

abase

v. cause to feel shame; chagrin; humble

Forms: abased; abased; abasing**abash**

v. cause to be embarrassed

Forms: abashed; abashed; abashing**abate**

v. become less in amount or intensity; slack off; slack; die away

Forms: abated; abated; abating**abdominous**

adj. having a large belly; paunchy; potbellied

abduce

v. advance evidence for; cite

aberrant

adj. markedly different from an accepted norm; deviate

abetment

n. the verbal act of urging on; instigation

abeyance

n. temporary cessation or suspension

ablution

n. washing

abominate

v. find repugnant; execrate

Forms: abominated; abominated; abominating**abortive**

adj. failing to accomplish an intended result; unsuccessful

abrasive

adj. sharply disagreeable

abrogate

v. revoke formally

Forms: abrogated; abrogated; abrogating**abscond**

v. run away; absquatulate; decamp; run off; go off; make off

Forms: absconded; absconded; absconding**absolute**

adj. not capable of being violated or infringed; inviolable

absolve

v. let off the hook; free

Forms: absolved; absolved; absolving**absorbing**

adj. capable of arousing and holding the attention; fascinating; gripping; riveting

abstain

v. choose not to consume; desist

Forms: abstained; abstained; abstaining

abstract

adj. intangible; unconnected to concrete reality

Forms: more abstract; most abstract

abstracted

adj. lost in thought; scatty

abusive

adj. characterized by physical or psychological maltreatment

abuzz

adj. noisy like the sound of a bee

abye

v. make amends for; atone

accede

v. agree or express agreement; acquiesce

Forms: acceded; acceded; acceding

accelerate

v. cause to move faster; speed up

Forms: accelerated; accelerated; accelerating

accessible

adj. easy to get along with or talk to

acclimate

v. adapt; adjust

Forms: acclimated; acclimated; acclimating

acclivity

n. an upward slope or grade (as in a road); rise; raise; climb; upgrade

Forms: acclivities

accost

v. approach with an offer of sexual favors

Forms: accosted; accosted; accosting

accoutre

v. provide with military equipment

accredited

adj. given official approval to act; licensed; licenced

accretion

n. expansion or increase due to gradual build-up or additions

acetose

adj. tasting or smelling like vinegar; vinegary; vinegarish

acidulent

adj. being sour to the taste; acidulous

acidulous

adj. being sour to the taste; acidulent

acme

n. the highest point (of something); apex

acned

adj. (of complexion) blemished by imperfections of the skin; pimply; pustulate

acquittal

n. act of declaring innocent

Forms: acquittals

acrid

adj. harsh or corrosive in tone; bitter; blistering; caustic; virulent

actuarial

adj. of or relating to the work of an actuary

actuate

v. give an incentive for action; propel; move; prompt; incite

Forms: actuated; actuated; actuating

acuate

adj. ending in a sharp point; sharp; needlelike

acuity

n. a quick and penetrating intelligence; sharpness; keenness

acumen

n. shrewdness shown by keen insight

adactylia

n. congenital absence of fingers and/or toes; adactylism

adamant

adj. impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, reason; inexorable; intransigent

addendum

n. textual matter that is added onto a publication; postscript

Forms: addenda, addendums

addle

v. become rotten

Forms: addled; addled; addling

addlepated

adj. stupid and confused; puddingheaded; muddleheaded

adherent

n. someone who believes and helps to spread the doctrine of another

Forms: adherents

adiposis

n. the property of excessive fatness; stoutness

adiposity

n. having the property of containing fat; fattiness

adjunct

n. a construction that can be used to extend the meaning of a word or phrase but is not one of the main constituents of a sentence

adjuration

n. a solemn and earnest appeal to someone to do something

adjutant

n. assistant to a commanding officer

adorn

v. furnish with power or authority

Forms: adorned; adorned; adorning**adroit**

adj. quick or skillful or adept in action or thought

adulterate

v. corrupt, debase, or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance; stretch

Forms: adulterated; adulterated; adulterating**advent**

n. coming of Christ

adventitious

adj. associated by chance and not an integral part

adverse

adj. in an opposing direction

adversity

n. a stroke of ill fortune

Forms: adversities**aegis**

n. shelter; protection; sponsorship; auspices

aery

adj. characterized by lightness and insubstantiality; airy; ethereal

affable

adj. diffusing warmth and friendliness; cordial; genial

affected

adj. being excited or provoked to the expression of an emotion; stirred; touched

affiance

v. give to in marriage; plight

affidavit

n. written statement made under oath

affiliation

n. the act of becoming formally connected or joined

affinity

n. attraction; closeness

Forms: affinities**affirmation**

n. declaration that something is true

affix

v. attach or become attached to a stem word

Forms: affixed; affixed; affixing**affluence**

n. abundant wealth

affront

v. treat, mention, or speak to rudely

Forms: affronted; affronted; affronting

agape

adv. open-mouthed; shocked

agenda

n. a list of matters to be taken up (as at a meeting); order of business

agglomeration

n. the act of collecting in a mass

aggrandize

v. add details to; lard; embellish; aggrandise; blow up; dramatize

Forms: aggrandized; aggrandized; aggrandizing

aghast

adj. struck with fear, dread, or consternation; dismayed; shocked

agility

n. the gracefulness of a person or animal that is quick and nimble; lightness; lightness; nimbleness

agio

n. a fee charged for exchanging currencies; premium; exchange premium

aglow

adj. softly bright or radiant; lucent; luminous

agnate

n. one related on the father's side; patrilineal kin; patrisib; patrilineal sib

agnostic

n. a person who claims that they cannot have true knowledge about the existence of God (but does not deny that God might exist)

agog

adj. highly excited

agrarian

adj. relating to rural matters

ailing

adj. somewhat ill or prone to illness; sickly; unwell; under the weather; seedy

albinal

adj. of or pertaining to or affected by albinism; albinic; albinistic

alchemy

n. a pseudoscientific forerunner of chemistry in medieval times

Forms: alchemies

alias

n. a name that has been assumed temporarily; false name

Forms: aliases

alienate

v. make withdrawn or isolated or emotionally dissociated

Forms: alienated; alienated; alienating

alimantal

adj. of or providing nourishment; nourishing; nutrient; nutritious; nutritive

alimentary

adj. of or providing nourishment; nourishing; nutrient; nutritious; nutritive

alimony

n. court-ordered support paid by one spouse to another after they are separated

alkene

n. any unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon; olefin

allay

v. satisfy (thirst); assuage

Forms: allayed; allayed; allaying

allege

v. report or maintain; say

Forms: alleged; alleged; alleging

alleviant

n. remedy that alleviates pain without curing; alleviator

alliteration

n. use of the same consonant at the beginning of each stressed syllable in a line of verse; beginning rhyme; head rhyme

alloy

n. the state of impairing the quality or reducing the value of something

Forms: alloys

allure

v. dispose or incline or entice to

Forms: allured; allured; alluring

alluring

adj. highly attractive and able to arouse hope or desire; enticing; tempting

allusion

n. passing reference or indirect mention

Forms: allusions

alluvial

adj. of or relating to alluvium

aloft

adv. at a great height

aloneness

n. solitude; singularity; uniqueness

aloof

adv. apart; reserved

alterative

adj. tending to cure or restore to health; remedial; sanative; therapeutic

altercation

n. noisy quarrel; fracas

Forms: altercations

altruistic

adj. showing unselfish concern for the welfare of others

alveolate

adj. pitted with cell-like cavities (as a honeycomb);
cavities; honeycombed; pitted

amass

v. get or gather together; accumulate; pile up; compile;
hoard

Forms: amassed; amassed; amassing

amazon

n. aggressive woman

ambidextrous

adj. marked by deliberate deceptiveness especially by
pretending one set of feelings and acting under the
influence of another; double-dealing; duplicitous

ambience

n. the atmosphere of an environment

ambivalence

n. mixed feelings or emotions

amble

n. a leisurely walk (usually in some public place); saunter;
stroll; perambulation

ambrosia

n. legendary food of the gods; something that tastes
wonderful

ambulatory

adj. able to walk about

ambuscade

v. wait in hiding to attack; bushwhack; waylay; lurk; lie in
wait

ameban

adj. pertaining to or resembling amoebae; amoeban;
amoebous; amebous

amebiasis

n. infection by a disease-causing ameba; amebiosis;
amoebiosis

ameliorate

v. get better; improve

Forms: ameliorated; ameliorated; ameliorating

amend

v. set straight or right; remedy; repair

Forms: amended; amended; amending

amenities

n. things that make you comfortable and at ease;
conveniences

Forms: amenities

amiable

adj. diffusing warmth and friendliness; cordial; genial

amicable

adj. characterized by friendship and good will

Forms: more amicable; most amicable

amnesia

n. partial or total loss of memory; blackout

amnesty

n. pardon; clemency

Forms: amnesties

amok

adv. adin a state of rage

amoral

adj. lying outside the sphere of morals

amorous

adj. expressive of or exciting sexual love or romance; romantic

amorphous

adj. without real or apparent crystalline form; uncrystallised

amphibian

adj. able to live both on land and water

amphitheater

n. stadium; arena

Forms: amphitheaters

ample

adj. fairly large; sizeable

Forms: ampler; amplest

amplify

v. increase the volume of

Forms: amplified; amplified; amplifying

amputate

v. cut off a limb

Forms: amputated; amputated; amputating

amulet

n. a trinket or piece of jewelry usually hung about the neck and thought to be a magical protection against evil or disease

amylaceous

adj. resembling starch; amyloid; amyloidal; farinaceous

amyotonia

n. lack of normal muscular tension or tonus; atonia

anachronism

n. a person who seems to be displaced in time

analgesic

adj. capable of relieving pain; anodyne

analogous

adj. parallel; similar

analogy

n. the religious belief that between creature and creator no similarity can be found so great but that the dissimilarity is always greater

Forms: analogies

anarchist

n. an advocate of anarchism; syndicalist

Forms: anarchists

anarchy

n. lawlessness

anathema

n. a formal ecclesiastical curse accompanied by excommunication

Forms: anathemas**anathematize**

v. curse or declare to be evil

Forms: anathematized; anathematized; anathematizing**anchoritic**

adj. characterized by ascetic solitude; eremitical; hermitic; hermitical

ancillary

adj. furnishing added support; adjuvant; appurtenant; auxiliary

andiron

n. metal supports for logs in a fireplace; dog

androgyny

n. showing characteristics of both sexes; bisexuality

anele

v. administer an oil or ointment to; oil; embrocate

anemia

n. genus of terrestrial or lithophytic ferns having pinnatifid fronds

anesthetic

n. a drug that causes temporary loss of bodily sensations

aneurismal

adj. relating to or affected by an aneurysm; aneurysmatic; aneurismatic

anguish

n. extreme distress of body or mind

animadversion

n. harsh criticism or disapproval

animated

adj. made to appear to move as living creatures do

animosity

n. a feeling of ill will arousing active hostility; bad blood

Forms: animosities**animus**

n. a feeling of ill will arousing active hostility; bad blood

anneal

v. bring to a desired consistency, texture, or hardness by a process of gradually heating and cooling; normalize

Forms: annealed; annealed; annealing**annexe**

n. an addition that extends a main building; extension; wing

annihilate

v. kill in large numbers; extinguish; eradicate; wipe out; decimate; carry off

Forms: annihilated; annihilated; annihilating

annotate

v. provide analytical notes

Forms: annotated; annotated; annotating

annuity

n. income from capital investment paid in a series of regular payments

Forms: annuities

annul

v. cancel officially; countermand; reverse; rescind

Forms: annulled; annulled; annulling

annular

adj. shaped like a ring; annulated; circinate; ringed; ring-shaped; doughnut-shaped

annunciate

v. foreshadow or presage; harbinger; foretell; herald

anodyne

n. a medicine used to relieve pain; painkiller; pain pill

anomalous

adj. deviating from the general or common order or type

anomaly

n. exception; deviation

Forms: anomalies

anonymity

n. the state of being anonymous

Forms: anonymities

antagonistic

adj. incapable of harmonious association

antecedents

n. significant events and incidents in a person's early life

Forms: antecedents

anthropoid

adj. resembling human beings

anthropologist

n. a social scientist who specializes in anthropology

anthropomorphic

adj. suggesting human characteristics for animals or inanimate things; humanlike

anticlimax

n. a change from a serious subject to a disappointing one

antipathy

n. the object of a feeling of intense aversion

Forms: antipathies

antiquated

adj. so extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period; archaic

antiseptic

n. a substance that destroys micro-organisms that carry disease without harming body tissues

Forms: antiseptics

antithesis

n. the juxtaposition of contrasting words or ideas to give a feeling of balance

Forms: antitheses

antsy

adj. nervous and unable to relax; fretful; itchy

anvil

n. the ossicle between the malleus and the stapes

Forms: anvils

apathetic

adj. marked by a lack of interest

apathy

n. the trait of lacking enthusiasm for or interest in things generally; numbness; spiritlessness

ape

n. person who resembles a nonhuman primate

Forms: apes

aperient

n. a purging medicine; physic

apex

n. the point on the celestial sphere toward which the sun and solar system appear to be moving relative to the fixed stars

Forms: apexes, apices

aphasia

n. inability to use or understand language (spoken or written) because of a brain lesion

aphorism

n. a short pithy instructive saying; apophthegm

apiary

n. a shed containing a number of beehives

Forms: apiaries

aplomb

n. great coolness and composure under strain; cool; poise; sang-froid

apocalyptic

adj. of or relating to an apocalypse

apogee

n. apoapsis in Earth orbit

apologue

n. a short moral story (often with animal characters); allegory

apoplexy

n. a sudden loss of consciousness resulting when the rupture or occlusion of a blood vessel leads to oxygen lack in the brain

apostate

n. a disloyal person who betrays or deserts his cause or religion or political party or friend etc.; renegade; turncoat; recreant; ratter

apostatize

v. abandon one's beliefs or allegiances; tergiversate

apothecary

n. a health professional trained in the art of preparing and dispensing drugs; chemist; pill pusher; pill roller

Forms: apothecaries

apothegm

n. a short pithy instructive saying; apophthegm

apotheosis

n. the elevation of a person (as to the status of a god)

Forms: apotheoses

appal

v. fill with apprehension or alarm

Forms: appalled; appalled; appalling

apparition

n. an act of appearing or becoming visible unexpectedly

Forms: apparitions

appease

v. make peace with

Forms: appeased; appeased; appeasing

appeasing

adj. intended to pacify by acceding to demands or granting concessions; placative; placatory

appellation

n. identifying word or words by which someone or something is called and classified or distinguished from others; designation; appellative

application

n. the action of putting something into operation

Forms: applications

appraise

v. consider in a comprehensive way

Forms: appraised; appraised; appraising

appreciate

v. increase the value of; apprise

Forms: appreciated; appreciated; appreciating

apprehend

v. anticipate with dread or anxiety

Forms: apprehended; apprehended; apprehending

apprehensive

adj. in fear or dread of possible evil or harm

appraisal

n. informing by words; notification

appurtenances

n. right associated with ownership of property

Forms: appurtenances

apropos

adv. adwith reference to; regarding

aptitude

n. inherent ability

Forms: aptitudes

aquiline

adj. curved down like an eagle's beak

arbitrator

n. someone chosen to judge and decide a disputed issue;
umpire

arboretum

n. a facility where trees and shrubs are cultivated for
exhibition

Forms: arboretums, arboreta

arbour

n. a framework that supports climbing plants; bower;
pergola

arcane

adj. requiring secret or mysterious knowledge

archaic

adj. little evolved from or characteristic of an earlier
ancestral type

archives

n. collection of records especially about an institution

Forms: archives

archness

n. inappropriate playfulness; pertness; sauciness

ardor

n. feelings of great warmth and intensity; fervor; fervour;
fervency; fire; fervidness

argent

adj. of lustrous grey; silvery; silverish

argot

n. a characteristic language of a particular group (as
among thieves); jargon; lingo; patois; vernacular

argify

v. have a disagreement over something; scrap; altercate

aria

n. an elaborate song for solo voice

Forms: arias

aristocracy

n. the most powerful members of a society

Forms: aristocracies

armada

n. a large fleet

Forms: armadas**arquebus**

n. an obsolete firearm with a long barrel; hackbut; hagbut

arraign

v. accuse of a wrong or an inadequacy

Forms: arraigned; arraigned; arraigning**array**

n. an arrangement of aeries spaced to give desired directional characteristics

Forms: arrays**array**

v. align oneself with a group or a way of thinking

Forms: arrayed; arrayed; arraying**arrears**

n. an unpaid overdue debt

arrogance

n. overbearing pride evidenced by a superior manner toward inferiors; hauteur; high-handedness; lordliness

arroyo

n. intermittent river

Forms: arroyos**articled**

adj. bound by contract; bound; indentured

articulate

n. animal belonging to a subdivision of animals whose bodies and limbs are composed of segments jointed together

artifacts

n. man made object

artisan

n. a skilled worker who practices some trade or handicraft; journeyman; artificer

Forms: artisans**artless**

adj. natural; unaffected; uncultured

ascendancy

n. the state that exists when one person or group has power over another; ascendance; ascendancy; control

asceticism

n. rigorous self-denial and active self-restraint

ascribable

adj. capable of being assigned or credited to; imputable; referable

ascribe

v. attribute or credit to; assign; attribute

Forms: ascribed; ascribed; ascribing

aseptic

adj. free of or using methods to keep free of pathological microorganisms

ashen

adj. pale; gray

asinine

adj. devoid of intelligence; inane; mindless; vacuous

askance

adv. distrustfully

askew

adv. adcrookedly; slanted; at an angle

aslant

adj. having an oblique or slanted direction; diagonal; slanted; slanting; sloped; sloping

aspersion

n. the act of sprinkling water in baptism (rare)

aspirant

n. an ambitious and aspiring young person; hopeful; wannabe; wannabee

Forms: aspirants

aspiration

n. the act of inhaling; intake; breathing in

Forms: aspirations

assail

v. attack in speech or writing

Forms: assailed; assailed; assailing

assailable

adj. not defended or capable of being defended; undefended; open

assent

v. agree or express agreement; acquiesce

Forms: assented; assented; assenting

assert

v. declare; insist on

Forms: asserted; asserted; asserting

assessment

n. the act of judging or assessing a person or situation or event

Forms: assessments

assiduity

n. great and constant diligence and attention; concentration

assumption

n. hypothesis

Forms: assumptions

assurance

n. promise; pledge

Forms: assurances

asteroid

n. any of numerous small celestial bodies composed of rock and metal that move around the sun (mainly between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter)

astigmatism

n. unequal curvature of the lens of the eye creating a distorted image

astral

adj. being or relating to or resembling or emanating from stars

astringent

adj. tending to draw together or constrict soft organic tissue

astronomical

adj. inconceivably large; galactic

astute

adj. marked by practical hardheaded intelligence; shrewd

asunder

adv. apart; in shreds

asylum

n. shelter; refuge; mental home

Forms: asylums

asymmetric

adj. characterized by asymmetry in the spatial arrangement or placement of parts or components

atar

n. essential oil or perfume obtained from flowers; athar; ottar

atavism

n. a reappearance of an earlier characteristic; throwback

atheistic

adj. pertaining to the belief that God does not exist

atone

v. turn away from sin or do penitence

Forms: atoned; atoned; atoning

atrocious

n. an act of atrocious cruelty

Forms: atrocities

atrophy

n. any weakening or degeneration (especially through lack of use)

attenuate

v. become thin; diminish

Forms: attenuated; attenuated; attenuating

attest

v. certify; confirm

Forms: attested; attested; attesting

attribute

n. an abstraction belonging to or characteristic of an entity

attribute

v. decide as to where something belongs in a scheme

Forms: attributed; attributed; attributing

attrition

n. the act of rubbing together

auberge

n. a hotel providing overnight lodging for travelers; inn; lodge

audacious

adj. disposed to venture or take risks; venturesome; venturous

audit

n. a methodical examination or review of a condition or situation

augury

n. an event that is experienced as indicating important things to come; foretoken; preindication

Forms: auguries

august

adj. profoundly honored; venerable

aureole

n. an indication of radiant light drawn around the head of a saint; halo; nimbus; glory; gloriole

auroral

adj. characteristic of the dawn

auspices

n. kindly endorsement and guidance; aegis

auspicious

n. favorable; beneficent

austere

adj. practicing great self-denial; spartan

austerity

n. the trait of great self-denial (especially refraining from worldly pleasures); nonindulgence

Forms: austerities

authenticate

v. establish the authenticity of something

Forms: authenticated; authenticated; authenticating

authoritative

adj. sanctioned by established authority; authorised

autocrat

n. a cruel and oppressive dictator; despot

automation

n. equipment used to achieve automatic control or operation

autonomous

adj. (of persons) free from external control and constraint in e.g. action and judgment; self-reliant

avaricious

adj. immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth; grabby; grasping; greedy; prehensile

avaritia

n. reprehensible acquisitiveness; covetousness; rapacity

aver

v. declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true; assert; avow; swan; swear

Forms: averred; averred; averring

averse

adj. (usually followed by 'to') strongly opposed

avert

v. turn away or aside

Forms: averted; averted; averting

aviary

n. a building where birds are kept; volary

Forms: aviaries

avid

adj. marked by active interest and enthusiasm

avocation

n. an auxiliary activity; hobby; pursuit; sideline; spare-time activity

avuncular

adj. being or relating to an uncle

awash

adj. covered with water; flooded; inundated; overflowing

awe

n. a feeling of profound respect for someone or something; veneration

awl

n. a pointed tool for marking surfaces or for punching small holes

awry

adv. addistorted; crooked

axiom

n. premise; basic assumption

azure

adj. of a deep somewhat purplish blue color similar to that of a clear October sky; sky-blue; bright blue

babble

v. divulge confidential information or secrets; let the cat out of the bag

Forms: babbled; babbled; babbling

bacchanalian

adj. used of riotously drunken merrymaking; bacchic; carousing; orgiastic

bacchic

adj. used of riotously drunken merrymaking; carousing; orgiastic

badger

v. persuade through constant efforts

Forms: badgered; badgered; badgering

badinage

n. frivolous banter

baffling

adj. making great mental demands; knotty; problematic; problematical; tough

bait

v. attack with dogs or set dogs upon

Forms: baited; baited; baiting

balderdash

n. trivial nonsense; piffle

baleful

adj. threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments; menacing

balk

v. stoop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil

Forms: balked; balked; balking

balker

n. a person who refuses to comply; noncompliant

ballast

n. an electrical device for starting and regulating fluorescent and discharge lamps

ballyhoo

n. blatant or sensational promotion; hype; plug

balm

n. ointment; cream; lotion

Forms: balms

balmy

adj. mild and pleasant; soft

Forms: balmier; balmiest

bamboozle

v. conceal one's true motives from especially by elaborately feigning good intentions so as to gain an end; hoodwink; lead by the nose; play false

bandy

v. fight

Forms: bandied; bandied; bandying**bane**

n. something causing misery or death; scourge; nemesis

bantam

adj. very small; lilliputian; midget; petite; tiny; flyspeck

bantering

adj. cleverly amusing in tone; tongue-in-cheek

barb

n. one of the parallel filaments projecting from the main shaft of a feather

Forms: barbs**barbarian**

adj. without civilizing influences; savage; uncivilized; uncivilised; wild

barbate

adj. having hair on the cheeks and chin; bewhiskered; whiskered; whiskery

bard

n. an ornamental caparison for a horse

Forms: bards**barefaced**

adj. unrestrained by convention or propriety; bodacious; brassy; brazen; insolent

barf

n. the matter ejected in vomiting; puke

barf

v. purge; cast; sick; chuck; honk; hrow up

baring

n. the removal of covering; uncovering; husking

baronial

adj. impressive in appearance; noble; stately

barrage

n. the heavy fire of artillery to saturate an area rather than hit a specific target; battery; bombardment; shelling

barrister

n. lawyer; attorney

Forms: barristers**barterer**

n. a trader who exchanges goods and not money

baseless

adj. without a basis in reason or fact; idle; unfounded; unwarranted; wild

bash

v. hit hard; whop; whap; bonk

bask

v. be exposed

Forms: basked; basked; basking**bate**

v. diminish; decrease

Forms: bated; bated; bating**bauble**

n. cheap showy jewelry or ornament on clothing; gewgaw; novelty; trinket

balk

v. refuse to comply; jib

bawdy

adj. humorously vulgar; ribald

Forms: bawdier; bawdiest**beatific**

adj. marked by utter benignity; saintlike; saintly; sainted

beatitude

n. one of the eight sayings of Jesus at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount

becloud

v. make less visible or unclear; obnubilate; haze over

bedamn

v. wish harm upon; anathemize; imprecate; maledict

bedaze

v. overcome as with astonishment or disbelief

bedazzle

v. cause someone to lose clear vision, especially from intense light; daze

bedizen

v. dress up garishly and tastelessly

Forms: bedizened; bedizened; bedizening**bedraggle**

v. make wet and dirty, as from rain

Forms: bedraggled; bedraggled; bedraggling**beef**

v. complain; grouse; crab; squawk; bellyache; holler

befit

v. accord or comport with; beseem

befoul

v. spot, stain, or pollute; defile; maculate

befoulment

n. the state of being polluted; pollution

befuddle

v. make stupid with alcohol

Forms: befuddled; befuddled; befuddling

beget

v. make children; engender; sire; generate

Forms: begot; begotten, begot; begetting

begild

v. decorate with, or as if with, gold leaf or liquid gold;
engild

begrimed

adj. thickly covered with ingrained dirt or soot; grimy;
grubby; grungy; raunchy

begrudge

v. wish ill or allow unwillingly

Forms: begrudged; begrudged; begrudging

beguile

v. attract; enamor; captivate; entrance; enchant

Forms: beguiled; beguiled; beguiling

behemoth

n. a person of exceptional importance and reputation;
giant; heavyweight; titan

beholden

adj. under a moral obligation to someone

behoove

v. be appropriate or necessary

Forms: behooved; behooved; behooving

belabor

v. beat soundly

Forms: belabored; belabored; belaboring

belated

adj. after the expected or usual time; tardy

beleaguer

v. surround so as to force to give up; surround; hem in;
circumvent

Forms: beleaguered; beleaguered; beleaguering

belittle

v. lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of

Forms: belittled; belittled; belittling

belligerent

adj. engaged in war; war-ridden; warring

bellying

adj. curving outward; bulbous; bulging; bulgy; protuberant

bemused

adj. perplexed by many conflicting situations or
statements; confounded; confused; lost

bendable

adj. capable of being bent or flexed or twisted without
breaking; pliant; waxy

benefactor

n. a person who helps people or institutions (especially with financial help)

Forms: benefactors

beneficent

adj. generous in assistance to the poor; eleemosynary; philanthropic

beneficiary

n. the semantic role of the intended recipient who benefits from the happening denoted by the verb in the clause

Forms: beneficiaries

benign

adj. kind; favorable; gentle

bent

n. a special way of doing something; hang

bequeath

v. leave or give by will after one's death; leave

Forms: bequeathed; bequeathed; bequeathing

berate

v. censure severely or angrily; reprimand; jaw; dress down; call down

Forms: berated; berated; berating

bereavement

n. state of sorrow over the death or departure of a loved one

Forms: bereavements

bereft

adj. sorrowful through loss or deprivation; grief-stricken; grieving

berretta

n. a stiff cap with ridges across the crown; birretta

berserk

adj. frenzied as if possessed by a demon; demoniac; demoniacal

beset

v. decorate or cover lavishly (as with gems)

Forms: beset; beset; besetting

bespoke

adj. (of clothing) custom-made; made-to-order; tailored; tailor-made

bestow

v. contribute; add; bring; grant

Forms: bestowed; bestowed; bestowing

bestower

n. person who makes a gift of property; presenter; conferrer

betise

n. a stupid mistake; folly; foolishness; imbecility

betroth

v. give to in marriage; affianced; plight

Forms: betrothed; betrothed; betrothing

bevy

n. a flock of birds (especially when gathered close together on the ground)

Forms: be vies

bewail

v. regret strongly; bemoan

bicameral

adj. consisting of two chambers

bicker

v. argue over petty things; pettifog; squabble; brabble

Forms: bickered; bickered; bickering

bicornate

adj. having two horns or horn-shaped parts; bicornuate; bicornuous

bifurcate

adj. resembling a fork; branched; forked; fork-like; forficate; pronged; prongy

bifurcated

adj. divided into or made up of two parts

bigmouthed

adj. unwisely talking too much; blabby; talkative

bigotry

n. the intolerance and prejudice

bilious

adj. irritable as if suffering from indigestion; dyspeptic; liverish

bilk

v. escape, either physically or mentally

Forms: bilked; bilked; bilking

binge

v. overeat or eat immodestly; overindulge

biquadrate

n. an algebraic equation of the fourth degree; quartic; fourth power

bivouac

n. temporary camp

blackguard

n. someone who is morally reprehensible; dog; hound; heel

blackjack

v. exert pressure on someone through threats; pressure

blackleg

v. take the place of work of someone on strike; rat

blackleg

n. someone who works (or provides workers) during a strike; rat

blanch

v. turn pale; whiten

Forms: blanched; blanched; blanching

bland

adj. smoothly agreeable and courteous with a degree of sophistication; suave

Forms: blander; blandest

blaring

n. a loud harsh or strident noise; cacophony; clamor; din

blase

adj. nonchalantly unconcerned

blasphemous

adj. characterized by profanity or cursing; profane

blastoderm

n. a layer of cells on the inside of the blastula; blastodisc; germinal area

bleak

adj. unpleasantly cold and damp; raw

Forms: bleaker; bleakest

blende

n. an ore that is the chief source of zinc; sphalerite

blinding

adj. shining intensely; dazzling; fulgent; glaring; glary

bloated

adj. puffy; swollen

blowhard

n. a very boastful and talkative person; boaster; line-shooter; vaunter

blowsy

adj. characteristic of or befitting a slut or slattern; slatternly; sluttish

bludgeon

n. a club used as a weapon

bluejacket

n. a serviceman in the navy; sailor; sailor boy

bluff

n. deceit; deception

Forms: bluffs

blunder

n. an embarrassing mistake; blooper; bungle; pratfall; foul-up

Forms: blunders

blurt

v. utter impulsively; blunder out; blunder; ejaculate

Forms: blurted; blurted; blurting

bobber

n. a small float usually made of cork; cork; bobfloat

bode

v. indicate by signs; portend; prognosticate; omen; presage

Forms: boded; boded; boding

boding

n. a feeling of evil to come; presentiment

bogus

adj. fraudulent; phony; phoney; bastard

boisterous

adj. violently agitated and turbulent; rough

bolster

v. add padding to

Forms: bolstered; bolstered; bolstering

bombast

n. pompous or pretentious talk or writing; rant; claptrap; blah

bonce

n. informal terms for a human head; noodle; noggin; dome

bonnie

adj. very pleasing to the eye; comely; fair; sightly

boob

v. commit a faux pas or a fault or make a serious mistake; blunder; goof

boon

n. a desirable state

bootleg

adj. distributed or sold illicitly; black-market; contraband; smuggled

bouillon

n. a clear seasoned broth

Forms: bouillons

bouldered

adj. abounding in rocks or stones; stony

boule

n. an inlaid furniture decoration; buhl

boulderish

adj. (of persons) lacking in refinement or grace; lowbred; rude; underbred; yokelish

bountiful

n. plentiful

bourgeois

n. a member of the middle class

Forms: bourgeois

bourgeon

v. produce buds, branches, or germinate; germinate; pullulate; burgeon forth; sprout

bovine

adj. dull and slow-moving and stolid

bowdlerize

v. edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate; expurgate; castrate; shorten

Forms: bowdlerized; bowdlerized; bowdlerizing

bowlegged

adj. having legs that curve outward at the knees

bracing

adj. imparting vitality and energy; fresh; refreshing; refreshful; tonic

brackish

adj. slightly salty (especially from containing a mixture of seawater and fresh water)

braggadocio

n. vain and empty boasting; rodomontade; rhodomontade

Forms: braggadocios

braggart

n. a very boastful and talkative person; boaster; blowhard; line-shooter; vaunter

bravado

n. a swaggering show of courage

Forms: bravadoes, bravados

brawn

n. possessing muscular strength; muscle; muscularity; sinew; heftiness

brazen

adj. made of or resembling brass (as in color or hardness)

breadth

n. the extent of something from side to side

Forms: breadths

brevity

n. the attribute of being brief or fleeting; transience

bribeable

adj. capable of being corrupted; dishonest; purchasable; venal

brinded

adj. having a grey or brown streak or a pattern or a patchy coloring; tabby

brindled

adj. having a grey or brown streak or a pattern or a patchy coloring; brinded; tabby

bristling

adj. stiff or rigid with anger

brittle

adj. (of metal or glass) not annealed and consequently easily cracked or fractured

Forms: brittler; brittlest

broach

v. bring up a topic for discussion

Forms: broached; broached; broaching

brocade

n. thick heavy expensive material with a raised pattern

brochure

n. a small book usually having a paper cover; folder; leaflet; pamphlet

Forms: brochures

brook

v. put up with something or somebody unpleasant; endure; stick out

brumous

adj. filled or abounding with fog or mist; hazy; misty

brusque

adj. marked by rude or peremptory shortness; curt

bubbliness

n. the property of giving off bubbles; frothiness

bucolic

adj. relating to shepherds or herdsmen or devoted to raising sheep or cattle

buffoonish

adj. like a clown; clownlike; zany

bugaboo

n. a source of concern

Forms: bugaboos

bulwark

n. a protective structure of stone or concrete; groyne; mole; seawall; jetty

Forms: bulwarks

bumbling

adj. lacking physical movement skills, especially with the hands; butterfingers; ham-fisted; ham-handed; handless; heavy-handed; left-handed

bumpkinly

adj. awkwardly simple and provincial; rustic; unsophisticated

bungle

v. spoil by behaving clumsily or foolishly

Forms: bungled; bungled; bungling

bunglesome

adj. difficult to handle or manage especially because of shape; clumsy; ungainly

burbling

adj. uttered with unrestrained enthusiasm; effusive; gushing

bureaucracy

n. any organization in which action is obstructed by insistence on unnecessary procedures and red tape

Forms: bureaucracies

burgeon

v. grow and flourish

Forms: burgeoned; burgeoned; burgeoning

burlesque

v. make a parody of; parody

Forms: burlesqued; burlesqued; burlesquing

burly

adj. sturdy; strong

Forms: burlier; burliest

burnish

v. polish and make shiny; furbish

Forms: burnished; burnished; burnishing

burnished

adj. made smooth and bright by or as if by rubbing; lustrous; shining; shiny

burnoose

n. a long hooded cloak woven of wool in one piece; burnouse

bursiform

adj. shaped like a pouch; pouchlike; saclike

busby

n. tall hat; shako

bushel

v. restore by replacing a part or putting together what is torn or broken; fix; doctor; furbish up; restore; touch on

busybodied

adj. intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner; meddling; officious

buttress

v. make stronger or defensible

Forms: buttressed; buttressed; buttressing

buxom

adj. (of a female body) healthily plump and vigorous; zoftig

cabalistic

adj. having a secret or hidden meaning; qabalistic; cryptic; cryptical; sibylline

cabby

n. someone who drives a taxi for a living; cabdriver; cabman; hack driver; hack-driver; livery driver

cache

n. a hidden storage space (for money or provisions or weapons); hoard; stash

cacography

n. poor handwriting; scrawl

cacophony

n. loud confusing disagreeable sounds

Forms: cacophonies

cadaver

n. the dead body of a human being; corpse; stiff; clay; remains

cadaverous

adj. corpse-like; ghastly

cadence

n. the close of a musical section; meter; metre; measure; beat

Forms: cadences

cajole

v. influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering; blarney; coax; inveigle

Forms: cajoled; cajoled; cajoling

calamitous

adj. (of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; disastrous; fatal; fateful

calamity

n. an event resulting in great loss and misfortune; disaster; tragedy; cataclysm

Forms: calamities

calligraphy

n. beautiful handwriting; chirography

calling

n. the particular occupation for which you are trained; vocation

callous

adj. having calluses; thickened

Forms: more callous; most callous

callow

adj. young and inexperienced

callowness

n. lacking and evidencing lack of experience of life; juvenility

calorific

adj. heat-generating

camaraderie

n. the quality of affording easy familiarity and sociability; comradeliness; comradery; comradeship

cameo

n. engraving or carving in low relief on a stone (as in a brooch or ring)

*Forms: cameos***canasta**

n. a form of rummy using two decks of cards and four jokers; meld

canker

n. a pernicious and malign influence that is hard to get rid of

*Forms: cankers***cannular**

adj. constituting a tube; tubelike; tube-shaped; vasiform

canny

adj. showing self-interest and shrewdness in dealing with others; clever

*Forms: cannier; canniest***cantata**

n. a musical composition for voices and orchestra based on a religious text

*Forms: cantatas***canter**

n. a smooth three-beat gait

canto

n. a major division of a long poem

*Forms: canto; cantos***canvass**

v. study; examine; scrutinize

*Forms: canvassed; canvassed; canvassing***capacious**

adj. large in capacity

*Forms: more capacious; most capacious***capillary**

adj. long and slender with a very small internal diameter

capitulate

v. surrender under agreed conditions

*Forms: capitulated; capitulated; capitulating***capricious**

adj. determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason; whimsical

capsulate

v. enclose in a capsule; capsulize; capsulise

caption

n. brief description accompanying an illustration

carafe

n. a bottle with a stopper

carapace

n. hard outer covering or case of certain organisms such as arthropods and turtles; cuticle; shield

carat

n. the unit of measurement for the proportion of gold in an alloy; kt

carbonic

adj. relating to or consisting of or yielding coal

carcinogenic

n. causing or tending to cause cancer

cardinal

adj. being or denoting a numerical quantity but not order

careen

v. move sideways or in an unsteady way; shift; tilt

Forms: careened; careened; careening

careworn

adj. showing the wearing effects of overwork; haggard; raddled

carillon

n. playing a set of bells that are (usually) hung in a tower

carinate

adj. having a ridge or shaped like a ridge or suggesting the keel of a ship; keeled

cark

v. disturb in mind or make uneasy or cause to be worried or alarmed; disquiet; trouble; distract; disorder

carnage

n. the savage and excessive killing of many people; mass murder; butchery

carnal

adj. of or relating to the body or flesh

carnivorous

adj. feeding on animals (used of plants as well as animals)

carousal

n. revelry in drinking; bender; toot; booze-up

carp

v. raise trivial objections; chicane

carping

adj. persistent petty and unjustified criticism; faultfinding

carrell

n. small individual study area in a library; cubicle; stall

carrion

n. the dead and rotting body of an animal

carryall

n. a capacious bag or basket; tote; tote bag

cartographer

n. a person who makes maps

cascade

n. a sudden downpour (as of tears or sparks etc) likened to a rain shower

Forms: cascades

caste

n. social status or position conferred by a system based on class

Forms: castes

castigation

n. verbal punishment

Forms: castigations

casualty

n. someone injured or killed or captured or missing in a military engagement

Forms: casualties

cataclysm

n. an event resulting in great loss and misfortune; disaster; tragedy

catapult

n. an engine that provided medieval artillery used during sieges; bricole; mangonel; onager

Forms: catapults

cataract

n. a large waterfall

Forms: cataracts

catastrophe

n. a sudden violent change in the earth's surface

Forms: catastrophes

catechism

n. book containing the main principles of Christianity

categorical

adj. not modified or restricted by reservations; flat; unconditional

catharsis

n. purging; purification

Forms: catharses

cathartic

n. a purging medicine; physic; aperient

catholic

adj. free from provincial prejudices or attachments

caulk

v. make watertight; stop up leaks

Forms: caulked; caulked; caulking

causal

adj. involving or constituting a cause

caustic

adj. of a substance, especially a strong acid; erosive; vitriolic; mordant

cauterize

v. make insensitive or callous; cauterise

Forms: cauterized; cauterized; cauterizing

cavalcade

n. a procession of people traveling on horseback

cavalier

n. a royalist supporter of Charles I during the English Civil War

Forms: cavaliers

cavalla

n. large mackerel with long pointed snout; cero

cavil

v. raise trivial objections; chicane

Forms: caviled, caviled; caviled, caviled; caviling, caviling

caviler

n. a disputant who quibbles; pettifogger

cavort

v. play boisterously; lark; rollick; skylark; disport; sport

cede

v. relinquish possession or control over; deliver; give up

Forms: ceded; ceded; ceding

celerity

n. a rate that is rapid; rapidity; rapidness; speediness

celestial

adj. of heaven or the spirit; supernal

celibate

adj. abstaining from sexual intercourse

censor

n. a person who is authorized to read publications or correspondence

Forms: censors

censure

v. rebuke formally; criminate

Forms: censured; censured; censuring

centaur

n. fabled monster being half man and half horse

Forms: centaurs

centigrade

adj. of or relating to a temperature scale on which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees

centrifugal

adj. conveying information to the muscles from the CNS

centrifuge

n. an apparatus that uses centrifugal force to separate particles from a suspension; separator

centripetal

adj. of a nerve fiber or impulse originating outside and passing toward the central nervous system

centurion

n. leader of 100 soldiers in the Roman army

cephalitis

n. inflammation of the brain usually caused by a virus; phrenitis

cerebral

adj. of or relating to the cerebrum or brain

cerebration

n. the process of using your mind to consider something carefully; thought process; intellection; mentation

ceremonious

adj. rigidly formal or bound by convention

cerulean

n. a light shade of blue; sapphire; lazuline; sky-blue

cessation

n. a stopping

Forms: cessations

cession

n. the act of ceding

cesspit

n. a covered cistern; sink; sump

chafe

v. warm by rubbing, as with the hands

Forms: chafed; chafed; chafing

chaff

n. foil in thin strips

chaffing

adj. teasing

chagrin

n. strong feelings of embarrassment; mortification

chalice

n. a bowl-shaped drinking vessel

Forms: chalices

champion

v. protect or fight for

Forms: championed; championed; championing

chanceful

adj. of uncertain outcome; dicey; dodgy

chantey

n. a rhythmical work song originally sung by sailors

chaotic

adj. confused; lacking order

chaparral

n. dense vegetation consisting of stunted trees or bushes; bush

chapeau

n. headdress that protects the head from bad weather; lid

chapfallen

adj. brought low in spirit; crestfallen; deflated

chapter

n. the upper part of a column that supports the entablature; cap

charisma

n. personal magnetism

Forms: charismata

chase

v. cut a furrow into a column

Forms: chased; chased; chasing

chasm

n. a deep opening in the earth's surface

Forms: chasms

chassis

n. the skeleton of a motor vehicle consisting of a steel frame supported on springs that holds the body and motor

chaste

adj. abstaining from unlawful sexual intercourse

Forms: chaster; chastest

chasten

v. correct by punishment or discipline; subdue

Forms: chastened; chastened; chastening

chasteness

n. lack of ornamentation; simplicity; simpleness

chastise

v. censure severely; objugate; chasten; correct

Forms: chastised; chastised; chastising

chatoyant

adj. varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles; iridescent; shot

chaw

n. a wad of something chewable as tobacco; cud; quid; plug; wad

check

v. verify; examine

Forms: checked; checked; checking

checkered

adj. marked by changeable fortune

cherubic

adj. having a sweet nature befitting an angel; seraphic; sweet

chevy

v. annoy continually or chronically; hassle; harry; plague; provoke

chicanery

n. the use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them); guile; wile; shenanigan

Forms: chicaneries

chide

v. censure severely or angrily; rebuke; lecture; reprimand; scold; berate; bawl out

Forms: chided, chid; chided, chid, chidden; chiding

chiding

n. rebuking a person harshly; objurgation; tongue-lashing

chimerical

adj. produced by a wildly fanciful imagination

chipper

adj. having a cheerful, lively, and self-confident air; debonaire; jaunty

chirology

n. telling fortunes by lines on the palm of the hand; chiromancy

chivalrous

adj. being attentive to women like an ideal knight; knightly

choreography

n. a notation used by choreographers

chouse

v. defeat someone through trickery or deceit; shaft; screw; chicane; jockey

chronicle

v. record in chronological order

Forms: chronicled; chronicled; chronicling

churlish

adj. having a bad disposition

ciliated

adj. having a margin or fringe of hairlike projections

cinnamene

n. a colorless oily liquid; phenylethylene; vinylbenzene

circlet

n. decorated metal band worn around the head

circuitous

adj. deviating from a straight course; roundabout

circumlocution

n. an indirect way of expressing something

circumscribe

v. surround; restrict

Forms: circumscribed; circumscribed; circumscribing

circumspect

adj. heedful of potential consequences

circumvent

v. avoid or try to avoid fulfilling, answering, or performing; fudge; evade

Forms: circumvented; circumvented; circumventing

cirque

n. a steep-walled semicircular basin in a mountain; cwm

cissy

adj. having unsuitable feminine qualities; epicene; sissified; sissyish; sissy

citadel

n. a stronghold into which people could go for shelter during a battle

Forms: citadels

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| <p>cite n. a short note recognizing a source of information or of a quoted passage; acknowledgment; credit; reference; mention; quotation</p> | <p>civil adj. of or in a condition of social order</p> |
| <p>clabber v. turn into curds; clot</p> | <p>clairvoyant adj. foreseeing the future; second-sighted</p> |
| <p>clairvoyant n. fortuneteller</p> | <p>clamber v. climb awkwardly, as if by scrambling; shin; shinny; skin; struggle; sputter <i>Forms: clambered; clambered; clambering</i></p> |
| <p>clamor n. loud and persistent outcry from many people; clamour; clamouring; hue and cry</p> | <p>clangor n. a loud resonant repeating noise; clank; clash; crash</p> |
| <p>clangoring n. a loud resonant repeating noise; clangour; clank; clash; crash</p> | <p>clapper n. metal striker that hangs inside a bell and makes a sound by hitting the side</p> |
| <p>clarion n. a medieval brass instrument with a clear shrill tone</p> | <p>claustrophobia n. a morbid fear of being closed in a confined space</p> |
| <p>claver v. talk socially without exchanging too much information; shoot the breeze; chat; confabulate; confab</p> | <p>clavicle n. bone linking the scapula and sternum</p> |
| <p>cleaver n. a butcher's knife having a large square blade; chopper</p> | <p>cleft n. a long narrow opening; crevice; fissure; scissure</p> |
| <p>cliche n. banality; commonplace; bromide</p> | <p>clientele n. customers collectively; business</p> |
| <p>climactic adj. consisting of or causing a climax</p> | <p>clime n. the weather in some location averaged over some long period of time <i>Forms: climes</i></p> |

clique

n. an exclusive circle of people with a common purpose; ingroup; inner circle; pack; camp

clogging

adj. preventing movement; impeding; obstructive

cloister

n. convent; monastery

Forms: cloisters

coagulate

v. cause to change from a liquid to a solid or thickened state

Forms: coagulated; coagulated; coagulating

coalesce

v. fuse or cause to grow together

Forms: coalesced; coalesced; coalescing

coalesced

adj. joined together into a whole; consolidated; fused

cocker

v. treat with excessive indulgence; cosset; baby; coddle; mollycoddle; spoil; indulge

coda

n. the closing section of a musical composition

Forms: codas

codicil

n. addition to a will

codify

v. organize into a code or system, such as a body of law

Forms: codified; codified; codifying

coeval

adj. of the same period; contemporaneous

cog

n. tooth on the rim of gear wheel

cogent

adj. powerfully persuasive; weighty

cognate

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

cognitive

adj. of or being or relating to or involving cognition

cognizance

n. range or scope of what is perceived

cohere

v. have internal elements or parts logically connected so that aesthetic consistency results

Forms: cohered; cohered; cohering

cohorts

n. group; team; friends

coiffure

n. the arrangement of the hair (especially a woman's hair); hair style

Forms: coiffures

coincident

adj. matching point for point

coinciding

adj. occurring or operating at the same time; concurrent; co-occurrent; cooccurring; simultaneous

colander

n. bowl-shaped strainer

coldcock

v. knock down with force; dump; knock down; floor

colic

n. acute abdominal pain (especially in infants); gripes; griping

collaborate

v. cooperate as a traitor

Forms: collaborated; collaborated; collaborating

collage

n. any collection of diverse things

collation

n. careful examination and comparison to note points of disagreement

colloquy

n. formal conversation

Forms: colloquies

collusion

n. agreement on a secret plot

colossal

adj. so great in size or force or extent as to elicit awe; stupendous

colourize

v. add color to

coltish

adj. given to merry frolicking; frolicky; rollicking; sportive

comatose

adj. in a state of deep and usually prolonged unconsciousness

combustible

adj. capable of igniting and burning

comely

adj. very pleasing to the eye; fair; sightly

Forms: comelier; comeliest

comestible

n. any substance that can be used as food; eatable; pabulum; victual; victuals

Forms: comestibles

comeuppance

n. an outcome (good or bad) that is well deserved;
comeupance

comity

n. a state or atmosphere of harmony or mutual civility and respect

Forms: comities

commandeer

v. draft into active service; take over

Forms: commandeered; commandeered;
commandeering

commemorative

adj. intended as a commemoration

commensurate

adj. corresponding in size or degree or extent

comminute

v. reduce to small pieces or particles by pounding or abrading; crunch; bray

commiserate

v. feel or express sympathy or compassion; sympathise

Forms: commiserated; commiserated; commiserating

communal

adj. relating to a small administrative district or community

commutate

v. reverse the direction of (an alternating electric current) each half cycle so as to produce a unidirectional current

compact

adj. briefly giving the gist of something; succinct; summary

compact

n. a small and economical car

compelling

adj. tending to persuade by forcefulness of argument

compensatory

adj. serving to make up for or atone

compilation

n. the act of compiling (as into a single book or file or list)

complacent

adj. contented to a fault with oneself or one's actions

complement

v. make complete or perfect

compliance

n. the act of submitting

compliant

adj. disposed or willing to comply

complot

v. engage in plotting or enter into a conspiracy, swear together; conjure; machinate

component

n. ingredient; single piece which forms part of a larger whole; element

Forms: components

comport

v. bear; deport; conduct; carry

Forms: comported; comported; comporting

compound

v. combine so as to form a whole

Forms: compounded; compounded; compounding

compress

v. squeeze together; compact; contract

Forms: compressed; compressed; compressing

compromise

v. expose or make liable to danger, suspicion, or disrepute

Forms: compromised; compromised; compromising

compunction

n. a feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed); self-reproach

concatenate

v. link together

Forms: concatenated; concatenated; concatenating

concave

adj. curving inward

conceit

n. the trait of being unduly vain; vanity

Forms: conceits

conceited

adj. characteristic of false pride; egotistical; swollen; vain

conceiver

n. someone who creates new things; mastermind

concenter

v. bring into focus or alignment; focalize; focalise; focus

concentric

adj. having a common center; homocentric

conception

n. the creation of something in the mind; excogitation; design

Forms: conceptions

concerted

adj. involving the joint activity of two or more; conjunctive; cooperative

concession

n. a point conceded or yielded

Forms: concessions

conciliatory

adj. intended to placate

concluding

adj. occurring at or forming an end or termination; last; terminal

conclusive

adj. forming an end or termination

concomitant

n. an event or situation that happens at the same time as or in connection with another; attendant; co-occurrence

concord

n. harmony; peace; agreement

Forms: concords

concubine

n. a woman who cohabits with an important man; doxy; paramour

concurrent

adj. occurring or operating at the same time; coinciding; co-occurrent; cooccurring; simultaneous

condign

adj. fitting or appropriate and deserved

condiments

n. seasoning

condole

v. express one's sympathetic grief, on the occasion of someone's death

Forms: condoled; condoled; condoling

conductive

n. encouraging; helpful

conferment

n. the act of conferring an honor or presenting a gift; conferral

confidant

n. someone to whom private matters are confided

conflagration

n. a very intense and uncontrolled fire

Forms: conflagrations

conflate

v. mix together different elements; flux; commingle; fuse; combine; merge

confluence

n. assemblage

Forms: confluences

conflux

n. a flowing together; merging

conformity

n. hardened conventionality

confound

v. mistake one thing for another

Forms: confounded; confounded; confounding

confrere

n. a person who is member of one's class or profession;
fellow

congeal

v. become gelatinous

Forms: congealed; congealed; congealing

congenial

adj. (used of plants) capable of cross-fertilization or of
being grafted

congenital

adj. present at birth but not necessarily hereditary; innate

conglomeration

n. an occurrence combining miscellaneous things into a
(more or less) rounded mass

congruence

n. the quality of agreeing

conifer

n. any gymnospermous tree or shrub bearing cones

conjecture

n. reasoning that involves the formation of conclusions
from incomplete evidence

Forms: conjectures

conjugal

adj. of or relating to marriage or to the relationship
between a wife and husband

conniption

n. a display of bad temper; scene

connivance

n. encouragement; implied permission

connotation

n. an idea that is implied or suggested

connubial

adj. of or relating to marriage or to the relationship
between a wife and husband

consanguinity

n. kinship; blood relation

conscientious

adj. guided by or in accordance with conscience or sense
of right and wrong

conscript

n. person who has been drafted into military service

consecrate

v. render holy by means of religious rites; hallow; sanctify

Forms: consecrated; consecrated; consecrating

consensus

n. agreement in the judgment or opinion reached by a
group as a whole

Forms: consensuses

consequential

adj. having important issues or results

conservatory

n. a greenhouse in which plants are arranged in a pleasing manner; indoor garden

Forms: conservatories

conserves

n. fruit preserved by cooking with sugar; preserves

consign

v. send to an address

Forms: consigned; consigned; consigning

console

v. give moral or emotional strength to; solace

Forms: consoled; consoled; consoling

consort

n. a family of similar musical instrument playing together

Forms: consorts

consort

v. keep company

Forms: consorted; consorted; consorting

conspiracy

n. intrigue; plot

Forms: conspiracies

consternation

n. fear resulting from the awareness of danger

constraint

n. the act of constraining

Forms: constraints

constrict

v. become tight or as if tight; narrow

construe

v. make sense of; see

Forms: construed; construed; construing

contagion

n. the communication of an attitude or emotional state among a number of people

Forms: contagions

contaminate

v. make radioactive by adding radioactive material

Forms: contaminated; contaminated; contaminating

contemn

v. look down on with disdain; scorn; disdain

contempt

n. scorn; disdain

contend

v. be engaged in a fight; struggle

Forms: contended; contended; contending

contentious

adj. involving or likely to cause controversy

contest

v. make the subject of dispute, contention, or litigation;
repugn

Forms: contested; contested; contesting

contiguous

adj. having a common boundary or edge

continence

n. voluntary control over urinary and fecal discharge

contortions

n. bending; distorting

contraband

n. goods whose importation or exportation or possession is prohibited by law

contrite

adj. feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses; rueful; rueful

contrition

n. sorrow for sin arising from fear of damnation;
contriteness

contrived

adj. artificially formal; hokey; stilted

contriver

n. a person who makes plans; deviser

controvert

v. prove to be false or incorrect

Forms: controverted; controverted; controverting

contumacious

adj. wilfully obstinate

contusion

n. the action of bruising

conundrum

n. a difficult problem; enigma; brain-teaser

convene

v. call together

Forms: convened; convened; convening

conventional

adj. customary; routine; formal

converge

v. meet; assemble

Forms: converged; converged; converging

conversant

adj. (usually followed by 'with') well informed about or knowing thoroughly

converse

n. a proposition obtained by conversion

convert

n. proselyte

convex

adj. curving or bulging outward

conveyance

n. transmission; transfer

Forms: conveyances**convivial**

adj. occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company

convoke

v. call together

Forms: convoked; convoked; convoking**convoluted**

adj. highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious; involved; knotty; tangled; tortuous

copacetic

adj. completely satisfactory; copesetic; copesettic

coping

n. brick that is laid sideways at the top of a wall; cope

coppice

n. a dense growth of bushes; copse; thicket

coprolith

n. a hard mass of fecal matter; faecalith; stercolith

coquette

n. a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men; vamp; vamer; minx; tease; prickteaser

cordial

adj. sincerely or intensely felt

Forms: more cordial; most cordial**cordon**

n. a series of sentinels or of military posts enclosing or guarding some place or thing

coriaceous

adj. resembling or made to resemble leather; leatherlike; leathery

corium

n. the deep vascular inner layer of the skin; derma

cornered

adj. forced to turn and face attackers; trapped; treed

cornice

n. the topmost projecting part of an entablature

Forms: cornices**corollary**

n. an inference that follows directly from the proof of another proposition (logic)

Forms: corollaries**corporeal**

adj. affecting or characteristic of the body as opposed to the mind or spirit; somatic

correlation

n. a statistic representing how closely two variables co-vary; coefficient

Forms: correlations

corrosive

adj. spitefully sarcastic

corrugated

adj. shaped into alternating parallel grooves and ridges

cosmic

adj. inconceivably extended in space or time

coterie

n. an exclusive circle of people with a common purpose; ingroup; inner circle; pack; camp

countenance

v. consent to, give permission; let

Forms: countenanced; countenanced; countenancing**countenance**

n. formal and explicit approval; endorsement; warrant; imprimatur

Forms: countenances**countermand**

v. cancel officially; lift; reverse; repeal; overturn; rescind; vacate

Forms: countermanded; countermanded; countermanding**counterpart**

n. a duplicate copy; twin

Forms: counterparts**coup**

n. a brilliant and notable success

Forms: coups**courier**

n. a person who carries a message

Forms: couriers**couturier**

n. someone who designs clothing; clothes designer; designer

covenant

n. a signed written agreement between two or more parties (nations) to perform some action

Forms: covenants**covetous**

adj. immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth; grabby; grasping; greedy; prehensile

cow

v. subdue, restrain, or overcome by affecting with a feeling of awe

Forms: cowed; cowed; cowing**coy**

adj. modestly or warily rejecting approaches or overtures

Forms: coyer; coyest**cozen**

v. be false to; be dishonest with; deceive; lead on; delude

Forms: cozened; cozened; cozening

crabbed

adj. annoyed and irritable; cross; fussy; grouchy; grumpy; bad-tempered; ill-tempered

crabbiness

n. a disposition to be ill-tempered; crossness

crabby

adj. annoyed and irritable; cross; fussy; grouchy; grumpy; bad-tempered; ill-tempered

cragged

adj. having hills and crags; hilly; mountainous

cranch

v. press or grind with a crushing noise; craunch; grind

craven

adj. lacking even the rudiments of courage

credo

n. any system of principles or beliefs

Forms: credos

credulity

n. tendency to believe readily

crescendo

n. a gradual increase in loudness (music)

Forms: crescendos, crescendi

crescent

adj. resembling the new moon in shape; semilunar; lunate

crestfallen

adj. brought low in spirit; deflated

crevice

n. a long narrow opening; fissure; scissure

Forms: crevices

crimson

v. turn red, as if in embarrassment or shame; flush; redden

cringing

adj. totally submissive; grovelling; wormlike; wormy

crinkled

adj. uneven by virtue of having wrinkles or waves; rippled; wavy; wavelike

criteria

n. a basis for comparison; a reference point against which other things can be evaluated; standard

crone

n. an ugly evil-looking old woman; beldame; witch

crosshatch

n. shading consisting of multiple crossing lines; hachure

crosspatch

n. a bad-tempered person; crank; churl

crotchety

adj. having a difficult and contrary disposition; ornery

cruddy

adj. characterized by obscenity; foul; nasty; smutty

crusted

adj. having a hardened covering

crypt

n. a cellar or vault or underground burial chamber (beneath a church)

cryptic

adj. having a puzzling terseness

cubby

n. a small secluded room; snugger; snug

cubicle

n. small area set off by walls for special use; stall; kiosk

culinary

adj. of or relating to or used in cooking

cull

v. look for and gather

Forms: culled; culled; culling

culmination

n. a final climactic stage; apogee; a concluding action

culpable

adj. deserving blame or censure as being wrong or evil or injurious; blameable; blameful; censurable

cultivable

adj. (of farmland) capable of being farmed productively; cultivatable; tillable

cumber

v. hold back; constrain

cumbersome

adj. not elegant or graceful in expression; inapt; inept; ill-chosen

cumulative

adj. increasing by successive addition

cunctation

n. the act of procrastinating; shillyshally

cupidity

n. extreme greed for material wealth; covetousness

curator

n. the custodian of a collection (as a museum or library)

curdled

adj. transformed from a liquid into a soft semisolid or solid mass; grumous; grumose

curmudgeon

n. a crusty irascible cantankerous old person full of stubborn ideas

cursor

adj. hasty and without attention to detail; perfunctory

curtail

v. terminate or abbreviate before its intended or proper end or its full extent; cut short

Forms: curtailed; curtailed; curtailing

cusped

adj. having cusps or points; cusped; cuspidal; cuspidate; cuspidated

cussed

adj. stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing; obstinate; unrepentant

custodian

n. one having charge of buildings or grounds or animals; steward

cuticular

adj. epidermic; dermal

cyan

adj. of a bluish shade of green; teal

cyclostyle

v. print with an implement with small toothed wheels that cuts small holes in a stencil

cynical

adj. believing the worst of human nature and motives; misanthropical

cynosure

n. something that strongly attracts attention and admiration

czarina

n. the wife or widow of a male monarch or emperor

czarist

adj. of or relating to or characteristic of a person having great power

dabbled

adj. covered with bright patches (often used in combination); splashed; splattered

daftness

n. informal terms for insanity; flakiness

dais

n. a platform raised above the surrounding level to give prominence to the person on it; pulpit; rostrum; ambo; stump; soapbox

dallier

n. someone who wastes time; mope; loner

dally

v. consider not very seriously; play

Forms: dallied; dallied; dallying

dank

adj. unpleasantly cool and humid

Forms: danker; dankest

dapper

adj. marked by up-to-dateness in dress and manners; jaunty; natty; raffish

dapperness

n. stylishness as evidenced by a smart appearance; rakishness

dappled

adj. having spots or patches of color

daub

v. coat with plaster; plaster; smear

Forms: daubed; daubed; daubing

daunt

v. cause to lose courage; scare off; pall; frighten off; scare away; frighten away; scare

Forms: daunted; daunted; daunting

dauntless

adj. invulnerable to fear or intimidation; fearless; hardy; intrepid; unfearing

dawdle

v. hang (back) or fall (behind) in movement, progress, development, etc.; fall back; fall behind

Forms: dawdled; dawdled; dawdling

deadlock

n. a situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible; impasse; stalemate; standstill

Forms: deadlocks

deadpan

adj. deliberately impassive in manner; impassive; poker-faced; unexpressive

debacle

n. a sound defeat; drubbing; slaughter; trouncing; whipping

debauch

v. corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality; pervert; subvert; demoralize; profane

Forms: debauched; debauched; debauching

debauchee

n. a dissolute person; rounder

debaucher

n. someone who assaults others sexually; ravisher

debilitate

v. make weak; drain

Forms: debilitated; debilitated; debilitating

debonair

adj. having a cheerful; charming jaunty

debonnaire

adj. having a sophisticated charm; suave

debris

n. the remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up; junk; rubble; detritus

debunk

v. expose while ridiculing

Forms: debunked; debunked; debunking

debutante

n. a young woman making her entry into society

Forms: debutantes

decadence

n. the state of being degenerate in mental or moral qualities; decadency

decant

v. pour out

Forms: decanted; decanted; decanting

decapitate

v. cut the head off; decollate

Forms: decapitated; decapitated; decapitating

decelerate

v. reduce the speed of

Forms: decelerated; decelerated; decelerating

deciduous

adj. shedding foliage at the end of the growing season (of plants and shrubs)

deciliter

n. a metric unit of volume (capacity)

decimate

v. kill in large numbers; extinguish; eradicate; wipe out; carry off

Forms: decimated; decimated; decimating

declivity

n. a downward slope or bend; fall; decline; declination; declension; downslope

Forms: declivities

decoke

v. remove carbon from (an engine); decarburize; decarburise

decollete

adj. (of a garment) having a low-cut neckline; low-necked

decomposition

n. the analysis of a vector field; disintegration; the organic phenomenon of rotting; decay

decorum

n. propriety in manners and conduct

Forms: decorums

decoy

n. something used to lure fish or other animals into danger so they can be trapped or killed; lure

Forms: decoys

decreed

adj. fixed or established especially by order or command; ordained; prescribed

decrepitude

n. a state of deterioration due to old age or long use

decry

v. express strong disapproval of; objurgate; excoriate

Forms: decried; decried; decrying

decrypt

v. convert code into ordinary language; decipher

deducible

adj. capable of being deduced

deface

v. mar or spoil the appearance of; blemish

Forms: defaced; defaced; defacing

defamation

n. an abusive attack on a person's character or good name; slander; denigration

defection

n. the state of having rejected your religious beliefs or your political party or a cause (often in favor of opposing beliefs or causes)

deferment

n. act of putting off to a future time; deferral

defile

v. spot, stain, or pollute; maculate

Forms: defiled; defiled; defiling

definitive

adj. supplying or being a final or conclusive settlement

deflect

v. impede the movement of (an opponent or a ball)

Forms: deflected; deflected; deflecting

defoliate

v. strip the leaves or branches from

Forms: defoliated; defoliated; defoliating

defray

v. bear the expenses of

Forms: defrayed; defrayed; defraying

defrock

v. divest of church officials

Forms: defrocked; defrocked; defrocking**deft**

adj. skillful in physical movements; dextrous

Forms: defter; deftest**degraded**

adj. lowered in value

deify

v. exalt to the position of a God

Forms: deified; deified; deifying**deign**

v. do something that one considers to be below one's dignity; descend

Forms: deigned; deigned; deigning**dejeuner**

n. a midday meal; tiffin

delete

v. remove or make invisible; cancel; erase

Forms: deleted; deleted; deleting**delineate**

v. describe in vivid detail

Forms: delineated; delineated; delineating**delirium**

n. a usually brief state of excitement and mental confusion often accompanied by hallucinations

Forms: deliriums, deliria**delta**

n. the 4th letter of the Greek alphabet

Forms: deltas**delude**

v. be false to; cozen

Forms: deluded; deluded; deluding**deluge**

n. the rising of a body of water and its overflowing onto normally dry land; alluvion

Forms: deluges**delusion**

n. a mistaken or unfounded opinion or idea; hallucination

Forms: delusions**delusive**

adj. inappropriate to reality or facts

delve

v. turn up, loosen, or remove earth; cut into; turn over

Forms: delved; delved; delving**demagogue**

n. a political leader who seeks support by appealing to popular passions and prejudices; rabble-rouser

demean

v. reduce in worth or character, usually verbally; disgrace; put down

Forms: demeaned; demeaned; demeaning

demeaning

adj. causing awareness of your shortcomings; humiliating; mortifying

demeanor

n. (behavioral attributes) the way a person behaves toward other people; behavior; behaviour; conduct; deportment

demented

adj. affected with madness or insanity; disturbed; mad; sick; unbalanced; unhinged

demise

n. the time when something ends

Forms: demises

demode

adj. out of fashion; ex; old-fashioned; outmoded; passe; passee

demographic

adj. of or relating to demography

demolition

n. the act of demolishing

demoniac

adj. berserk; possessed (predicate)

demonic

adj. extremely evil or cruel; diabolical; fiendish; hellish; infernal; satanic; unholy

demotic

adj. of or for the common people

demur

v. take exception to; except

Forms: demurred; demurred; demurring

denigrate

v. charge falsely or with malicious intent; smirch; asperse; calumniate; smear; sully; besmirch

Forms: denigrated; denigrated; denigrating

denotation

n. the most direct or specific meaning of a word or expression; extension

denounce

v. give away information about somebody; tell on; betray; give away

Forms: denounced; denounced; denouncing

denudate

v. lay bare; strip

depict

v. give a description of; describe; make a portrait of; portray

Forms: depicted; depicted; depicting

depilator

n. a cosmetic for temporary removal of undesired hair

deplete

v. use up (resources or materials); use up; eat

Forms: depleted; depleted; depleting

depose

v. make a deposition; depone

Forms: deposed; deposed; deposing

depravity

n. a corrupt or depraved or degenerate act or practice

Forms: depravities

deprecate

v. belittle; vilipend

Forms: deprecated; deprecated; deprecating

depreciate

v. lose in value; devalue; devalue

Forms: depreciated; depreciated; depreciating

depredation

n. an act of plundering and pillaging and marauding; ravage

Forms: depredations

deranged

adj. driven insane; half-crazed

derelict

adj. in deplorable condition; dilapidated; ramshackle; tattered; tumble-down

deride

v. treat or speak of with contempt

Forms: derided; derided; deriding

derision

n. the act of deriding or treating with contempt

Forms: derisions

derisory

adj. incongruous; idiotic; laughable; ludicrous; nonsensical; preposterous; ridiculous

derivative

adj. resulting from or employing derivation

dermatologist

n. a doctor who specializes in the physiology and pathology of the skin

descry

v. catch sight of; espy; spy

Forms: descried; descried; descrying

desecrate

v. remove the consecration from a person or an object;
deconsecrate

Forms: desecrated; desecrated; desecrating

desiccate

v. lose water or moisture; dry up

Forms: desiccated; desiccated; desiccating

desolate

v. cause extensive destruction or ruin utterly; devastate;
ravage; scourge

Forms: desolated; desolated; desolating

desperado

n. a bold outlaw (especially on the American frontier);
criminal; felon; crook

Forms: desperadoes, desperados

despicable

adj. morally reprehensible; vile; slimy; unworthy;
worthless; wretched

despise

v. look down on with disdain; scorn; disdain

Forms: despised; despised; despising

despoiled

adj. having been robbed and destroyed by force and
violence; raped; ravaged; sacked

despondent

adj. without or almost without hope

despotism

n. a form of government in which the ruler is an absolute
dictator; absolutism; authoritarianism; one-man rule;
shogunate; totalitarianism; tyranny

Forms: despotisms

desultory

adj. marked by lack of definite plan or regularity or
purpose

detached

adj. separate (a small unit) from a larger, especially for a
special assignment; come off; come away

determinate

adj. not continuing to grow indefinitely at the apex;
definitive

detonation

n. the act of detonating an explosive

detraction

n. discrediting or detracting from someone's reputation
(especially by slander)

detrimental

adj. (sometimes followed by 'to') causing harm or injury;
prejudicial; prejudicious

deviate

v. cause to turn away from a previous or expected course

Forms: deviated; deviated; deviating

devious

adj. deviating from a straight course; roundabout

devoid

adj. completely wanting or lacking; free; innocent

devolve

v. grow worse; drop; degenerate

Forms: devolved; devolved; devolving

devotee

n. an ardent follower and admirer; lover

Forms: devotees

devouring

adj. (often followed by 'for') ardently or excessively desirous; esurient; greedy

devout

adj. earnest; heartfelt

Forms: devouter; devoutest

dexterous

adj. skillful in physical movements; dextrous

diabolical

adj. extremely evil or cruel; fiendish; hellish; infernal; satanic; unholy

diadem

n. an ornamental jeweled headdress signifying sovereignty; crown

Forms: diadems

dialectic

n. a contradiction of ideas that serves as the determining factor in their interaction

diaphanous

adj. so thin as to transmit light; filmy; see-through; sheer; transparent

diarrheal

adj. pertaining to abnormally frequent and fluid bowel movements

dichotomy

n. being twofold

Forms: dichotomies

dicot

n. flowering plant with two cotyledons; magnoliopsid; exogen

die

n. a small cube with 1 to 6 spots on the six faces; used in gambling to generate random numbers

diffidence

n. lack of self-confidence; self-distrust

diffusing

adj. spreading by diffusion; dispersive; disseminative

diffusion

n. the process in which there is movement of a substance from an area of high concentration of that substance to an area of lower concentration

digression

n. wandering from the main path of a journey

dilapidated

adj. in deplorable condition; derelict; ramshackle; tatterdemalion; tumble-down

dilatory

adj. wasting time; poky; pokey

dilute

v. corrupt, debase, or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance; adulterate; stretch

Forms: diluted; diluted; diluting

diminution

n. the act of decreasing or reducing something; reduction; step-down

Forms: diminutions

din

n. the act of making a noisy disturbance; ruction; ruckus; rumpus; tumult

dinghy

n. a small boat of shallow draft with cross thwarts for seats and rowlocks for oars with which it is propelled; rowboat

Forms: dinghies

dingy

adj. causing dejection; dark; disconsolate; gloomy; grim

Forms: dingier; dingiest

dint

n. interchangeable with 'means' in the expression 'by means of'

Forms: dints

diorama

n. a picture (or series of pictures) representing a continuous scene

Forms: dioramas

dipped

adj. having abnormal sagging of the spine (especially in horses); swayback; swaybacked

dire

adj. causing fear or dread or terror; dreaded; dreadful; horrendous; horrific; terrible

Forms: direr; direst

disabuse

v. free somebody (from an erroneous belief)

Forms: disabused; disabused; disabusing

disaffected

adj. discontented as toward authority; malcontent; rebellious

disapprobation

n. an expression of strong disapproval

disarray

n. untidiness (especially of clothing and appearance)

disband

v. stop functioning or cohering as a unit

Forms: disbanded; disbanded; disbanding**discerning**

adj. able to make or detect effects of great subtlety

disclaim

v. disavow; deny

Forms: disclaimed; disclaimed; disclaiming**disclose**

v. unwrap; let on; bring out; reveal; break; give away

Forms: disclosed; disclosed; disclosing**discombobulated**

adj. having self-possession upset

disconcert

v. cause to lose one's composure; untune; discomfit

Forms: disconcerted; disconcerted; disconcerting**discordant**

adj. lacking in harmony; dissonant; inharmonic

discount

v. give a reduction in price on

Forms: discounted; discounted; discounting**discourse**

n. extended verbal expression in speech or writing; preaching; treatment

Forms: discourses**discredit**

v. reject as false

Forms: discredited; discredited; discrediting**discrepancy**

n. an event that departs from expectations; variant

Forms: discrepancies**discrete**

adj. constituting a separate entity or part

discretion

n. the trait of judging wisely and objectively

discrimination

n. the cognitive process whereby two or more stimuli are distinguished

discursive

adj. proceeding to a conclusion by reason or argument rather than intuition; excursive; rambling

disdain

n. a communication that indicates lack of respect by patronizing the recipient; patronage

disembowel

v. remove the entrails of; draw

disgorge

v. eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth; purge; cast; regurgitate; throw up

Forms: disgorged; disgorged; disgorging

disgraced

adj. suffering shame; dishonored; shamed

disgruntle

v. put into a bad mood or into bad humour

Forms: disgruntled; disgruntled; disgruntling

dishearten

v. take away the enthusiasm of

Forms: disheartened; disheartened; disheartening

dishevel

v. disarrange or rumple; tangle

disheveled

adj. in disarray; frowzled; rumpled; tousled

disinclination

n. a certain degree of unwillingness; hesitation; indisposition

disingenuous

adj. not straightforward or candid

disinter

v. dig up for reburial or for medical investigation

Forms: disinterred; disinterred; disinterring

disinterested

adj. showing lack of favoritism; impartial (vs. partial)

disjointed

adj. lacking orderly continuity; garbled; illogical; scattered; unconnected

dislodge

v. remove or force from a position of dwelling previously occupied

Forms: dislodged; dislodged; dislodging

dismantle

v. take off or remove

Forms: dismantled; dismantled; dismantling

dismember

v. divide into pieces; discern

Forms: dismembered; dismembered; dismembering

dismiss

v. declare void

Forms: dismissed; dismissed; dismissing

disparage

v. express a negative opinion of; pick at

Forms: disparaged; disparaged; disparaging

disparate

adj. including markedly dissimilar elements

dispassion

n. objectivity and detachment; dryness

dispassionate

adj. unaffected by strong emotion or prejudice

dispel

v. cause to separate and go in different directions; break up; scatter

Forms: dispelled; dispelled; dispelling

disperse

v. cause to become widely known; circularize; propagate; broadcast; spread; diffuse; pass around

Forms: dispersed; dispersed; dispersing

dispirited

adj. filled with melancholy; depressed; downcast; downhearted; down in the mouth

disport

v. play boisterously; lark; rollick; run around

Forms: disported; disported; disporting

disputatious

adj. inclined or showing an inclination to dispute or disagree, even to engage in law suits; disputative; litigious

disquieted

adj. afflicted with or marked by anxious uneasiness or trouble or grief; disturbed; upset; worried

disquisition

n. an elaborate analytical or explanatory essay or discussion

dissection

n. detailed critical analysis or examination one part at a time (as of a literary work)

Forms: dissections

dissemble

v. behave unnaturally or affectedly; act

Forms: dissembled; dissembled; dissembling

disseminate

v. cause to become widely known; circularize; propagate; broadcast

Forms: disseminated; disseminated; disseminating

dissertation

n. a treatise advancing a new point of view resulting from research

Forms: dissertations

dissident

adj. disagreeing, especially with a majority

dissimulate

v. hide (feelings) from other people

Forms: dissimulated; dissimulated; dissimulating

dissuade

v. turn away from by persuasion

Forms: dissuaded; dissuaded; dissuading

distant

adj. located far away spatially

distill

v. undergo condensation; change from a gaseous to a liquid state and fall in drops; condense

Forms: distilled; distilled; distilling

distortion

n. the mistake of misrepresenting the facts

distrain

adj. having the attention diverted especially because of anxiety

diurnal

adj. of or belonging to or active during the day; having a daily cycle or occurring every day

diva

n. a distinguished female operatic singer

Forms: divas, dive

divagate

v. lose clarity or turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument in writing, thinking, or speaking; wander

divergent

adj. tending to move apart in different directions

diverse

adj. distinctly dissimilar or unlike

diversion

n. an attack calculated to draw enemy defense away from the point of the principal attack

Forms: diversions

diversity

n. the condition or result of being changeable

Forms: diversities

divest

v. remove (someone's or one's own) clothes; undress

Forms: divested; divested; divesting

divine

v. search by divining, as if with a rod

Forms: divined; divined; divining

docket

n. the calendar of a court; the list of cases to be tried or a summary of the court's activities; agenda; schedule

doctrinaire

adj. stubbornly insistent on theory without regard for practicality or suitability

document

v. support or supply with references

Forms: documented; documented; documenting

dodder

v. walk unsteadily; totter; paddle; waddle

doddering

adj. mentally or physically infirm with age; gaga; senile

doddery

adj. mentally or physically infirm with age; gaga; senile

doff

v. remove

Forms: doffed; doffed; doffing

dogged

adj. stubbornly unyielding; persistent; pertinacious; tenacious; unyielding

doggerel

n. a comic verse of irregular measure; jingle

doldrums

n. boredom; depression

dolorous

adj. showing sorrow; lachrymose; tearful; weeping

dolourous

adj. showing sorrow; lachrymose; tearful; weeping

dolt

n. a person who is not very bright; stupe; dullard; pudding head; pudden-head; poor fish; pillock

domineer

v. rule or exercise power over (somebody) in a cruel and autocratic manner

Forms: domineered; domineered; domineering

don

v. put clothing on one's body; get into; assume

Forms: donned; donned; donning

dormer

n. a gabled extension built out from a sloping roof to accommodate a vertical window

dorsal

adj. on or near the back

doss

v. sleep in a convenient place; crash

dossier

n. a collection of papers containing detailed information about a particular person or subject (usually a person's record)

dotage

n. senility; infatuation

dote

v. shower with love

Forms: doted; doted; doting

dour

adj. showing a brooding ill humor; glowering; glum; saturnine; sullen

douse

v. cover with liquid; dowse; soak; sop; souse

Forms: doused, dowsed; doused, dowsed; dousing, dowsing

dousing

n. the act of wetting something by submerging it; ducking

downcast

adj. filled with melancholy and despondency; grim; blue; depressed; dispirited; low-spirited

downiness

n. a light softness; fluffiness

downlike

adj. flossy; fluffy

drab

adj. causing dejection; dark; dingy; disconsolate; drear; dreary

Forms: drabber; drabbest

dregs

n. sediment; particles which settle at the bottom of wine or other liquor

Forms: dregs

droll

adj. comical in an odd or whimsical manner

Forms: droller; drollest

drone

v. talk in a monotonous voice

Forms: droned; droned; droning

drone

n. a pipe of the bagpipe that is tuned to produce a single continuous tone; bourdon

Forms: drones

drooler

n. a person who dribbles; slobberer

dross

n. the scum formed by oxidation at the surface of molten metals

drudgery

n. hard monotonous routine work; grind; donkeywork

drudging

adj. doing arduous or unpleasant work; labouring; toiling

dubious

adj. not convinced

ductility

n. the malleability of something that can be drawn into threads or wires or hammered into thin sheets

dulcet

adj. pleasing to the ear; mellifluous; mellisonant; sweet

dulcify

v. make sweeter in taste; edulcorate; dulcorate

dupe

n. a person who is tricked or swindled

Forms: dupes

dupery

n. something intended to deceive; hoax; humbug; put-on

duress

n. compulsory force or threat

dustup

n. an angry dispute; row; words; run-in

dutiful

adj. willingly obedient out of a sense of duty and respect

dwindle

v. become smaller or lose substance; diminish

Forms: dwindled; dwindled; dwindling

dyspeptic

adj. irritable as if suffering from indigestion; liverish

dyspneic

adj. not breathing or able to breathe except with difficulty;
dyspnoeic; dyspneal; dyspnoeal

earreach

n. the range within which a voice can be heard; hearing

earthy

adj. sensible and practical

Forms: earthier; earthiest

ebb

v. fall away or decline

Forms: ebbled; ebbled; ebbing

ebullient

adj. joyously unrestrained; high-spirited

ebullition

n. an unrestrained expression of emotion; outburst; blowup

eclectic

adj. selecting what seems best of various styles or ideas

eclipse

v. outshine; surpass; outdo

Forms: eclipsed; eclipsed; eclipsing

ecologist

n. a biologist who studies the relation between organisms and their environment

Forms: ecologists

economy

n. an act of economizing

Forms: economies

ecstasy

n. street names for methylenedioxymethamphetamine; XTC; go; disco biscuit; cristal

Forms: ecstasies

eddo

n. edible starchy tuberous root of taro plants; dasheen

eddy

n. a miniature whirlpool or whirlwind resulting when the current of a fluid doubles back on itself

Forms: eddies

eerie

adj. inspiring a feeling of fear

Forms: eerier; eeriest

effectual

adj. having legal efficacy or force

effeminate

adj. having unsuitable feminine qualities; epicene; cissy; sissified; sissyish; sissy

effeminize

v. give a (more) feminine, effeminate, or womanly quality or appearance to; effeminise; womanize

efficacy

n. capacity or power to produce a desired effect

effigy

n. a representation of a person (especially in the form of sculpture); simulacrum

Forms: effigies

effluvium

n. a foul-smelling outflow or vapor (especially a gaseous waste)

Forms: effluvioms, effluvia

effrontery

n. audacious (even arrogant) behavior that you have no right to; assumption

Forms: effronteries

effusive

adj. extravagantly demonstrative; gushy

egest

v. eliminate from the body; eliminate; pass

egoism

n. selfishness; vanity

egotism

n. an inflated feeling of pride in your superiority to others; self-importance

egregious

adj. conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible; flagrant; glaring; gross; rank

egress

n. act of exiting; going out

egression

n. the act of coming (or going) out; emergence

ejaculation

n. the discharge of semen in males

elated

adj. full of high-spirited delight; joyful; jubilant

eldritch

adj. suggesting the operation of supernatural influences; uncanny; unearthly

elicit

v. extract from; bring out

Forms: elicited; elicited; eliciting

elixir

n. substance which supposedly prolongs life

ellipsis

n. omission or suppression of parts of words or sentences

Forms: ellipses

elliptical

adj. characterized by extreme economy of expression or omission of superfluous elements

eloquence

n. powerful and effective language; smoothness

elysian

adj. being of such surpassing excellence as to suggest inspiration by the gods; inspired

emaciated

adj. very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold; gaunt; haggard; pinched; skeletal; wasted

emanate

v. give out (breath or an odor)

Forms: emanated; emanated; emanating

emancipate

v. free from slavery or servitude

Forms: emancipated; emancipated; emancipating

embed

v. attach to, as a journalist to a military unit when reporting on a war

Forms: embedded; embedded; embedding

embezzlement

n. the fraudulent appropriation of funds; defalcation; misapplication; misappropriation

embonpoint

n. the bodily property of being well rounded; roundness

embroil

v. force into some kind of situation, condition, or course of action; sweep; sweep up; drag; drag in

Forms: embroiled; embroiled; embroiling

embryonic

adj. in an early stage of development

emend

v. make improvements or corrections to

Forms: emended; emended; emending

emendation

n. a correction by emending

emetic

n. a medicine that induces nausea and vomiting; vomitive; nauseant

emigree

n. someone who leaves one country to settle in another; outgoer

eminent

adj. of imposing height; soaring; towering

emmet

n. social insect living in organized colonies; pismire

emolument

n. compensation received by virtue of holding an office or having employment (usually in the form of wages or fees)

empale

v. pierce with a sharp stake or point; spike

empathy

n. understanding and entering into another's feelings

empirical

adj. learned through observation

emptor

n. a person who buys; vendee

enamored

adj. marked by foolish or unreasoning fondness; in love; potty; smitten

enate

n. one related on the mother's side; matrilineal kin; matrisib; matrilineal sib

enceinte

adj. in an advanced stage of pregnancy; expectant; gravid

enclave

n. an enclosed territory that is culturally distinct from the foreign territory that surrounds it

encomiastic

adj. formally expressing praise; panegyric; panegyric

encomium

n. a formal expression of praise; panegyric; paeon; pean

Forms: encomiums, encomia

encompass

v. include in scope; comprehend; cover

Forms: encompassed; encompassed; encompassing

encroachment

n. influencing strongly; impact

Forms: encroachments

encrypt

v. convert ordinary language into code; cipher; cypher; inscribe; write in code

endearment

n. the act of showing affection

Forms: endearments

endemic

adj. native; local; indigenous

endogen

n. a monocotyledonous flowering plant; liliopsid

endorse

v. sign as evidence of legal transfer

Forms: endorsed; endorsed; endorsing

endue

v. give qualities or abilities to; gift; empower; invest

Forms: endued; endued; enduing

enduring

adj. patiently bearing continual wrongs or trouble

energize

v. raise to a higher energy level; energise

Forms: energized; energized; energizing**enervate**

v. disturb the composure of; unsettle

Forms: enervated; enervated; enervating**enervating**

adj. causing debilitation; enfeebling; weakening

enfeoff

v. put in possession of land in exchange for a pledge of service, in feudal society

enfranchise

v. grant voting rights

Forms: enfranchised; enfranchised; enfranchising**engraved**

adj. cut or impressed into a surface; graven; incised; inscribed

enhance

v. make better or more attractive

Forms: enhanced; enhanced; enhancing**enigma**

n. a difficult problem; brain-teaser

Forms: enigmas, enigmata**enigmatic**

adj. resembling an oracle in obscurity of thought

enmity

n. the feeling of a hostile person; ill will

Forms: enmities**ennead**

n. the cardinal number that is the sum of eight and one; niner; Nina from Carolina

ennui

n. the feeling of being bored by something tedious; tedium

enologist

n. a specialist in wine making; fermentologist

enormity

n. atrociousness; offensiveness

Forms: enormities**enraptured**

adj. rhapsodic; excited; delighted

ensconce

v. fix firmly

Forms: ensconced; ensconced; ensconcing**enshroud**

v. conceal; hide; cover

entice

v. provoke someone to do something through (often false or exaggerated) promises or persuasion; tempt

Forms: enticed; enticed; enticing

entity

n. that which is perceived or known or inferred to have its own distinct existence (living or nonliving)

Forms: entities

entomology

n. the branch of zoology that studies insects

entreat

v. ask for or request earnestly; adjure; press; conjure

Forms: entreated; entreated; entreating

entrepreneur

n. someone who organizes a business venture and assumes the risk for it

enumerate

v. determine the number or amount of

Forms: enumerated; enumerated; enumerating

enunciate

v. express or state clearly; vocalize; vocalise

Forms: enunciated; enunciated; enunciating

environ

v. extend on all sides of simultaneously; ring; skirt; border

Forms: environed; environed; environing

envisage

v. form a mental image of something that is not present or that is not the case; ideate

enwrap

v. enclose or enfold completely with or as if with a covering; enclose

enwrapped

adj. giving or marked by complete attention to; engrossed; intent

eon

n. long period of time

epaulet

n. adornment consisting of an ornamental cloth pad worn on the shoulder

epic

n. a long narrative poem telling of a hero's deeds; epos

Forms: epics

epilogue

n. a short passage added at the end of a literary work

episodic

adj. limited in duration to a single episode

epistemologist

n. a specialist in epistemology

epitome

n. a brief abstract (as of an article or book)

epitomize

v. embody the essential characteristics of or be a typical example of; epitomise

epoch

n. period; era

Forms: epochs**equable**

adj. not easily irritated; good-tempered; placid

equestrian

n. a man skilled in equitation; horseback rider

equine

adj. of or belonging to the family Equidae

equinox

n. either of two times in a year when the sun crosses the celestial equator

Forms: equinoxes**equipoise**

n. equality of distribution; counterbalance

equitable

adj. fair to all parties as dictated by reason and conscience

equity

n. conformity with rules or standards

Forms: equities**equivocate**

v. be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information; tergiversate; prevaricate; palter

Forms: equivocated; equivocated; equivocating**erode**

v. remove soil or rock; fret

Forms: eroded; eroded; eroding**erose**

adj. having an irregularly notched or toothed margin as though gnawed; jaggy; notched; toothed

erotic

adj. giving sexual pleasure

errant

adj. uncontrolled motion that is irregular or unpredictable

erratic

adj. likely to perform unpredictably

erudite

adj. having or showing profound knowledge

escapade

n. any carefree episode

escarp

n. a steep artificial slope in front of a fortification; protective embankment

esoteric

adj. confined to and understandable by only an enlightened inner circle

especial

adj. surpassing what is common or usual or expected

espial

n. the act of detecting something; spying; spotting

espionage

n. the systematic use of spies to get military or political secrets

espouse

v. adopt; sweep up; support an idea or principle

Forms: espoused; espoused; espousing

estranged

adj. caused to be unloved

ethereal

adj. heavenly; light; airy

ethnic

adj. not acknowledging the God of Christianity and Judaism and Islam; pagan

ethnology

n. the branch of anthropology that deals with the division of humankind into races and with their origins and distribution

ethos

n. characteristic nature of a people or community or era

etymology

n. the study of the sources and development of words

Forms: etymologies

eugenic

adj. pertaining to or causing improvement in the offspring produced

eulogistic

adj. formally expressing praise; panegyric; panegyric

euphemism

n. an inoffensive or indirect expression that is substituted for one that is considered offensive or too harsh

euphony

n. any agreeable (pleasing and harmonious) sounds

Forms: euphonies

euphoria

n. a feeling of great (usually exaggerated) elation

euthanasia

n. the act of killing someone painlessly (especially someone suffering from an incurable illness)

evenhanded

adj. without partiality

evince

v. give expression to

Forms: evinced; evinced; evincing

evoke

v. call to mind; paint a picture

*Forms: evoked; evoked; evoking***ewe**

n. female sheep

*Forms: ewes***exacerbate**

v. exasperate or irritate; aggravate

*Forms: exacerbated; exacerbated; exacerbating***exacting**

adj. trying; severe; demanding

exalt

v. raise in rank, character, or status

*Forms: exalted; exalted; exalting***excerpt**

n. a passage selected from a larger work; extract; selection

*Forms: excerpts***exchequer**

n. the funds of a government or institution or individual

*Forms: exchequers***excise**

v. remove by cutting

*Forms: excised; excised; excising***excoriate**

v. tear or wear off the skin or make sore by abrading

*Forms: excoriated; excoriated; excoriating***execrable**

adj. deserving a curse

execrate

v. curse or declare to be evil or anathema or threaten with divine punishment; anathemize; comminate; anathemise; anathematize; anathematise

*Forms: execrated; execrated; execrating***execute**

v. sign in the presence of witnesses

*Forms: executed; executed; executing***exegesis**

n. interpretation

*Forms: exegeses***exemplary**

adj. serving to warn; monitory

exemplify

v. clarify by giving an example of; instance

*Forms: exemplified; exemplified; exemplifying***exertion**

n. use of physical or mental energy; travail; sweat

Forms: exertions

exhort

v. force or impel in an indicated direction; press

Forms: exhorted; exhorted; exhorting

exhume

v. dig up for reburial or for medical investigation

Forms: exhumed; exhumed; exhuming

exiguous

adj. extremely scanty

existential

adj. relating to or dealing with existence (especially with human existence)

exodus

n. the second book of the Old Testament: tells of the departure of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt led by Moses

exonerate

v. pronounce not guilty of criminal charges; clear; discharge; exculpate

Forms: exonerated; exonerated; exonerating

expedite

v. process fast and efficiently

Forms: expedited; expedited; expediting

expertise

n. skillfulness by virtue of possessing special knowledge

expiate

v. make amends for; atone

Forms: expiated; expiated; expiating

expletive

n. a word or phrase conveying no independent meaning but added to fill out a sentence or metrical line

explicit

adj. in accordance with fact or the primary meaning of a term

exploit

v. work excessively hard

Forms: exploited; exploited; exploiting

exploit

n. a notable achievement

Forms: exploits

expostulation

n. an exclamation of protest or remonstrance or reproof

exposure

n. abandoning without shelter or protection (as by leaving an infant out in the open)

Forms: exposures

expunge

v. remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line; excise

Forms: expunged; expunged; expunging

extant

adj. still in existence

extenuate

v. reduce the seriousness of

Forms: extenuated; extenuated; extenuating

extirpate

v. destroy; eradicate; uproot

Forms: extirpated; extirpated; extirpating

extol

v. praise, glorify, or honor; exalt; glorify; proclaim

Forms: extolled; extolled; extolling

extolment

n. an expression of approval and commendation; kudos

extort

v. obtain (money, information, etc.) through threat or intimidation

Forms: extorted; extorted; extorting

extradition

n. the surrender of an accused or convicted person by one state or country to another (usually under the provisions of a statute or treaty)

extrapolation

n. act of guessing or inferring

extricate

v. release from entanglement of difficulty; disentangle; disencumber

Forms: extricated; extricated; extricating

extrinsic

adj. not forming an essential part of a thing or arising or originating from the outside

extrovert

n. a person whose interests are directed outward

extrude

v. form or shape by forcing through an opening

Forms: extruded; extruded; extruding

exuberant

adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance; luxuriant; profuse; riotous

exude

v. make apparent by one's mood or behavior

Forms: exuded; exuded; exuding

exult

v. express great joy; rejoice; triumph; jubilate

Forms: exulted; exulted; exulting

exuviate

v. cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; moult; slough

fabricate

v. make up something artificial or untrue; cook up; make up; invent

Forms: fabricated; fabricated; fabricating

fabricated

adj. formed or conceived by the imagination; fictional; fictitious

facade

n. a showy misrepresentation intended to conceal something unpleasant

Forms: facades

facet

n. a smooth surface (as of a bone or cut gemstone)

facile

adj. expressing yourself readily, clearly, effectively; fluent; silver; silver-tongued; smooth-spoken

facilitate

v. make easy; assist forward; promote

Forms: facilitated; facilitated; facilitating

facsimile

n. duplicator that transmits the copy by wire or radio; fax

faction

n. a dissenting clique

Forms: factions

factious

adj. dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion)

factitious

adj. not produced by natural forces

factotum

n. a servant employed to do a variety of jobs

faculty

n. the body of teachers and administrators at a school

Forms: faculties

fain

adj. having made preparations; prepared

faineant

adj. disinclined to work or exertion; lazy; otiose; slothful; work-shy

faint

v. pass out from weakness, physical or emotional distress due to a loss of blood supply to the brain; swoon; pass out

fallow

adj. undeveloped but potentially useful

famed

adj. widely known and esteemed; famous; illustrious; notable; noted; renowned

famished

adj. extremely hungry; sharp-set; starved; esurient

fanaticism

n. excessive intolerance of opposing views; zealotry

fancied

adj. formed or conceived by the imagination; fictional; fictitious

fancier

n. a person having a strong liking for something

fanciful

adj. having a curiously intricate quality

fancify

v. make more beautiful; embellish; prettify

fanfare

n. flourish played by trumpets

fantastic

adj. extravagantly fanciful in design, construction, appearance

farce

n. mixture of ground raw chicken and mushrooms with pistachios and truffles and onions and parsley and lots of butter and bound with eggs

Forms: more fantastic; most fantastic

Forms: farces

fasciculus

n. a bundle of fibers (especially nerve fibers); fascicle

fatalism

n. a philosophical doctrine holding that all events are predetermined in advance for all time and human beings are powerless to change them

fate

v. decree or designate beforehand; doom; designate

fathom

v. measure the depth of (a body of water) with a sounding line

Forms: fathomed; fathomed; fathoming

fatso

n. a rotund individual; roly-poly; butterball

fauna

n. a living organism characterized by voluntary movement; beast; brute; creature

Forms: faunas, faunae

faux

adj. not genuine or real; imitation; simulated

fawning

adj. attempting to win favor by flattery; sycophantic; toadyish

faze

v. disturb the composure of; enervate; unsettle

feasible

adj. capable of being done with means at hand and circumstances as they are; practicable; viable; workable

Forms: fazed; fazed; fazing

febricity

n. a rise in the temperature of the body; pyrexia; feverishness

febrile

adj. of or relating to or characterized by fever

feckless

adj. generally incompetent and ineffectual

fecundity

n. the quality of something that causes or assists healthy growth

feign

v. make a pretence of; sham

Forms: feigned; feigned; feigning

fell

adj. (of persons or their actions) able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering; cruel; roughshod; savage; vicious

fellate

v. provide sexual gratification through oral stimulation; blow; go down on

felon

n. a purulent infection at the end of a finger or toe in the area surrounding the nail

Forms: felons

ferment

n. a process in which an agent causes an organic substance to break down into simpler substances

Forms: ferments

ferret

v. search and discover through persistent investigation

Forms: ferreted; ferreted; ferreting

fervent

adj. extremely hot

fervid

adj. extremely hot

fester

v. generate pus; rankle; produce irritation or resentment

Forms: festered; festered; festering

festinate

v. act or move at high speed; hurry; look sharp

fete

v. have a celebration

Forms: feted; feted; feting

fetid

adj. offensively malodorous; foul; noisome; smelly; stinking

fetter

v. chain; shackle

Forms: fettered; fettered; fettering

feudatory

n. a person holding a fief; liegeman; liege subject

fiasco

n. a sudden and violent collapse

Forms: fiascos, fiascoes

fiat

n. decree; command

figment

n. a contrived or fantastic idea

figurative

adj. consisting of or forming human or animal figures

figurine

n. a small carved or molded figure

filch

v. make off with belongings of others; cabbage; purloin; hook; sneak

Forms: filched; filched; filching

filial

adj. of a son or daughter

filibuster

v. give long speeches in order to delay or prevent a decision from being made

Forms: filibustered; filibustered; filibustering

filiform

adj. thin in diameter; filamentlike; threadlike; thready

filigree

n. delicate and intricate ornamentation (usually in gold or silver or other fine twisted wire); fillagree

fille

n. a young woman; missy; young lady; young woman

finagle

v. achieve something by means of trickery or devious methods; manage

finale

n. the concluding part of any performance; closing curtain; finis

finical

adj. exacting especially about details; fussy; particular; picky

finicky

adj. exacting especially about details; fussy; particular; picky

Forms: finickier; finickiest

finite

adj. having limitations; having bounds

firebrand

n. someone who deliberately foments trouble; inciter; instigator

Forms: firebrands

fitful

adj. intermittently stopping and starting

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| <p>flag v. become less intense; slacken off</p> <p><i>Forms: flagged; flagged; flagging</i></p> | <p>flail v. strike; beat; hit</p> <p><i>Forms: flailed; flailed; flailing</i></p> |
| <p>flair n. a shape that spreads outward</p> | <p>flatulency n. a state of excessive gas in the alimentary canal; gas</p> |
| <p>flay v. strip the skin off</p> <p><i>Forms: flayed; flayed; flaying</i></p> | <p>fleck v. make a spot or mark onto; blob; blot</p> <p><i>Forms: flecked; flecked; flecking</i></p> |
| <p>fleece n. outer coat of especially sheep and yaks</p> <p><i>Forms: fleeces</i></p> | <p>fleece v. shear the wool from</p> <p><i>Forms: fleeced; fleeced; fleecing</i></p> |
| <p>flick n. film; moving picture; motion-picture show</p> <p><i>Forms: flicks</i></p> | <p>flinch v. draw back, as with fear or pain; funk; cringe; shrink; wince; recoil; quail</p> <p><i>Forms: flinched; flinched; flinching</i></p> |
| <p>flint adj. showing unfeeling resistance to tender feelings; granitic; obdurate; stony</p> | <p>flippancy n. inappropriate levity</p> |
| <p>flit v. move along rapidly and lightly; fleet; dart</p> <p><i>Forms: flitted; flitted; flitting</i></p> | <p>floe n. a flat mass of ice (smaller than an ice field) floating at sea</p> |
| <p>florid adj. inclined to a healthy reddish color often associated with outdoor life; sanguine</p> | <p>floridity n. extravagant elaborateness; showiness</p> |
| <p>flotsam n. the floating wreckage of a ship</p> | <p>flourish v. move or swing back and forth; wave</p> <p><i>Forms: flourished; flourished; flourishing</i></p> |

flout

v. laugh at with contempt and derision; barrack; gibe

Forms: flouted; flouted; flouting

fluctuation

n. the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes

Forms: fluctuations

fluke

n. parasitic flatworms having external suckers for attaching to a host; trematode worm

flummox

v. be a mystery or bewildering to; stick; get

fluster

v. cause to be nervous or upset

Forms: flustered; flustered; flustering

fluted

adj. decorated with channels or grooves

fodder

n. food fed to livestock

fogyish

adj. (used pejoratively) out of fashion; mossy; stodgy

foil

n. light sword; thin metal sheets

Forms: foils

foil

v. frustrate; balk; prevent someone from succeeding

Forms: foiled; foiled; foiling

foiled

adj. disappointingly unsuccessful; discomfited; frustrated; thwarted

foist

v. insert surreptitiously or without warrant

Forms: foisted; foisted; foisting

foliage

n. leaves

foment

v. bathe with warm water or medicated lotions

Forms: fomented; fomented; fomenting

foolhardy

adj. marked by defiant disregard for danger or consequences; rash; reckless

Forms: foolhardier; foolhardiest

foppish

adj. affecting extreme elegance in dress and manner

foray

n. an initial attempt (especially outside your usual areas of competence)

ford

n. the act of crossing a stream or river by wading or in a car or on a horse

Forms: fords

forebears

n. ancestor

foreboding

n. an unfavorable omen

Forms: forebodings**forensic**

adj. used or applied in the investigation and establishment of facts or evidence in a court of law

foreshadow

v. indicate by signs; portend; prognosticate; betoken; augur

Forms: foreshadowed; foreshadowed; foreshadowing**foresight**

n. seeing ahead; farsightedness; prospicience

forestall

v. act in advance of; counter

Forms: forestalled; forestalled; forestalling**forgo**

v. lose (s.th.) or lose the right to (s.th.) by some error, offense, or crime; throw overboard; waive; forego

Forms: forwent; forgone; forgoing**formality**

n. ceremony; procedure

Forms: formalities**formidable**

adj. inspiring fear; unnerving

forsake

v. leave someone who needs or counts on you; desolate; desert

Forms: forsook; forsaken; forsaking**forswear**

v. formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief, usually under pressure; retract; resile

Forms: forswore; forsworn; forswearing**forte**

n. individual's strong point; talent

fortitude

n. courage; endurance

foster

v. help develop, help grow

Forms: fostered; fostered; fostering**founder**

v. stumble and nearly fall

Forms: foundered; foundered; foundering**founder**

n. a worker who makes metal castings

Forms: founders

fracas

n. noisy quarrel

Forms: fracasas, fracas**fractious**

adj. unpredictably difficult in operation

frailty

n. moral weakness

Forms: frailties**franchise**

n. license to market a company's goods or services

Forms: franchises**frantic**

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; mad; unrestrained

frenzied

adj. excessively agitated; phrenetic

fresco

n. a durable method of painting on a wall by using watercolors on wet plaster

Forms: frescoes, frescos**fret**

v. worry; annoy; irritate

Forms: fretted; fretted; fretting**friction**

n. effort expended in moving one object over another with pressure; rubbing

Forms: frictions**frieze**

n. a heavy woolen fabric with a long nap

Forms: friezes**frigid**

adj. devoid of warmth and cordiality; frozen; glacial; icy; wintry

frippery

n. something of little value or significance; frivolity

friskiness

n. lively high-spirited playfulness; sportiveness

fritter

v. spend frivolously and unwisely; dissipate; shoot; fool

Forms: frittered; frittered; frittering**frivolous**

adj. not serious in content or attitude or behavior

frizzly

adj. (of hair) in small tight curls; frizzy; kinky; nappy

frolicsome

adj. given to merry frolicking; frolicky; rollicking; sportive

frond

n. compound leaf of a fern or palm or cycad

fructify

v. bear fruit

Forms: fructified; fructified; fructifying**fugitive**

adj. lasting for a markedly brief time; momentaneous; momentary

fulcrum

n. the pivot about which a lever turns

Forms: fulcrums, fulcra**fulsome**

adj. unpleasantly and excessively suave or ingratiating in manner or speech; oily; oleaginous; smarmy; soapy; unctuous

functionary

n. a worker who holds or is invested with an office

Forms: functionaries**fundamental**

adj. far-reaching and thoroughgoing in effect especially on the nature of something

Forms: more fundamental; most fundamental**funereal**

adj. suited to or suggestive of a grave or burial

funk

v. draw back, as with fear or pain; cringe; shrink; wince; recoil; quail

furor

n. a sudden outburst (as of protest)

fusillade

n. rapid simultaneous discharge of firearms; volley; burst

fusion

n. the act of fusing (or melting) together

Forms: fusions**fusspot**

n. thinks about unfortunate things that might happen; worrywart

futile

adj. unproductive of success; sleeveless; vain

gabby

adj. full of trivial conversation; garrulous; loquacious; talkative; talky

gadfly

n. any of various large flies that annoy livestock

Forms: gadflies

gaffe

n. a socially awkward or tactless act; solecism; slip; gaucherie

gage

v. place a bet on; stake; game; punt

gala

n. a gay festivity; jamboree; blowout

galaxy

n. system of stars held together by gravity

Forms: galaxies

gall

v. irritate or vex

Forms: galled; galled; galling

gall

n. the trait of being rude and impertinent; impertinence; impudence; insolence; cheekiness; freshness

galleon

n. a large square-rigged sailing ship with three or more masts

galvanize

v. stimulate (muscles) by administering a shock

Forms: galvanized; galvanized; galvanizing

gambit

n. a chess move early in the game in which the player sacrifices minor pieces in order to obtain an advantageous position

gamely

adv. bravely; heroically

gape

v. be wide open; yaw

Forms: gaped; gaped; gaping

garble

v. make false by mutilation or addition; warp

garbled

adj. lacking orderly continuity; disjointed; disordered; illogical; scattered; unconnected

garboil

n. a state of commotion and noise and confusion; uproar

gargantuan

adj. of great mass; giant; jumbo

gargoyle

n. an ornament consisting of a grotesquely carved figure of a person or animal

garish

adj. tastelessly showy; cheap; flash; gaudy

garner

v. assemble or get together; collect; pull together

Forms: garnered; garnered; garnering

garotte

v. strangle with an iron collar; scrag

garroter

n. someone who kills by strangling; strangler; throttler; choker

garrulity

n. the quality of being wordy and talkative; loquaciousness; loquacity; talkativeness

garrulous

adj. full of trivial conversation; loquacious; talkative; talky

gasp

v. breathe noisily, as when one is exhausted; heave

gastronomy

n. the art and practice of choosing and preparing and eating good food

gauche

adj. lacking social polish; unpolished

gaudy

adj. (used especially of clothes) marked by conspicuous display; jazzy; showy; sporty

Forms: gaudier; gaudiest

gaunt

adj. very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold; emaciated; haggard; pinched; skeletal; wasted

Forms: gaunter; gauntest

gawk

v. look with amazement; gawp

Forms: gawked; gawked; gawking

gawky

adj. lacking grace in movement or posture; clunky; ungainly; unwieldy

gazette

n. a newspaper or official journal

gelid

adj. extremely cold; glacial; icy; polar

gemmed

adj. covered with beads or jewels or sequins; jeweled; jewelled; sequined; spangled; spangly

genealogy

n. the study or investigation of ancestry and family history

Forms: genealogies

generality

n. statement which is unspecific or lacking in detail

Forms: generalities

generic

adj. general; of or pertaining to a class or kind

genesis

n. the first book of the Old Testament: tells of Creation

Forms: no plural

geniality

n. a disposition to be friendly and approachable (easy to talk to); amiability; amiableness; bonhomie

genre

n. a class of art (or artistic endeavor) having a characteristic form or technique

Forms: genres

genteel

adj. marked by refinement in taste and manners; cultivated; cultured; polite

gentility

n. elegance by virtue of fineness of manner and expression

gentry

n. the most powerful members of a society

genuflect

v. bend the knees and bow in a servile manner

Forms: genuflected; genuflected; genuflecting

germane

adj. relevant and appropriate

germinal

adj. containing seeds of later development; seminal

germinate

v. cause to grow or sprout

Forms: germinated; germinated; germinating

gerontocracy

n. a political system governed by old men

Forms: gerontocracies

gerrymander

v. divide unfairly and to one's advantage

Forms: gerrymandered; gerrymandered; gerrymandering

gestate

v. be pregnant with; carry; expect

Forms: gestated; gestated; gestating

gesticulation

n. a deliberate and vigorous gesture or motion

geta

n. footwear usually with wooden soles; patten; sabot

getable

adj. capable of being obtained; obtainable; procurable

getup

n. a set of clothing (with accessories); rig; turnout

gibberish

n. unintelligible talking

gibe

v. laugh at with contempt and derision; flout; barrack

Forms: gibed; gibed; gibing

gibelike

adj. abusing vocally; jeering; mocking; taunting

giddy

adj. lacking seriousness; empty-headed; featherbrained; light-headed; lightheaded; silly

Forms: giddier; giddiest

gilt

adj. having the deep slightly brownish color of gold; gold; golden

gimp

v. walk impeded by some physical limitation or injury; hobble; hitch

gingerly

adv. cautiously; carefully

girth

n. stable gear consisting of a band around a horse's belly that holds the saddle in place

Forms: girths

gist

n. the choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience; core; center

glacial

adj. extremely cold; gelid; icy; polar

glaring

adj. conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible; flagrant; gross; rank

glaze

v. fill or fit with glass; cover with glass or something sweet

Forms: glazed; glazed; glazing

glean

v. gather, as of natural products

Forms: gleaned; gleaned; gleaning

gleeful

adj. full of high-spirited delight; joyful; jubilant

glimmer

v. shine brightly, like a star or a light

Forms: glimmered; glimmered; glimmering

glistening

adj. reflecting light; lustrous; sheeny; shiny; shining

gloat

v. gaze at or think about something with great self-satisfaction, gratification, or joy

Forms: gloated; gloated; gloating

glob

n. a compact mass; lump; clump; chunk

gloomful

adj. depressingly dark; sulky

gloss over

v. cover up a misdemeanor, fault, or error; hush up

Forms: glossed over; glossed over; glossing over

glossary

n. an alphabetical list of technical terms in some specialized field of knowledge

Forms: glossaries

glower

v. look angry or sullen, wrinkle one's forehead, as if to signal disapproval

Forms: glowered; glowered; glowering

glowering

adj. showing a brooding ill humor; glum; moody; morose; saturnine; sour; sullen

glut

v. supply with an excess of

Forms: glutted; glutted; glutting

glutinous

adj. having the sticky properties of an adhesive; gummy; mucilaginous; pasty; sticky; viscid; viscous

gnarled

adj. used of old persons or old trees; knotted; knotty; knobbed

gnarly

adj. used of old persons or old trees; knotted; knotty; knobbed

gnome

n. a short pithy saying expressing a general truth

goad

v. tease; drive

Forms: goaded; goaded; goading

goitre

n. abnormally enlarged thyroid gland; struma; thyromegaly

gorge

n. gullet

Forms: gorges

gorge

v. overeat or eat immodestly

Forms: gorged; gorged; gorging

gory

adj. accompanied by bloodshed; sanguineous; slaughterous; butcherly

Forms: gorier; goriest

gouge

v. make a groove in

Forms: gouged; gouged; gouging

gourmand

n. a person who is devoted to eating and drinking to excess; trencherman

gourmet

n. a person devoted to refined sensuous enjoyment (especially good food and drink); gastronome; bon vivant; epicurean; foodie

graduated

adj. taking place by degrees

granary

n. a storehouse for threshed grain or animal feed

Forms: granaries

grandeur

n. the quality of elevation of mind and exaltation of character or ideals or conduct; magnanimousness

granger

n. a person who operates a farm; sodbuster

granulate

v. form granulating tissue

Forms: granulated; granulated; granulating

graphic

adj. evoking lifelike images within the mind; pictorial; vivid

grapple

v. grip or seize, as in a wrestling match

Forms: grappled; grappled; grappling

graspable

adj. capable of being apprehended or understood; perceivable; understandable

grate

v. scratch repeatedly

Forms: grated; grated; grating

gratify

v. yield (to)

Forms: gratified; gratified; gratifying

gratis

adv. free of charge

gratuity

n. an award (as for meritorious service) given without claim or obligation

Forms: gratuities

gregarious

adj. outgoing; sociable

grievance

n. a complaint about a (real or imaginary) wrong that causes resentment and is grounds for action

Forms: grievances

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| <p>grill v. barbecue; interrogate; cross-examine</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> grilled; grilling</p> | <p>grimace n. a contorted facial expression</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> grimaces</p> |
| <p>grisly adj. shockingly repellent; gruesome; macabre; sick</p> | <p>gritrock n. a hard coarse-grained siliceous sandstone; gritstone</p> |
| <p>grok v. get the meaning of something; comprehend; savvy; dig; grasp; compass; apprehend</p> | <p>grotesque adj. ludicrously odd; fantastical</p> |
| <p>grotto n. a small cave (usually with attractive features)</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> grottoes, grottos</p> | <p>grouse v. complain; crab; beef; squawk; bellyache; holler</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> grouched; grousing</p> |
| <p>grovel v. show submission or fear; creep; cringe; cower</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> groveled, grovelled; groveling, grovelling</p> | <p>grudging adj. petty or reluctant in giving or spending; scrimy</p> |
| <p>gruel n. a thin porridge (usually oatmeal or cornmeal)</p> | <p>grueling adj. characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; backbreaking; hard; heavy</p> |
| <p>gruesome adj. shockingly repellent; grisly; macabre; sick</p> | <p>gruff adj. deep and harsh sounding as if from shouting or illness or emotion; husky</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> gruffer; gruffest</p> |
| <p>guck n. any thick, viscous matter; goop; gook; muck; ooze</p> | <p>guffaw n. a burst of deep loud hearty laughter</p> |
| <p>guileless adj. free of deceit</p> | <p>gullible adj. easily tricked because of being too trusting</p> |
| <p>gustatory adj. of or relating to gustation; gustatorial</p> | <p>gusty adj. blowing in puffs or short intermittent blasts</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> gustier; gustiest</p> |

guttle

v. eat greedily; raven; pig

gybe

v. shift from one side of the ship to the other; jib; change course

gyroscope

n. rotating mechanism in the form of a universally mounted spinning wheel that offers resistance to turns in any direction

habitué

n. a regular patron; fixture

hackles

n. a feeling of anger and animosity

hackneyed

adj. repeated too often; commonplace; old-hat; shopworn; threadbare

haemal

adj. relating to the blood vessels or blood; hematal; haematal

haggle

v. wrangle (over a price, terms of an agreement, etc.); chaffer; huckster

Forms: haggled; haggled; haggling

hale

adj. exhibiting or restored to vigorous good health

Forms: haler; halest

hallowed

adj. worthy of religious veneration

hallucination

n. an object perceived during a hallucinatory episode

halting

adj. fragmentary from emotional strain

hamper

v. put at a disadvantage

Forms: hampered; hampered; hampering

handbuild

v. make without a potter's wheel; coil

hap

n. an accidental occurrence

Forms: haps

hapless

adj. deserving or inciting pity; pathetic; piteous; poor; wretched

harass

v. exhaust by attacking repeatedly

Forms: harassed; harassed; harassing

harassed

adj. troubled persistently especially with petty annoyances; harried; pestered; vexed

harbinger

n. something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone; predecessor; herald; precursor

harbor

v. hold back a thought or feeling about; shield

Forms: harbored; harbored; harboring

hardy

adj. invulnerable to fear or intimidation; dauntless; fearless; intrepid; unfeared

Forms: hardier; hardiest

harlotry

n. offering sexual intercourse for pay; whoredom

harping

n. tedious dwelling on a subject

Forms: harpists

harrow

v. bother; harass

Forms: harrowed; harrowed; harrowing

harry

v. make a pillaging or destructive raid on (a place), as in wartimes

Forms: harried; harried; harrying

hatch

n. an opening in a wall or floor

Forms: hatches

hatchway

n. entrance; opening; scuttle

haughtiness

n. overbearing pride evidenced by a superior manner toward inferiors; hauteur; high-handedness; lordliness

hazardous

adj. involving risk or danger; wild

hazy

adj. blurry; foggy; fuzzy; muzzy

Forms: hazier; haziest

headlong

adv. rashly; recklessly

headstrong

adj. habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition; self-willed; willful; wilful

heathen

adj. not acknowledging the God of Christianity and Judaism and Islam; pagan; ethnic

heathen

n. a person who does not acknowledge your god; gentile; infidel

heckler

n. someone who tries to embarrass you with gibes and questions and objections

hedonism

n. an ethical system that evaluates the pursuit of pleasure as the highest good

heedless

adj. characterized by careless unconcern

hegemony

n. the dominance or leadership of one social group or nation over others

Forms: hegemonies

helminthic

adj. capable of expelling or destroying parasitic worms; parasitocidal

hencoop

n. a farm building for housing poultry; henhouse

heresy

n. a belief that rejects the orthodox tenets of a religion

Forms: heresies

heretic

n. a person who holds unorthodox opinions in any field (not merely religion)

Forms: heretics

hermetic

adj. sealed by fusion so as to be airtight; obscure and mysterious; occult

hermitage

n. retreat; isolated dwelling

Forms: hermitages

herpetologist

n. a zoologist who studies reptiles and amphibians

heterodox

adj. characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards

heterogeneous

adj. originating outside the body

hew

v. strike with an axe

Forms: hewed; hewed, hewn; hewing

heyday

n. the period of greatest prosperity or productivity; peak; bloom; blossom; efflorescence; flush

hibernal

adj. characteristic of or relating to winter; hiemal

hibernate

v. be in an inactive or dormant state

Forms: hibernated; hibernated; hibernating

hierarchy

n. the organization of people at different ranks in an administrative body; pecking order

Forms: hierarchies

hieratical

adj. associated with the priesthood or priests; sacerdotal

hieroglyphic

n. a writing system using picture symbols

Forms: hieroglyphics

higgle

v. wrangle (over a price, terms of an agreement, etc.); chaffer; huckster

hilarity

n. great merriment; mirthfulness; glee; gleefulness

hindmost

adj. located farthest to the rear; rearmost

hindrance

n. the act of hindering or obstructing or impeding; interference

Forms: hindrances

hinterlands

n. back country

Forms: hinterlands

hireling

n. a person who works only for money

hirsute

adj. having or covered with hair

histrion

n. a theatrical performer; player; thespian; role player

histrionic

adj. characteristic of acting or a stage performance

hitchhike

v. travel by getting free rides from motorists; thumb

hoard

v. get or gather together; accumulate; pile up; amass; compile

Forms: hoarded; hoarded; hoarding

hoary

adj. gray; white; ancient; old

Forms: hoarier; hoariest

hoax

n. something intended to deceive; dupery; humbug; put-on

hoggish

adj. resembling swine; piggy; porcine; swinish

holocaust

n. the mass murder of Jews under the German Nazi regime from 1941 until 1945

holster

n. a belt with loops or slots for carrying small hand tools

Forms: holsters

homage

n. respectful deference

hombre

n. an informal term for a youth or man; bozo

homeostasis

n. tendency of a system to safeguard internal stability

homespun

adj. hand-woven

homily

n. a sermon on a moral or religious topic

Forms: homilies

homogeneous

adj. all of the same or similar kind or nature

honcho

n. a person who exercises control over workers; gaffer; boss

hoodwink

v. conceal one's true motives from especially by elaborately feigning good intentions so as to gain an end; lead by the nose; play false

Forms: hoodwinked; hoodwinked; hoodwinking

hooks

n. large strong hand (as of a fighter); maulers

hobble

v. strap the foreleg and hind leg together on each side (of a horse) in order to keep the legs on the same side moving in unison

horde

n. a moving crowd; swarm

Forms: hordes

hortatory

adj. giving strong encouragement; hortative

horticultural

adj. of or relating to the cultivation of plants

hotfoot

v. move fast; hasten; hie; speed; race; pelt along; rush along

hovel

n. small crude shelter used as a dwelling; hutch; shack; shanty

Forms: hovels

hover

v. linger in an area; waver; vacillate

Forms: hovered; hovered; hovering

howling

n. a long loud emotional utterance; ululation

hubbub

n. loud confused noise from many sources; brouhaha; katzenjammer

hubris

n. overbearing pride or presumption

hue

n. color; aspect; outcry

Forms: hues

huffing

n. an act of forcible exhalation; snorting

hulk

v. appear very large or occupy a commanding position; predominate

humane

adj. showing evidence of moral and intellectual advancement

humdrum

adj. tediously repetitious or lacking in variety

humid

adj. containing or characterized by a great deal of water vapor

hummock

n. a small natural hill; hillock; hammock

humus

n. a thick spread made from mashed chickpeas, tahini, lemon juice and garlic; hommos; hoummos; humous

hunched

adj. having the back and shoulders rounded; round-shouldered; stooped; stooping; crooked

hunker

v. sit on one's heels; scrunch

hurtle

v. throw forcefully; cast

Forms: hurtled; hurtled; hurtling

husbandry

n. the practice of cultivating the land or raising stock

hybrid

n. crossbreed

Forms: hybrids

hydrophobia

n. an acute viral disease of the nervous system of warm-blooded animals (usually transmitted by the bite of a rabid animal); lyssa; madness

hymnal

n. a songbook containing a collection of hymns; hymnary

hyperbole

n. extravagant exaggeration

Forms: hyperboles

hypercritical

adj. inclined to judge too severely

hypocritical

adj. professing feelings or virtues one does not have

hypothetical

adj. based primarily on surmise rather than adequate evidence; supposed; suppositional; suppositious; supposititious

ichthyology

n. the branch of zoology that studies fishes

icon

n. image; statue; idol

iconoclastic

adj. destructive of images used in religious worship

ictus

n. a sudden occurrence (or recurrence) of a disease;
raptus

ideology

n. imaginary or visionary theorization

Forms: ideologies

idiom

n. expression; set phrase

Forms: idioms

idiosyncrasy

n. a behavioral attribute that is distinctive and peculiar to an individual; mannerism

Forms: idiosyncrasies

idiosyncratic

adj. peculiar to the individual

idolatry

n. the worship of idols

Forms: idolatries

idyllic

adj. peaceful; charmingly rustic; picturesque

igneous

adj. fiery; of or pertaining to fire

ignite

v. arouse or excite feelings and passions; wake; heat; fire up

Forms: ignited; ignited; igniting

ignominious

adj. (used of conduct or character) deserving or bringing disgrace or shame; inglorious; opprobrious; shameful

illicit

adj. contrary to or forbidden by law; outlawed; unlawful

illuminate

v. explain; light up; brighten; elucidate

Forms: illuminated; illuminated; illuminating

imbalance

n. instability; unequal distribution of weight

imbecility

n. a stupid mistake; folly; foolishness

Forms: imbecilities

imbibe

v. receive into the mind and retain

Forms: imbibed; imbibed; imbibing

imbroglio

n. a very embarrassing misunderstanding

Forms: imbroglios**imbue**

v. suffuse with color

Forms: imbued; imbued; imbuing**immobility**

n. the quality of not moving

immolate

v. offer as a sacrifice by killing or by giving up to destruction

Forms: immolated; immolated; immolating**immoveable**

adj. fixed in place; unchangeable

immure

v. confine; imprison

Forms: immured; immured; immuring**immurement**

n. the state of being imprisoned; incarceration

impair

v. make imperfect; spoil; deflower; vitiate

Forms: impaired; impaired; impairing**impale**

v. kill by piercing with a spear or sharp pole

Forms: impaled; impaled; impaling**impalpable**

adj. not perceptible to the touch

impasse

n. a street with only one way in or out; dead-end street

impassive

adj. poker-faced; unexpressive; apathetic

impeccable

adj. not capable of sin

impecunious

adj. not having enough money to pay for necessities; penniless; penurious; pinched

impediment

n. any structure that makes progress difficult; obstructer

Forms: impediments, impedimenta**impending**

n. approaching; coming soon; looming

impenetrable

adj. impossible to understand

imperial

adj. belonging to or befitting a supreme ruler; purple; regal; royal

imperiousness

n. overbearingness

impermeable

adj. preventing especially liquids to pass or diffuse through

impertinent

adj. improperly forward or bold; impudent; overbold; smart; saucy; sassy; wise

impervious

adj. not admitting of passage or capable of being affected

impetus

n. the act of applying force suddenly

impinge

v. advance beyond the usual limit

Forms: impinged; impinged; impinging

impinging

n. the physical coming together of two or more things; striking

impious

adj. lacking due respect or dutifulness

impishness

n. puckishness; whimsicality

implacable

adj. incapable of being placated

implausible

adj. highly imaginative but unlikely

implement

v. pursue to a conclusion or bring to a successful issue; follow out; carry out; put through; go through

Forms: implemented; implemented; implementing

implication

n. a relation implicated by virtue of involvement or close connection (especially an incriminating involvement)

Forms: implications

implore

v. call upon in supplication; pray

Forms: implored; implored; imploring

imply

v. have as a necessary feature

Forms: implied; implied; implying

impolitic

adj. not expedient; unwise

imponderable

adj. difficult or impossible to evaluate with precision

importunate

adj. expressing earnest entreaty

importune

v. beg persistently and urgently

Forms: importuned; importuned; importuning**imposture**

n. pretending to be another person

impotent

adj. (of a male) unable to copulate

impregnable

adj. incapable of being overcome, challenged or refuted

impropriety

n. an act of undue intimacy; indecorum; liberty

Forms: improprieties**improvident**

adj. not given careful consideration; shortsighted

improvise

v. manage in a makeshift way

Forms: improvised; improvised; improvising**imprudent**

adj. lacking wise self-restraint

impuissance

n. powerlessness revealed by an inability to act

impunity

n. exemption from punishment or loss

impute

v. attribute (responsibility or fault) to a cause or source

Forms: imputed; imputed; imputing**inadvertently**

adv. mistakenly; unintentionally

inane

adj. devoid of intelligence; mindless; vacuous

inanimate

adj. lifeless; spiritless

inarticulate

adj. without or deprived of the use of speech or words

inaugurate

v. be a precursor of; introduce

Forms: inaugurated; inaugurated; inaugurating**incandescent**

adj. characterized by ardent emotion or intensity or brilliance

incantation

n. a ritual recitation of words or sounds believed to have a magical effect

incarnate

adj. invested with a bodily form especially of a human body

incarnation

n. manifestation of a deity or spirit in an earthly form

incense

v. make furious

Forms: incensed; incensed; incensing**incensed**

adj. angered at something unjust or wrong; outraged; umbrageous

incentive

n. an additional payment (or other remuneration) to employees as a means of increasing output

Forms: incentives**inception**

n. an event that is a beginning

incidence

n. the striking of a light beam on a surface

incidental

adj. following or accompanying as a consequence; accompanying; concomitant; ensuant; resultant; sequent

incipient

adj. only partly in existence

incisive

adj. suitable for cutting or piercing

incite

v. urge on; egg on

Forms: incited; incited; inciting**incitive**

adj. arousing to action or rebellion; inflammatory; instigative; rabble-rousing; seditious

inclement

adj. used of persons or behavior

incline

n. slope; grade; slant

inclined

adj. having made preparations; prepared

inclusive

adj. including much or everything

incognito

adv. anonymously; in disguise

incommodious

adj. uncomfortably or inconveniently small

incompatible

adj. incongruous; unsuitable

incongruity

n. the quality of disagreeing

Forms: incongruities

inconsequential

adj. not following logically as a consequence

inconsistency

n. the quality of being inconsistent and lacking a harmonious uniformity among things or parts

Forms: inconsistencies

incontinent

adj. not having control over urination and defecation

incorporate

v. combine; blend; unify; unite; include

Forms: incorporated; incorporated; incorporating

incorporeal

adj. without material form or substance

incorrigible

adj. impervious to correction by punishment

incredulity

n. doubt about the truth of something; skepticism; mental rejection

incredulous

adj. not disposed or willing to believe

increment

n. the amount by which something increases

incriminate

v. accuse; serve as evidence against

Forms: incriminated; incriminated; incriminating

incubate

v. sit on (eggs); cover

Forms: incubated; incubated; incubating

incubus

n. someone who depresses or worries others

Forms: incubi, incubuses

incur

v. receive a specified treatment (abstract); find; obtain

Forms: incurred; incurred; incurring

indemnify

v. make amends for; repair

Forms: indemnified; indemnified; indemnifying

indenture

v. bind a person in service to another for a specified period of time

Forms: indentured; indentured; indenturing

indeterminate

adj. uncertain; indefinite; unclear; ambiguous

indicative

adj. showing; pointing out; suggestive

indignation

n. a feeling of righteous anger

indignity

n. humiliation; insult

Forms: indignities**indiscriminate**

adj. not marked by fine distinctions

indisputable

adj. impossible to doubt or dispute

indissoluble

adj. used of decisions and contracts

indite

v. compose; write in words

Forms: indited; indited; inditing**indocile**

adj. of persons; ungovernable; unruly

indolence

n. inactivity resulting from a dislike of work

indubitably

adv. unquestionably; without a doubt

inductive

adj. of or pertaining to electric or magnetic induction

indue

v. give qualities or abilities to; gift; empower; invest; endue

inebriety

n. a temporary state resulting from excessive consumption of alcohol; intoxication; tipsiness; insobriety

ineffectual

adj. lacking in power or forcefulness; unable

ineluctable

adj. impossible to avoid or evade; unavoidable

inept

adj. revealing lack of perceptiveness or judgment or finesse

inequity

n. injustice by virtue of not conforming with rules or standards

Forms: inequities**inerrancy**

n. infallibleness

inertia

n. inactivity; immobility

infantile

adj. childish; puerile

infatuate

v. arouse unreasoning love or passion in and cause to behave in an irrational way

infatuated

adj. marked by foolish or unreasoning fondness; in love; potty; smitten

infer

v. derive; conclude

Forms: inferred; inferred; inferring**infernal**

adj. being of the underworld

infiltrate

v. pass through an enemy line

Forms: infiltrated; infiltrated; infiltrating**infinitesimal**

adj. infinitely or immeasurably small

infirmity

n. the state of being weak in health or body (especially from old age); debility; feebleness; frailness; valetudinarianism

Forms: infirmities**inflated**

adj. swollen; filled with air or gas; expanded

influx

n. the process of flowing in

Forms: influxes**infraction**

n. a crime less serious than a felony; violation; infringement

infringe

v. advance beyond the usual limit; impinge

Forms: infringed; infringed; infringing**ingeminate**

v. say, state, or perform again; iterate; restate; retell

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and skill

ingenuous

adj. lacking in sophistication or worldliness

ingrained

adj. (used especially of ideas or principles) deeply rooted; implanted; planted

ingrate

n. a person who shows no gratitude; ungrateful person

ingratiate

v. gain favor with somebody by deliberate efforts

Forms: ingratiated; ingratiated; ingratiating**inimical**

adj. not friendly

inimitable

adj. defying imitation

iniquitous

adj. characterized by iniquity; ungodly

initiatory

adj. serving to set in motion; first; maiden

injurious

adj. harmful to living things

inkling

n. a slight suggestion or vague understanding; glimmering; glimmer

innate

adj. present at birth but not necessarily hereditary

innocuous

adj. lacking intent or capacity to injure

innovation

n. the act of starting something for the first time; foundation; institution; origination; creation

Forms: innovations**inopportune**

adj. untimely; unsuitable; inappropriate

inordinate

adj. beyond normal limits; undue; unreasonable

inquisitor

n. an official of the ecclesiastical court of the Inquisition

insalubrious

adj. detrimental to health; unhealthy

inscrutable

adj. of an obscure nature; deep; mysterious; mystifying

insensate

adj. without compunction or human feeling; inhuman

insensible

adj. unresponsive to stimulation

insipid

adj. lacking interest or significance or impact

insolence

n. an offensive disrespectful impudent act

insolvent

adj. unable to meet or discharge financial obligations

insouciant

adj. marked by blithe unconcern; nonchalant

instigate

v. serve as the inciting cause of

Forms: instigated; instigated; instigating**insubordinate**

adj. disposed to or engaged in defiance of established authority; resistive

insubstantial

adj. lacking in nutritive value

insularity

n. the state of being isolated or detached; insularism; detachment

insulting

adj. expressing extreme contempt; scornful

insuperable

adj. incapable of being surmounted or excelled

insurgent

adj. in opposition to a civil authority or government; subversive

insurrection

n. organized opposition to authority; revolt; rising; uprising

Forms: insurrections**intangible**

adj. impalpable; cannot be seen or touched

integral

adj. of or denoted by an integer

integrate

v. mix; merge; blend; join; unite

Forms: integrated; integrated; integrating**intellect**

n. a person who uses the mind creatively

Forms: intellects**intelligentsia**

n. an educated and intellectual elite

inter

v. place in a grave or tomb; inhumate; lay to rest

Forms: interred; interred; interring**interdict**

v. command against; proscribe; veto; disallow; nix

Forms: interdicted; interdicted; interdicting**interlaced**

adj. having a pattern of fretwork or latticework; latticed; latticelike

interloper

n. trespasser

interminable

adj. tiresomely long

intermittent

adj. stopping and starting at irregular intervals

internecine

adj. characterized by bloodshed and carnage for both sides

interpolate

v. insert something new

Forms: interpolated; interpolated; interpolating**interregnum**

n. the time between two reigns, governments, etc.

Forms: interregnums, interregna**intersperse**

v. introduce one's writing or speech with certain expressions

Forms: interspersed; interspersed; interspersing

intervene

v. occur between other event or between certain points of time

Forms: intervened; intervened; intervening

intimate

v. imply as a possibility

Forms: intimated; intimated; intimating

intimidation

n. a communication that makes you afraid to try something

intractable

adj. inflexible; stubborn; unyielding

intransigence

n. the trait of being intransigent

intrepid

adj. invulnerable to fear or intimidation; dauntless; fearless; hardy; unfearing

intrinsically

adv. in an essential manner; naturally

introspective

adj. given to examining own sensory and perceptual experiences; self-examining

introvert

n. person who tends to focus on their own thoughts and feelings

intrude

v. thrust oneself in as if by force

Forms: intruded; intruded; intruding

intuition

n. an impression that something might be the case; suspicion

Forms: intuitions

inundate

v. fill or cover completely, usually with water; submerge

Forms: inundated; inundated; inundating

inured

adj. made tough by habitual exposure; hardened

invalidate

v. take away the legal force of or render ineffective; vitiate

Forms: invalidated; invalidated; invalidating

invective

n. abusive or venomous language used to express blame or censure or bitter deep-seated ill will; vitriol

inveigle

v. influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering; palaver; blarney; coax; sweet-talk

Forms: inveigled; inveigled; inveigling

invert

v. reverse; turn upside down

Forms: inverted; inverted; inverting**inveterate**

adj. habitual

invidious

adj. containing or implying a slight or showing prejudice

invincibleadj. incapable of being overcome or subdued;
unvanquishable**invulnerability**

n. invulnerability; sacredness

invulnerable

adj. immune to attack

iota

n. the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet

Forms: iotas**irascible**

adj. characterized by anger

ironic

adj. characterized by often poignant difference or incongruity between what is expected and what actually is

irony

n. a trope that involves incongruity between what is expected and what occurs

Forms: ironies**irreconcilable**

adj. impossible to reconcile

irrelevant

adj. having no bearing on or connection with the subject at issue

irremediable

adj. impossible to remedy or correct or redress

irreparable

adj. impossible to repair, rectify, or amend

irrepressible

adj. unrestrainable; uncontrollable

irresolute

adj. uncertain how to act or proceed

irreverent

adj. not revering god

irrevocable

adj. incapable of being retracted or revoked

isotope

n. one of two or more atoms with the same atomic number but with different numbers of neutrons

isthmus

n. a cord-like tissue connecting two larger parts of an anatomical structure

Forms: isthmuses, isthmi

itinerary

n. a proposed route of travel

Forms: itineraries

jaded

adj. dulled by surfeit

jambon

n. meat cut from the thigh of a hog (usually smoked); gammon

jampack

v. crowd to capacity; ram; chock up; cram; wad

jargon

n. specialized technical terminology characteristic of a particular subject

Forms: jargons**jaundiced**

adj. showing or affected by prejudice or envy or distaste

jaunt

n. a journey taken for pleasure; outing; pleasure trip; expedition; sashay

jaunty

adj. having a cheerful, lively, and self-confident air; debonaire

Forms: jauntier; jauntiest**jawbone**

v. talk idly or casually and in a friendly way; schmooze; schmoose

jeer

v. laugh at with contempt and derision; flout; barrack; gibe

jeer

n. showing your contempt by derision; mockery; scoff; scoffing

jell

v. become gelatinous; congeal

jeopardy

n. a source of danger; peril; risk; endangerment

jerkwater

adj. small and remote and insignificant; pokey; poky

jesting

adj. characterized by jokes and good humor; jocular; joking

jetting

adj. propelled violently in a usually narrow stream; spurting; squirting

jingoism

n. fanatical patriotism; superpatriotism; ultranationalism

jingoistic

adj. fanatically patriotic; nationalistic; ultranationalistic; superpatriotic

jinrikisha

n. a small two-wheeled cart for one passenger; rickshaw

jocose

adj. characterized by jokes and good humor; jocular; joking

jocoseness

n. the trait of merry joking; merriness; humorousness

jocular

adj. characterized by jokes and good humor; joking

jollity

n. joviality

Forms: jollities

jolly

v. be silly or tease one another; josh; banter

jolty

adj. causing or characterized by jolts and irregular movements; bumpy; jolting; jumpy

jongleur

n. a singer of folk songs; minstrel; poet-singer; troubadour

jostle

v. come into rough contact with while moving

Forms: jostled; jostled; jostling

jounce

n. a sudden jarring impact; shock

jovial

adj. full of or showing high-spirited merriment; jolly; merry; mirthful

jubilation

n. the utterance of sounds expressing great joy

judicious

adj. marked by the exercise of good judgment or common sense in practical matters; heady

juggernaut

n. a crude idol of Krishna

junket

n. a trip taken by an official at public expense

junta

n. a group of military officers who rule a country after seizing power

Forms: juntas

jurisprudence

n. the collection of rules imposed by authority

jutting

adj. extending out above or beyond a surface or boundary; projecting; protruding; relieved

kaleidoscope

n. an optical toy in a tube

kayoed

adj. knocked unconscious by a heavy blow; stunned

keel

v. walk as if unable to control one's movements; lurch; swag; careen

ken

n. the range of vision

kerfuffle

n. a disorderly outburst or tumult; commotion; flutter; hurly burly

kibosh

v. stop from happening or developing; block

killjoy

n. person who ruins the fun or enjoyment of others

kindle

v. call forth (emotions, feelings, and responses); evoke; raise; provoke

Forms: kindled; kindled; kindling

kindred

adj. related by blood or marriage

kinetic

adj. supplying motive force

kismet

n. fate; destiny

kleptomaniac

n. someone with an irrational urge to steal in the absence of an economic motive

knavery

n. lack of honesty

Forms: knaveries

knead

v. manually manipulate (someone's body), usually for medicinal or relaxation purposes

Forms: kneaded; kneaded; kneading

knell

n. the sound of a bell rung slowly to announce a death or a funeral or the end of something

knit

v. weave by joining loops of yarn or thread

Forms: knitted, knit; knitted, knit; knitting

knoll

n. a small natural hill; hillock; hummock; hammock

Forms: knolls

knottiness

n. puzzling complexity; tortuousness

knotty

adj. tangled in knots or snarls; snarly

Forms: knottier; knottiest

knowable

adj. capable of being known; cognisable; cognoscible

kudos

n. an expression of approval and commendation;
extolment

kyphosis

n. an abnormal backward curve to the vertebral column;
hunchback

labile

adj. changeable; unstable

labyrinth

n. a complex system of interconnecting cavities

Forms: labyrinths

lacerate

v. deeply hurt the feelings of

Forms: lacerated; lacerated; lacerating

lachrymose

adj. showing sorrow; tearful; weeping

lackluster

adj. dim; dull; very boring

lagoon

n. a body of water cut off from a larger body by a reef of sand or coral; lagune

Forms: lagoons

laity

n. in Christianity, members of a religious community that do not have the priestly responsibilities of ordained clergy

lallygag

v. be about; lounge; loaf; hang around; mill around

lambaste

v. censure severely or angrily; rebuke; rag; reprimand

Forms: lambasted; lambasted; lambasting

lambency

n. an appearance of reflected light; glow

lament

v. regret strongly; bewail; bemoan

Forms: lamented; lamented; lamenting

lamentable

adj. bad; pitiful; sad; sorry

lampoon

v. ridicule with satire

Forms: lampooned; lampooned; lampooning

lancinate

adj. painful as if caused by a sharp instrument; knifelike; piercing; stabbing; lancing

languish

v. become feeble

Forms: languished; languished; languishing

languor

n. inactivity; sluggishness; phlegm; flatness

lank

adj. long and lean

Forms: lanker; lankest

larceny

n. the act of taking something from someone unlawfully; thievery; thieving; stealing

Forms: larcenies

larder

n. a small storeroom for storing foods or wines; buttery

largess

n. liberality in bestowing gifts; magnanimity; openhandedness

lariat

n. a long noosed rope used to catch animals; riata; reata

lassitude

n. weakness characterized by a lack of vitality or energy; lethargy; slackness

lateral

adj. lying away from the median and sagittal plane of a body

latitude

n. scope for freedom of e.g. action or thought

Forms: latitudes

laudable

adj. worthy of high praise; praiseworthy

laudatory

adj. full of or giving praise; praising

lavalier

n. jeweled pendant worn on a chain around the neck; lavalliere

lavish

adj. characterized by extravagance and profusion; lush; plush; plushy

laxative

adj. stimulating evacuation of feces

leaven

v. influence; cause gradual change

Forms: leavened; leavened; leavening

lechery

n. unrestrained indulgence in sexual activity

Forms: lecheries

lectern

n. desk or stand with a slanted top used to hold a text at the proper height for a lecturer

leechlike

adj. of plants or persons; bloodsucking

leery

adj. openly distrustful and unwilling to confide; suspicious; untrusting; wary

Forms: leerier; leeriest

leeway

n. space or time to maneuver; additional money

leftover

adj. not used up; odd; remaining; unexpended

legacy

n. inheritance; bequest

Forms: legacies

legend

n. brief description accompanying an illustration

Forms: legends

legerdemain

n. trick; magic; conjuration; illusion; deception

leniency

n. lightening a penalty or excusing from a chore by judges or parents or teachers

Forms: leniencies

leonine

adj. of or characteristic of or resembling a king of beasts

lethal

adj. of an instrument of certain death

lethargic

adj. deficient in alertness or activity

levee

n. an embankment that is built in order to prevent a river from overflowing

Forms: levees

levitate

v. be suspended in the air, as if in defiance of gravity

Forms: levitated; levitated; levitating

levity

n. a manner lacking seriousness

Forms: levities

lexicographer

n. person who writes or compiles a dictionary

liability

n. the quality of being something that holds you back

Forms: liabilities

liaison

n. a channel for communication between groups; contact; inter-group communication

libelous

adj. (used of statements) harmful and often untrue; defamatory; denigrative; denigrating; denigratory; slanderous

libertine

n. a dissolute person; rounder

libidinous

adj. driven by lust; lustful

libido

n. sexual instinct

Forms: libidos**libretto**

n. the words of an opera or musical play

Forms: librettos, libretti**licentious**

adj. lacking moral discipline

ligneous

adj. made of wood

likenv. consider or describe as similar, equal, or analogous;
equate**lilliputian**

adj. small; tiny

lilting

adj. characterized by a buoyant rhythm; swiny; tripping

limbo

n. state of oblivion

Forms: limbos**limn**

v. describe; portray

Forms: limned; limned; limning**limner**

n. a painter or drawer of portraits; portrayer

limpid

adj. transparent; easy to understand

lineagen. inherited properties shared with others of your
bloodline; derivation; filiation*Forms:* lineages**lineaments**

n. facial details; characteristics

linguistic

adj. of or relating to the scientific study of language

lionize

v. assign great social importance to; celebrate

Forms: lionized; lionized; lionizing**liquidate**v. settle the affairs of by determining the debts and
applying the assets to pay them off*Forms:* liquidated; liquidated; liquidating**lissom**adj. moving and bending with ease; lithe; lithesome;
slender; supple; svelte; sylphlike**list**

v. enumerate

Forms: listed; listed; listing

litany

n. a prayer consisting of a series of invocations by the priest with responses from the congregation

Forms: litanies

lithe

adj. moving and bending with ease; slender; supple; svelte; sylphlike

Forms: lither; lithest

litigation

n. process of contesting in a court of law

litoral

n. the region of the shore of a lake or sea or ocean; littoral zone; sands

litotes

n. manner of speaking which uses a negative to state a positive

Forms: litotes

livid

adj. bluish; very angry

loath

adj. (usually followed by 'to') strongly opposed

locality

n. a surrounding or nearby region; neighborhood; neighbourhood; neck of the woods

lode

n. a deposit of valuable ore occurring within definite boundaries separating it from surrounding rocks

lofty

adj. having or displaying great dignity or nobility; majestic; proud

Forms: loftier; loftiest

logroll

v. work toward the passage of some legislation by exchanging political favors such as trading votes

loiter

v. be about; lounge; mess about; mill around

Forms: loitered; loitered; loitering

loll

v. be lazy or idle; bum around; loaf; frig around; lounge about

Forms: lolled; lolled; lolling

longevity

n. length of life

looted

adj. wrongfully emptied or stripped of anything of value; plundered; ransacked

lope

v. run easily

Forms: loped; loped; loping

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| <p>lout n. an awkward stupid person; oaf; lubber; lump; gawk</p> | <p>low v. moo <i>Forms:</i> lowed; lowed; lowing</p> |
| <p>lowering adj. darkened by clouds; sullen; threatening</p> | <p>lucrative adj. producing a sizeable profit; remunerative</p> |
| <p>lucre n. the excess of revenues over outlays in a given period of time (including depreciation and other non-cash expenses); net profit; earnings</p> | <p>lucullan adj. characterized by extravagance and profusion; lush; plush; plushy</p> |
| <p>ludicrous adj. incongruous; derisory; idiotic; laughable; nonsensical; preposterous; ridiculous</p> | <p>lugubrious adj. excessively mournful</p> |
| <p>lull n. a period of calm weather</p> | <p>lumen n. a cavity or passage in a tubular organ <i>Forms:</i> lumens, lumina</p> |
| <p>luminary n. a celebrity who is an inspiration to others; guiding light; notable; notability <i>Forms:</i> luminaries</p> | <p>lunar adj. of or relating to or associated with the moon</p> |
| <p>lurk v. wait in hiding to attack; bushwhack; waylay; ambush; lie in wait <i>Forms:</i> lurked; lurked; lurking</p> | <p>luster n. a surface coating for ceramics or porcelain</p> |
| <p>lustrous adj. reflecting light; sheeny; shiny; shining</p> | <p>luxate v. move out of position; splay; slip</p> |
| <p>luxuriant adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance; profuse; riotous</p> | |

macabre

adj. shockingly repellent; grisly; gruesome; sick

mace

n. spiked club used as a weapon

Forms: maces

macerate

v. cause to grow thin or weak

Forms: macerated; macerated; macerating

machiavellian

n. a follower of Machiavelli's principles

machinations

n. act of plotting or scheming; conspiracy

maculated

adj. dirty; stained

maddening

adj. extremely annoying or displeasing; vexing

madrigal

n. an unaccompanied partsong for 2 or 3 voices

maelstrom

n. a powerful circular current of water (usually the result of conflicting tides)

magisterial

adj. used of a person's appearance or behavior; imposing

magnate

n. a very wealthy or powerful businessman; king; mogul; power; top executive; tycoon

Forms: magnates

magniloquent

adj. lofty in style; tall

magnitude

n. relative importance

Forms: magnitudes

maim

v. injure or wound seriously and leave permanent disfigurement or mutilation

Forms: maimed; maimed; maiming

maladroit

adj. awkward; clumsy

malaise

n. physical discomfort (as mild sickness or depression); uneasiness

malapropism

n. the unintentional misuse of a word by confusion with one that sounds similar

malcontent

n. a person who is discontented or disgusted

malediction

n. the act of calling down a curse that invokes evil (and usually serves as an insult)

malefactor

n. someone who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime; crook; outlaw

malefic

adj. having or exerting a malignant influence; malign; evil

malevolent

adj. having or exerting a malignant influence; malign; evil

malfeasance

n. wrongful conduct by a public official

malicious

adj. having the nature of or resulting from malice

malign

v. speak unfavorably about; traduce; drag through the mud

Forms: maligned; maligned; maligning**malignant**

adj. spiteful; harmful; deadly

malingering

n. someone shirking their duty by feigning illness or incapacity; shammer

malleable

adj. capable of being shaped or bent or drawn out; pliable; pliant; tensile; tractile

malodorous

adj. having an unpleasant smell; unpleasant-smelling; ill-smelling; stinky

maltreated

adj. subjected to cruel treatment; mistreated

manacle

v. confine or restrain with handcuffs; bind

Forms: manacled; manacled; manacling**mandate**

n. order; command

Forms: mandates**mandatory**

adj. required by rule; required

manducate

v. chew (food); jaw

manger

n. a container from which cattle or horses feed; trough

mangled

adj. having edges that are jagged from injury; torn

mangy

adj. having many worn or threadbare spots in the nap

Forms: mangier; mangiest**maniacal**

adj. wildly disordered

manifest

adj. clearly revealed to the mind or the senses or judgment; patent; plain; unmistakable

manifestation

n. demonstration or indication or something

Forms: manifestations

manifesto

n. public statement listing policies and objectives

Forms: manifestos, manifestoes

manifold

adj. many and varied

manipulate

v. treat manually, as with massage, for therapeutic purposed

Forms: manipulated; manipulated; manipulating

mannered

adj. having unnatural mannerisms

mantic

adj. resembling or characteristic of a prophet or prophecy; sibylline; sibyllic; vatic; vatical

mantled

adj. covered with or as if with clothes or a wrap or cloak; draped; wrapped

manumit

v. free from slavery or servitude

Forms: manumitted; manumitted; manumitting

marital

adj. of or relating to the state of marriage; married

maritime

adj. bordering on or living or characteristic of those near the sea

marked

adj. noticeable; significant; conspicuous

marque

n. a name given to a product or service; brand

marred

adj. blemished by injury or rough wear

marshal

v. lead ceremoniously, as in a procession

Forms: marshaled, marshalled; marshaled, marshalled; marshaling, marshalling

marsupial

n. mammals of which the females have a pouch (the marsupium) containing the teats where the young are fed and carried

martinet

n. someone who demands exact conformity to rules and forms; moralist

martyrize

v. torture and torment

masochist

n. someone who obtains pleasure from receiving punishment

masque

n. a party of guests wearing costumes and masks; mask

masticate

v. chew (food); manducate; jaw

Forms: masticated; masticated; masticating

materialism

n. belief that physical comfort is the highest value

maternal

adj. related on the mother's side

matriarch

n. a feisty older woman with a big bosom (as drawn in cartoons)

maul

v. injure badly by beating

Forms: mauled; mauled; mauling

mausoleum

n. a large burial chamber, usually above ground

Forms: mausoleums, mausolea

mauve

adj. of a pale to moderate greyish violet color

maxillary

n. the jaw in vertebrates that is fused to the cranium

maxim

n. expression of general truth; code of behavior

Forms: maxims

mayhem

n. violent and needless disturbance

mealymouthed

adj. hesitant to state facts or opinions simply and directly as from e.g. timidity or hypocrisy

meandering

adj. of a path e.g.; winding

meddlesome

adj. intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner; meddling; officious; busy; busybodied

mediate

v. intervene; reconcile

Forms: mediated; mediated; mediating

medley

n. a musical composition consisting of a series of songs or other musical pieces from various sources; pastiche

Forms: medleys

meek

adj. evidencing little spirit or courage

Forms: meeker; meekest

megalomania

n. a psychological state characterized by delusions of grandeur

melee

n. a noisy riotous fight; battle royal

meliorist

n. a disputant who advocates reform; crusader; social reformer

mellifluous

adj. pleasing to the ear; mellisonant; sweet

memento

n. a reminder of past events

Forms: mementos, mementoes

memorialize

v. commemorate; record

Forms: memorialized; memorialized; memorializing

mendicant

n. a pauper who lives by begging

menial

adj. used of unskilled work (especially domestic work); lowly

mentor

n. a wise and trusted guide and advisor

mercantile

adj. relating to or characteristic of trade or traders

mercurial

adj. relating to or containing or caused by mercury

merged

adj. formed or united into a whole; integrated; unified

merger

n. an occurrence that involves the production of a union; unification

Forms: mergers

mesmeric

adj. attracting and holding interest as if by a spell; mesmerizing; spellbinding

mesmerism

n. the act of inducing hypnosis; suggestion

metallurgical

adj. of or relating to metallurgy

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not literally denote in order to suggest a similarity

metaphysical

adj. highly abstract and overly theoretical

meteoric

adj. fast and brilliant

methodical

adj. performed in a systematic way; orderly

metricate

v. change from one system to another; convert; change over

mewl

v. cry weakly or softly; pule

mezcal

n. a small spineless globe-shaped cactus; peyote;
Lophophora williamsii

miasma

n. unhealthy vapors rising from the ground or other sources

Forms: miasmas, miasmata

miasmal

adj. filled with vapor; vaporous; vapourous

microcosm

n. a miniature model of something

midget

n. a person who is markedly small; nanus

migrant

n. traveler who moves from one region or country to another

milieu

n. the environmental condition

Forms: milieus, milieux

militant

adj. engaged in war; war-ridden; warring

Forms: more militant; most militant

millennium

n. one thousand years

Forms: millenniums, millennia

millinery

n. hats for women

mimicry

n. the resemblance of an animal species to another species or to natural objects

mincing

adj. affectedly dainty or refined; niminy-piminy; prim; twee

minion

n. a servile or fawning dependant

Forms: minions

mint

v. form by stamping, punching, or printing; strike

minuscule

adj. very small

minute

adj. characterized by painstaking care and detailed examination

minutia

n. a small or minor detail

Forms: minutiae

mirage

n. something illusory and unattainable

mire

v. soil with mud or muck; muck up

Forms: mired; mired; miring

mirid

n. a variety of leaf bug; capsid

mirth

n. great merriment; glee; gleefulness

misadventure

n. an instance of misfortune; mischance

misanthrope

n. someone who dislikes people in general

misapprehension

n. an understanding of something that is not correct

misbegot

adj. born out of wedlock; spurious

miscellany

n. an anthology of short literary pieces and poems and ballads etc.

Forms: miscellanies

mischance

n. an instance of misfortune

Forms: mischances

misconstrue

v. interpret in the wrong way; misconceive; misunderstand; misapprehend; be amiss

Forms: misconstrued; misconstrued; misconstruing

miscreant

n. a person without moral scruples

misdeemeanor

n. a crime less serious than a felony; infraction; violation; infringement

miserly

adj. (used of persons or behavior) characterized by or indicative of lack of generosity; tight

misgivings

n. apprehension; worry; doubt

Forms: misgivings

mishap

n. an instance of misfortune; mischance

Forms: mishaps

mismated

adj. not easy to combine harmoniously; unsuited

misogynist

n. a misanthrope who dislikes women in particular

missile

n. a weapon that is forcibly thrown or projected at a targets but is not self-propelled

Forms: missiles

mite

n. any of numerous very small to minute arachnids often infesting animals or plants or stored foods

Forms: mites

mnemonic

adj. of or relating to or involved the practice of aiding the memory; mnemotechnical

mobile

adj. affording change (especially in social status)

Forms: more mobile; most mobile

mode

n. style; way; manner; fashion

Forms: modes

modeled

adj. resembling sculpture; sculptured; sculpturesque

modicum

n. a small or moderate or token amount

Forms: modicums, modica

modish

adj. in the current fashion or style

modulation

n. variation

mogul

n. a very wealthy or powerful businessman; king; magnate; power; top executive; tycoon

mollycoddle

v. treat with excessive indulgence; cosset; coddle; baby; spoil; indulge

Forms: mollycoddled; mollycoddled; mollycoddling

molt

v. cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; exuviate; moult; slough

Forms: molted; molted; molting

molten

adj. reduced to liquid form by heating; liquified

momentous

adj. of very great significance

momentum

n. the product of a body's mass and its velocity

Forms: momenta, momentums

momism

n. excessive protection; overshielding

monarchy

n. an autocracy governed by a king who usually inherits the authority

Forms: monarchies

monastic

adj. of communal life sequestered from the world under religious vows; conventual

monochromatic

adj. having or appearing to have only one color; monochromic; monochromous

monolithic

adj. characterized by massiveness and rigidity and total uniformity

monotheism

n. belief in a single God

monumental

adj. imposing in size or bulk or solidity

moodiness

n. having temperamental and changeable moods

morbid

adj. caused by or altered by or manifesting disease or pathology; pathologic; pathological

mordant

adj. of a substance, especially a strong acid; erosive; vitriolic

mores

n. traditional customs of a community

moribund

adj. being on the point of death

morose

adj. showing a brooding ill humor; glowering; glum; moody; saturnine; sour; sullen

mortician

n. one whose business is the management of funerals; funeral undertaker; funeral director

mortify

v. undergo necrosis; sphacelate

Forms: mortified; mortified; mortifying

mosaic

n. arrangement of aerial photographs forming a composite picture

Forms: mosaics

mosh

v. dance the slam dance; thrash

mote

n. (nontechnical usage) a tiny piece of anything; particle; corpuscle; speck

Forms: motes

motility

n. a change of position that does not entail a change of location; move

motionless

adj. static; still; stationary

motley

adj. having sections or patches colored differently and usually brightly; multicolor; particolored; varicolored; varicolo

mottled

adj. having spots or patches of color

mountebank

n. a flamboyant deceiver

muckrake

v. explore and expose misconduct and scandals concerning public figures

muddle

v. mix up or confuse; puddle

Forms: muddled; muddled; muddling

muggins

n. a person who lacks good judgment; saphead; tomfool

muggy

adj. hot or warm and humid; sticky

Forms: muggier; muggiest

mulct

v. impose a fine on

Forms: mulcted; mulcted; mulcting

multifarious

adj. having many aspects; miscellaneous

multilingual

adj. using or knowing more than one language

multiplicity

n. a large number

Forms: multiplicities

mundane

adj. belonging to this earth or world

murkiness

n. the quality of being cloudy; muddiness

murmurous

adj. characterized by soft sounds; soothing; susurrous

muse

v. reflect deeply on a subject; think over; meditate; contemplate; reflect

Forms: mused; mused; musing

musky

adj. of or pertaining to the smell secreted by certain animals

mussitate

v. talk indistinctly; maunder

mustelid

n. fissioned fur-bearing carnivorous mammals; musteline

musty

adj. stale and unclean smelling; frowsty

Forms: mustier; mustiest

mutable

adj. capable of or tending to change in form or quality or nature

muted

adj. being or made softer or less loud or clear; softened

mutilate

v. destroy or injure severely

Forms: mutilated; mutilated; mutilating

mutinous

adj. consisting of or characterized by or inciting to mutiny

mutter

v. make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath; grumble; croak; gnarl

Forms: muttered; muttered; muttering

myopic

adj. lacking foresight or scope; unforesightful

myriad

n. the cardinal number that is the product of ten and one thousand

Forms: myriads

mythical

adj. based on or told of in traditional stories; mythologic; mythological

nadir

n. the point below the observer that is directly opposite the zenith on the imaginary sphere against which celestial bodies appear to be projected

naivete

n. lack of sophistication or worldliness; naiveness

nape

n. the back side of the neck; nucha

narcissist

n. someone in love with themselves

narrative

adj. consisting of or characterized by the telling of a story

nascent

adj. being born or beginning

natation

n. the act of someone who floats on the water

natator

n. a person who travels through the water by swimming; bather

natty

adj. marked by up-to-dateness in dress and manners; jaunty; raffish; rakish; spiffy; snappy; spruce

Forms: nattier; nattiest

nauseate

v. cause aversion in; sicken; churn up

Forms: nauseated; nauseated; nauseating

nautical

adj. relating to or involving ships or shipping or navigation or seamen; marine

necromancy

n. conjuring up the dead, especially for prophesying

necrose

v. undergo necrosis; mortify; sphacelate

negation

n. operation on logical values

negligible

adj. not worth considering; trifling

neigh

v. make a characteristic sound, of a horse; whicker; whinny

neigh

n. the characteristic sounds made by a horse; whicker; whinny

nemesis

n. vengeful opponent

Forms: nemeses

neologism

n. the act of inventing a word or phrase; coinage

neophyte

n. a new convert being taught the principles of Christianity by a catechist

nepotism

n. favoritism shown to relatives or close friends by those in power (as by giving them jobs)

nether

adj. located below or beneath something else

nettle

v. cause annoyance in; rag; get to; bother

Forms: nettled; nettled; nettling

nib

n. horny projecting mouth of a bird; neb; pecker

nicety

n. a subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude; shade; subtlety; refinement

Forms: niceties

niggardly

adj. petty or reluctant in giving or spending; scrimy

niggle

v. argue over petty things; pettifog; bicker; squabble; brabble

Forms: niggled; niggled; niggling

nigrify

v. make or become black; melanise; black

nihilism

n. complete denial of all established authority and institutions

nimiety

n. a quantity much larger than is needed; surplusage

nincompoop

n. a stupid foolish person; ninny

nirvana

n. heavenly state that exists beyond the cycle of reincarnation

nisus

n. an effortful attempt to attain a goal; pains; strain

nitwitted

adj. lacking sense or understanding or judgment (of especially persons)

nocturnal

adj. of the night

nomadic

adj. migratory; peregrine; roving; wandering

nomenclature

n. a system of words used to name things in a particular discipline; language

nonchalance

n. the trait of remaining calm and seeming not to care; indifference

noncommittal

adj. refusing to bind oneself to a particular course of action or view or the like

nondescript

adj. lacking distinct or individual characteristics

nonimmune

adj. (often followed by 'to') likely to be affected with; nonresistant; unresistant

nonionized

adj. not converted into ions; unionized; unionised; nonionic

nonnatural

adj. existing outside of or not in accordance with nature; preternatural; transcendental

nonplus

v. be a mystery or bewildering to; stick; get

Forms: nonplussed, nonplused; nonplussed, nonplused; nonplussing, nonplusing

nonplused

adj. filled with bewilderment; nonplussed; puzzled

nosey

adj. offensively curious or inquisitive; prying; snoopy

nostalgia

n. longing for something past

nostrum

n. patent medicine whose efficacy is questionable

notoriety

n. the state of being known for some unfavorable act or quality

Forms: notorieties

noxious

adj. injurious to physical or mental health

Forms: more noxious; most noxious

nuance

n. a subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude; shade; subtlety; refinement

nubbiness

n. looseness or roughness in texture (as of cloth); tweediness

nubile

adj. of girls or women who are eligible to marry

nullify

v. make ineffective by counterbalancing the effect of; negate

Forms: nullified; nullified; nullifying

numismatist

n. a collector and student of money (and coins in particular); coin collector

nuptial

adj. of or relating to a wedding; spousal

nurseling

n. an infant considered in relation to its nanny; suckling

nurture

v. provide with nourishment; sustain

Forms: nurtured; nurtured; nurturing

nutrient

n. any substance (such as a chemical element or inorganic compound) that can be taken in by a green plant and used in organic synthesis

Forms: nutrients

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| <p>oaf n. an awkward stupid person; stumblebum; goon; lubber; lummo; lump; gawk</p> | <p>obeisance n. the act of obeying</p> <p><i>Forms: obeisances</i></p> |
| <p>obelisk n. a character used in printing to indicate a cross reference or footnote</p> <p><i>Forms: obelisks</i></p> | <p>obfuscate v. make obscure or unclear</p> <p><i>Forms: obfuscated; obfuscated; obfuscating</i></p> |
| <p>obit n. a notice of someone's death; necrology</p> | <p>obituary n. a notice of someone's death; necrology</p> <p><i>Forms: obituaries</i></p> |
| <p>objective adj. impartial; unbiased</p> <p><i>Forms: more objective; most objective</i></p> | <p>objective n. aim; purpose; goal</p> <p><i>Forms: objectives</i></p> |
| <p>obligatory adj. required by obligation or compulsion or convention</p> | <p>oblique adj. indirect in departing from the accepted or proper way</p> <p><i>Forms: more oblique; most oblique</i></p> |
| <p>obscure adj. remote and separate physically or socially</p> <p><i>Forms: obscurer; obscurest</i></p> | <p>obscure v. vague; hazy; dark; dim</p> <p><i>Forms: obscured; obscured; obscuring</i></p> |
| <p>obsequy n. funeral ceremony</p> <p><i>Forms: obsequies</i></p> | <p>obsession n. an unhealthy and compulsive preoccupation with something or someone</p> <p><i>Forms: obsessions</i></p> |
| <p>obsidian n. acid or granitic glass formed by the rapid cooling of lava without crystallization</p> <p><i>Forms: obsidians</i></p> | <p>obsolete adj. no longer in use</p> |

obstetrician

n. a physician specializing in obstetrics

obstinate

adj. resistant to guidance or discipline; perverse; wayward

Forms: more obstinate; most obstinate

obstreperous

adj. boisterously and noisily aggressive

obtrusive

adj. sticking out

obtuse

adj. slow to learn or understand; dull; dumb; slow

occident

n. the hemisphere that includes North America and South America; New World

oculist

n. a medical doctor specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the eye

Forms: oculists

odious

adj. unequivocally detestable; execrable

Forms: more odious; most odious

odoriferous

adj. having a natural fragrance; perfumed; scented; sweet; sweet-scented; sweet-smelling

odorous

adj. having a natural fragrance; perfumed; scented; sweet; sweet-scented; sweet-smelling

odyssey

n. a Greek epic poem (attributed to Homer) describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

Forms: odysseys

offbeat

adj. informal terms; quirky; way-out

offensive

adj. causing or able to cause nausea; noisome; queasy; loathsome; sickening; vile

Forms: more offensive; most offensive

offhand

adj. casually thoughtless or inconsiderate

officious

adj. intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner; meddling; busy; busybodied

ogle

v. look at with amorous intentions

Forms: ogled; ogled; ogling

ominous

adj. presaging ill fortune

Forms: more ominous; most ominous**omnipresent**

adj. existent everywhere at all times

oneirism

n. absentminded dreaming while awake; daydream; daydreaming; air castle; castle in the air; castle in Spain

onomatopoeia

n. using words that imitate the sound they denote

onslaught

n. assault; mighty attack

Forms: onslaughts**onus**

n. an onerous or difficult concern; encumbrance; incumbrance

Forms: onuses**opaline**

adj. having a play of lustrous rainbow colors; opalescent; pearlescent

opaque

adj. not clearly understood or expressed

opiate

n. a narcotic drug that contains opium or an opium derivative

opportune

adj. suitable or at a time that is suitable or advantageous especially for a particular purpose

Forms: more opportune; most opportune**opprobrium**

n. a state of extreme dishonor

optician

n. a worker who makes glasses for remedying defects of vision

optimum

adj. most desirable possible under a restriction expressed or implied

optional

adj. possible but not necessary

optometrist

n. a person skilled in testing for defects of vision in order to prescribe corrective glasses

opus

n. a musical work that has been created; composition; piece; piece of music

Forms: opuses, opera

oracular

adj. resembling an oracle in obscurity of thought

oratorio

n. a musical composition for voices and orchestra based on a religious text

Forms: oratorios

ordain

v. issue an order

Forms: ordained; ordained; ordaining

ordeal

n. a primitive method of determining a person's guilt

Forms: ordeals

ordinance

n. law; statute; regulation

Forms: ordinances

ordination

n. the act of ordaining

orient

v. adjust to a specific need or market

Forms: oriented; oriented; orienting

orientation

n. a course introducing a new situation or environment

Forms: orientations

orifice

n. an aperture or hole that opens into a bodily cavity; porta

Forms: orifices

ornithologist

n. a zoologist who studies birds

orthodox

adj. observant; conservative

Forms: more orthodox; most orthodox

orthography

n. a method of representing the sounds of a language by written or printed symbols

Forms: orthographies

oscillate

v. move or swing from side to side regularly

Forms: oscillated; oscillated; oscillating

osseous

adj. composed of or containing bone; bony

ostentatious

adj. (of a display) tawdry or vulgar

Forms: more ostentatious; most ostentatious

ostracize

v. avoid speaking to or dealing with

Forms: ostracized; ostracized; ostracizing

outlandish

adj. conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual; eccentric; freaky; flaky

outlawed

adj. banned

outmoded

adj. ex; old-fashioned; passe; passee

outskirts

n. outlying areas (as of a city or town)

outspoken

adj. characterized by directness in manner or speech; forthright; frank; point-blank; straight-from-the-shoulder

outstrip

v. go far ahead of; distance

Forms: outstripped; outstripped; outstripping

outturn

n. what is produced in a given time period; turnout

outwit

v. beat through cleverness; outsmart; outfox; beat

Forms: outwitted; outwitted; outwitting

ovalbumin

n. the white part of an egg; albumen

ovation

n. enthusiastic recognition (especially one accompanied by loud applause)

Forms: ovations

overbearing

adj. having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy; imperious; lordly; prideful; snifty; supercilious; swaggering

overbold

adj. impudent; smart; saucy; sassy; wise

overcast

adj. filled or abounding with clouds; sunless

overhaul

v. make repairs, renovations, revisions or adjustments to; modernise

Forms: overhauled; overhauled; overhauling

overweening

adj. presumptuously arrogant

overwrought

adj. deeply agitated especially from emotion

ovoid

adj. rounded like an egg; elliptical; oval; oval-shaped; ovate; oviform; prolate

oxygenate

v. impregnate; aerate

pachyderm

n. any of various nonruminant hoofed mammals having very thick skin: elephant

pacifist

n. someone opposed to violence as a means of settling disputes; disarmer

pacify

v. fight violence and try to establish peace in (a location)

Forms: pacified; pacified; pacifying

paean

n. voiced or written song of rejoicing

paginate

v. number the pages of a book or manuscript; page

painstaking

adj. characterized by extreme care and great effort; scrupulous

paladin

n. someone who fights for a cause; hero

palatable

adj. acceptable to the taste or mind

paleontology

n. the earth science that studies fossil organisms and related remains; fossilology

palette

n. one of the rounded armor plates at the armpits of a suit of armor

palimpsest

n. a manuscript on which more than one text has been written with the earlier writing incompletely erased and still visible

pall

v. lose interest or become bored with something or somebody; weary; fatigue; jade

Forms: palled; palled; palling

pallet

n. board that provides a flat surface on which artists mix paints and the range of colors used

Forms: pallets

pallid

adj. lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

Forms: more pallid; most pallid

palmy

adj. very lively and profitable; prospering; prosperous; roaring; thriving

palpitate

v. beat rapidly

Forms: palpitated; palpitated; palpitating

palter

v. be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information; tergiversate; prevaricate

paltry

adj. contemptibly small in amount

Forms: paltrier; paltriest

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| <p>pan v. express a totally negative opinion of; trash</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> panned; panned; panning</p> | <p>panacea n. hypothetical remedy for all ills or diseases; catholicon; cure-all</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> panaceas</p> |
| <p>panache n. a feathered plume on a helmet</p> | <p>pandemic adj. existing everywhere</p> |
| <p>pandemonium n. a state of extreme confusion and disorder; bedlam; topsy-turvydom; topsy-turvyness</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> pandemoniums</p> | <p>pander v. arrange for sexual partners for others; procure</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> pandered; pandered; pandering</p> |
| <p>panegyric n. a formal expression of praise; paeon; pean</p> | <p>panoramic adj. as from an altitude or distance</p> |
| <p>pantomime n. a performance using gestures and body movements without words; dumb show</p> | <p>pantry n. a small storeroom for storing foods or wines; buttery</p> |
| <p>papistical adj. of or relating to or supporting Romanism; Romanist; romish; Roman Catholic</p> | <p>papyrus n. paper reed; ancient document</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> papyri, papyruses</p> |
| <p>parable n. proverb; short tale that teaches a moral lesson</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> parables</p> | <p>paradigm n. the generally accepted perspective of a particular discipline at a given time</p> |
| <p>paradox n. statement that seems to be self-contradictory</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> paradoxes</p> | <p>paragon n. model of excellence or perfection of a kind; nonpareil; saint; apotheosis; nonesuch; nonsuch</p> |
| <p>parallelism n. similarity by virtue of corresponding</p> | <p>parameter n. variable which determines the form of a function</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> parameters</p> |

paramount

adj. having superior power and influence; predominant; predominate; preponderant; preponderating

paramour

n. a woman who cohabits with an important man; doxy

Forms: paramours

paranoia

n. a psychological disorder characterized by delusions of persecution or grandeur

parched

adj. toasted or roasted slightly

parlance

n. a manner of speaking that is natural to native speakers of a language

parochial

adj. narrowly restricted in outlook or scope

paroxysm

n. a sudden uncontrollable attack; convulsion

parquet

n. wooden floor

parry

v. avoid or try to avoid fulfilling, answering, or performing; fudge; evade; put off; circumvent; elude

Forms: parried; parried; parrying

parsimonious

adj. excessively unwilling to spend

partial

adj. incomplete; biased; having a liking for something

partiality

n. an inclination to favor one group or view or opinion over alternatives

partisan

adj. devoted to a cause or party

passe

adj. out of fashion; ex; old-fashioned; outmoded

pastiche

n. a work of art that imitates the style of some previous work

pastille

n. a medicated lozenge used to soothe the throat; cough drop; troche

pastoral

adj. (used with regard to idealized country life) idyllically rustic

pastorale

n. a musical composition that evokes rural life; idyll; idyl

patent

adj. clearly revealed to the mind or the senses or judgment; manifest; plain; unmistakable

pathetic

adj. inspiring scornful pity; silly

Forms: more pathetic; most pathetic

pathological

adj. of the study of diseases; sickly

pathos

n. a style that has the power to evoke feelings

patina

n. a fine coating of oxide on the surface of a metal

Forms: patinas

patinate

v. coat with a green incrustation

patness

n. timely convenience; timeliness

patois

n. common language

Forms: patois

patriarch

n. a man who is older and higher in rank than yourself

Forms: patriarchs

patrician

adj. belonging to or characteristic of the nobility or aristocracy; blue; blue-blooded; gentle

patronize

v. be a regular customer or client of; patronage; support; keep going

Forms: patronized; patronized; patronizing

paucity

n. an insufficient quantity or number

pauper

n. a person who is very poor

Forms: paupers

pauperize

v. reduce to beggary; pauperise

peach

v. divulge confidential information or secrets; let the cat out of the bag; talk

pecs

n. either of two large muscles of the chest; pectoralis; musculus pectoralis

pedagogue

n. someone who educates young people

pedagogy

n. the activities of educating or instructing; teaching; didactics; educational activity

Forms: no plural

pedant

n. a person who pays more attention to formal rules and book learning than they merit; scholastic

pedantic

adj. marked by a narrow focus on or display of learning especially its trivial aspects

Forms: more pedantic; most pedantic

pediatrician

n. a specialist in the care of babies; pediatricist; paediatrician

pejorative

adj. expressing disapproval

pell-mell

adv. in a hurried and disorganized fashion

pellucid

adj. intelligible; clear in meaning; understandable

penance

n. voluntary self-punishment in order to atone for some wrongdoing; self-abasement

Forms: penances

penchant

n. a strong liking; predilection; taste

pendant

n. hanging down from something; ornament (hanging from a necklace, etc.)

Forms: pendants

pendulous

adj. swinging; hanging loosely

penitent

adj. feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds

penniless

adj. not having enough money to pay for necessities; penurious; pinched

pensive

adj. meditative; thoughtful; musing

Forms: more pensive; most pensive

penumbra

n. partly lighted area around any shadow

Forms: penumbrae, penumbras

penurious

adj. excessively unwilling to spend

penury

n. a state of extreme poverty or destitution; pauperism; pauperization

peon

n. a laborer who is obliged to do menial work; navy; galley slave

peppiness

n. liveliness and energy; ginger

peppy

adj. marked by lively action; spirited; zippy

perceptive

adj. having the ability to perceive or understand

perdition

n. hell; purgatory; inferno

perdurable

adj. very long lasting; undestroyable

peregrination

n. traveling or wandering around

peregrine

adj. migratory; roving; wandering

perennial

adj. lasting throughout the whole year

perfervid

adj. characterized by intense emotion; fiery; impassioned; torrid

perfidious

adj. tending to betray; treacherous

perforate

v. pass into or through, often by overcoming resistance

Forms: perforated; perforated; perforating

perigee

n. periapsis in Earth orbit

perimeter

n. the size of something as given by the distance around it

periphery

n. the outside boundary or surface of something; outer boundary

Forms: peripheries

permeable

adj. allowing fluids or gases to pass or diffuse through

permeant

adj. spreading or spread throughout; permeative; pervasive

peroration

n. conclusion of a speech in which a speaker reviews the major points of their report

perpetrate

v. perform an act, usually with a negative connotation; pull

Forms: perpetrated; perpetrated; perpetrating

perquisite

n. a right reserved exclusively by a particular person or group (especially a hereditary or official right); exclusive right

personable

adj. (of persons) pleasant in appearance and personality

perspicacious

adj. mentally acute or penetratingly discerning

perspicuity

n. clarity as a consequence of being perspicuous; plainness

pert

adj. bold; insolent; forward

Forms: perter; pertest

pertinacious

adj. stubbornly unyielding; persistent; tenacious; unyielding

perturb

v. throw into great confusion or disorder; throw out of kilter

Forms: perturbed; perturbed; perturbing

perusal

n. reading carefully with intent to remember; poring over; studying

pervasive

adj. spreading or spread throughout; permeative

perverse

adj. deviating from what is considered moral or right or proper or good; perverted; reprobate

Forms: more perverse; most perverse

perversion

n. the action of perverting something (turning it to a wrong use)

pessimism

n. a general disposition to look on the dark side and to expect the worst in all things

pest

n. any unwanted and destructive insect or other animal that attacks food or crops or livestock etc.

Forms: pests

pester

v. annoy persistently; bug; beleaguer

pestilential

adj. likely to spread and cause an epidemic disease; pestiferous; plaguey

pestle

n. a club-shaped hand tool for grinding and mixing substances in a mortar

Forms: pestles

petiteness

n. the property of being very small in size; tininess; weeness

petrify

v. make rigid and set into a conventional pattern

Forms: petrified; petrified; petrifying

petty

adj. small; little; unimportant

Forms: pettier; pettiest

petulant

adj. easily irritated or annoyed; fractious; irritable; nettlesome; peevish

Forms: more petulant; most petulant

phaeton

n. large open car seating four with folding top; tourer

pharisaical

adj. excessively or hypocritically pious; pietistical; sanctimonious; self-righteous

phenomena

n. event or circumstance that can be observed

philanderer

n. flirt; gallivanter; womanizer

philatelist

n. a collector and student of postage stamps

Forms: philatelists

philistine

n. a member of an Aegean people who settled ancient Philistia around the 12th century BC

Forms: philistines

philology

n. the humanistic study of language and literature

phlegmatic

adj. showing little emotion

phoney

adj. fraudulent; phony; bastard

physiognomy

n. facial features

Forms: physiognomies

physiological

adj. of or consistent with an organism's normal functioning

piddle

n. liquid excretory product; pee; weewee; water

piebald

adj. having sections or patches colored differently and usually brightly; multicolor; painted

pied

adj. having sections or patches colored differently and usually brightly; multicolor; particolored

pierced

adj. having a hole cut through; perforate; punctured

piety

n. righteousness by virtue of being pious

Forms: pieties

pigment

n. coloring material used as paint or dye

Forms: pigments

pillage

v. steal goods; loot; reave; strip; rifle; ransack; foray

Forms: pillaged; pillaged; pillaging

pillock

n. a person who is not very bright; stupe; dullard; dolt; pudding head

pillory

v. criticize harshly or violently; crucify

Forms: pilloried; pilloried; pillorying

pinafore

n. a sleeveless dress resembling an apron; pinny

pine

v. have a desire for something or someone who is not present; yen; languish

Forms: pined; pined; pining

pinion

v. cut the wings off (of birds)

Forms: pinioned; pinioned; pinioning

piquant

adj. attracting or delighting

piscatorial

adj. relating to or characteristic of the activity of fishing

pithy

adj. concise and full of meaning

Forms: pithier; pithiest

pittance

n. an inadequate payment

pivotal

adj. being of crucial importance

pizzaz

n. the activeness of an energetic personality; oomph; zing

placate

v. cause to be more favorably inclined; conciliate; assuage; appease; mollify; gentle; gruntle

Forms: placated; placated; placating

placebo

n. tablet that contains no medication but has medical effects due to purely psychological reasons

Forms: placebos, placebos

placid

adj. not easily irritated; good-tempered

Forms: more placid; most placid

plagiarize

v. copy another person's written work without giving the proper acknowledgement

Forms: plagiarized; plagiarized; plagiarizing

plaintive

adj. expressing sorrow

Forms: more plaintive; most plaintive**planless**

adj. aimlessly drifting; aimless; directionless; rudderless; undirected

plauditory

adj. applauding; commending

plausible

adj. given to or characterized by presenting specious arguments

Forms: more plausible; most plausible**plenitude**

n. a full supply; plenteousness; plentitude

pleonastic

adj. repetition of same sense in different words; tautologic; tautological

plethora

n. extreme excess; superfluity; embarrassment

pliable

adj. capable of being bent or flexed or twisted without breaking; pliant; waxy

pliant

adj. capable of being bent or flexed or twisted without breaking; waxy

plonk

v. set (something or oneself) down with or as if with a noise; plop; plunk; plump down; plunk down; plump

pluck

n. the act of pulling and releasing a taut cord

Forms: plucks**plummet**

v. drop sharply

Forms: plummeted; plummeted; plummeting**podgy**

adj. short and plump; pudgy; tubby; roly-poly

podiatrist

n. a specialist in care for the feet

podium

n. a platform raised above the surrounding level to give prominence to the person on it; pulpit; rostrum; ambo; stump; soapbox

Forms: podiums, podia**poignancy**

n. a quality that arouses emotions (especially pity or sorrow)

polarize

v. separate into opposing groups; contrapose

Forms: polarized; polarized; polarizing**polemic**

n. a controversy (especially over a belief or dogma)

politic

adj. smoothly agreeable and courteous with a degree of sophistication; suave; bland

polity

n. shrewd or crafty management of public affairs

Forms: polities

poltroon

n. an abject coward; recreant

polygamist

n. someone who is married to two or more people at the same time

polyglot

adj. having a command of or composed in many languages

pomposity

n. lack of elegance as a consequence of being pompous and puffed up with vanity; pompousness; pretentiousness; puffiness; splashiness; inflation

Forms: no plural

pontifical

adj. puffed up with vanity; pompous; portentous

pore

v. direct one's attention on something; center; centre; rivet

Forms: pored; pored; poring

porous

adj. allowing passage in and out

Forms: more porous; most porous

portent

n. a sign of something about to happen; presage; prognostic; prognostication; prodigy

portly

adj. euphemisms for 'fat'

Forms: portlier; portliest

poseur

n. a person who habitually pretends to be something he is not

posterity

n. all future generations

posthumous

adj. occurring or coming into existence after a person's death

postulate

n. to presume; to suppose

posture

v. viewpoint; standpoint; attitude

Forms: postured; postured; posturing

potable

adj. suitable for drinking

potent

adj. (of a male) capable of copulation

Forms: more potent; most potent

potentate

n. a ruler who is unconstrained by law

Forms: potentates

potential

adj. expected to become or be

pothier

n. an excited state of agitation; fuss; tizzy; flap

potpourri

n. a jar of mixed flower petals and spices used as perfume

Forms: potpourris

pouffe

n. thick cushion used as a seat; puff; hassock

poultice

n. a medical dressing consisting of a soft heated mass of meal; plaster

powdered

adj. consisting of fine particles; pulverized; pulverised; small-grained; fine-grained

practicable

adj. capable of being done with means at hand and circumstances as they are; viable; workable

Forms: more practicable; most practicable

practical

adj. feasible; useful; workable; applicable

Forms: more practical; most practical

praetorial

adj. of or relating to a Roman judge

pragmatic

adj. guided by practical experience and observation rather than theory; practical

pragmatist

n. a person who takes a practical approach to problems and is concerned primarily with the success or failure of her actions

prate

v. speak (about unimportant matters) rapidly and incessantly; piffle; palaver; tittle-tattle

Forms: prated; prated; prating

prattle

v. speak (about unimportant matters) rapidly and incessantly; blab; gibber; blabber; gabble

Forms: prattled; prattled; prattling

preachify

v. express moral judgements; sermonize; moralize

preamble

n. a preliminary introduction to a statute or constitution (usually explaining its purpose)

precarious

adj. not secure

Forms: more precarious; most precarious

precedent

adj. preceding in time, order, or significance

precedent

n. previous legal decision serving as an authoritative rule

Forms: precedents

precept

n. a doctrine that is taught; commandment

Forms: precepts

precipice

n. a very steep cliff

Forms: precipices

precipitate

v. hurl or throw violently

Forms: precipitated; precipitated; precipitating

precipitate

adj. done with very great haste and without due deliberation; precipitant; precipitous

precise

adj. (of ideas, images, representations, expressions) characterized by perfect conformity to fact or truth

Forms: more precise; most precise

preclude

v. make impossible, especially beforehand; close out

Forms: precluded; precluded; precluding

precursor

n. antecedent; predecessor

predatory

adj. living by or given to victimizing others for personal gain

predilection

n. a strong liking; taste

preemie

n. an infant that is born prior to 37 weeks of gestation; premature infant; preterm infant; premie

preeminent

adj. greatest in importance or degree or significance or achievement

preen

v. dress or groom with elaborate care; plume; dress

Forms: preened; preened; preening

prefatory

adj. serving as an introduction or preface

prehensile

adj. immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth; grabby; grasping; greedy

prelate

n. a senior clergyman and dignitary; high priest; primate

Forms: prelates

premeditate

v. think or reflect beforehand or in advance

Forms: premeditated; premeditated; premeditating

premonition

n. an early warning about a future event

premonitory

adj. warning of future misfortune

preponderance

n. exceeding in heaviness

presage

v. indicate by signs; portend; prognosticate; omen; betoken; foreshadow

Forms: presaged; presaged; presaging

prescience

n. the power to foresee the future

presentiment

n. a feeling of evil to come; boding

prestige

n. a high standing achieved through success or influence or wealth etc.

presumptuous

adj. excessively forward

pretending

n. the act of giving a false appearance; simulation; feigning

preternatural

adj. existing outside of or not in accordance with nature; transcendental

prevail

v. use persuasion successfully

Forms: prevailed; prevailed; prevailing

prevailing

adj. most frequent or common; predominant; dominant; rife

prevaricate

v. be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information; tergiversate; palter

Forms: prevaricated; prevaricated; prevaricating

prey

n. animal hunted or caught for food

prickling

n. a somatic sensation as from many tiny prickles; tingling

prim

adj. exaggeratedly proper; prudish; puritanical; square-toed; straitlaced; strait-laced

Forms: primmer; primmest

primaeval

adj. having existed from the beginning; primeval; primordial

primogeniture

n. right of inheritance belongs exclusively to the eldest son

primordial

adj. having existed from the beginning; primeval; primaeval

primp

v. dress or groom with elaborate care; plume; dress

Forms: primped; primped; primping

pristine

adj. immaculately clean and unused

privation

n. act of depriving someone of food or money or rights

Forms: privations

privy

adj. (followed by 'to') informed about something secret or not generally known

probe

v. investigate; research; study

Forms: probed; probed; probing

probity

n. complete and confirmed integrity

proclivity

n. a natural inclination; leaning

Forms: proclivities

procrastinate

v. postpone; put off until a later time; delay

Forms: procrastinated; procrastinated; procrastinating

procurement

n. the act of getting possession of something; procural

prod

v. poke or thrust abruptly; stab; poke; dig

Forms: prodded; prodded; prodding

prodigal

adj. recklessly wasteful; profligate; spendthrift

profane

v. violate the sacred character of a place or language; outrage; violate

Forms: profaned; profaned; profaning

profligate

adj. unrestrained by convention or morality; degraded; dissipated; dissolute; libertine; riotous; fast

profound

adj. situated at or extending to great depth; unplumbed; unsounded

Forms: profounder; profoundest

profusion

n. the property of being extremely abundant; richness; cornucopia

progenitor

n. an ancestor in the direct line

Forms: progenitors

progeny

n. the immediate descendants of a person; issue

prognosticate

v. indicate by signs; portend; omen; presage; betoken; forecast

Forms: prognosticated; prognosticated; prognosticating

prohibitive

adj. tending to discourage (especially of prices)

Forms: more prohibitive; most prohibitive

projectile

n. any vehicle self-propelled by a rocket engine

Forms: projectiles

proletarian

n. a member of the working class (not necessarily employed); worker

proliferate

v. cause to grow or increase rapidly

Forms: proliferated; proliferated; proliferating

prolix

adj. tediously prolonged or tending to speak or write at great length

prolong

v. lengthen or extend in duration or space; keep up

Forms: prolonged; prolonged; prolonging

prompt

v. assist (somebody acting or reciting) by suggesting the next words of something forgotten or imperfectly learned; cue

Forms: prompted; prompted; prompting

promulgate

v. put a law into effect by formal declaration

Forms: promulgated; promulgated; promulgating

pronation

n. rotation of the hands and forearms so that the palms face downward

prone

adj. lying face downward

propellant

n. any substance that propels

propensity

n. a disposition to behave in a certain way

Forms: propensities

prophetic

adj. foretelling events as if by supernatural intervention

prophylactic

adj. preventing or contributing to the prevention of disease

propinquity

n. the property of being close together

propitiate

v. make peace with

Forms: propitiated; propitiated; propitiating

propitious

adj. presenting favorable circumstances

Forms: more propitious; most propitious

proponent

n. a person who pleads for a cause or propounds an idea; exponent

propound

v. put forward, as of an idea

Forms: propounded; propounded; propounding

propriety

n. correct or appropriate behavior; correctitude

Forms: proprieties

propulsive

adj. tending to or capable of propelling; propelling

prosaic

adj. not challenging; unglamorous; unglamorous

Forms: more prosaic; most prosaic

prosody

n. study of poetic meter

Forms: no plural

prosperity

n. the condition of prospering

prostrate

v. throw down flat, as on the ground

Forms: prostrated; prostrated; prostrating

prosy

adj. lacking wit or imagination; earthbound

protean

adj. taking on different forms

protract

v. lengthen in time; extend; draw out

Forms: protracted; protracted; protracting

protrude

v. stick out; project; bulge

Forms: protruded; protruded; protruding

protuberance

n. the condition of being protuberant

provenance

n. where something originated or was nurtured in its early existence; place of origin; provenience

provender

n. a stock or supply of foods; viands; victuals

provident

adj. careful in regard to your own interests

provincial

adj. characteristic of the provinces or their people

Forms: more provincial; most provincial

provisional

adj. under terms not final or fully worked out or agreed upon; provisionary; tentative

proviso

n. a stipulated condition

Forms: provisos, provisoes

provoke

v. annoy continually or chronically; hassle; harry

Forms: provoked; provoked; provoking

prow

n. front part of a vessel or aircraft; stem

proximity

n. a Gestalt principle of organization holding that objects or events that are near to one another are perceived as belonging together as a unit

proxy

n. a power of attorney document given by shareholders of a corporation authorizing a specific vote on their behalf at a corporate meeting

Forms: proxies

prude

n. a person excessively concerned about propriety and decorum

prudent

adj. careful and sensible

Forms: more prudent; most prudent

prudish

adj. exaggeratedly proper; prim; prissy; puritanical; square-toed; straitlaced; tight-laced

prune

v. weed out unwanted or unnecessary things; rationalize; rationalise

Forms: pruned; pruned; pruning

psychiatrist

n. a physician who specializes in psychiatry; shrink

psychopathic

adj. suffering from an undiagnosed mental disorder; psychopathological

psychosis

n. any severe mental disorder in which contact with reality is lost or highly distorted

Forms: psychoses

pterodactyl

n. extinct flying reptile

ptyalize

v. expel or eject (saliva or phlegm or sputum) from the mouth; ptyalise; spew; spue

puerile

adj. displaying or suggesting a lack of maturity; juvenile

pugilist

n. someone who fights with his fists for sport

pugnacious

adj. ready and able to resort to force or violence

puissant

adj. powerful; forceful

pulchritude

n. physical beauty (especially of a woman)

pulmonary

adj. relating to or affecting the lungs; pulmonic

pulsate

v. produce or modulate (as electromagnetic waves) in the form of short bursts or pulses or cause an apparatus to produce pulses

Forms: pulsated; pulsated; pulsating

pulverize

v. become powder or dust; pulverise; powderise

Forms: pulverized; pulverized; pulverizing

pummel

v. strike, usually with the fist; biff

Forms: pummeled, pummelled; pummeled, pummelled; pummeling, pummelling

punctilious

adj. marked by precise accordance with details

pundit

n. someone who has been admitted to membership in a scholarly field; savant

pungency

n. a strong odor or taste property; sharpness; raciness

puny

adj. (used especially of persons) of inferior size; shrimpy

Forms: punier; puniest

purgatory

n. place of purification

Forms: purgatories

purge

v. excrete or evacuate (someone's bowels or body)

Forms: purged; purged; purging

purloo

n. thick stew made of rice and chicken and small game;
poilu

pursy

adj. breathing laboriously or convulsively; short-winded;
winded

purveyor

n. someone who supplies provisions (especially food)

Forms: purveyors

pussyfoot

v. go stealthily or furtively; creep

putative

adj. purported

putrid

adj. morally corrupt or evil

pyre

n. wood heaped for burning a dead body as a funeral rite

Forms: pyres

pyromaniac

n. a person with an obsessive desire to light fires

quack

n. the harsh sound of a duck

Forms: quacks

quadruped

n. an animal especially a mammal having four limbs specialized for walking

quadruplex

adj. having four units or components; fourfold; four-fold

quaff

v. swallow hurriedly or greedily or in one draught; swig

Forms: quaffed; quaffed; quaffing

quagmire

n. a soft wet area of low-lying land that sinks underfoot; morass; slack

quail

v. draw back, as with fear or pain; funk; cringe; shrink; wince; recoil

Forms: quailed; quailed; quailing

quaint

adj. attractively old-fashioned (but not necessarily authentic); olde worlde

Forms: quainter; quaintest

qualified

adj. certified; licensed

Forms: more qualified; most qualified

qualms

n. pang of the conscience; regret; sorrow

Forms: qualms

quandary

n. state of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options

Forms: quandaries

quarry

n. animal hunted or caught for food

Forms: quarries

quarry

v. hew; chisel; dig; excavate

Forms: quarried; quarried; quarrying

quash

v. declare invalid; void; avoid; nullify

Forms: quashed; quashed; quashing

quay

n. wharf usually built parallel to the shoreline

Forms: quays

queasy

adj. causing or fraught with or showing anxiety; uneasy; unquiet

Forms: queasier; queasiest

quell

v. overcome or allay; appease

Forms: quelled; quelled; quelling

querulous

adj. habitually complaining; whiney; whiny

queue

n. line; file; row

Forms: queues

quibble

v. argue over petty things; pettifog; bicker; squabble; brabble

Forms: quibbled; quibbled; quibbling

quiescent

adj. motionless; inactive

quietude

n. tranquility; silence; noiselessness; stillness

quip

n. witty remark; sally

quirk

n. a narrow groove beside a beading

quisling

n. someone who collaborates with an enemy occupying force

quiver

n. the act of vibrating; shiver

Forms: quivers

quizzical

adj. perplexed (as if being expected to know something that you do not know)

quorum

n. a gathering of the minimal number of members of an organization to conduct business

quotidian

adj. found in the ordinary course of events; routine; unremarkable; workaday

rabid

adj. marked by excessive enthusiasm for and intense devotion to a cause or idea; overzealous

raconteur

n. a person skilled in telling anecdotes

ragamuffin

n. a dirty shabbily clothed urchin

rail

v. send by train; construct a fence

Forms: railed; railed; railing

raiment

n. especially fine or decorative clothing; regalia

rakish

adj. marked by a carefree unconventionality or disreputableness

ramate

adj. having branches; ramose; ramous

ramble

n. stroll; promenade

Forms: rambles

ramification

n. an arrangement of branching parts

ramify

v. divide into two or more branches so as to form a fork; fork; furcate; separate

Forms: ramified; ramified; ramifying

ramp

n. a movable staircase that passengers use to board or leave an aircraft

Forms: ramps

rampant

adj. behaving wildly; abundant

Forms: more rampant; most rampant

rampart

n. an embankment built around a space for defensive purposes; wall

Forms: ramparts

ramshackle

adj. in deplorable condition; derelict; dilapidated; tatterdemalion; tumble-down

rancid

adj. smelling of fermentation or staleness

rancor

n. a feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will; gall; rancour

rancour

n. a feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will; gall; rancor

random

adj. lacking any definite plan or order or purpose

rankle

v. gnaw into; grate

Forms: rankled; rankled; rankling

rant

v. talk in a noisy, excited, or declamatory manner; jabber; spout; rabbit on; rave

Forms: ranted; ranted; ranting

rapacious

adj. devouring or craving food in great quantities; ravening; ravenous; voracious; wolfish

rapport

n. a relationship of mutual understanding or trust and agreement between people

rarefied

adj. of high moral or intellectual value; elevated; high-flown; high-minded; lofty

rarify

v. make more complex, intricate, or richer; elaborate

rase

v. tear down so as to make flat with the ground; dismantle; tear down; take down; pull down

raspy

adj. unpleasantly harsh or grating in sound; rasping; rough; scratchy

Forms: raspier; raspiest

rataplan

n. the sound made by beating a drum; drumbeat

ratifier

n. someone who expresses strong approval; indorser

ratify

v. approve and express assent, responsibility, or obligation

Forms: ratified; ratified; ratifying

ratiocination

n. logical and methodical reasoning

rationalization

n. act of inventing possible reasons for an action that are not based on the true reasons

rationalize

v. invent possible reasons for an action which are not the true reasons

Forms: rationalized; rationalized; rationalizing

ravage

v. cause extensive destruction or ruin utterly; devastate; desolate; scourge

Forms: ravaged; ravaged; ravaging

rave

n. an extravagantly enthusiastic review

Forms: raves

ravel

v. tangle or complicate; knot

Forms: raveled, ravelled; raveled, ravelled; raveling, ravelling

ravenous

adj. devouring or craving food in great quantities; rapacious; ravening; voracious; wolfish

Forms: more ravenous; most ravenous

ravine

n. a deep narrow steep-sided valley (especially one formed by running water)

Forms: ravines

raze

v. tear down so as to make flat with the ground; rase; dismantle; tear down; take down; pull down

Forms: razed; razed; razing

reactionary

adj. extremely conservative; far-right

Forms: more reactionary; most reactionary

realm

n. a knowledge domain that you are interested in or are communicating about

Forms: realms

realty

n. property consisting of houses and land; immovable

reaper

n. farm machine that gathers a food crop from the fields

Forms: reapers

reave

v. steal goods; loot; strip; rifle; ransack; pillage; foray

rebate

n. a rectangular groove made to hold two pieces together

rebuff

v. force or drive back; fight off; drive back

Forms: rebuffed; rebuffed; rebuffing

rebus

n. a puzzle where you decode a message consisting of pictures representing syllables and words

Forms: rebuses

rebuttal

n. opposition; refutation; contradiction

recalcitrant

adj. marked by stubborn resistance to authority

recapitulate

v. summarize; conclude

Forms: recapitulated; recapitulated; recapitulating

recasting

n. changing a particular word or phrase; rephrasing

receptive

adj. able to absorb liquid (not repellent)

recession

n. the act of becoming more distant

Forms: recessions

recidivate

v. go back to bad behavior; regress; retrogress; fall back

reciprocate

v. alternate the direction of motion of

Forms: reciprocated; reciprocated; reciprocating

recluse

n. one who lives in solitude; solitary; solitudinarian; troglodyte

reconcile

v. accept as inevitable; submit

Forms: reconciled; reconciled; reconciling

reconciler

n. someone who tries to bring peace; pacifier; peacemaker

recondite

adj. difficult to penetrate

reconnaissance

n. the act of reconnoitring (especially to gain information about an enemy or potential enemy)

recount

v. tell; narrate

Forms: recounted; recounted; recounting

recourse

n. something or someone turned to for assistance or security; resort

Forms: recourses

recrimination

n. mutual accusations

rectitude

n. righteousness as a consequence of being honorable and honest

recumbent

adj. lying down

recuperate

v. get over an illness or shock; convalesce

Forms: recuperated; recuperated; recuperating

redoubtable

adj. worthy of respect or honor

redress

n. act of correcting an error or a fault or an evil;
remediation

redundant

adj. repetition of same sense in different words;
tautologic; tautological

Forms: more redundant; most redundant

reefy

adj. full of submerged reefs or sandbanks or shoals;
shelvy; shoaly

reek

v. give off smoke, fumes, warm vapour, steam, etc.

Forms: reeked; reeked; reeking

refashion

v. make new; redo; make over

refectory

n. a communal dining-hall (usually in a monastery)

Forms: refectories

refereeing

n. the act of umpiring; officiating

reforge

v. cast or model anew; remodel

refraction

n. the amount by which a propagating wave is bent

refractory

adj. stubborn; obstinate

refrain

v. choose not to consume; desist

Forms: refrained; refrained; refraining

refreshed

adj. with restored energy; reinvigorated

refute

v. prove to be false or incorrect; controvert

Forms: refuted; refuted; refuting

regal

adj. belonging to or befitting a supreme ruler; purple;
royal

regatta

n. a meeting for boat races

Forms: regattas

regeneration

n. restoration to good condition; renewal

regicide

n. the act of killing a king

regime

n. mode of rule; system of government

Forms: regimes

regimen

n. government; reign; mode of rule

rehabilitate

v. restore to a state of good condition or operation

Forms: rehabilitated; rehabilitated; rehabilitating

reimburse

v. repay; refund; compensate for a loss

Forms: reimbursed; reimbursed; reimbursing

reiterate

v. say, state, or perform again; ingeminate; restate

Forms: reiterated; reiterated; reiterating

rejoinder

n. reply; answer; response

relapse

v. go back to bad behavior; recidivate; regress; retrogress; fall back

Forms: relapsed; relapsed; relapsing

relegate

v. assign to a class or kind

Forms: relegated; relegated; relegating

relent

v. give in, as to influence or pressure; soften

Forms: relented; relented; relenting

relic

n. something of sentimental value; token

Forms: relics

relinquish

v. release, as from one's grip; release

Forms: relinquished; relinquished; relinquishing

relish

n. the taste experience when a savoury condiment is taken into the mouth; flavour

Forms: relishes

remediable

adj. capable of being remedied or redressed

reminiscence

n. the process of remembering (especially the process of recovering information by mental effort)

Forms: reminiscences

remissness

n. the quality of being lax and neglectful; slackness

remnant

n. a piece of cloth that is left over after the rest has been used or sold; oddment

Forms: remnants

remonstrance

n. the act of expressing earnest opposition or protest; remonstrating; objection

Forms: remonstrances

remorse

n. a feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed); self-reproach

render

v. give; submit; do; provide

Forms: rendered; rendered; rendering

rendezvous

n. a date

Forms: rendezvous

rendition

n. the act of interpreting something as expressed in an artistic performance; interpretation

renege

v. fail to fulfill a promise or obligation; renege on; go back on

Forms: reneged; reneged; reneging

renounce

v. cast off; repudiate

Forms: renounced; renounced; renouncing

renovate

v. give new life or energy to; reanimate; revive; repair; quicken; vivify; revivify

Forms: renovated; renovated; renovating

renown

n. the state or quality of being widely honored and acclaimed

reparable

adj. capable of being repaired or rectified

reparation

n. compensation for a past injury; correction of problems or malfunctions

Forms: reparations

repartee

n. adroitness and cleverness in reply

repeal

v. cancel officially; lift; countermand; reverse; overturn; rescind; vacate

Forms: repealed; repealed; repealing

repellent

adj. incapable of absorbing or mixing with

Forms: more repellent; most repellent

repercussion

n. a movement back from an impact; rebound; backlash

repertoire

n. a collection of works (plays, songs, operas, ballets) that an artist or company can perform and do perform for short intervals on a regular schedule

Forms: repertoires

replenish

v. fill something that had previously been emptied; fill again

Forms: replenished; replenished; replenishing

replicate

v. duplicate; copy

Forms: replicated; replicated; replicating

repository

n. a burial vault (usually for some famous person)

Forms: repositories

reprehensible

adj. bringing or deserving severe rebuke or censure; deplorable; vicious

reprieve

n. postponement; delay

reprimand

v. censure severely or angrily; rag; trounce; reproof; lecture

Forms: reprimanded; reprimanded; reprimanding

reprise

n. repetition of a musical theme

Forms: reprises

reproach

n. disgrace or shame

Forms: reproaches

reprobate

n. a person without moral scruples

Forms: reprobates

reprobation

n. severe disapproval

reprove

v. take to task

Forms: reproved; reproved; reproving

repudiate

v. reject as untrue, unfounded, or unjust

Forms: repudiated; repudiated; repudiating

repugnance

n. the relation between propositions that cannot both be true at the same time; inconsistency

repulsion

n. the act of repulsing or repelling an attack

reputable

adj. having a good reputation

Forms: more reputable; most reputable

reputed

adj. known as; regarded as

requiem

n. a Mass celebrated for the dead

requisite

n. anything indispensable; requirement; necessary

Forms: requisites**requite**

v. make repayment for or return something

Forms: requited; requited; requiting**rescind**

v. cancel officially; lift; countermand; reverse; repeal; overturn; vacate

Forms: rescinded; rescinded; rescinding**reserve**

n. stock; supply; military force that is not on active duty but can be mobilized as needed

Forms: reserves**residue**

n. something left after other parts have been taken away; residual; residuum; rest

Forms: residues**resignation**

n. act of quitting a position; relinquishment

Forms: resignations**resilient**

adj. elastic; lively; springy

resinous

adj. having the characteristics of pitch or tar; resinous; tarry

resolve

v. determine; decide

Forms: resolved; resolved; resolving**resolve**

n. a formal expression by a meeting

Forms: resolves**resonant**

adj. serving to bring to mind; remindful; reminiscent

respiration

n. the bodily process of inhalation and exhalation; ventilation

Forms: respirations**responsiveness**

n. quality of being quick to react

restitution

n. getting something back again; restoration; regaining

restive

adj. impatient especially under restriction or delay

restraint

n. a device that retards something's motion

Forms: restraints**resumption**

n. beginning again

resurgent

adj. rising again as to new life and vigor

resuscitate

v. return to consciousness

Forms: resuscitated; resuscitated; resuscitating**retain**

v. keep in one's mind

Forms: retained; retained; retaining**retaliate**

v. make a counterattack and return like for like, especially evil for evil

Forms: retaliated; retaliated; retaliating**retentive**

adj. having the power, capacity, or quality of retaining water

reticent

adj. reluctant to draw attention to yourself; retiring

retiring

adj. reluctant to draw attention to yourself

retort

n. a vessel where substances are distilled or decomposed by heat

Forms: retorts**retraction**

n. the process of pulling or holding or drawing a part back

retrench

v. make a reduction, as in one's workforce

Forms: retrenched; retrenched; retrenching**retribution**

n. the act of taking revenge (harming someone in retaliation for something harmful that they have done) especially in the next life; payback

retroactive

adj. taking effect on a past date

retrograde

v. get worse or fall back to a previous condition; retrogress

Forms: retrograded; retrograded; retrograding**retrospective**

adj. concerned with or related to the past

revelry

n. unrestrained merrymaking

Forms: revelries**reverberate**

v. echo; resound

Forms: reverberated; reverberated; reverberating**reverent**

adj. showing great reverence for god; worshipful

Forms: more reverent; most reverent

revulsion

n. intense aversion; horror

rhapsodize

v. say (something) with great enthusiasm

Forms: rhapsodized; rhapsodized; rhapsodizing

rhetoric

n. study of the technique and rules for using language effectively (especially in public speaking)

rhomb

n. a parallelogram with four equal sides; diamond

rider

n. addition or appendix to a document

Forms: riders

rife

adj. excessively abundant

Forms: rifer; rifest

rift

n. a personal or social separation (as between opposing factions); break; severance; falling out

Forms: rifts

rig

v. equip with sails or masts; set up

Forms: rigged; rigged; rigging

rigid

adj. hard; stiff; inflexible

Forms: more rigid; most rigid

rigor

n. excessive sternness; severeness; harshness; inclemency; hardness; stiffness

Forms: rigors

rile

v. make turbid by stirring up the sediments of

Forms: riled; riled; riling

risque

adj. suggestive of sexual impropriety; gamey; juicy; naughty; racy; spicy

riveting

adj. capable of arousing and holding the attention; fascinating; gripping

rivulet

n. a small stream; run; runnel; streamlet

Forms: rivulets

rococo

adj. having excessive asymmetrical ornamentation

roil

v. make turbid by stirring up the sediments of

Forms: roiled; roiled; roiling

roiling

adj. (of a liquid) agitated vigorously; roiled; roily; turbulent

roister

v. engage in boisterous, drunken merrymaking; riot

romanize

v. write in the Latin alphabet; Latinize; Latinise

rofy

n. street names for flunitrazepan; rophy; rope; roach; forget me drug; circle

rook

v. deprive of by deceit; swindle; goldbrick; defraud; scam

roseate

adj. of something having a dusty purplish pink color; rosaceous

roseola

n. any red eruption of the skin; efflorescence; skin rash

roster

n. a list of names

rostrum

n. beaklike projection of the anterior part of the head of certain insects such as e.g. weevils

Forms: rostrums, rostra

rote

n. memorization by repetition

rotunda

n. a large circular room

Forms: rotundas

rotundity

n. the fullness of a tone of voice

rousing

adj. stirring; stimulating; exciting

route

v. defeat disastrously

Forms: routed; routed; routing

roving

n. travelling about without any clear destination; vagabondage

rubberize

v. coat or impregnate with elastic material

rubble

n. the remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up; junk; detritus

rubicund

adj. inclined to a healthy reddish color often associated with outdoor life; florid; sanguine

rubric

n. category name

ruddy

adj. of a color at the end of the color spectrum; blood-red; carmine; cerise; cherry; crimson

Forms: ruddier; ruddiest**rudimentary**

adj. basic; elementary; fundamental

Forms: more rudimentary; most rudimentary**rueful**

adj. feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses; rueful

ruminate

v. chew cud

Forms: ruminated; ruminated; ruminating**rummy**

adj. beyond or deviating from the usual or expected; odd; peculiar; queer; singular

rundle

n. one of the crosspieces that form the steps of a ladder; rung

runic

adj. relating to or consisting of runes

runniness

n. the property of flowing easily; liquidity; liquidness

runt

n. disparaging terms for small people; peewee; half-pint

runtiness

n. smallness of stature; stuntedness

ruse

n. a deceptive maneuver (especially to avoid capture)

rustic

adj. characteristic of the fields or country

Forms: more rustic; most rustic**rusticate**

v. live in a country area

Forms: rusticated; rusticated; rusticating**ruthless**

adj. without mercy or pity; unpitying

Forms: more ruthless; most ruthless

saboteur

n. a member of a clandestine subversive organization who tries to help a potential invader

saccharine

adj. overly sweet; syrupy; treachery

sacrilegious

adj. grossly irreverent toward what is held to be sacred

sacrosanct

adj. must be kept sacred

sadistic

adj. deriving pleasure or sexual gratification from inflicting pain on another

saga

n. a narrative telling the adventures of a hero or a family

Forms: sagas

sagacious

adj. skillful in statecraft or management

Forms: more sagacious; most sagacious

sage

n. any of various plants of the genus *Salvia*

Forms: sages

saline

adj. containing salt

sallow

adj. unhealthy looking

Forms: sallower; sallowest

salubrious

adj. favorable to health of mind or body

salutary

adj. tending to promote physical well-being

Forms: more salutary; most salutary

salvage

v. collect discarded or refused material

Forms: salvaged; salvaged; salvaging

salving

adj. having a softening or soothing effect especially to the skin; softening

sanguinary

adj. marked by eagerness to resort to violence and bloodshed

sanguine

adj. inclined to a healthy reddish color often associated with outdoor life; florid

Forms: more sanguine; most sanguine

sap

v. excavate the earth beneath

Forms: sapped; sapped; sapping

sarcasm

n. witty language used to convey insults or scorn; satire; caustic remark

Forms: no plural

sardonic

adj. disdainfully or ironically humorous

Forms: more sardonic; most sardonic

sartorial

adj. of or relating to a tailor or to tailoring

sate

v. fill to satisfaction; replete; fill

Forms: sated; sated; sating

satellite

n. any celestial body orbiting around a planet or star

Forms: satellites

satiate

v. overeat or eat immodestly; overindulge; glut; stuff; engorge

Forms: satiated; satiated; satiating

satiny

adj. having a smooth, gleaming surface reflecting light; silken; silky; silklike; slick

satire

n. witty language used to convey insults or scorn; caustic remark

Forms: satires

satirical

adj. exposing human folly to ridicule

saturnine

adj. showing a brooding ill humor; glowering; glum; moody; morose; sour; sullen

saunter

v. walk leisurely and with no apparent aim

Forms: sauntered; sauntered; sauntering

savant

n. someone who has been admitted to membership in a scholarly field; pundit

Forms: savants

savor

v. take pleasure in a taste or odor; enjoy; delight in

Forms: savored; savored; savoring

savory

adj. pleasing to the sense of taste; savoury

Forms: savorier; savoriest

scabbard

n. a sheath for a sword or dagger or bayonet

Forms: scabbards

scad

n. any of a number of fishes of the family Carangidae

scaffold

n. a temporary arrangement erected around a building for convenience of workers

Forms: scaffolds

scale

v. climb; ascend; weigh

*Forms: scaled; scaled; scaling***scamper**

n. rushing about hastily in an undignified way; scurry

scapegoat

n. someone who is punished for the errors of others

scarper

v. flee; run; turn tail; lam; run away; escape

scavenge

v. clean up; cleanse

*Forms: scavenged; scavenged; scavenging***scenario**

n. a postulated sequence of possible events

*Forms: scenarios***sceptic**n. someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs;
doubter**schematic**

adj. diagrammatic

schnorrv. obtain or seek to obtain by cadging or wheedling;
scrounge; cadge**scintillate**

v. shine; sparkle; glow

*Forms: scintillated; scintillated; scintillating***scoff**

v. treat with contemptuous disregard

*Forms: scoffed; scoffed; scoffing***scotch**

v. make a small cut or score into

*Forms: scotched; scotched; scotching***scram**

v. leave immediately; fuck off; get

scranch

v. make a crushing noise; scraunch; crackle

scrimp

v. subsist on a meager allowance; skimp

scruple

v. have doubts about

*Forms: scrupled; scrupled; scrupling***scrupulous**

adj. characterized by extreme care and great effort

scrutinizev. examine carefully for accuracy with the intent of
verification; scrutinise; inspect*Forms: scrutinized; scrutinized; scrutinizing*

scuffle

v. fight or struggle in a confused way at close quarters

Forms: scuffled; scuffled; scuffling

scurrilous

adj. expressing offensive reproach

scurry

v. move about or proceed hurriedly; skitter; scuttle

Forms: scurried; scurried; scurrying

scurvy

adj. of the most contemptible kind; low-down; miserable; scummy

Forms: scurvier; scurviest

seamy

adj. morally degraded; sleazy; sordid; squalid

Forms: seamier; seamiest

sear

v. scar; burn; brand

Forms: seared; seared; searing

seasoned

adj. rendered competent through trial and experience

secession

n. formal separation from an alliance or federation

seclusion

n. the act of secluding yourself from others

Forms: seclusions

secrete

v. place out of sight

Forms: secreted; secreted; secreting

sectarian

adj. narrow-minded; having a limited perspective

secular

adj. characteristic of those who are not members of the clergy

sedate

adj. dignified and somber in manner or character and committed to keeping promises; sober; solemn

Forms: sedater; sedatest

sedateness

n. a trait of dignified seriousness; solemnity; solemnness

sedative

n. depressant; downer

sedulous

adj. marked by care and persistent effort

seedy

adj. morally degraded; sleazy; sordid; squalid

Forms: seedier; seediest

seemly

adj. according with custom or propriety; *comme il faut*; decent; decorous

Forms: seemlier; seemliest

seep

v. pass gradually or leak through or as if through small openings

Forms: seeped; seeped; seeping

seine

n. a large fishnet that hangs vertically, with floats at the top and weights at the bottom

seismic

adj. subject to or caused by an earthquake or earth vibration

semblance

n. picture consisting of a graphic image of a person or thing

seminal

adj. containing seeds of later development

seminary

n. a theological school for training ministers or priests or rabbis

Forms: seminaries

senility

n. the state of being senile

sensify

v. make sensitive or aware; sensibillize; sensibillise

sensual

adj. sexually exciting or gratifying

Forms: more sensual; most sensual

sensuous

adj. taking delight in beauty

sententious

adj. concise and full of meaning

sentinel

n. a person employed to keep watch for some anticipated event; sentry; watch; spotter; scout; picket

Forms: sentinels

sepulcher

n. sepulchre; sepulture

Forms: sepulchers

sequential

adj. in regular succession without gaps; serial; successive

sere

adj. dry; withered

serendipity

n. good luck in making unexpected and fortunate discoveries

serenity

n. the absence of mental stress or anxiety; peace of mind; repose; heartsease; ataraxis

serfdom

n. the state of being under the control of another person; vassalage

serpentine

adj. twisting; winding; sly; wily; treacherous

serrate

adj. notched like a saw with teeth pointing toward the apex; saw-toothed; toothed; notched

serrated

adj. notched like a saw with teeth pointing toward the apex; saw-toothed; toothed; notched

servile

adj. relating to or involving slaves or appropriate for slaves or servants

servility

n. abject or cringing submissiveness; subservience

servitude

n. state of subjection to an owner or master or forced labor imposed as punishment

setoff

n. structure where a wall or building narrows abruptly; offset

severance

n. the act of severing

severity

n. excessive sternness; harshness; rigor; rigorousness; inclemency; stiffness

Forms: severities

sextant

n. a measuring instrument for measuring the angular distance between celestial objects

shackle

v. restrain with fetters

Forms: shackled; shackled; shackling

sham

v. make believe with the intent to deceive; pretend; affect; dissemble

Forms: shammed; shammed; shamming

shambles

n. a building where animals are butchered; slaughterhouse

shard

n. a broken piece of a brittle artifact; fragment

sheaf

n. a package of several things tied together for carrying or storing

Forms: sheaves

sheathe

v. plunge or bury (a knife or sword) in flesh

Forms: sheathed; sheathed; sheathing

sherbet

n. a frozen dessert made primarily of fruit juice and sugar, but also containing milk or egg-white or gelatin

shew

v. establish the validity of something, as by an example, explanation or experiment; establish; show

shimmer

v. emit a soft flickering light

Forms: shimmered; shimmered; shimmering

shinny

v. climb awkwardly, as if by scrambling; skin; struggle; sputter

shirk

v. avoid dealing with

Forms: shirked; shirked; shirking

shirking

n. the evasion of work or duty; soldiering; goofing off; goldbricking

shoddy

adj. designed to deceive or mislead either deliberately or inadvertently

Forms: shoddier; shoddiest

shrew

n. small mouselike mammal with a long snout

Forms: shrews

shrewd

adj. used of persons; conniving; scheming

Forms: shrewder; shrewdest

shun

v. expel from a community or group; ostracize; ostracise; cast out; blackball

Forms: shunned; shunned; shunning

shunt

v. shift; divert; alter the course of

Forms: shunted; shunted; shunting

shyster

n. a person (especially a lawyer or politician) who uses unscrupulous or unethical methods

sibling

n. a person's brother or sister

sibylline

adj. having a secret or hidden meaning; qabalistic; cryptic; cryptical

sidereal

adj. (of divisions of time) determined by daily motion of the stars

sidestep

v. avoid or try to avoid fulfilling, answering, or performing; fudge; evade; put off; circumvent; parry

silt

n. mud or clay or small rocks deposited by a river or lake

simian

adj. relating to or resembling an ape

simper

v. smile affectedly or derisively

Forms: simpered; simpered; simpering

simplistic

adj. characterized by extreme and often misleading simplicity

simulate

v. make a pretence of; sham; feign

Forms: simulated; simulated; simulating

sinecure

n. an office that involves minimal duties

sinewy

adj. (of a person) possessing physical strength and weight; muscular; powerful

singular

adj. the single one of its kind

sinuous

adj. curved or curving in and out; wiggly

sire

v. make children; engender; father; mother; generate; bring forth

sixpenny

adj. of trifling worth

skeptic

n. someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs; doubter

Forms: skeptics

skimp

v. supply sparingly and with restricted quantities; scant

Forms: skimped; skimped; skimping

skinflint

n. a selfish person who is unwilling to give or spend; scrooge; churl

skittish

adj. unpredictably excitable (especially of horses); spooky; nervous

skulduggery

n. verbal misrepresentation intended to take advantage of you in some way; slickness; hanky panky; jiggery-pokery; skulduggery

Forms: no plural

skulk

v. move stealthily

Forms: skulked; skulked; skulking

slacken

v. slow down; decelerate

Forms: slackened; slackened; slackening

slag

n. the scum formed by oxidation at the surface of molten metals; dross

slake

v. cause to heat and crumble by treatment with water

Forms: slaked; slaked; slaking

slander

n. an abusive attack on a person's character or good name; defamation; denigration

slapdash

adj. marked by great carelessness; slipshod; sloppy

sleazy

adj. shabby; base; despicable

Forms: sleazier; sleaziest

sleeper

n. railroad passenger car with beds

Forms: sleepers

sleight

n. adroitness in using the hands

slither

v. pass or move unobtrusively or smoothly

Forms: slithered; slithered; slithering

sloth

n. laziness; slow-moving tree-dwelling mammal

Forms: sloths

slough

v. cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; exuviate; moult

Forms: sloughed; sloughed; sloughing

slovenly

adj. negligent of neatness especially in dress and person

Forms: slovenlier; slovenliest

slub

n. soft lump or unevenness in a yarn; burl

sluggard

n. an idle slothful person

sluggish

adj. slow; inactive; lethargic

Forms: more sluggish; most sluggish

sluice

n. manmade water channel equipped with a valve or gate for regulating water flow

Forms: sluices

slumbery

adj. inclined to or marked by drowsiness; slumbrous; somnolent

slur

n. stain; blemish; mark; insult; disgrace

Forms: slurs

smattering

n. a slight or superficial understanding of a subject

smirk

n. a smile expressing smugness or scorn instead of pleasure

smolder

v. have strong suppressed feelings

Forms: smoldered; smoldered; smoldering

snicker

n. a disrespectful laugh; snigger

snivel

v. cry or whine with snuffling; blubber; blub; snuffle

Forms: sniveled, snivelled; sniveled, snivelled; sniveling, snivelling

sobriety

n. abstaining from excess

sodden

adj. wet through and through

sodding

adj. without qualification; unadulterated

solace

n. the act of consoling

Forms: solaces

solder

v. join; unite; fuse; mend

Forms: soldered; soldered; soldering

soldierly

adj. (of persons) befitting a warrior; warriorlike; martial

solecism

n. a socially awkward or tactless act; slip; gaucherie

solemnity

n. gravity; seriousness; formality

Forms: solemnities

solicitous

adj. showing hovering attentiveness

soliloquy

n. a (usually long) dramatic speech intended to give the illusion of unspoken reflections

Forms: soliloquies

solstice

n. either of the two times of the year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator

somatic

adj. affecting or characteristic of the body as opposed to the mind or spirit; corporeal

somnambulist

n. someone who walks about in their sleep; noctambulist

sonorous

adj. full and loud and deep

sophist

n. someone whose reasoning is subtle and often specious

sophistication

n. falsification by the use of sophistry

sophistry

n. a deliberately invalid argument displaying ingenuity in reasoning in the hope of deceiving someone; sophistication

Forms: sophistries

sophomoric

adj. youthful; immature

soporific

adj. inducing mental lethargy

sordid

adj. meanly avaricious and mercenary

spangle

n. adornment consisting of a small piece of shiny material used to decorate clothing; diamante

Forms: spangles

spanking

adj. quick and energetic; lively; merry; rattling; snappy; zippy

spartan

adj. practicing great self-denial; austere

spasmodic

adj. occurring in spells and often abruptly

spat

n. a young oyster or other bivalve

spate

n. the occurrence of a water flow resulting from sudden rain or melting snow

spatial

adj. pertaining to or involving or having the nature of space

spatula

n. a hand tool with a thin flexible blade used to mix or spread soft substances

Forms: spatulas

spawn

v. reproduce; bring forth

Forms: spawned; spawned; spawning

specious

adj. based on pretense

spectral

adj. resembling or characteristic of a phantom; ghostly; phantasmal; spiritual

spectrum

n. a broad range of related objects or values or qualities or ideas or activities

Forms: spectra, spectrums

spendthrift

n. someone who spends money prodigally; spender; scattergood

sphinx-like

adj. resembling a creature with the body of a lion and the face of a woman

splice

v. join by interweaving strands

Forms: spliced; spliced; splicing

spontaneity

n. the quality of being spontaneous and coming from natural feelings without constraint

Forms: spontaneities

spoonerism

n. transposition of initial consonants in a pair of words

sporadic

adj. recurring in scattered and irregular or unpredictable instances

sportive

adj. given to merry frolicking; frolicky; rollicking

sprawling

adj. spreading out in different directions; rambling; straggly

spruce

adj. marked by up-to-dateness in dress and manners; jaunty; natty; raffish; rakish; spiffy; snappy

spry

adj. moving quickly and lightly; quick

Forms: sprier, spryer; spriest, spryest

spume

v. make froth or foam and become bubbly; suds

spurious

adj. intended to deceive

squabble

n. a quarrel about petty points; spat; tiff; pettifoggery; fuss

Forms: squabbles

squalid

adj. foul and run-down and repulsive; sordid

squander

v. spend extravagantly; waste; waste

Forms: squandered; squandered; squandering

squat

adj. having a low center of gravity

Forms: squatter; squattest

squishy

adj. easily squashed; spongelike

staccato

adj. detached; having distinct breaks between successive tones

staggering

adj. so surprisingly impressive as to stun or overwhelm;
stupefying

staid

adj. characterized by dignity and propriety

Forms: staidier; staidest

stainless

adj. (of reputation) free from blemishes; unsullied;
untainted; untarnished

stalemate

n. drawing position in chess: any of a player's possible
moves would place his king in check

stalwart

adj. used especially of persons

Forms: more stalwart; most stalwart

stamina

n. enduring strength and energy; toughness

stanch

v. stop the flow of a liquid; staunch; halt

Forms: stanching; stanching; stanching

standpat

adj. old-fashioned and out of date; unprogressive;
nonprogressive

stash

v. save up as for future use; cache; lay away; hive up;
squirrel away

static

adj. showing little if any change; unchanging

statutory

adj. prescribed or authorized by or punishable under a
statute

staunch

v. stop the flow of a liquid; halt

stealth

n. avoiding detection by moving carefully

stealthy

adj. marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; sneaky;
surreptitious

steep

v. let sit in a liquid to extract a flavor or to cleanse

Forms: steeped; steeped; steeping

stellar

adj. being or relating to or resembling or emanating from
stars

stem

v. arise; come from; originate

Forms: stemmed; stemmed; stemming

stem from

v. occur as a result of

Forms: stemmed from; stemmed from; stemming from

stentorian

adj. used of the voice

stereotyped

adj. lacking spontaneity or originality or individuality; stereotypical; unimaginative

stickler

n. someone who insists on something

stifle

v. be asphyxiated; asphyxiate

Forms: stifled; stifled; stifling**stigma**

n. a skin lesion that is a diagnostic sign of some disease

Forms: stigmata, stigmas**stilted**

adj. artificially formal; hokey

stimulated

adj. emotionally aroused; stirred up; aroused

stint

n. an individual's prescribed share of work

Forms: stints**stint**

v. supply sparingly and with restricted quantities; scant

Forms: stinted; stinted; stinting**stipend**

n. a sum of money allotted on a regular basis

stipple

v. apply small dots or dabs of paint or ink to a surface

Forms: stippled; stippled; stippling**stodgy**

adj. excessively conventional and unimaginative and hence dull

Forms: stodgier; stodgiest**stoke**

v. stir up or tend

Forms: stoked; stoked; stoking**stolidity**

n. an indifference to pleasure or pain; stolidness

stratified

adj. arranged in layers

stratum

n. horizontal layer of material

Forms: strata, stratums**strew**

v. cover

Forms: strewed; strewn, strewed; strewing**stricture**

n. severe criticism

stridence

n. having the timbre of a loud high-pitched sound;
stridency

strident

adj. unpleasantly loud and harsh

strut

n. pompous walk; supporting bar

Forms: struts

studied

adj. produced or marked by conscious design or premeditation

stultify

v. mock; deride; degrade

Forms: stultified; stultified; stultifying

stupefy

v. make senseless or dizzy by or as if by a blow

Forms: stupefied; stupefied; stupefying

stygian

adj. dark and dismal as of the rivers Acheron and Styx in Hades

stymie

v. hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of; block; hinder; stymie; embarrass

Forms: stymied; stymied; stymieing

stymy

v. hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of; block; hinder; stymie; embarrass

suavity

n. the quality of being bland and gracious or ingratiating in manner; blandness; smoothness

subaltern

n. military officer below the rank of captain

subjective

adj. existing in the mind; personal

subjugate

v. make subservient

Forms: subjugated; subjugated; subjugating

sublimate

v. transform a solid directly into a gas

Forms: sublimated; sublimated; sublimating

sublime

adj. exalted; noble; lofty

Forms: sublimer; sublimest

subliminal

adj. below the threshold of conscious perception

submissive

adj. obedient; meek, compliant, yielding

suborn

v. induce to commit perjury or give false testimony

Forms: suborned; suborned; suborning

subpoena

n. official written document summoning a witness to appear in court

Forms: subpoenas

subrogate

v. substitute one creditor for another, as in the case where an insurance company sues the person who caused an accident for the insured

subservient

adj. abjectly submissive; submissive

subsidiary

adj. functioning in a supporting capacity; supplemental; supplementary

subsidy

n. a grant paid by a government to an enterprise that benefits the public

Forms: subsidies

substantiate

v. solidify, firm, or strengthen

Forms: substantiated; substantiated; substantiating

substantive

adj. existing independently; real; tangible

subterfuge

n. something intended to misrepresent the true nature of an activity

subversive

adj. in opposition to a civil authority or government

succinct

adj. briefly giving the gist of something; summary

succor

n. assistance in time of difficulty; succour; ministrations

Forms: succors

succulent

adj. full of juice

suffragist

n. an advocate of the extension of voting rights (especially to women)

suffuse

v. become overspread as with a fluid, a colour, a gleam of light

Forms: suffused; suffused; suffusing

sully

v. charge falsely or with malicious intent; smirch; asperse; denigrate; calumniate; smear; besmirch

Forms: sullied; sullied; sully

sultry

adj. characterized by oppressive heat and humidity; sulfurous; sulphurous

Forms: sultrier; sultriest

summation

n. addition; total

sunder

v. break apart or in two, using violence

Forms: sundered; sundered; sundering

sundry

adj. consisting of a haphazard assortment of different kinds; mixed; motley

sunk

adj. doomed to extinction; undone; washed-up

superannuated

adj. old

supercilious

adj. expressive of contempt; snide

supererogatory

adj. more than is needed, desired, or required; redundant; spare; superfluous; supernumerary; surplus

superimpose

v. place on top of; lay over

Forms: superimposed; superimposed; superimposing

supersede

v. take the place or move into the position of; supervene upon; supercede

Forms: superseded; superseded; superseding

supinate

v. turn (the hand or forearm) so that the back is downward or backward, or turn out (the leg)

supine

adj. offering no resistance; unresisting

supplant

v. take the place or move into the position of; supersede; supervene upon; supercede

Forms: supplanted; supplanted; supplanting

supple

adj. (used of persons' bodies) capable of moving or bending freely

Forms: suppler; supplest

suppliant

adj. humbly entreating; supplicatory

supplicate

v. ask for humbly or earnestly, as in prayer

Forms: supplicated; supplicated; supplicating

supposition

n. the cognitive process of supposing

supposititious

adj. based primarily on surmise rather than adequate evidence; hypothetical; hypothetic; supposed; suppositional; suppositious

surd

adj. produced without vibration of the vocal cords; hard

surfeit

v. indulge (one's appetite) to satiety

Forms: surfeited; surfeited; surfeiting

surly

adj. inclined to anger or bad feelings with overtones of menace

Forms: surlier; surliest

surmount

v. be or do something to a greater degree; outmatch; outgo; exceed; outdo; outperform

Forms: surmounted; surmounted; surmounting

surreptitious

adj. conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods; hugger-mugger; hush-hush; secret; undercover; underground

surrogate

n. a person appointed to represent or act on behalf of others

surveillance

n. close observation of a person or group (usually by the police)

susceptible

adj. easily impressed emotionally

Forms: more susceptible; most susceptible

sustain

v. establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts; substantiate; support; affirm

Forms: sustained; sustained; sustaining

sustenance

n. the act of sustaining life by food or providing a means of subsistence; sustainment; maintenance; upkeep

swank

v. display proudly; show off; ostentate

swarthy

adj. having a dark complexion

Forms: swarthier; swarthiest

swathe

v. wrap in swaddling clothes

Forms: swathed; swathed; swathing

swelter

v. suffer from intense heat

Forms: sweltered; sweltered; sweltering

swerve

v. turn sharply; curve; trend; veer; slue; slew; cut

Forms: swerved; swerved; swerving

swerving

n. the act of turning aside suddenly; veering

swill

v. drink large quantities of (liquid, especially alcoholic drink)

Forms: swilled; swilled; swilling

swindler

n. a person who swindles you by means of deception or fraud; chiseller; chiseler; gouger; scammer; grifter

swish

v. move with or cause to move with a whistling or hissing sound; swosh; swoosh

swooning

adj. weak and likely to lose consciousness; light-headed; lightheaded

sybarite

n. a person addicted to luxury and pleasures of the senses

sylvan

adj. relating to or characteristic of wooded regions

synchronous

adj. pertaining to a transmission technique that requires a common clock signal between the communicating devices in order to coordinate their transmissions

synoptic

adj. presenting or taking the same point of view

synthetic

adj. artificial; man-made

tacit

adj. implied by or inferred from actions or statements; understood

taciturn

adj. habitually reserved and uncommunicative

tactile

adj. producing a sensation of touch

tainted

adj. touched by rot or decay

talisman

n. a trinket or piece of jewelry usually hung about the neck and thought to be a magical protection against evil or disease

Forms: talismans

talon

n. a sharp hooked claw especially on a bird of prey

Forms: talons

tamp

v. press down tightly; pack

tangential

adj. touching at a single point

tanginess

n. a tart spicy quality; piquancy; piquantness; zest

tanner

n. person who makes animal hides into leather

Forms: tanners

tantalize

v. harass with persistent criticism or carping; razz; rag; cod

Forms: tantalized; tantalized; tantalizing

tantamount

adj. being essentially equal to something

tantrum

n. a display of bad temper; scene; conniption

tapdance

v. make rhythmic clicking sounds by means of metal plates nailed to the sole of the shoes

taper

n. stick of wax with a wick in the middle; wax light

Forms: tapers

tarantula

n. large hairy tropical spider with fangs that can inflict painful but not highly venomous bites

Forms: tarantulas, tarantulae

tarry

v. leave slowly and hesitantly

Forms: tarried; tarried; tarrying

taut

adj. subjected to great tension

Forms: tauter; tautest

tautological

adj. repetition of same sense in different words

tawdry

adj. cheap and shoddy

Forms: tawdrier; tawdriest

taxonomist

n. a biologist who specializes in the classification of organisms into groups on the basis of their structure and origin and behavior; systematist

tedium

n. dullness owing to length or slowness; tiresomeness

teeter

v. move unsteadily, with a rocking motion; totter

tellurian

adj. of or relating to or inhabiting the land as opposed to the sea or air; terrestrial; terrene

temerity

n. fearless daring

Forms: no plural

temper

v. restrain

Forms: tempered; tempered; tempering

temperament

n. an adjustment of the intervals (as in tuning a keyboard instrument) so that the scale can be used to play in different keys

Forms: temperaments

temperate

adj. not extreme

Forms: more temperate; most temperate

tempo

n. rhythm; beat

Forms: tempos, tempi

temporal

adj. of this earth or world

temporize

v. draw out a discussion or process in order to gain time

Forms: temporized; temporized; temporizing

tenacious

adj. sticking together

Forms: more tenacious; most tenacious

tenacity

n. persistent determination; persistence; persistency; tenaciousness; pertinacity

tendentious

adj. having or marked by a strong tendency especially a controversial one

tender

v. offer formally; suggest

Forms: tendered; tendered; tendering

tensile

adj. capable of being shaped or bent or drawn out; pliable; pliant; tractile

tepid

adj. feeling or showing little interest or enthusiasm; lukewarm

tepidity

n. a warmth resembling the temperature of the skin; tepidness

terminate

v. fire; give notice; dismiss; sack

Forms: terminated; terminated; terminating

terminology

n. a system of words used to name things in a particular discipline; language

Forms: terminologies

terminus

n. last station; end

Forms: termini, terminuses

ternary

adj. having three units or components or elements; triple; triplex

terrestrial

adj. of this earth

terse

adj. brief and to the point; laconic

Forms: terser; tersest

tertiary

adj. coming next after the second and just before the fourth in position

tessellated

adj. decorated with small pieces of colored glass or stone fitted together in a mosaic

testator

n. a person who makes a will

testy

adj. easily irritated or annoyed; fractious; irritable; nettlesome; peevish

Forms: testier; testiest

tether

v. tie with a rope or chain

Forms: tethered; tethered; tethering

thematic

adj. of or relating to a melodic subject

theocracy

n. the belief in government by divine guidance

Forms: theocracies

theoretical

adj. concerned with theories rather than their practical applications

therapeutic

adj. relating to or involved in therapy

thespian

adj. of or relating to drama

throes

n. violent pangs of suffering

throng

n. a large gathering of people; concourse

Forms: throngs

throttle

v. reduce the air supply

Forms: throttled; throttled; throttling

thwart

v. hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of; spoil; scotch; cross

Forms: thwarted; thwarted; thwarting

tidings

n. information about recent and important events; word

tightwad

n. a miserly person

tilter

n. a device for emptying a cask by tilting it without disturbing the dregs

timbre

n. tone of voice; quality of sound

timid

adj. lacking conviction or boldness or courage; faint-hearted

Forms: timider; timidest

timidity

n. fearfulness in venturing into new and unknown places or activities

timorous

adj. timid by nature or revealing timidity; trepid

tinder

n. material for starting a fire; touchwood; spunk; punk

tink

v. make or emit a high sound; clink; chink

tipple

v. drink moderately but regularly

Forms: tippled; tippled; tipping

tirade

n. broadside

tiro

n. someone new to a field or activity; tyro; initiate

titanic

adj. of great force or power

tithe

n. an offering of a tenth part of some personal income

Forms: tithes

titillate

v. excite pleasurable or erotically

Forms: titillated; titillated; titillating

title

n. distinctive appellation denoting rank or achievement

Forms: titles

titter

n. a nervous restrained laugh

tittup

v. walk with a lofty proud gait, often in an attempt to impress others; ruffle; prance; strut; sashay; cock

titular

adj. existing in name only

toady

n. a person who tries to please someone in order to gain a personal advantage; crawler; lackey; ass-kisser

Forms: toadies

toga

n. a one-piece cloak worn by men in ancient Rome

Forms: togas, togae

toil

v. work hard; fag; travail; grind; drudge; dig; moil

Forms: toiled; toiled; toiling

tome

n. a (usually) large and scholarly book

tomfoolery

n. foolish or senseless behavior; craziness; lunacy; indulgence

tonic

n. medicine or agent that strengthens and invigorates

tonsure

n. shaving the crown of the head by priests or members of a monastic order

topography

n. precise detailed study of the surface features of a region

Forms: topographies

torque

n. a twisting force

torrent

n. an overwhelming number or amount; deluge

Forms: torrents

torso

n. the body excluding the head and neck and limbs; body

Forms: torsos, torsi

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| <p>tote v. carry with difficulty; tug</p> | <p>touchstone n. a basis for comparison; measure</p> |
| <p>touchy adj. difficult to handle <i>Forms:</i> touchier; touchiest</p> | <p>tout v. show off; swash; shoot a line; brag; bluster; vaunt <i>Forms:</i> touted; touted; touting</p> |
| <p>tract n. a bundle of myelinated nerve fibers following a path through the brain <i>Forms:</i> tracts</p> | <p>tractable adj. readily reacting to suggestions and influences</p> |
| <p>tractile adj. capable of being shaped or bent or drawn out; pliable; pliant; tensile</p> | <p>trajectory n. the path followed by an object moving through space <i>Forms:</i> trajectories</p> |
| <p>tranquillity n. a disposition free from stress or emotion; placidity; serenity; tranquillity</p> | <p>transcend v. be superior or better than some standard; overstep; pass; go past; top <i>Forms:</i> transcended; transcended; transcending</p> |
| <p>transcribe v. make a written or typewritten copy <i>Forms:</i> transcribed; transcribed; transcribing</p> | <p>transgression n. the action of going beyond or overstepping some boundary or limit <i>Forms:</i> transgressions</p> |
| <p>transient adj. temporary; impermanent</p> | <p>transition n. a passage that connects a topic to one that follows <i>Forms:</i> transitions</p> |
| <p>transitoriness n. an impermanence that suggests the inevitability of ending or dying</p> | <p>transmute v. change form <i>Forms:</i> transmuted; transmuted; transmuting</p> |

transpire

v. give off (water) through the skin

Forms: transpired; transpired; transpiring

transport

n. the act of moving something from one location to another; transfer; transferral; conveyance

trappings

n. decorations; ornaments; adornments

travail

n. use of physical or mental energy; exertion; sweat

Forms: travails

traverse

v. cross; pass over

Forms: traversed; traversed; traversing

treatise

n. a formal exposition

Forms: treatises

trek

n. journey

tremor

n. shaking or trembling (usually resulting from weakness or stress or disease)

Forms: tremors

tremulous

adj. (of the voice) quivering as from weakness or fear

trenchant

adj. clearly or sharply defined to the mind

trepidation

n. a feeling of alarm or dread

tress

n. a hairdo formed by braiding or twisting the hair; twist

tribulation

n. an annoying or frustrating or catastrophic event; visitation

Forms: tribulations

tribunal

n. an assembly (including one or more judges) to conduct judicial business; judicature

Forms: tribunals

tributary

n. a branch that flows into the main stream; confluent; affluent

trident

n. a spear with three prongs

trigger

v. initiate; start; bring about

Forms: triggered; triggered; triggering

trilogy

n. a set of three literary or dramatic works related in subject or theme

Forms: trilogies

trinket

n. cheap showy jewelry or ornament on clothing; gaud; gewgaw; novelty; fallal

Forms: trinkets

trite

adj. repeated too often; commonplace; old-hat; shopworn; threadbare; timeworn

Forms: triter; tritest

trivia

n. something of small importance; trifle; small beer

troth

n. a solemn pledge of fidelity

trough

n. a container (usually in a barn or stable) from which cattle or horses feed

Forms: troughs

truculence

n. obstreperous and defiant aggressiveness

trudger

n. someone who walks in a laborious heavy-footed manner; slogger

truism

n. an obvious truth

truncate

v. shorten

Forms: truncated; truncating

tryst

n. a secret rendezvous (especially between lovers)

tucker

v. wear out completely; beat

tumescent

adj. abnormally distended especially by fluids or gas; tumid; turgid

tumult

n. the act of making a noisy disturbance; ruction; ruckus; rumpus

Forms: tumults

tundra

n. a vast treeless plain in the Arctic regions where the subsoil is permanently frozen

Forms: tundras

turbid

adj. (of liquids) clouded as with sediment; mirky; murky

turbulence

n. irregular atmospheric motion

tureen

n. large deep serving dish with a cover

turgidity

n. pompously embellished language; flatulence

turmoil

n. disturbance usually in protest; upheaval; hullabaloo

turncoat

n. a disloyal person who betrays or deserts his cause or religion or political party or friend etc.; renegade; recreant; ratter

Forms: turncoats

tussle

n. disorderly fighting; dogfight; rough-and-tumble

tutelage

n. attention and management implying responsibility for safety; guardianship

tutelary

adj. providing protective supervision

twee

adj. affectedly dainty or refined; niminy-piminy; prim

twisting

adj. marked by repeated turns and bends; twisty; winding; voluminous

tycoon

n. a very wealthy or powerful businessman; business leader; king; magnate; mogul; power; top executive

tyranny

n. dominance through threat of punishment and violence; despotism

Forms: tyrannies

tyro

n. someone new to a field or activity; tiro; initiate

Forms: tyros

ubiquitous

adj. being present everywhere at once

ulterior

adj. coming at a subsequent time or stage; posterior

ultimate

adj. being the last or concluding element of a series

unanimity

n. everyone being of one mind

unassuaged

adj. unsatisfied; not soothed

unassuming

adj. not arrogant or presuming

unattired

adj. having removed clothing; unclad; undressed; ungarbed; ungarmented

unbarred

adj. not firmly fastened or secured; unlatched; unlocked; unsecured

unbridled

adj. not restrained or controlled; uncurbed; ungoverned

uncanny

adj. surpassing the ordinary or normal

Forms: uncannier; uncanniest**unchained**

adj. not bound by shackles and chains; unshackled; untied

unconscionable

adj. greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation; outrageous; steep; usurious

unction

n. act of anointing; pouring of oil

unctuous

adj. unpleasantly and excessively suave or ingratiating in manner or speech; oily; oleaginous; smarmy; soapy

undergird

v. make secure underneath

Forms: undergirded, undergirt; undergirding**underscore**

v. draw a line or lines underneath to call attention to

Forms: underscored; underscored; underscoring**undoable**

adj. impossible to achieve; unrealizable

undulate

v. increase and decrease in volume or pitch, as if in waves

Forms: undulated; undulated; undulating**unearth**

v. recover through digging

Forms: unearthed; unearthed; unearthing**unearthly**

adj. suggesting the operation of supernatural influences; uncanny

unembodied

adj. not having a material body; bodiless; unbodyed; disembodied

unequaled

adj. alone; unique; unparalleled

unequivocal

adj. clearly defined or formulated

unerringly

adv. without error; accurately

unfaltering

adj. marked by firm determination or resolution; steady; stiff; unbendable; unshakable; unwavering

unfathomed

adj. situated at or extending to great depth; unplumbed; unsounded

unfettered

adj. not bound by shackles and chains; unshackled; untied

unfledged

adj. young and inexperienced; callow

unflurried

adj. free from emotional agitation or nervous tension; unperturbed; unruffled

unfrock

v. dismiss from priestly office

Forms: unfrocked; unfrocked; unfrocking

unfurl

v. unroll, unfold, or spread out or be unrolled, unfolded, or spread out from a furled state

unguent

n. balm; ointment

unhallow

v. remove the consecration from a person or an object; deconsecrate

unharméd

adj. not injured; unscathed; whole

uniformity

n. the quality of lacking diversity or variation (even to the point of boredom)

Forms: uniformities

unilateral

adj. tracing descent from either the paternal or the maternal line only

unimpeachable

adj. completely acceptable

uninhibited

adj. unrestrained

unintimidating

adj. unfrightingening

universal

adj. adapted to various purposes, sizes, forms, operations

unkempt

adj. not properly maintained or cared for

unmedical

adj. not having a medicinal effect or not medically prescribed; nonmedicinal

unmingled

adj. not mixed with extraneous elements; unmixed

unnameable

adj. too sacred to be uttered; unspeakable; unutterable

unobtrusive

adj. inconspicuous

unprecedented

adj. novel; unexampled

unprepossessing

adj. creating an unfavorable or neutral first impression

unravel

v. become undone

Forms: unraveled; unraveled; unraveling**unrequited**

adj. not returned in kind

unripened

adj. not fully developed or mature; immature

unruly

adj. of persons; ungovernable

Forms: unrulier, more unruly; unruliest, most unruly**unsavory**

adj. not pleasing in odor or taste; unsavoury

unscathed

adj. not injured; whole

unseemly

adj. not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society; unbecoming; uncomely; untoward

Forms: unseemlier; unseemliest**unsightly**

adj. unpleasant to look at

Forms: unsightlier; unsightliest**unsullied**

adj. (of reputation) free from blemishes; untainted; untarnished

untellable

adj. defying expression or description; ineffable; unspeakable; unutterable

unwarranted

adj. lacking justification or authorization

unwieldy

adj. lacking grace in movement or posture; clunky; ungainly

Forms: unwieldier; unwieldiest

unwitting

adj. unaware because of a lack of relevant information or knowledge; unknowing

upbraid

v. express criticism towards

Forms: upbraided; upbraided; upbraiding

upshot

n. a phenomenon that follows and is caused by some previous phenomenon; outcome; result; event; issue

urbane

adj. showing a high degree of refinement and the assurance that comes from wide social experience; svelte

urchin

n. poor and often mischievous city child

Forms: urchins

ursine

adj. of or relating to or similar to bears

usurp

v. take the place of

Forms: usurped; usurped; usurping

usury

n. the act of lending money at an exorbitant rate of interest

Forms: usuries

uttered

adj. communicated in words; verbalized; verbalised

uxorious

adj. foolishly fond of or submissive to your wife

vacillate

v. move or sway in a rising and falling or wavelike pattern; waver

Forms: vacillated; vacillated; vacillating

vacuous

adj. void of expression

vagabond

n. floater

Forms: vagabonds

vagary

n. an unexpected and inexplicable change in something (in a situation or a person's behavior, etc.)

Forms: vagaries

vagrant

adj. continually changing especially as from one abode or occupation to another; floating; vagabond

vagrant

n. floater; vagabond

Forms: vagrants

vainglorious

adj. feeling self-importance

valedictory

adj. of a speech expressing leave-taking

validate

v. confirm; sanction; legalize

Forms: validated; validated; validating

valor

n. the qualities of a hero or heroine

vampire

adj. legendary creature believed to be a rejuvenated corpse who sucks people's blood at night

vanguard

n. the position of greatest importance or advancement; cutting edge

vantage

n. the quality of having a superior or more favorable position

variegated

adj. having a variety of colors

vassal

n. a person holding a fief; liegeman; liege subject; feudatory

Forms: vassals

vaunted

adj. highly praised

veer

v. shift to a clockwise direction

Forms: veered; veered; veering

vegetate

v. grow

Forms: vegetated; vegetated; vegetating

velocity

n. distance travelled per unit time

Forms: velocities

vendetta

n. a feud in which members of the opposing parties murder each other

Forms: vendettas

veneer

n. an ornamental coating to a building

venerable

adj. profoundly honored

venial

adj. pardonable

venison

n. meat from a deer used as food

vent

n. activity that frees or expresses creative energy or emotion

Forms: vents

vent

v. expose to cool or cold air so as to cool or freshen; air out; air

Forms: vented; vented; venting

ventral

adj. of or near the belly

ventriloquist

n. a performer who projects the voice into a wooden dummy

venturesome

adj. open to taking risks; willing to experience new things

venue

n. in law: the jurisdiction where a trial will be held

veracious

adj. precisely accurate

veracity

n. unwillingness to tell lies

Forms: veracities

verbalize

v. express in words

Forms: verbalized; verbalized; verbalizing

verbatim

adj. in precisely the same words used by a writer or speaker

verbiage

n. the manner in which something is expressed in words; phrasing; phraseology; choice of words

verbose

adj. using or containing too many words; windy; wordy

verdancy

n. the lush appearance of flourishing vegetation; verdure

verdant

adj. characterized by abundance of verdure

verdigris

n. a green patina that forms on copper or brass or bronze that has been exposed to the air or water for long periods of time

verge

n. edge; brink

Forms: verges

verisimilitude

n. the appearance of truth

verity

n. an enduring or necessary ethical or religious or aesthetic truth

Forms: verities

vernacular

n. the everyday speech of the people (as distinguished from literary language)

Forms: vernaculars

vernal

adj. of or characteristic of or occurring in spring

versatile

adj. fulfilling many functions

vertex

n. the highest point (of something); apex; acme

Forms: vertexes, vertices

vertigo

n. a reeling sensation; lightheadedness

Forms: vertigoes, vertigines

verve

n. an energetic style

vestige

n. an indication that something has been present; tincture; shadow

Forms: vestiges

vex

v. be a mystery or bewildering to; stick; get

Forms: vexed; vexed; vexing

viable

adj. capable of life or normal growth and development

viand

n. a choice or delicious dish

vicarious

adj. indirect; through another

victuals

n. any substance that can be used as food; eatable; pabulum

vigilance

n. vigilant attentiveness; weather eye

vigor

n. an imaginative lively style (especially style of writing);
vigour; vim

vilify

v. spread negative information about; vituperate; rail

Forms: vilified; vilified; vilifying

vindicate

v. clear of accusation, blame, suspicion, or doubt with supporting proof

Forms: vindicated; vindicated; vindicating

vindictive

adj. showing malicious ill will and a desire to hurt

vintner

n. someone who makes wine; wine maker

viper

n. venomous Old World snakes characterized by hollow venom-conducting fangs in the upper jaw

Forms: vipers

virile

adj. (of a male) capable of copulation

virtual

adj. existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

virtue

n. a particular moral excellence

Forms: virtues

virtuoso

n. a musician who is a consummate master of technique and artistry

Forms: virtuosos, virtuosi

virulent

adj. harsh or corrosive in tone; acerbic; blistering; caustic; sulfurous

virus

n. microorganism which functions as an infectious agent

Forms: viruses

visceral

adj. obtained through intuition rather than from reasoning or observation

viscid

adj. having the sticky properties of an adhesive; gummy; mucilaginous; pasty; sticky; viscous

viscous

adj. having the sticky properties of an adhesive; gummy; mucilaginous; pasty; sticky; viscid

vise

n. a holding device attached to a workbench

Forms: vises

visionary

adj. not practical or realizable; Laputan; windy

vitreous

adj. of or like glass

vitriolic

adj. of a substance, especially a strong acid; erosive; mordant

vituperative

adj. marked by harshly abusive criticism

vivacious

adj. vigorous and animated

vivisection

n. the act of operating on living animals (especially in scientific research)

vixen

n. a female fox

vociferous

adj. conspicuously and offensively loud; clamorous; strident

vogue

n. a current state of general acceptance and use

*Forms: vogues***volatile**

adj. rapidly changing; fickle

volition

n. the act of making a choice

voluble

adj. marked by a ready flow of speech

voluminous

adj. large in number or quantity (especially of discourse)

voluptuous

adj. displaying luxury and furnishing gratification to the senses; luxuriant; sybaritic; voluptuary

voracious

adj. devouring or craving food in great quantities; rapacious; ravening; ravenous; wolfish

vouchsafe

v. grant in a condescending manner

*Forms: vouchsafed; vouchsafed; vouchsafing***voyeur**

n. a viewer who enjoys seeing the sex acts or sex organs of others; peeper

vulnerable

adj. capable of being wounded or hurt

vulpine

adj. resembling or characteristic of a fox

waffle

v. pause or hold back in uncertainty or unwillingness

*Forms: waffled; waffled; waffling***waft**

v. blow gently

*Forms: wafted; wafted; wafting***waggish**

adj. witty or joking

waggle

n. causing to move repeatedly from side to side; shake

waif

n. a homeless child especially one forsaken or orphaned

waiver

n. a formal written statement of relinquishment; discharge

wallow

v. delight greatly in

*Forms: wallowed; wallowed; wallowing***wan**

adj. lacking vitality as from weariness or illness or unhappiness

*Forms: wanner; wannest***wane**

v. decrease in phase

*Forms: waned; waned; waning***wangle**

v. tamper, with the purpose of deception; fake; falsify; cook; misrepresent

*Forms: wangled; wangled; wangling***wanton**

adj. casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior; loose; promiscuous; sluttish

warble

v. sing by changing register; descant

*Forms: warbled; warbled; warbling***ware**

v. spend extravagantly; waste

warrant

v. stand behind and guarantee the quality, accuracy, or condition of

*Forms: warranted; warranted; warranting***warranty**

n. a written assurance that some product or service will be provided or will meet certain specifications; warrantee

*Forms: warranties***warren**

n. a colony of rabbits

Forms: warrens

wary

adj. openly distrustful and unwilling to confide;
suspicious; untrusting

Forms: warier; wariest

wastrel

n. someone who dissipates resources self-indulgently

wax

v. increase in phase

Forms: waxed; waxed; waxing

waylay

v. wait in hiding to attack; bushwhack; lurk; ambush; lie in wait

Forms: waylaid; waylaid; waylaying

wean

v. detach the affections of

Forms: weaned; weaned; weaning

weather

v. expose to atmospheric conditions

Forms: weathered; weathered; weathering

weft

n. the yarn woven across the warp yarn in weaving; filling; pick

welt

n. a raised or strengthened seam

welter

n. a confused multitude of things; muddle; fuddle; smother

welter

v. be immersed in

Forms: weltered; weltered; weltering

wench

n. informal terms for a (young) woman; skirt; chick; bird

whelp

n. young of any of various canines such as a dog or wolf

Forms: whelps

whet

v. sharpen by rubbing

Forms: whetted; whetted; whetting

whiff

n. a strikeout resulting from the batter swinging at and missing the ball for the third strike

Forms: whiffs

whimsical

adj. determined by chance or impulse rather than by necessity or reason

whinny

v. make a characteristic sound, of a horse; whicker

Forms: whinnied; whinnied; whinnying

whirring

n. sound of something in rapid motion; birr

whit

n. a tiny or scarcely detectable amount; iota; tittle; smidgen; smidgeon; smidgin; smidge

whittle

v. cut small bits or pare shavings from

Forms: whittled; whittled; whittling

whorl

n. a structure consisting of something wound in a continuous series of loops; volute; helix

willful

adj. habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition; self-willed; wilful

wily

adj. marked by skill in deception; cunning; foxy; guileful; knavish; slick

Forms: wilier; wiliest

wince

v. make a face indicating disgust or dislike

Forms: winced; winced; wincing

windfall

n. a sudden happening that brings good fortune (as a sudden opportunity to make money); gold rush; gravy; godsend; manna from heaven; bunce

Forms: windfalls

winnow

v. blow away or off with a current of air

Forms: winnowed; winnowed; winnowing

winsome

adj. charming in a childlike or naive way

wisecrack

n. witty remark; sally; quip

wispy

adj. lacking clarity or distinctness; shadowy; vague

Forms: wispier; wispiest

wistful

adj. showing pensive sadness

withdrawn

adj. tending to reserve or introspection

wither

v. lose freshness, vigor, or vitality

Forms: withered; withered; withering

witless

adj. (of especially persons) lacking sense or understanding or judgment; soft-witted

witticism

n. a message whose ingenuity or verbal skill or incongruity has the power to evoke laughter; humour; wittiness

wizardry

n. exceptional creative ability

wizened

adj. lean and wrinkled by shrinkage as from age or illness; shrunken; withered

wont

n. an established custom

wonted

adj. commonly used or practiced; usual; accustomed; customary; habitual

woozy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation; vertiginous

wordy

adj. using or containing too many words; verbose; windy

worldly

adj. very sophisticated especially because of surfeit

Forms: worldlier; worldliest

worm

v. move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling); wriggle; squirm; twist

worst

v. defeat thoroughly; mop up; whip; rack up

wrangle

v. herd and care for

Forms: wrangled; wrangled; wrangling

wrath

n. belligerence aroused by a real or supposed wrong (personified as one of the deadly sins); ire; ira

wrawl

v. cry loudly, as of animals; yammer; yowl

wreak

v. cause to happen or to occur as a consequence; play

Forms: wreaked; wreaked; wreaking

wrest

v. obtain by seizing forcibly or violently, also metaphorically

Forms: wrested; wrested; wresting

wriggling

adj. moving in a twisting or snake-like or wormlike fashion; wriggly; writhing

writ

n. legal order

writhe

v. move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling); wriggle; worm; squirm; twist

Forms: writhed; writhed; writhing

xenophobia

n. a fear of foreigners or strangers

yack

n. noisy talk; yakety-yak; chatter; cackle

yaup

v. emit long loud cries; wail; roar; yawl

yen

n. the basic unit of money in Japan

Forms: yen

yeoman

n. in former times was free and cultivated his own land

Forms: yeomen

yield

n. the quantity of something (as a commodity) that is created (usually within a given period of time); production

Forms: yields

yield

v. produce; supply

Forms: yielded; yielded; yielding

yokel

n. a person who is not very intelligent or interested in culture; hick; yahoo; hayseed; bumpkin; chawbacon

zany

adj. crazy; wacky

zeal

n. prompt willingness; forwardness

zenith

n. the point above the observer that is directly opposite the nadir on the imaginary sphere against which celestial bodies appear to be projected

Forms: zeniths

zephyr

n. breeze

Forms: zephyrs

zestful

adj. marked by spirited enjoyment; zesty; barmy

zeta

n. the 6th letter of the Greek alphabet; alphabetic character
