles 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

incredulity tendency to disbelief

incredulous 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 infection which is going to develop into a disease; N. incubation; CF. incubation:disease

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

indefatigable tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired

indelible not able to be erased

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

indentation notch; deep recess; V. indent; CF. tooth
 bind as servant or apprentice to master; bind by indenture; N: contract

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 inappropriate; ADV.
malcontent person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs; discontented person;
ADJ: discontented
malediction curse
malefactor evildoer; criminal
maleficient doing evil; N. maleficience
malevolent wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence
malfeasance wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)
malicious hateful; spiteful; expressing malice; N. malice: desire to harm others;
spite
malign speak evil of; bad-mouth(criticize spitefully); defame; ADJ: harmful;
Ex. malign influence
malignant tending to cause death; highly injurious; aggressively malevolent; Ex.
malignant tumor
malingerer one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malinger: feign illness to
avoid work
(of a metal) capable of being shaped by pounding(beating); pliable;
malleable (of someone) impressionable(easily influenced); easily controlled;
tractable
malodorous foul-smelling
mammal vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young
mammoth gigantic; enormous
manacle restrain; handcuff; N.
order; charge; authoritative command; power to govern another
country; power to given to a government; region under
mandate administration; V: give a mandate to; place under a mandate; Ex.
mandated territory
mandatory obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate
strategic military or naval movement (done for training purposes);
maneuver(manoeuvre) 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
mangy shabby; wretched; suffering from mange; of bad appearance
maniacal raging mad; insane; N. maniac: insane person; CF. mania: disorder
of the mind; intense enthusiasm

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

outskirts fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston

outspoken candid; blunt

outstrip outrun; surpass; outdo

outwit outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly

ovation enthusiastic applause

overbearing bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing
 manner/importance; V. overbear: dominate

overblown inflated; exaggerated

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

overt open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert

overthrow topple; N.

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

overturn turn over; capsize; topple

overweening arrogant; presumptuous

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

overwrought nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF. wrought:
 made or done

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

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pachyderm thick-skinned animal

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

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

padre chaplain (in the armed forces)

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

painstaking taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and

disapproved of by other people); Ex. penchant for fast cars

pendant(pendent) hanging down from something; pending; N: ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)

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

pendulous hanging; suspended

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

penitent repentant; N.

penology study of prison management and criminal rehabilitation

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

penumbra partial shadow (in an eclipse); CF. almost shadow

penury extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy

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

perceptive insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception striking one object against another sharply; Ex. percussion

percussion instrument; N: striking together of two bodies; sound caused by percussion

perdition damnation; complete ruin; hell

peregrination journey; V. peregrinate

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

perennial something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring

perfidious treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery

perforate pierce; put a hole through

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

perigee point of moon's orbit when it is nearest the earth; CF. apogee

perimeter outer boundary; length of the outer boundary; circumference

peripatetic walking about from place to place (to work); moving; Ex. peripatetic school of philosophy

peripheral of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex.

periphery 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

persist 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)
represent (an inanimate object) as a person; be the embodiment or

personify 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 miss/hat

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
perverse	and unacceptable; Ex. perverse satisfaction; Ex. Hannibal Lecter in a perverse mood; N. perversity
perversion	corruption; turning from right to wrong
pervert	corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural
pessimism	belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess; tendency to take the gloomiest possible view of a situation; ADJ. pessimistic
pestilential(pestilent)	causing plague; tending to cause death; baneful; N. pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)
pestle	tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar
petrify	turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze
petty	trivial; unimportant; very small; small-minded; petty-minded
petulant	touchy; peevish; ill-tempered
phalanx	formation of infantry carrying overlapping shields and long spears; group of men packed together (for attack or defense)
pharisaical	pertaining to the Pharisees, who paid scrupulous attention to tradition; self-righteous; hypocritical
pharisee	Pharisee: member of an ancient Jewish group that emphasized strict 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;
phenomena	
	marvel; wonder; CF. phenomenons; ADJ. phenomenal: very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Ex. phenomenal strength
philanderer	faithless lover; flirt
philanthropist	lover of mankind; doer of good; N. philanthropy
philatelist	stamp-collector; N. philately: stamp collecting
	narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain; uncultured person who is indifferent to artistic and
Philistine	
	cultural values; member of an ancient people in Palestine; OP. aesthete
philology	study of language or words
phlegmatic	calm and unexcitable; not easily disturbed; CF. phlegm: sticky mucus produced in the respiratory tract
phobia	morbid fear

quibble minor objection or complaint; V: raise minor objections; carp; cavil
quicksilver mercury
quiescent dormant; temporarily inactive; at rest; N. quiescence
quietude tranquillity; calmness
quintessence purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF. fifth essence
quip taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.
quirk sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate
quisling traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling
quiver tremble; shake; N.
quixotic idealistic but impractical; CF. Don Quixote
quizzical curious; suggesting puzzlement (without saying); questioning; teasing; mocking; bantering; Ex. quizzical glance
quorum minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting
quotidian daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine

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rabble mob; noisy crowd
rabid of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; CF. rabies: hydrophobia
rabies disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)
raconteur story-teller; one who tells stories with wit and skill
raffle lottery; V: award as a prize in a raffle; Ex. raffle off a new car
rag scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance
ragamuffin dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes
rail complain bitterly; scold; rant; Ex. the weaker railing against injustices
raiment clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.
rake immoral or dissolute person
rakish jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolute; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.

rejoinder reply; retort; comeback; V. rejoin: say in reply
rejuvenate make young again
relapse return to a former state (esp. after improvement); N.
 put into a lower or worse place; banish to an inferior position; delegate;
relegate assign; Ex. relegate the old furniture to the children's room; Ex. relegated to
 the second division
relent become less severe; give in(surrender); ADJ. relentless: unyielding;
 continuously severe
relevant having importance; pertinent; referring to the case in hand; N. relevance,
 relevancy
 surviving remnant (from an extinct culture); memento; keepsake; relics:
relic corpse; Ex. ancient relics; Ex. relics of his travel; Ex. His relics are buried at
 X.
religious of religion; (of a person) pious; having reverence for a deity
relinquish give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; Ex. relinquish
 power/the claim to the land/his hold on my arm
relish enjoy; savor; N: enjoyment; zest
remediable reparable
reminiscence recollection; V. reminisce: recollect the past
reminiscent suggestive of something (in the past); of reminiscence
remiss negligent; careless about a duty
 temporary moderation (of disease symptoms); remitting of a debt or
remission punishment; cancelation of a debt; pardon; Ex. The disease went into
 remission; Ex. Christians pray for the remission of sins.
remit transmit (money) in payment; free someone from a debt or punishment
remittance remitting of money; amount of money remitted
remnant remainder
remonstrate protest; objection; V. remonstrate: say in protest
remorse deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach
remunerative (of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V. remunerate:
 reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble
rend split; tear apart; N. rent; CF. heartrending: causing deep sorrow
render give; deliver; provide; represent in verbal or artistic form; depict; perform;
 make; translate; Ex. render the song beautifully
rendezvous meeting place; meeting at a set time or place; V.
rendition rendering; translation; artistic interpretation of a song, etc

retinue following; attendants
retiring shy and reserved (of a person); modest; Ex. her retiring personality
retort quick sharp reply; V.
retract withdraw; take back; draw back; Ex. retract a statement/an offer/claws; N.
retraction; CF. retractile
retrench cut down; cut down expenses; economize
retribution deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses;
compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back
retrieve 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
revert relapse; backslide; turn back to; return to the former owner; N. reversion
revile attack with abusive language; vilify(slander)
revoke cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable
revulsion sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative
reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture
rhapsodize speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner; Ex. rhapsodize
over the beauty of the scenery
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
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
shrive	make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)
shudder	shake uncontrollably; tremble; V. mix together; jumble; move (something) from one place to another; slide (the feet) along the ground while walking; Ex. shuffle papers from one pile to another; N.
shuffle	
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; divert; 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 examine carefully 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

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

wage begin and continue (a war)

waggish humorous; mischievous; tricky

waif homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays

waive give up temporarily; yield; N. waiver: waiving a right or claim; document that waives a right or claim

wake trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before; Ex. hunger followed in the wake of the war

wallow roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury

wan having a pale or sickly color; pallid

wanderlust strong longing to travel

wane decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.

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

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

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

ward administrative division of a city; division in a hospital or prison; incompetent person placed under the protection of a guardian; V: guard; ward off: avert

warp twist out of shape; N.

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

warranted justified; authorized

warranty guarantee; assurance by seller

warren tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live

wary very cautious; watchful

wastrel waster; profligate

waver move or swing back and forth; be uncertain or unsteady in decision or movement; Ex. wavering between accepting and refusing

wax increase gradually (as the moon); grow

waylay ambush; lie in wait for and attack

wean accustom a baby not to nurse; accustom (the young of a mammal) to take

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

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