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# LEVEL I

<b>abate</b>	to make less in amount, degree, force <i>"The weatherman said that the storm would <b>abate</b>."</i>
<b>abhor</b>	to shrink from in fear; disgust or hatred; detest <i>"I <b>abhor</b> baiting my fishhook with worms."</i>
<b>abode</b>	a place where one lives or stays; home; residence <i>"He remained in his <b>abode</b>."</i>
<b>absurd</b>	so clearly untrue or unreasonable as to be ridiculous <i>"It was <b>absurd</b> to say the baby could reach the counter."</i>
<b>abyss</b>	A deep immeasurable space, gulf or cavity; vast chasm; anything profound, unfathomable or infinite <i>"Throughout history, people have jumped into the unknown <b>abyss</b>, wondering if they would ever return."</i>
<b>active</b>	lively, busy, agile <i>"Last night I babysat for a very <b>active</b> two-year old."</i>
<b>advise</b>	to give advice or an opinion to; counsel <i>"The lawyer will <b>advise</b> her client."</i>
<b>against</b>	in opposition to <i>"The student council voted <b>against</b> school uniforms."</i>
<b>almond</b>	the edible, nutlike kernel of the small, dry peachlike fruit of a tree <i>"Modesto is known as an <b>almond</b> growing region."</i>
<b>amaze</b>	to fill with great surprise or sudden wonder <i>"The musician's talent will <b>amaze</b> the audience."</i>
<b>antics</b>	odd and funny; ludicrous; pranks, capers <i>"The <b>antics</b> of the little monkey made him seem almost human."</i>
<b>appoint</b>	to name or select officially for an office, position <i>"We will <b>appoint</b> a chairman."</i>
<b>argue</b>	to dispute or quarrel. <i>"My friend and I often <b>argue</b> over trivial details."</i>
<b>arrange</b>	to put in the correct, proper, or suitable order <i>"The librarian will <b>arrange</b> the books."</i>
<b>ascend</b>	to go upward <i>"My ears always pop when planes <b>ascend</b>."</i>

<b>aspirin</b>	a white crystalline drug used as a pain and fever remedy <i>"The doctor prescribed <b>aspirin</b> and bed rest for my cold."</i>
<b>ballad</b>	a romantic or sentimental song with the same melody for each stanza <i>"The singer sang a beautiful <b>ballad</b>."</i>
<b>ballot</b>	a ticket or paper by which a vote is registered; act or method of voting <i>"The class president was elected by a written <b>ballot</b>."</i>
<b>balsa</b>	a tropical American tree that yields an extremely light and buoyant wood used for airplane models, rafts <i>"The <b>balsa</b> provides wood for models."</i>
<b>bankrupt</b>	a person legally declared unable to pay his debts <i>"The store's owner was <b>bankrupt</b> and had to go out of business."</i>
<b>banter</b>	to tease or make fun of in a playful, good-natured way <i>"The children <b>banter</b> with each other."</i>
<b>barley</b>	a cereal grass; grain used in making soups, malts and as feed for animals <i>"My mother added <b>barley</b> to the soup to thicken it."</i>
<b>barren</b>	not bringing useful results, unproductive; unprofitable <i>"The <b>barren</b> field was eroding."</i>
<b>barter</b>	to trade for goods or services without using money <i>"The market offered to <b>barter</b> groceries for custodial work."</i>
<b>basin</b>	a washbowl or sink <i>"Rinse your contact lenses over a <b>basin</b> with the drain closed."</i>
<b>believe</b>	to take as true; to have confidence in the promise of another <i>"I <b>believe</b> in my religion."</i>
<b>benefit</b>	promotion of welfare or prosperity <i>"This project will <b>benefit</b> all mankind."</i>
<b>boggle</b>	to confuse or overwhelm <i>"Her idea would <b>boggle</b> your mind."</i>
<b>brief</b>	condensed; short; outline of an argument <i>"Her synopsis of the story was very <b>brief</b>."</i>
<b>burglar</b>	a person who commits burglary <i>"The <b>burglar</b> was brought to trial."</i>
<b>business</b>	a commercial or industrial enterprise <i>"Starting a new <b>business</b> requires money and dedication."</i>

<b>caboose</b>	the trainmen's car on a freight train, usually at the rear <i>"The <b>caboose</b> was the last car."</i>
<b>caldron</b>	a large kettle or boiler <i>"The stew simmered in the <b>caldron</b>."</i>
<b>career</b>	one's progress through life or in a particular vocation <i>"She chose her <b>career</b> carefully."</i>
<b>casserole</b>	earthenware or glass baking dish, or food cooked in one <i>"Please bring a vegetable <b>casserole</b> to the pot luck."</i>
<b>category</b>	one of the divisions used in a system of classification <i>"This chemistry book should be placed in the science <b>category</b>."</i>
<b>character</b>	a person in a novel, story or play <i>"The author created a very believable <b>character</b> in this novel."</i>
<b>chocolate</b>	a food prepared from ground cacao beans. <i>"For dessert we are serving <b>chocolate</b> cake."</i>
<b>chorus</b>	music written for group singing <i>"The group joined together for the <b>chorus</b>."</i>
<b>chronic</b>	constant; habitual; continuing a long time or recurring frequently <i>"Unfortunately, he had built a reputation as a <b>chronic</b> liar."</i>
<b>collar</b>	the part of a garment that encircles the neck; band or chain or leather for the neck of a dog, cat or other pet <i>"Laddie wore a jeweled <b>collar</b>."</i>
<b>compel</b>	to enforce or constrain, as to do something <i>"The new laws <b>compel</b> judges to issue the maximum sentence."</i>
<b>computer</b>	a programmable electronic device that performs operations on data at high speed <i>"Knowing how to use a <b>computer</b> can help you get a better job."</i>
<b>convert</b>	to change from one form to another <i>"We learned how to <b>convert</b> fractions to decimals."</i>
<b>convoy</b>	a protecting escort, as for ships or troops; a group traveling together <i>"Destroyers will <b>convoy</b> the troopships."</i>
<b>copra</b>	the source of coconut meat or coconut oil <i>"Hawaii produces a great amount of <b>copra</b>."</i>
<b>corral</b>	an enclosure for holding or capturing horses or other livestock; pen; to confine; roundup <i>"The wild horses were penned in the <b>corral</b> on the ranch."</i>

<b>corrupt</b>	spoiled; contaminated; morally unsound <i>"The <b>corrupt</b> official accepted a bribe."</i>
<b>creeper</b>	a person or animal that moves along close to the ground; lowest gear in a truck; one-piece garment for a baby; vine with tendrils <i>"The small bird was a <b>creeper</b> searching for insects."</i>
<b>crick</b>	a painful muscle spasm or cramp in the neck or back, etc. <i>"Watching the tennis match gave her a <b>crick</b> in the neck."</i>
<b>crimson</b>	deep red color <i>"The sky, at sunset, became beautifully <b>crimson</b>."</i>
<b>crisis</b>	a turning point in the course of anything; decisive or crucial time, stage of event <i>"His fever reached its <b>crisis</b> at three in the morning."</i>
<b>custom</b>	usual practice of behaving; habit; duties or taxes imposed by a government on imported or exported goods <i>"Having parties at Halloween was the <b>custom</b> of the neighborhood."</i>
<b>dampen</b>	to make moist; to deaden, depress or lessen <i>"She was asked to <b>dampen</b> the clothes so they could be ironed later."</i>
<b>dapper</b>	small and neat; trim; active and smart <i>"He looked <b>dapper</b> in the new suit from his tailor."</i>
<b>data</b>	things known or assumed; facts or figures for information <i>"The computer analyst fed the <b>data</b> into the machine."</i>
<b>deafen</b>	overwhelm with noise <i>"The volume of the loudspeaker will <b>deafen</b> the audience."</i>
<b>debark</b>	to unload from or leave a ship or aircraft <i>"We will proceed to <b>debark</b> the material as soon as the plane stops."</i>
<b>decipher</b>	decode <i>"I could not <b>decipher</b> the doctor's handwriting."</i>
<b>defect</b>	lack of something for completeness; deficiency; forsake one's cause and join the opposition <i>"It was on sale because of a <b>defect</b> in the pattern."</i>
<b>deflect</b>	to turn or make bend to one side; swerve <i>"They used their shields to <b>deflect</b> the arrows."</i>
<b>deft</b>	skillful in a quick, sure and easy way; dexterous <i>"With <b>deft</b> fingers, she continued knitting the sweater."</i>

<b>depress</b>	to press down; push or pull down; lower <i>“If you <b>depress</b> this button, water comes out.”</i>
<b>depth</b>	distance from the top downward; deepness; intensity, as of colors <i>“They dropped a stone in the well to try to determine its <b>depth</b>.”</i>
<b>desist</b>	to cease; stop; abstain from action <i>“The librarian urged them to <b>desist</b> their discussion so others could study and concentrate.”</i>
<b>dessert</b>	usually the sweet course of a dinner; pie; cake, puddings, etc. <i>“Lemon pie is my favorite <b>dessert</b>.”</i>
<b>destroy</b>	to tear down; demolish; to break up; ruin; crush <i>“The demolition crew will <b>destroy</b> the whole building.”</i>
<b>detract</b>	to take something desirable away from <i>“Frowning will <b>detract</b> from the beauty of her face.”</i>
<b>devoid</b>	completely without; empty or destitute <i>“Crippled badly from the accident, he was <b>devoid</b> of any way to resume his former occupation.”</i>
<b>dictionary</b>	wordbook, lexicon <i>“If you can’t spell the beginning of a word, it is hard to look it up in a <b>dictionary</b>.”</i>
<b>direct</b>	consisting of the exact words of the writer or speaker; to show the way to <i>“It was a <b>direct</b> quotation by the speaker.”</i>
<b>discard</b>	to throw away, abandon; get rid of as having no value <i>“They planned to <b>discard</b> the unwanted clothing.”</i>
<b>discipline</b>	training that develops self-control or character <i>“In obedience classes, pet owners learn to <b>discipline</b> their pets consistently.”</i>
<b>dismal</b>	causing gloom; depressing; bleak; dreary <i>“It was a dark and <b>dismal</b> day.”</i>
<b>disrupt</b>	to break up; rend asunder; to disturb or interrupt <i>“Bringing up the subject will <b>disrupt</b> the orderliness of this meeting.”</i>
<b>distinct</b>	clearly perceived or marked off; plain, well-defined; individual <i>“The medal he received showed a <b>distinct</b> and special honor.”</i>

<b>distract</b>	to draw the mind away in another direction; divert “In order to take it from the child, we had to <b>distract</b> his attention by allowing him to pet the cat.”
<b>distress</b>	to cause sorrow or misery; pain; suffering “Arthritic pain causes <b>distress</b> in her stiff knee when she walks.”
<b>dither</b>	to be nervously excited or confused “Before the curtain rose, she was all in a <b>dither</b> .”
<b>dogged</b>	not giving in readily; persistent; stubborn “He showed a <b>dogged</b> resistance to all arguments.”
<b>dormant</b>	sleeping; quiet; still; inoperative; inactive “Some plants and animals are <b>dormant</b> during the cold weather.”
<b>dosage</b>	the system to be followed in taking doses, as of medicine “He forgot to take his <b>dosage</b> of cough medicine.”
<b>doting</b>	foolishly fond; excessively “Sometimes a <b>doting</b> parent can cause problems for the child.”
<b>dowdy</b>	not neat or stylish in dress or appearance; shabby “Many of the candidates appeared <b>dowdy</b> .”
<b>downy</b>	soft and fluffy, like down “The child petted the <b>downy</b> chick.”
<b>draggy</b>	slow moving; lethargic; dull; boring “Some of us are <b>draggy</b> , especially in the early morning.”
<b>dreadful</b>	inspiring dread; terrible or awesome “The volcano’s eruption was <b>dreadful</b> .”
<b>drizzle</b>	a fine, mistlike rain “The <b>drizzle</b> was just enough to make the sidewalks slippery.”
<b>dual</b>	of two; having or composed of two parts or kinds; double “He had a <b>dual</b> personality, sometimes very kind, sometimes very aloof and severe.”
<b>dusky</b>	lacking light; dim; shadowy “In the <b>dusky</b> room, he could only identify outlines.”
<b>earnest</b>	Serious in intention, purpose or effort; sincerely zealous; showing depth of sincerity of feeling; seriously important, as of intention or purpose “She was grateful to have the job, and was an <b>earnest</b> worker.”



<b>eclipse</b>	the partial or total obscuring of the sun when the moon comes between it and the earth; or of the moon when the earth's shadow is cast upon it. <i>"We studied the lunar <b>eclipse</b> in class."</i>
<b>edict</b>	an official proclamation or public order made by authority or decree <i>"The <b>edict</b> issued by the King had to be obeyed by all."</i>
<b>efface</b>	to rub out, as from a surface; erase; wipe out; obliterate <i>"They tried to <b>efface</b> the memory."</i>
<b>elude</b>	to avoid or escape from by quickness, cunning, evade <i>"We will try to <b>elude</b> the traffic congestion."</i>
<b>embark</b>	to board a ship, airplane; to begin a journey, an enterprise <i>"We <b>embark</b> on our journey to Europe at 7:00 p.m."</i>
<b>emblem</b>	a visible symbol of a thing, class of people; a sign <i>"The cross is an <b>emblem</b> of Christianity."</i>
<b>emboss</b>	to cover or decorate with designs; to carve, raise or print a design so it is above the surface; embellish; ornament <i>"She asked her sister to <b>emboss</b> the new chair."</i>
<b>emerge</b>	to develop or evolve as something new, improved <i>"A new town will <b>emerge</b> after construction."</i>
<b>employ</b>	to engage services or labor for pay <i>"The new business is seeking to <b>employ</b> fifty qualified workers."</i>
<b>encamp</b>	to set up a campsite; to put in a camp <i>"The meadow along the river looked like a good site to <b>encamp</b>."</i>
<b>enchant</b>	to charm; bewitch; set a spell on as by magic; delight <i>"Her acting will <b>enchant</b> all who see the play."</i>
<b>endorse</b>	to give approval to; support; sanction <i>"The community will <b>endorse</b> the candidate."</i>
<b>endow</b>	provide with money, talent, quality or property, etc. <i>"In her will, she will <b>endow</b> the hospital with a permanent income."</i>
<b>engorge</b>	to devour greedily <i>"The hungry man seemed to <b>engorge</b> his meal."</i>
<b>engross</b>	to occupy one's whole attention <i>"This book will thoroughly <b>engross</b> him."</i>
<b>engulf</b>	to swallow up; overwhelm <i>"The raging river will <b>engulf</b> the house."</i>

<b>enough</b>	sufficient <i>"Do you have <b>enough</b> clothes for your trip?"</i>
<b>enrich</b>	to give greater value, importance, effectiveness, etc., to <i>"The new class will <b>enrich</b> the curriculum."</i>
<b>error</b>	mistake <i>"Be careful that you don't make an <b>error</b> in spelling this word."</i>
<b>erupt</b>	burst forth or out; to break out in a rash <i>"Lava will <b>erupt</b> from the volcano."</i>
<b>ethnic</b>	designating any, or of any, of the basic groups or divisions of mankind, having the same customs, characteristics, history or language <i>"His <b>ethnic</b> background was Italian."</i>
<b>excel</b>	to be better or greater than; superior to <i>"Tests showed he would <b>excel</b> in Social Studies."</i>
<b>facet</b>	any of a number of sides or aspects, as of a personality <i>"They had never seen the generous <b>facet</b> of his personality."</i>
<b>facile</b>	not hard to do or achieve <i>"After years of practice, her violin playing appeared <b>facile</b>."</i>
<b>faithful</b>	having or showing a strong sense of duty or responsibility <i>"My dog is a very <b>faithful</b> companion."</i>
<b>famine</b>	any acute shortage <i>"The people were suffering from the <b>famine</b>."</i>
<b>feather</b>	the lightweight body covering of birds <i>"Use the <b>feather</b> duster to clean these figurines."</i>
<b>February</b>	the second month of the year <i>"Valentine's Day is <b>February</b> 14<sup>th</sup>."</i>
<b>feeble</b>	without force or effectiveness <i>"Their <b>feeble</b> attempt was not successful."</i>
<b>fiction</b>	anything made up or imagined, as a statement or story <i>"The librarian directed us to the <b>fiction</b> section."</i>
<b>flaming</b>	burning with fire; blazing; intensely emotional <i>"We watched the fire <b>flaming</b> and casting sparks high in the air."</i>
<b>flimsy</b>	thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and fragile <i>"The door was <b>flimsy</b> and could not be locked."</i>

<b>fluent</b>	moving or flowing smoothly; able to write or speak easily, expressively <i>"The teacher was <b>fluent</b> in three languages."</i>
<b>fracas</b>	noisy fight or loud quarrel; brawl <i>"They were having a <b>fracas</b> in the hall."</i>
<b>frenetic</b>	Frantic; frenzied; fast and energetic in a rather wild and uncontrolled way <i>"The match had started at a pretty <b>frenetic</b> pace, as both boxers looked to impose their will early on."</i>
<b>fulcrum</b>	The support, or point of rest, on which a lever turns in a moving body; any prop, support or hinge <i>"Kitchen scissors have the <b>fulcrum</b> located farther from the handles to provide more leverage and thus more cutting power."</i>
<b>furnish</b>	supply, provide or equip; to put furniture into a room <i>"They decided to <b>furnish</b> the den with modern pieces."</i>
<b>gallant</b>	stately; imposing <i>"The <b>gallant</b> ship cruised into the harbor."</i>
<b>gamut</b>	the entire range or extent, as of emotions <i>"The actress demonstrated the <b>gamut</b> of emotions."</i>
<b>garble</b>	to confuse or mix up unintentionally <i>"Although she had studied the poem, she started to <b>garble</b> it when it was her turn to recite."</i>
<b>genius</b>	remarkable intellectual aptitude <i>"Only a <b>genius</b> can join Mensa, the high IQ society."</i>
<b>giraffe</b>	large, cud-chewing animal with a very long neck <i>"Seeing the <b>giraffe</b> made our trip to the zoo more enjoyable."</i>
<b>glisten</b>	to shine or sparkle with reflected light, as a wet or polished surface <i>"The new car did <b>glisten</b> in the sunlight."</i>
<b>glossy</b>	having a smooth, shiny appearance or finish <i>"The <b>glossy</b> cat was sleeping in the window."</i>
<b>goulash</b>	a beef stew with onion, paprika and caraway seeds. <i>"My Hungarian grandmother's favorite dish was <b>goulash</b>."</i>
<b>govern</b>	to exercise authority over; rule, administer; direct or control <i>"The officials will <b>govern</b> in an orderly manner."</i>

<b>grammar</b>	the system of word structures and word arrangements of a given language at a given time <i>“In order to speak the language, an understanding of <b>grammar</b> is helpful.”</i>
<b>granite</b>	a very hard, crystalline, plutonic rock, gray to pink in color, consisting of feldspar, quartz, and smaller amounts of other minerals <i>“The polished <b>granite</b> shone in the sunlight.”</i>
<b>graze</b>	to feed on (growing grass, herbage, a pasture, etc.) <i>“The cattle will <b>graze</b> on the slopes all winter.”</i>
<b>gritty</b>	of, like, or containing sand; brave; plucky <i>“Water from the creek left a <b>gritty</b> substance in the bottom of the cup.”</i>
<b>gruel</b>	thin, easily digested broth made of meal with water or milk <i>“The hot, tasty <b>gruel</b> did not hurt her sore throat as she swallowed.”</i>
<b>heap</b>	a group of things placed, thrown or lying one on another; a pile <i>“She wilted and fell to a <b>heap</b> on the floor.”</i>
<b>heckle</b>	to annoy or harass by interrupting with questions or taunts <i>“The audience began to <b>heckle</b> the speaker.”</i>
<b>hinge</b>	a joint or device on which a door, gate, lid, etc., swings <i>“The <b>hinge</b> needed oiling.”</i>
<b>hobble</b>	to walk lamely or awkwardly; limp <i>“The horse tried to <b>hobble</b> to the corral.”</i>
<b>honest</b>	frank and open <i>“The store owner had an <b>honest</b> face.”</i>
<b>honor</b>	to respect greatly; regard highly; esteem <i>“The family met to <b>honor</b> the visiting grandparents.”</i>
<b>hopeless</b>	impossible to solve, deal with, teach, etc. <i>“After working on the problem for ten hours, it appeared <b>hopeless</b>.”</i>
<b>hostile</b>	having or showing ill will; unfriendly; antagonistic <i>“The lion appeared <b>hostile</b> as the hunter approached.”</i>
<b>hunger</b>	discomfort or pain caused by lack of food <i>“My <b>hunger</b> pangs kept me from concentrating on the test.”</i>
<b>idler</b>	person who does no work; wastes time; lazy person <i>“No one ever saw him doing things, so they thought him an <b>idler</b>.”</i>

<b>ignite</b>	to set fire to; cause to burn <i>"They will <b>ignite</b> the trees with a torch."</i>
<b>ignore</b>	to disregard deliberately; pay no attention to; refuse to consider <i>"The driver appeared to <b>ignore</b> the road signs."</i>
<b>impede</b>	to bar or hinder the progress of; obstruct or delay <i>"Some members tried to <b>impede</b> the program."</i>
<b>impish</b>	mischievous <i>"The child gave him an <b>impish</b> grin and then ran down the street."</i>
<b>impose</b>	to force on another or others without right or invitation; obtrude <i>"Although she did not receive an invitation, she tried to <b>impose</b> on the family."</i>
<b>incite</b>	to set in motion, to urge to action; stir up, rouse <i>"The news of the riot may <b>incite</b> others to act."</i>
<b>induct</b>	to lead in; install, as in office; initiate; enroll in the services <i>"The chairman used a candlelight ceremony to <b>induct</b> new members."</i>
<b>inert</b>	having few or no active properties <i>"The <b>inert</b> gas is not considered to be a danger."</i>
<b>inkling</b>	a vague idea or notion; suspicion <i>"She had an <b>inkling</b> that the biggest present was for her."</i>
<b>innate</b>	existing naturally rather than acquired; possessed at birth, inherent <i>"He has an <b>innate</b> talent for math."</i>
<b>inset</b>	to insert into something else; a map set inside the border of a larger one; a piece of material sewed into a garment <i>"The <b>inset</b> shows the downtown section of the city."</i>
<b>inspire</b>	to fill with high or reverent emotion; stimulate to creativity or action <i>"The concert did <b>inspire</b> him to be a musician."</i>
<b>jabber</b>	fast, incoherent, nonsensical talk; gibberish <i>"No one could understand the <b>jabber</b> of the twins."</i>
<b>jacket</b>	a short coat <i>"This blue <b>jacket</b> would look nice with your new skirt."</i>
<b>jagged</b>	having sharp projecting points; notched or ragged <i>"The <b>jagged</b> edge scratched the smooth surface of the table."</i>
<b>jargon</b>	incoherent speech; gibberish; specialized vocabulary and idioms of those in their own line of work <i>"She recognized the <b>jargon</b> of classmates taking computer classes."</i>

<b>jetsam</b>	that part of the cargo thrown overboard to lighten the ship in danger; discardings <i>"Some of the <b>jetsam</b> they threw overboard might be sorely missed later."</i>
<b>jitney</b>	formerly old slang for five cents, a nickel; small car or bus which travels a regular route and charges a low fare for passengers to ride <i>"The driver of the <b>jitney</b> now charges passengers a dollar."</i>
<b>jostle</b>	to bump or push, as in a crowd; elbow or shove roughly <i>"As the number increased, the crowd began to <b>jostle</b> the players."</i>
<b>journal</b>	a brief account of daily events <i>"We kept a <b>journal</b> of our vacation."</i>
<b>kapok</b>	fiber used for stuffing mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows, etc. <i>"After such a long time of use, the <b>kapok</b> had to be replaced."</i>
<b>kettle</b>	a metal container for boiling or cooking <i>"I'll boil some water in the <b>kettle</b> for your tea."</i>
<b>kindling</b>	bits of dry wood or other easily-lighted material for starting a fire <i>"The campers gathered <b>kindling</b> for the fire."</i>
<b>kosher</b>	loosely, prepared according to traditional Jewish recipes <i>"The <b>kosher</b> pickles were very tasty."</i>
<b>ladle</b>	to dip out and pour as with a ladle <i>"The cook will <b>ladle</b> the soup for each customer."</i>
<b>lament</b>	an outward expression of sorrow; lamentation; wail <i>"A long <b>lament</b> was heard in the garden."</i>
<b>lawyer</b>	an attorney <i>"You should consult your <b>lawyer</b> before signing this contract."</i>
<b>lecture</b>	an informative talk given before an audience, class, etc., and usually prepared beforehand <i>"The history <b>lecture</b> was very interesting."</i>
<b>leer</b>	to look with a sideways or oblique glance, especially suggestive of lascivious interest or sly and malicious intention <i>"She quickly glanced at his face, but there was no <b>leer</b> in his expression."</i>
<b>lettuce</b>	any of a genus of plants grown for its edible green leaves <i>"I'll begin washing the <b>lettuce</b> for the salad."</i>

<b>license</b>	a document, printed tag, permit, etc., indicating that such permission had been granted <i>"The officer asked to see the man's <b>license</b>."</i>
<b>lightning</b>	a flash of light in the sky caused by the discharge of atmospheric electricity from one cloud to another or between a cloud and the earth <i>"The <b>lightning</b> flashed in the sky."</i>
<b>limb</b>	an arm, leg, or wing <i>"He was very lucky; only one <b>limb</b> was broken in the accident."</i>
<b>lining</b>	to cause to or to bring to a straight row or conformity; in alignment <i>"The astronomer was <b>lining</b> up his telescope to look at the stars."</i>
<b>linkage</b>	a linking or being linked <i>"The investigator studied the <b>linkage</b> between the clues."</i>
<b>listless</b>	having no interest in what is going on about one, as a result of illness, weariness, dejection, etc., spiritless; languid <i>"The <b>listless</b> dog lay on the floor by the fire."</i>
<b>lonely</b>	alone, solitary <i>"I was very <b>lonely</b> when I first moved to town."</i>
<b>loose</b>	not confined or restrained; free; unbound <i>"The sails were <b>loose</b> in the breeze."</i>
<b>lucid</b>	clearheaded; rational <i>"The <b>lucid</b> thinker explained the axiom."</i>
<b>lure</b>	anything that attracts, entices or allures; a decoy <i>"By now they had to know that they weren't going to lure him away from here."</i>
<b>macaroon</b>	a cookie made chiefly of egg whites, sugar and coconut or almond paste <i>"I'll bring some <b>macaroon</b> cookies for the bake sale."</i>
<b>machinery</b>	the working parts of a machine or instrument <i>"The workers had the day off when the <b>machinery</b> broke down."</i>
<b>mackerel</b>	a fish, commonly used in cat food. <i>"Canned <b>mackerel</b> is my cat's favorite food."</i>
<b>magnet</b>	a piece of iron or steel that attracts metal <i>"We use a <b>magnet</b> on our refrigerator to hold our shopping list."</i>
<b>margarine</b>	a food product usually made from vegetable oils and skim milk <i>"Would you like <b>margarine</b> or butter on your toast?"</i>

<b>medley</b>	a musical piece made up of tunes or passages from various works <i>"The chorus performed the <b>medley</b> very well."</i>
<b>method</b>	a way of doing anything <i>"What <b>method</b> did you use to arrive at your answer?"</i>
<b>milling</b>	circular or random motion of or as a herd or crowd <i>"The ducks were <b>milling</b> around the bread crumbs."</i>
<b>mimic</b>	imitative; inclined to copy; to ape; make believe; mock <i>"The actor could <b>mimic</b> many of his fellow artists."</i>
<b>murmur</b>	a low indistinct sound <i>"Sitting on the patio, I could hear the <b>murmur</b> of the wind in the trees."</i>
<b>mutton</b>	the flesh of sheep, especially full-grown or more mature sheep, used as food <i>"The men ordered a large bowl of soup and a leg of <b>mutton</b> from the kitchen."</i>
<b>narrate</b>	to tell in writing or speech <i>"The teacher began to <b>narrate</b> the story."</i>
<b>nectar</b>	any very delicious drink; sweetish liquid in flowers gathered by bees to make honey <i>"The icy cold lemonade was like <b>nectar</b>."</i>
<b>nightmare</b>	a frightening or oppressing dream <i>"I had a really scary <b>nightmare</b> last night."</i>
<b>ninth</b>	the ordinal number 9th <i>"In many districts <b>ninth</b> grade is the first year of high school."</i>
<b>nomad</b>	member of a tribe of people having no permanent home; wanderer <i>"Like a <b>nomad</b>, he roamed all over the world."</i>
<b>notice</b>	a written or printed sign giving some public information, warning or rule <i>"The public meeting <b>notice</b> was posted all over town."</i>
<b>nubby</b>	covered with small nubs, or lumps; having a rough, knotted surface <i>"The <b>nubby</b> fabric was rough to touch."</i>
<b>oblong</b>	longer than broad; elongated, specif., (a) rectangular and longer in one direction than in the other, esp. longer horizontally, (b) elliptical <i>"They wondered what was in the <b>oblong</b> box."</i>
<b>obstacle</b>	something that stands in the way or opposes <i>"Scaling the wall was the final challenge of the <b>obstacle</b> course."</i>



<b>occur</b>	to take place; happen <i>“The celebration will <b>occur</b> next week.”</i>
<b>offense</b>	the condition of being offended, esp. of feeling hurt, resentful, or angry; umbrage <i>“His friend took <b>offense</b> from the joke.”</i>
<b>optic</b>	of the eyes; sense of sight <i>“The <b>optic</b> nerve was not damaged.”</i>
<b>orchid</b>	the flower of a tropical plant <i>“As we stepped off the plane in Hawaii, we were given an <b>orchid</b> lei.”</i>
<b>ostrich</b>	a large, swift-running bird of Africa and the Near East, the largest and most powerful of living birds: it has a long neck, very long legs with two toes on each foot, and small, useless wings; the white tail and wing feathers of the male are used in millinery and as trimming <i>“The white <b>ostrich</b> feather adorned her new hat.”</i>
<b>owing</b>	due; unpaid; because of <i>“The balance <b>owing</b> was ten dollars.”</i>
<b>ozone</b>	an unstable, pale-blue gas, with a penetrating odor; it is an allotropic form of oxygen <i>“The <b>ozone</b> layer is very important for man’s survival.”</i>
<b>package</b>	a wrapped or boxed thing or group of things <i>“I hope the <b>package</b> will arrive in the mail today.”</i>
<b>pamphlet</b>	a short publication with no cover <i>“Please send me your <b>pamphlet</b> about summer camp.”</i>
<b>parallel</b>	extending in the same direction and same distance apart <i>“Center Avenue runs <b>parallel</b> to Maple Street.”</i>
<b>partner</b>	a person who takes part in some activity in common with another or others <i>“His <b>partner</b> kept the books, and he did the purchasing.”</i>
<b>passage</b>	permission, right, or a chance to pass <i>“The hunters received <b>passage</b> through the field.”</i>
<b>passive</b>	offering no opposition or resistance; submissive; yielding; patient <i>“The <b>passive</b> cat was carried to the veterinarian’s office.”</i>
<b>pastime</b>	something that helps time pass enjoyably <i>“Cooking and making pastry is my favorite <b>pastime</b>.”</i>

<b>pasture</b>	to graze or feed on (grass, etc.) <i>"The cattle will <b>pasture</b> in the meadow."</i>
<b>pattern</b>	a regular, mainly unvarying way of acting or doing <i>"The psychologist will study the animal's behavior <b>pattern</b>."</i>
<b>people</b>	human beings <i>"A large group of <b>people</b> gathered to watch the parade."</i>
<b>perturb</b>	to cause to be alarmed, agitated, or upset; disturb or trouble greatly <i>"The loudspeaker may <b>perturb</b> the musician in the adjoining room."</i>
<b>pesky</b>	annoying; disagreeable; troublesome <i>"We all swatted at the <b>pesky</b> mosquitoes."</i>
<b>pigment</b>	coloring matter, usually insoluble powder, mixed with oil or water, etc., to make paints; coloring matter in the cells, tissues of plants, animals <i>"<b>Pigment</b> in some plants is increased when they grow in full sun."</i>
<b>pilgrim</b>	person who wanders; traveler to shrine or holy place; any member of the English Puritans who founded Plymouth colony in 1620 <i>"Priscilla was the bride of a <b>pilgrim</b>."</i>
<b>placid</b>	Pleasantly calm or peaceful; unruffled; tranquil; serenely quiet or undisturbed <i>"The elderly couple enjoyed the <b>placid</b> water of the lake."</i>
<b>plummet</b>	Fall or drop straight down at high speed; decrease rapidly in value or amount <i>"If he fell, he would <b>plummet</b> 60 feet straight down onto the jumble of boulders at the base of the cliff."</i>
<b>plunder</b>	to rob or despoil by force, esp. in warfare <i>"The military will <b>plunder</b> the village after the battle."</i>
<b>polar</b>	opposite in character, nature, direction, etc. <i>"The twins were <b>polar</b> in their taste in music."</i>
<b>poncho</b>	a cloak like a blanket with a hole in the middle for the head <i>"The warm <b>poncho</b> is valuable in winter weather."</i>
<b>portion</b>	share; part of <i>"They were willing to give up a <b>portion</b> of their food."</i>
<b>portly</b>	large and heavy in a dignified, stately way; stout; corpulent <i>"He bought his clothing in the section for <b>portly</b> men."</i>
<b>possess</b>	to have as an attribute, quality, faculty, etc. <i>"The man is known to <b>possess</b> wisdom."</i>

<b>posture</b>	the position or carriage of the body in standing or sitting; bearing <i>“Good <b>posture</b> is important for good health.”</i>
<b>powder</b>	any dry substance in the form of very fine, dustlike particles, produced by crushing, grinding, etc. <i>“Without rain, the soil became a <b>powder</b>.”</i>
<b>prepare</b>	to make ready, usually for a specific purpose <i>“How are you going to <b>prepare</b> for the spelling competition?”</i>
<b>prior</b>	preceding in time; earlier; previous <i>“References from a <b>prior</b> employer were needed.”</i>
<b>proceed</b>	to advance or go on; to move along or to be carried on; come forth <i>“After answering this question, please <b>proceed</b> to the next.”</i>
<b>prompt</b>	quick to act or do; ready; punctual; done, spoken, without delay <i>“A good example will help to <b>prompt</b> him to turn in his homework.”</i>
<b>prosper</b>	succeed; thrive; grow vigorously; wealth; good fortune <i>“Having found the right soil conditions, his crop began to <b>prosper</b>.”</i>
<b>prying</b>	improperly curious or inquisitive <i>“Someone was <b>prying</b> into her personal affairs.”</i>
<b>raccoon</b>	a small carnivore of North America, usually nocturnal <i>“A <b>raccoon</b> raided our campsite while we were asleep.”</i>
<b>rally</b>	to summon or bring together for a common purpose; assist; support a cause <i>“He was sent to <b>rally</b> the retreating troops.”</i>
<b>rampant</b>	growing luxuriantly; flourishing <i>“The roses were <b>rampant</b> in the garden.”</i>
<b>ransom</b>	consideration paid for the release of a captured person <i>“The kidnapper demanded \$500,000 in <b>ransom</b> for the child.”</i>
<b>raspberry</b>	small round fleshy red or black berry <i>“These <b>raspberry</b> preserves won a blue ribbon at the county fair.”</i>
<b>rating</b>	a placement in a certain rank or class <i>“The program received the top <b>rating</b>.”</i>
<b>razor</b>	sharp-edged cutting instrument for shaving or cutting off hair <i>“No one was allowed to use his <b>razor</b>.”</i>
<b>react</b>	to act in return or reciprocally <i>“The director did not expect the actress to <b>react</b> that way.”</i>

<b>receive</b>	to take into one's hand or possession <i>"I hope I <b>receive</b> a portable CD player for my birthday."</i>
<b>redeem</b>	to get back; recover, as by paying a fee <i>"The renter wants to <b>redeem</b> his deposit."</i>
<b>refuge</b>	a place of safety; shelter; safe retreat <i>"The deer sought a <b>refuge</b> from the hunters."</i>
<b>relent</b>	to soften in temper; become less severe, stern, stubborn <i>"Perhaps he will <b>relent</b> and allow you to go if you promise to return early."</i>
<b>remnant</b>	what is left over; remainder; residue <i>"The small piece of cloth left from the bolt will sell as a <b>remnant</b>."</i>
<b>render</b>	to give, hand over, submit, as for approval; to give in return <i>"When you finish shopping, the clerk will <b>render</b> a bill for payment."</i>
<b>rescue</b>	to free or save from danger, imprisonment, evil, etc. <i>"He was a hero because the <b>rescue</b> had been a success."</i>
<b>retain</b>	to keep in mind <i>"After studying the words for six weeks, we should <b>retain</b> most of them."</i>
<b>retrieve</b>	to get and bring back <i>"That dog certainly loves to <b>retrieve</b> the ball."</i>
<b>revenge</b>	to inflict damage, injury, or punishment in return for an injury, insult, etc. <i>"The leaders plotted <b>revenge</b> for the bombing."</i>
<b>riddle</b>	any puzzling, perplexing, or apparently inexplicable person or thing, as a difficult problem or enigmatic saying: enigma <i>"Rita recited the <b>riddle</b>, and Roger responded."</i>
<b>romaine</b>	a variety of lettuce <i>"Caesar salad recipes usually call for <b>romaine</b> lettuce."</i>
<b>roommate</b>	one of two or more persons sharing a room <i>"Luckily, my <b>roommate</b> at camp didn't snore."</i>
<b>ruin</b>	the remains of a fallen building, city, etc., or something destroyed, devastated, decayed, etc. <i>"The explorer discovered the <b>ruin</b> deep within the jungle."</i>
<b>rumor</b>	definite talk not based on knowledge; hearsay; gossip <i>"We have heard a <b>rumor</b> that there will be no test tomorrow."</i>

<b>rustle</b>	to make or cause to make an irregular succession of soft sounds <i>"The leaves <b>rustle</b> in the wind."</i>
<b>safety</b>	freedom from danger; security <i>"<b>Safety</b> precautions are very important both at home and at school."</i>
<b>scarlet</b>	very bright red with a slightly orange tone <i>"The <b>scarlet</b> car captured everyone's attention."</i>
<b>scissors</b>	a cutting instrument with handles and a pair of blades <i>"Using sewing <b>scissors</b> for cutting paper makes them dull."</i>
<b>scribble</b>	illegible or careless handwriting; scrawl <i>"The doctor's <b>scribble</b> was hard to read."</i>
<b>scurry</b>	to run hastily; scamper <i>"The rabbits will <b>scurry</b> through the woods."</i>
<b>secure</b>	free from fear, care, doubt, or anxiety; not worried, troubled, or apprehensive <i>"Within the fort, the cavalry felt <b>secure</b>."</i>
<b>sentry</b>	sentinel, esp. any of the military guard posted to warn of danger <i>"The <b>sentry</b> would not open the gate to anyone without identification."</i>
<b>session</b>	a school term or period of study <i>"The fall <b>session</b> of school was about to end."</i>
<b>shaky</b>	not firm; weak, unsteady; trembling, not dependable; questionable <i>"After the earthquake, the walls were <b>shaky</b>."</i>
<b>shepherd</b>	a person who herds and takes care of sheep <i>"The <b>shepherd</b> guarded the flock during the night."</i>
<b>signal</b>	a sign or event fixed or understood as the occasion for prearranged combined action <i>"The bugle will <b>signal</b> the attack."</i>
<b>skeptic</b>	person who habitually doubts, questions or suspends judgment on generally accepted matters <i>"He was such a <b>skeptic</b> that he was known as 'Doubting Thomas'."</i>
<b>skirmish</b>	a brief encounter between small groups, usually an incident of a battle <i>"The <b>skirmish</b> was quickly forgotten after the peace treaty was signed."</i>
<b>slacken</b>	to become less active, intense, brisk <i>"The runners began to <b>slacken</b> their pace."</i>
<b>smoky</b>	emitting smoke, especially in large quantities <i>"A smoky fire doesn't <b>provide</b> much warmth."</i>

<b>suet</b>	the hard fat about the kidneys and loins of beef and mutton <i>"I asked the butcher to prepare the <b>suet</b> I need for the plum pudding."</i>
<b>surround</b>	to enclose on all sides; encircle <i>"For safety reasons we needed to <b>surround</b> our pool with a fence."</i>
<b>tactics</b>	any method used to gain an end; esp., skillful methods or procedure <i>"Although successful, his <b>tactics</b> were questioned."</i>
<b>tarnish</b>	to dull or discolor the surface of a metal object; to spoil, mar or debase a memory; lose luster from oxidation <i>"Silver needs to be polished often or it will <b>tarnish</b>."</i>
<b>tariff</b>	duty or tax placed by a government on imports and some exports; any list or scale of prices, charges etc. <i>"We felt the <b>tariff</b> was too high."</i>
<b>technology</b>	applied science <i>"The rate of <b>technology</b> seems to increase every day."</i>
<b>terrific</b>	extraordinary; astounding <i>"We saw a <b>terrific</b> movie last night."</i>
<b>terse</b>	abruptly, neatly or effectively concise; brief and pithy, as language <i>"The submitted statements ranged in length from a few <b>terse</b> words to pages and pages of narrative."</i>
<b>threshold</b>	a doorsill, a beginning point <i>"The guest paused at the <b>threshold</b>, stunned by the beauty of the room."</i>
<b>traffic</b>	the movement or number of automobiles along a street <i>"There is a lot more <b>traffic</b> on the freeway these days."</i>
<b>tribute</b>	something given, done, or said, as a gift, testimonial, etc., to show gratitude, respect, honor, or praise <i>"Their success was a <b>tribute</b> to his leadership."</i>
<b>truism</b>	A self-evident, obvious truth <i>"It's a <b>truism</b> that democracy can't be established at gunpoint."</i>
<b>upheaval</b>	the action or instance of lifting up from beneath, especially the earth's crust <i>"Ancient volcanoes caused a great deal of <b>upheaval</b> in this area."</i>
<b>uproar</b>	loud, confused noise; din <i>"The <b>uproar</b> was very difficult to quiet."</i>
<b>useful</b>	that can be used to advantage; helpful <i>"The fork is a <b>useful</b> implement."</i>

<b>utensil</b>	an instrument or container used in a household <i>"A ladle is the proper <b>utensil</b> to use for serving soup."</i>
<b>vaccine</b>	any preparation of killed microorganisms, living weakened organisms, etc., introduced into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease by causing the formation of antibodies <i>"The polio <b>vaccine</b> was a tremendous advance in medicine."</i>
<b>veteran</b>	a former member of the armed forces <i>"Only one World War I <b>veteran</b> attended the ceremony this year."</i>
<b>vial</b>	A small container, usually glass, for holding liquids <i>"They found a <b>vial</b> of an unknown chemical mixture on the desk in the laboratory."</i>
<b>vigil</b>	watchful staying awake; a watch kept for a period of time <i>"While others slept, he kept his lonely <b>vigil</b>."</i>
<b>villain</b>	an evil person; scoundrel <i>"In a melodrama the audience boos whenever the <b>villain</b> appears."</i>
<b>volume</b>	the quantity, strength, or loudness of sound <i>"The <b>volume</b> of the music was deafening."</i>
<b>warbler</b>	a bird which sings in trills, runs or quavers; songster <i>"Though we could not see him, we heard the melodious song of the <b>warbler</b>."</i>
<b>warmth</b>	state of giving off moderate degree of heat; moderate, mild heat <i>"We could feel the <b>warmth</b> of the sun on our faces."</i>
<b>whistle</b>	to make a clear, shrill cry; said of some birds and animals <i>"We heard the birds <b>whistle</b> in the trees."</i>
<b>whittle</b>	to reduce, destroy, or get rid of gradually, as if by whittling away with a knife <i>"We hope to <b>whittle</b> down the cost of the project."</i>
<b>whoosh</b>	to make a quick, hissing or rushing sound of something moving swiftly through the air <i>"At takeoff, the rocket will <b>whoosh</b> by the airport."</i>
<b>width</b>	distance from side to side; breadth <i>"We have to measure the <b>width</b> of the shelf to make sure it will fit the space."</i>
<b>wiring</b>	the action of a person or thing that wires <i>"The electrician did the <b>wiring</b> very quickly."</i>

<b>worsted</b>	a smooth compact yarn from long wool fibers, or the fabric made from the yarn <i>"These <b>worsted</b> wool trousers will last a long time."</i>
<b>wrapper</b>	that in which something is wrapped; covering; cover <i>"The gum <b>wrapper</b> was a shiny silver."</i>
<b>yawn</b>	an act of yawning or opening wide <i>"The movie was boring, and the audience began to <b>yawn</b>."</i>
<b>yearling</b>	an animal one-year-old or in its second year <i>"The rancher brought the <b>yearling</b> into the barn."</i>
<b>yearn</b>	To have an earnest or strong desire; a longing <i>"I <b>yearn</b> for the day when I can delegate my work to others."</i>

## LEVEL II



<b>abdicate</b>	to give up formally (a high office, authority, throne, etc.) <i>"The king plans to <b>abdicate</b> his throne."</i>
<b>abdominal</b>	lower part of the trunk of the human body; in, on or for the abdomen <i>"The <b>abdominal</b> bandage seemed too tight."</i>
<b>aberrant</b>	abnormal or deviant <i>"Her rude, <b>aberrant</b> behavior was quite a shock."</i>
<b>abrogate</b>	to cancel or repeal by authority <i>"Congress must <b>abrogate</b> the new tax law."</i>
<b>acetylene</b>	a colorless, poisonous, highly flammable gaseous hydrocarbon <i>"This most brilliant of the illuminating gases is <b>acetylene</b>."</i>
<b>acrimonious</b>	stinging, caustic <i>"Those <b>acrimonious</b> remarks will make you unpopular."</i>
<b>acquittal</b>	discharge of duty; being set free by the court <i>"From lack of evidence submitted, the judge decreed an <b>acquittal</b>."</i>
<b>adolescence</b>	the time of life between puberty and maturity; youth <i>"During <b>adolescence</b>, one is often uncertain."</i>
<b>aesthetic</b>	sensitive to art and beauty <i>"In order to help develop their children's <b>aesthetic</b> tastes, many family trips to art galleries were planned."</i>
<b>affinity</b>	close relationship <i>"Fish have an <b>affinity</b> with water."</i>

<b>agglomeration</b>	a jumbled heap, mass, etc. <i>"The <b>agglomeration</b> of articles for the rummage sale was staggering."</i>
<b>aghast</b>	feeling great horror or dismay <i>"Upon seeing the tornado's destruction, he was <b>aghast</b>."</i>
<b>aluminum</b>	most abundant metal element in the Earth's crust <i>"Don't put <b>aluminum</b> foil in the microwave."</i>
<b>ambiguous</b>	not clear <i>"The treaty is very <b>ambiguous</b>."</i>
<b>anachronism</b>	anything that is or seems to be out of its proper time in history <i>"A black and white television is an <b>anachronism</b> today."</i>
<b>anathema</b>	a thing or person greatly detested <i>"Censorship is <b>anathema</b> to Americans."</i>
<b>anonymous</b>	no name known or acknowledged; name withheld <i>"The poem read was written by an <b>anonymous</b> poet."</i>
<b>antiquated</b>	no longer used or useful; obsolete <i>"The old cabin contained some <b>antiquated</b> relics of the olden days."</i>
<b>antithesis</b>	the direct opposite <i>"Love is the <b>antithesis</b> of hate."</i>
<b>apocryphal</b>	spurious; counterfeit <i>"The <b>apocryphal</b> memories of the countess cannot be admitted as evidence."</i>
<b>apostle</b>	the first advocate of a view point or reform <i>"The student body president was an <b>apostle</b> for year-round school."</i>
<b>apparition</b>	a strange figure appearing suddenly and thought to be a ghost <i>"After hearing the spooky story, the children thought they saw an <b>apparition</b>."</i>
<b>appropriate</b>	to take for one's own, often without right <i>"I wish my roommate would not <b>appropriate</b> my clothes."</i>
<b>aqueduct</b>	large pipe made for bringing water from a distant source <i>"The <b>aqueduct</b> provided the farmers with the much needed water for crops."</i>
<b>archetype</b>	the perfect example of a type or group <i>"Mickey Mouse is the <b>archetype</b> for cartoon characters."</i>
<b>ascension</b>	the act of ascending <i>"We watched the balloon's <b>ascension</b> into the clouds."</i>

<b>asceticism</b>	religious doctrine where self-denial is practiced to reach a higher spiritual state <i>“Trappist monks practice <b>asceticism</b>.”</i>
<b>assuage</b>	sooth, ease <i>“Saying ‘I’m sorry’ is a way to <b>assuage</b> your guilt .”</i>
<b>atrophy</b>	a wasting away of body tissue, organ, or the failure of an organ or part to grow or develop, as because of insufficient nutrition <i>“Without proper nutrition, the muscles will <b>atrophy</b>.”</i>
<b>awkward</b>	not graceful, clumsy <i>“My walk was very <b>awkward</b> right after my cast was removed.”</i>
<b>baccalaureate</b>	an address or sermon delivered to a graduating class at commencement <i>“The graduating seniors and their families will attend the <b>baccalaureate</b>.”</i>
<b>bailiwick</b>	one’s particular area of authority, activity, interest <i>“The coach’s <b>bailiwick</b> is tennis.”</i>
<b>balustrade</b>	a railing <i>“The <b>balustrade</b> around the porch was made of cedar.”</i>
<b>barrage</b>	a heavy, prolonged attack of words, blows <i>“Suddenly the speaker was under a <b>barrage</b> of questions.”</i>
<b>battalion</b>	a large group of soldiers arrayed for battle; any large group joined in some activity <i>“He had command of a <b>battalion</b> during World War II.”</i>
<b>benign</b>	Having a kind disposition; not harmful; mild and favorable <i>“The doctor determined that the growth was <b>benign</b>.”</i>
<b>biennial</b>	happening every two years <i>“The reunion is held on a <b>biennial</b> basis.”</i>
<b>bilingual</b>	of or in two languages; capable of using two languages with equal skill <i>“He was offered the position because he was <b>bilingual</b> in English and Spanish.”</i>
<b>bizarre</b>	marked by extreme contrasts and incongruities of color, design, or style <i>“Her purple and orange hair was <b>bizarre</b>.”</i>
<b>boisterous</b>	loud, rowdy <i>“The security officer had to quiet the <b>boisterous</b> group.”</i>
<b>boulevard</b>	a broad often landscaped thoroughfare <i>“Sometimes using the <b>boulevard</b> is faster than taking the freeway.”</i>

<b>broccoli</b>	green vegetable high in vitamins <i>"The consumption of <b>broccoli</b> has increased in recent years."</i>
<b>buoyancy</b>	the tendency of a body to float in a fluid <i>"Filling the raft with more air will increase its <b>buoyancy</b>."</i>
<b>bursitis</b>	Inflammation of a bursa, typically in a shoulder joint <i>"His doctor informed him that he was suffering from <b>bursitis</b>."</i>
<b>calligraphy</b>	beautiful handwriting; penmanship <i>"<b>Calligraphy</b> is an art – a talent to be thankful for."</i>
<b>camaraderie</b>	loyalty and warm, friendly feeling among comrades <i>"Within the Girl Scout troop, there was great <b>camaraderie</b>."</i>
<b>camouflage</b>	disguise or concealment of this kind <i>"The tanks' <b>camouflage</b> prevented enemy planes from seeing them."</i>
<b>capitulation</b>	statement of the main parts of a subject; conditional surrender <i>"Their leader decided that <b>capitulation</b> was best."</i>
<b>carcinogen</b>	cancer causing <i>"Scientists seem to discover a new <b>carcinogen</b> every day."</i>
<b>carburetor</b>	a device in which air is mixed with gasoline spray to make an explosive mixture in an internal combustion engine <i>"The <b>carburetor</b> in the truck had to be replaced."</i>
<b>carnivorous</b>	meat-eating <i>"The lion is a <b>carnivorous</b> animal."</i>
<b>cataclysm</b>	any great upheaval that causes sudden and violent changes <i>"The weakened government could not withstand another <b>cataclysm</b>."</i>
<b>catastrophe</b>	calamity <i>"The Northridge Earthquake was a <b>catastrophe</b>."</i>
<b>caulk</b>	
<b>censure</b>	strong or vehement expression of disapproval; an official reprimand, as by a legislative body or one of its members; to criticize or reproach in a harsh or vehement manner <i>"The media was unanimous in their <b>censure</b> of the tax proposal."</i>
<b>centrifugal</b>	radiating or departing from the center <i>"The road was banked to counteract the <b>centrifugal</b> force."</i>
<b>chamois</b>	a soft leather made from the hide of a chamois, deer or sheep <i>"The gloves were made of <b>chamois</b> leather."</i>

<b>chandelier</b>	lighting fixture hanging from a ceiling, with branches for candles or bulbs <i>"The <b>chandelier</b> swayed, and we hurried out from under it."</i>
<b>chaotic</b>	completely confused or disordered condition <i>"The era of the Hundred Years' War was very <b>chaotic</b>."</i>
<b>charlatan</b>	fake <i>"The phony scientist was a <b>charlatan</b>."</i>
<b>chasm</b>	A yawning fissure or deep cleft in the earth's surface; gorge; a marked interruption of continuity; gap <i>"By working together, the team was able to cross the <b>chasm</b>."</i>
<b>chimerical</b>	imaginary <i>"Her fears are as <b>chimerical</b> as the hallucinations of insanity."</i>
<b>chivalry</b>	the noble qualities a medieval knight was supposed to have; courage, honor and readiness to help the weak, and to protect women <i>"We loved his <b>chivalry</b>, seemingly borrowed from the knights of old."</i>
<b>chromosome</b>	one of the DNA containing bodies in a cell nucleus <i>"This particular gene is found at the end of <b>chromosome</b> 23."</i>
<b>cinematographer</b>	a motion-picture cameraman <i>"Cecil B. DeMille was a great <b>cinematographer</b>."</i>
<b>circumference</b>	a line that goes around or encloses a circle <i>"When drawing a snowman, the head usually has a smaller <b>circumference</b> than the body."</i>
<b>clairvoyance</b>	keen perception or insight <i>"His <b>clairvoyance</b> with a crystal ball was amazing."</i>
<b>clique</b>	a small, exclusive group of people <i>"She refused to join the <b>clique</b> of students."</i>
<b>coercive</b>	of coercion or tending to coerce <i>"During the American Revolution, the colonists fought against the <b>coercive</b> government of Great Britain."</i>
<b>collateral</b>	Security pledged for the payment of a loan; a subordinate or accessory part; a side branch <i>"He gave the bank some stocks and bonds as <b>collateral</b> for the money he borrowed."</i>
<b>colleague</b>	associate in office <i>"His <b>colleague</b> is going to attend the same workshop."</i>

<b>colloquial</b>	conversational <i>"The politician's <b>colloquial</b> language endeared him to small town voters."</i>
<b>commingle</b>	to mingle together; intermix, blend <i>"The separate tribes began to <b>commingle</b> through marriage."</i>
<b>compassionate</b>	feeling or showing compassion <i>"The <b>compassionate</b> nurse listened to the patient's tale."</i>
<b>condolence</b>	expression of sympathy with another in grief <i>"A note of <b>condolence</b> is appropriate at time of death."</i>
<b>conjecture</b>	an inference, theory, or prediction based on guesswork; guess <i>"After hearing the facts, she knew that her <b>conjecture</b> was wrong."</i>
<b>connoisseur</b>	a person who has expert knowledge and keen discrimination in some field, especially in the fine arts or in matters of taste <i>"His discerning taste buds made him a <b>connoisseur</b> of good wine."</i>
<b>consensus</b>	an opinion held by all or most <i>"The <b>consensus</b> of party professionals was sought."</i>
<b>contemptuous</b>	full of contempt; scornful; disdainful <i>"The speaker was very <b>contemptuous</b> of the hecklers."</i>
<b>convoluted</b>	extremely involved; intricate <i>"The <b>convoluted</b> plot was difficult to understand."</i>
<b>correspondence</b>	a communication by exchange of letters <i>"Please file this <b>correspondence</b> alphabetically."</i>
<b>counterfeit</b>	to imitate or copy, especially with intent to deceive <i>"There is a way to check if a bill is <b>counterfeit</b>."</i>
<b>crevasse</b>	A fissure of deep cleft, typically in glacial ice; a deep open crack <i>"The team had to watch their steps carefully so as to not fall into a <b>crevasse</b> as they made their way across the glacier."</i>
<b>critique</b>	the act or art of criticizing; criticism <i>"The director did not like the <b>critique</b> of his movie."</i>
<b>croissant</b>	a crescent roll <i>"A hot, buttery <b>croissant</b> was enjoyed by each one attending the festive brunch."</i>
<b>crucifixion</b>	a crucifying or being crucified <i>"The punishment of <b>crucifixion</b> was practiced in ancient times."</i>

<b>crustacean</b>	Any chiefly aquatic arthropod of the class Crustacea, typically having the body covered with a hard shell or crust, including lobsters, shrimps, crabs, barnacles and wood lice <i>"Shellfish and <b>crustaceans</b> are very ancient forms of life that have existed for on earth for an extremely long time."</i>
<b>cylindrical</b>	Having straight and parallel sides and a circular or oval cross-section; in the shape or form of a cylinder <i>"To the right of the main gate was a large <b>cylindrical</b> tower."</i>
<b>debacle</b>	an overwhelming defeat or rout <i>"His resignation from power caused the greatest <b>debacle</b> in the history of his country."</i>
<b>decelerate</b>	to reduce speed; slow down <i>"The driver began to <b>decelerate</b> as he rounded the bend."</i>
<b>deciduous</b>	shedding leaves annually <i>"The fall colors on the <b>deciduous</b> trees are beautiful."</i>
<b>delicatessen</b>	a shop where sandwich items meats and cheeses are sold <i>"Let's stop at the <b>delicatessen</b> to pick up things for our picnic."</i>
<b>depressant</b>	lowering the rate of muscular or nervous activity; to sadden or lower <i>"The medicine was given as a <b>depressant</b>."</i>
<b>derrick</b>	large apparatus for lifting and moving heavy objects; tall tapering framework over an oil well <i>"The workmen used a <b>derrick</b> to take the piano up to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor."</i>
<b>designate</b>	to point or mark out; specify; appoint <i>"I will <b>designate</b> one of my friends to chair this committee."</i>
<b>dexterity</b>	skill in using one's mind; cleverness <i>"Her mental <b>dexterity</b> was amazing."</i>
<b>dialysis</b>	the separation of crystalloids from colloids as the elimination of impurities from the blood during kidney failure <i>"One of our child movie stars has to be hospitalized for <b>dialysis</b>."</i>
<b>dichotomy</b>	division into two (contrasting) halves, pairs of sets <i>"Reconciling the <b>dichotomy</b> between public and private interests is a difficult job."</i>
<b>differentiate</b>	distinguish between <i>"The shopper tried to <b>differentiate</b> between the two sweaters."</i>
<b>dilapidated</b>	broken down; shabby and neglected <i>"We bought a <b>dilapidated</b> house and tried to repair it."</i>

<b>dilemma</b>	predicament; a situation in which one must choose between alternatives <i>"His <b>dilemma</b> was in having to decide on which color paint to use."</i>
<b>disguise</b>	to change the manner or appearance of in order to prevent recognition <i>"I will need a mask to <b>disguise</b> myself for the Halloween Party."</i>
<b>disproportionate</b>	not in proportion <i>"The harsh punishment was <b>disproportionate</b> to the infraction."</i>
<b>disseminate</b>	to scatter seed; to sow widely; spread abroad <i>"When the dandelion becomes that feathery little puffball, the breezes cause it to <b>disseminate</b>."</i>
<b>dissertation</b>	a formal and lengthy discourse or treatise on some subject <i>"The student completed her <b>dissertation</b> for the degree of doctor."</i>
<b>divination</b>	a successful guess; clever conjecture <i>"Her <b>divination</b> of the winner was accurate."</i>
<b>ebullient</b>	overflowing with enthusiasm, high spirits <i>"After winning the game, the fans were <b>ebullient</b>."</i>
<b>ecclesiastical</b>	of the church <i>"His writings were based on <b>ecclesiastical</b> discipline."</i>
<b>echelon</b>	any of the levels of responsibility or importance in an organization <i>"She worked in the <b>echelon</b> where major decisions were made."</i>
<b>eczema</b>	an inflammatory, itching disease of the skin <i>"A victim of <b>eczema</b>, she could not wear makeup on her face."</i>
<b>effectuate</b>	to bring about; cause to happen; effect <i>"The team members are trying to <b>effectuate</b> change in spring training rules."</i>
<b>egalitarian</b>	advocating, or characterized by the belief that all men should have equal political, social and economic rights <i>"The country's government was <b>egalitarian</b>."</i>
<b>ellipsis</b>	the omission of a word or words necessary for complete grammatical construction but understood in the context <i>"Add <b>ellipsis</b> where I have indicated on the rough draft of the legal pleading."</i>
<b>embarrass</b>	to cause to feel self-conscious, ill at ease <i>"He did not want to <b>embarrass</b> himself in front of his friends."</i>



<b>emulate</b>	to try to equal or surpass; to rival successfully <i>“The baby birds strutted back and forth trying to <b>emulate</b> the actions of their parents.”</i>
<b>encapsulate</b>	to put in concise form; condense <i>“We tried to <b>encapsulate</b> the week’s news in five minutes.”</i>
<b>entomology</b>	the study of insects <i>“My career in <b>entomology</b> began with a fascination about butterflies.”</i>
<b>entourage</b>	A group of attendants or associates, as a person of rank or importance <i>“The singer traveled with an <b>entourage</b> of upwards of 20 people.”</i>
<b>ephemeral</b>	lasting a very short time <i>“The sunset was <b>ephemeral</b> in its beauty.”</i>
<b>epitome</b>	a short statement of the main points of a book, report, incident; abstract; summary; representative or typical of a class <i>“He was the <b>epitome</b> of jockeys everywhere – slim, wiry and brisk.”</i>
<b>equivocal</b>	two or more meanings; purposely vague; misleading; ambiguous <i>“Her answer was <b>equivocal</b>, but we couldn’t get a definite opinion.”</i>
<b>esoteric</b>	beyond the understanding or knowledge of most people <i>“Few people attended the <b>esoteric</b> lecture on holography.”</i>
<b>etymology</b>	The origin and development of a word, affix, phrase, etc. <i>“The origin and development of words is a branch of linguistics called <b>etymology</b>.”</i>
<b>eulogy</b>	speech or writing in praise of a person, event or thing; commendation <i>“We listened with full hearts to the <b>eulogy</b> on President Kennedy.”</i>
<b>euphoria</b>	a feeling of vigor, well-being, or high spirits <i>“The team had the <b>euphoria</b> that comes from winning.”</i>
<b>exacerbate</b>	to exasperate; annoy; irritate; embitter <i>“He intended to <b>exacerbate</b> the already tense situation by making an exorbitant demand.”</i>
<b>exonerate</b>	to relieve of a burden; unload; free from guilt; absolve <i>“This alibi would prove his innocence and <b>exonerate</b> him of the crime.”</i>
<b>expedient</b>	useful for effecting a desired result <i>“It was <b>expedient</b> for him to alter the facts.”</i>
<b>expertise</b>	the skill, knowledge, judgment of an expert <i>“She was known for her <b>expertise</b> in music.”</i>

<b>expletive</b>	an oath or exclamation <i>"She shouted an <b>expletive</b> when the car would not start."</i>
<b>expropriate</b>	to deprive of ownership; dispossess <i>"The state will <b>expropriate</b> acreage for the new airport."</i>
<b>facetious</b>	joking, or trying to be jocular, esp. at an inappropriate time <i>"His mother could not tolerate his <b>facetious</b> remarks."</i>
<b>Fahrenheit</b>	a temperature scale <i>"Normal body temperature is 98.6 degrees <b>Fahrenheit</b>."</i>
<b>fastidious</b>	not easy to please; very critical or discriminating <i>"With <b>fastidious</b> attention to detail, the musician practiced the piece again."</i>
<b>feasible</b>	capable of being done or carried out; possible; practicable <i>"Chartering a bus seems the most <b>feasible</b> method of transportation."</i>
<b>felicitous</b>	well-chosen; appropriate; apt; yielding great pleasure <i>"He was a <b>felicitous</b> choice for the new position."</i>
<b>ferocious</b>	fierce; savage; violently cruel <i>"The lion has a <b>ferocious</b> growl."</i>
<b>fictitious</b>	imaginary happening; not real; false; pretended; assumed for disguise <i>"Some novelists use a <b>fictitious</b> name under which they write."</i>
<b>filibuster</b>	to obstruct the passage of a bill by making long speeches, introducing irrelevant issues, etc. <i>"The senator carried out his <b>filibuster</b>, ignoring remarks from the floor."</i>
<b>finagle</b>	to cheat; to get something by trickery <i>"Students find many ways to <b>finagle</b> their way out of homework."</i>
<b>firmament</b>	the sky, viewed poetically as a solid arch or vault <i>"The sun and the moon are both seen in the <b>firmament</b> at that time."</i>
<b>fissure</b>	long, narrow, deep cleft or crack; dividing or breaking into parts <i>"The ice, breaking up, opened a wide <b>fissure</b> between the floes."</i>
<b>flabbergast</b>	to make speechless with amazement; astonish <i>"Seeing a dog climb a tree may <b>flabbergast</b> you."</i>
<b>flourish</b>	grow vigorously; thrive; prosper <i>"These plants will <b>flourish</b> if you give them proper water and fertilizer."</i>

<b>fluctuate</b>	to move back and forth, up and down; to be continually changing <i>"Bank interest rates <b>fluctuate</b> from time to time."</i>
<b>forfeit</b>	to lose, give up, or be deprived of <i>"You <b>forfeit</b> privileges by not registering."</i>
<b>fraudulent</b>	deceitful; based on trickery; intentional deception <i>"The investigation proved the papers to be <b>fraudulent</b>."</i>
<b>fricassee</b>	a dish of meat cut into pieces and stewed in a gravy <i>"Chicken <b>fricassee</b> tastes good on a cold evening."</i>
<b>galleon</b>	large Spanish ship of the 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> century <i>"The <b>galleon</b> had four decks at the stern."</i>
<b>gambol</b>	to jump and skip about in play; frolic <i>"To <b>gambol</b> about the dance floor is to have a good time."</i>
<b>gauche</b>	lacking social grace; tactless <i>"My companion's <b>gauche</b> remarks to the staff were very embarrassing."</i>
<b>gazetteer</b>	a geographical dictionary <i>"The <b>gazetteer</b> portion of this dictionary contains more than seven thousand place names."</i>
<b>geriatrics</b>	branch of medicine dealing with the elderly <i>"As the population ages, <b>geriatrics</b> will become more lucrative."</i>
<b>gourmet</b>	a connoisseur of fine food and drink <i>"A good <b>gourmet</b> restaurant covets a recommendation from a food critic."</i>
<b>grievance</b>	circumstance thought to be unjust; resentment or complaint <i>"Many thought she had reason for her <b>grievance</b>."</i>
<b>guileless</b>	candid, frank; open <i>"His <b>guileless</b> smile made instant friendships."</i>
<b>harangue</b>	to deliver a long, scolding speech <i>"I hope the coach doesn't <b>harangue</b> us for the lousy game we played."</i>
<b>harassment</b>	worrying or annoying with repeated attacks <i>"Sexual <b>harassment</b> in the workplace will not be tolerated."</i>
<b>heartily</b>	friendly, sincere, cordial way; with zest, enthusiasm <i>"He laughed <b>heartily</b>, thoroughly enjoying the play."</i>

<b>hegemony</b>	leadership or dominance, especially that of one state or nation over others <i>“The Chinese say the Soviets are establishing military <b>hegemony</b> over the free world.”</i>
<b>hemorrhage</b>	heavy bleeding <i>“Jim had a bad <b>hemorrhage</b> in his arm after the auto accident.”</i>
<b>hepatitis</b>	an inflammation of the liver <i>“Exposure to the <b>hepatitis</b> virus prevents a person from donating blood.”</i>
<b>herbivorous</b>	feeding on plants <i>“Deer and sheep are <b>herbivorous</b> animals.”</i>
<b>hospitable</b>	friendly, kind and solicitous toward guests; favoring comfort of new arrivals; receptive or open to new ideas <i>“Southern people are said to be most <b>hospitable</b> even to strangers.”</i>
<b>humanity</b>	human; human characteristics or nature; mankind; people <i>“<b>Humanity</b> everywhere does not always have the same kindness or sympathy.”</i>
<b>hybrid</b>	anything of mixed origin, unlike parts <i>“Rock and roll is a <b>hybrid</b> of blues and jazz.”</i>
<b>hygiene</b>	science of health and its maintenance; sanitary practices; cleanness <i>“We are taught <b>hygiene</b> for the preservation of health and prevention of disease.”</i>
<b>hyperbole</b>	obvious and intentional exaggeration <i>“A clown uses <b>hyperbole</b> to make the stunts funnier.”</i>
<b>hypochondriac</b>	a person who has hypochondria <i>“The <b>hypochondriac</b> made his tenth visit to the hospital in ten days.”</i>
<b>hypocrisy</b>	a pretending to be what one is not, or to feel what one does not feel <i>“The senator showed his <b>hypocrisy</b> by saying he was for the bill and then voting against it.”</i>
<b>ideology</b>	the doctrines, opinions, or way of thinking of an individual class, etc. <i>“Democracy is the American <b>ideology</b>.”</i>
<b>idiosyncrasy</b>	personal peculiarity or mannerism <i>“It was her <b>idiosyncrasy</b> to wear earmuffs in warm weather.”</i>
<b>ignominy</b>	shame and dishonor <i>“What he did brought <b>ignominy</b> to his friends and family.”</i>

<b>immunity</b>	resistance to disease; protection against disease <i>"Having a childhood disease does not always develop an <b>immunity</b> to it."</i>
<b>impasse</b>	deadlock <i>"Russia and the United States reached an <b>impasse</b> in their negotiations."</i>
<b>impecunious</b>	having no money <i>"I am sorry to announce that the school board is in an <b>impecunious</b> situation as a result of Proposition 13."</i>
<b>impertinent</b>	not showing proper respect or manners <i>"The <b>impertinent</b> child must be taught some manners."</i>
<b>imperturbable</b>	that cannot be disconcerted, disturbed, or excited; impassive <i>"The <b>imperturbable</b> cat sat in the midst of the moving."</i>
<b>implement</b>	any article or device used or needed for a given activity; fulfill <i>"The hammer and the saw are needed by the carpenter to <b>implement</b> his job."</i>
<b>inaugurate</b>	to introduce into office with ceremonies <i>"Every four years we <b>inaugurate</b> a President."</i>
<b>incongruous</b>	lacking harmony or agreement <i>"Hiking boots were <b>incongruous</b> to the wet suit outfit."</i>
<b>incorrigible</b>	that cannot be corrected, improved, or reformed <i>"They held out little hope for the prisoner because he was <b>incorrigible</b>."</i>
<b>incredulous</b>	showing doubt or disbelief <i>"Their eyes were large with <b>incredulous</b> joy."</i>
<b>indiscreet</b>	lacking prudence; unwise; careless <i>"She was <b>indiscreet</b> in going shopping during school hours."</i>
<b>indomitable</b>	not easily discouraged <i>"Even after three unsuccessful attempts, the new skier was <b>indomitable</b>."</i>
<b>inducement</b>	motive; incentive; persuasion <i>"As an <b>inducement</b> for entering into the contract, she would receive a percentage of sales."</i>
<b>inertia</b>	a tendency to remain in a fixed condition without change <i>"The nation was declining due to <b>inertia</b>."</i>

<b>infatuated</b>	lacking sound judgment; foolish <i>"He was <b>infatuated</b> by the John Wayne movie and decided to become a cowboy."</i>
<b>infirmity</b>	feebleness; weakness; frailty or ailment; defect <i>We realized his <b>infirmity</b> kept him a captive of a wheelchair."</i>
<b>inimical</b>	unfriendly; hostile <i>"The <b>inimical</b> participants at the rally prevented the audience from having fun."</i>
<b>inordinate</b>	lacking restraint or moderation <i>"The press and public took an <b>inordinate</b> interest in everything he did."</i>
<b>insatiable</b>	constantly wanting more; that cannot be satisfied or appeased <i>"After two banana splits, we knew he had an <b>insatiable</b> appetite."</i>
<b>inscrutable</b>	that cannot be easily understood <i>"Charley Chan was often <b>inscrutable</b>."</i>
<b>insinuation</b>	sly hint or suggestion <i>"Your <b>insinuation</b> of unfairness on my part is unjust."</i>
<b>intermittent</b>	stopping and starting again at intervals; periodic <i>"Heavy traffic forced us into <b>intermittent</b> driving."</i>
<b>intravenous</b>	in, or directly into, a vein or veins <i>"The doctor prescribed <b>intravenous</b> feeding for the patient."</i>
<b>inveigle</b>	to lead on with deception <i>"The salesman intended to <b>inveigle</b> me into buying the car."</i>
<b>irascible</b>	easily angered; quick-tempered <i>"The <b>irascible</b> old man is constantly picking fights."</i>
<b>irreparable</b>	not reparable; that cannot be repaired, mended, remedied <i>"If the condors disappear, that will be an <b>irreparable</b> loss."</i>
<b>isthmus</b>	a neck; a narrow passage; narrow strip of land, having water at each side and connecting two larger bodies of land <i>"The <b>Isthmus</b> of Panama connects Central America and South America."</i>
<b>jamboree</b>	a large festive gathering <i>"They scheduled a <b>jamboree</b> in the town park for this weekend."</i>
<b>javelin</b>	a slender metal-tipped shaft thrown for distance <i>"The next <b>javelin</b> thrower holds the Olympic record for this event."</i>

<b>judicious</b>	having, applying, or showing sound judgment; wise and careful <i>"The <b>judicious</b> driver stopped at the crosswalk."</i>
<b>kayak</b>	an Eskimo canoe, or one similar <i>"The ocean was too rough to go out in the <b>kayak</b>."</i>
<b>khaki</b>	a light yellowish brown color <i>"The soldiers wore their <b>khaki</b> uniforms."</i>
<b>knowledge</b>	understanding or skill gained by experience or learning <i>"Two weeks of tennis lessons increased my <b>knowledge</b> of the game."</i>
<b>lackadaisical</b>	listless; languid <i>"Tom was <b>lackadaisical</b> in the hot, humid weather."</i>
<b>languid</b>	sluggish <i>"She was a <b>languid</b> person, lacking force and quickness."</i>
<b>laryngitis</b>	inflammation of the voice box <i>"I always get <b>laryngitis</b> at the end of a cold."</i>
<b>laureate</b>	worthy of honor; distinguished; pre-eminent, especially among poets <i>"Rudyard Kipling was a poet <b>laureate</b> of England."</i>
<b>leisurely</b>	without haste; deliberate; slow; unhurried <i>"He strolled <b>leisurely</b> along the boardwalk."</i>
<b>leniency</b>	mildness; permissiveness <i>"The judge was known for his <b>leniency</b> with first time offenders."</i>
<b>leukemia</b>	a cancerous disease of the tissues and often the blood <i>"The <b>leukemia</b> patient needed a bone marrow transplant."</i>
<b>lieutenant</b>	an officer empowered to act for a higher official <i>"The <b>lieutenant</b> brought the message to the meeting."</i>
<b>luminous</b>	giving off light; shining; bright <i>"The moon was <b>luminous</b> in the night."</i>
<b>maelstrom</b>	a strong violent whirlpool; a great turmoil <i>"Their dog's illness caused the family a <b>maelstrom</b> of emotions."</i>
<b>malfeasance</b>	wrongful conduct, especially by a public official <i>"The mayor's <b>malfeasance</b> resulted in a recall election."</i>
<b>malleable</b>	capable of being changed, molded, trained, etc. <i>"Tin is a very <b>malleable</b> metal."</i>

<b>maneuver</b>	any movement or procedure intended as a skillful or shrewd step toward some objective <i>“The large ship’s <b>maneuver</b> brought it closer to port.”</i>
<b>masquerade</b>	a party at which people wear masks and costumes <i>“What are you wearing to the <b>masquerade</b> ball?”</i>
<b>mediocre</b>	ordinary; commonplace <i>“Because the service was only <b>mediocre</b>, we left a small tip.”</i>
<b>mercurial</b>	changeable; volatile; fickle; flighty; erratic <i>“Many sports fans are <b>mercurial</b> and show very little loyalty to their so-called favorite teams.”</i>
<b>metamorphosis</b>	change of form, shape, structure, or substance <i>“The <b>metamorphosis</b> of a caterpillar into a butterfly is one of nature’s miracles.”</i>
<b>mimicry</b>	the action, art or instance of imitating <i>“With your gift of <b>mimicry</b>, you should be in show business.”</i>
<b>miniature</b>	something much smaller than the usual size <i>“That is an impressive collection of <b>miniature</b> cars.”</i>
<b>miscellaneous</b>	consisting of many things of different sorts <i>“Most people have a drawer for all their <b>miscellaneous</b> things.”</i>
<b>mischievous</b>	conduct that is often playful but causes harm or annoyance <i>“My <b>mischievous</b> puppy chewed the corner off my favorite book.”</i>
<b>morgue</b>	A place in which bodies are kept, typically if pending identification or burial <i>“The cadavers were bagged and removed to the city <b>morgue</b>.”</i>
<b>mulligatawny</b>	an East Indian soup of meat, etc., flavored with curry <i>“Mother had a very special recipe for <b>mulligatawny</b>.”</i>
<b>munificence</b>	very generous in giving; lavish <i>“The president thanked the donor for her <b>munificence</b>.”</i>
<b>mystique</b>	a set of beliefs and attitudes developing around an object <i>“The true <b>mystique</b> of jogging cannot be appreciated by non-runners.”</i>
<b>nauseous</b>	affected with or tending to cause stomach distress <i>“I felt <b>nauseous</b> after eating too much ice cream.”</i>
<b>nautical</b>	of the sea or navigation <i>“This fish restaurant has a <b>nautical</b> decor.”</i>



<b>novelette</b>	short fictional story <i>"The <b>novelette</b> was made into a movie script."</i>
<b>nuptial</b>	of or relating to marriage or a wedding <i>"The <b>nuptial</b> ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m."</i>
<b>obsolescent</b>	going out of use; becoming outmoded <i>"Phonograph records are becoming <b>obsolescent</b>."</i>
<b>occasion</b>	fact or event making something possible; happening; occurrence <i>"A chance meeting was the <b>occasion</b> of the renewal of their friendship."</i>
<b>occurrence</b>	happening; event; something that takes place <i>"The second <b>occurrence</b> of the conference will not be until next year."</i>
<b>oligarchy</b>	a form of government in which the ruling power belongs to a few persons <i>"Political office was restricted to those who knew a member of the <b>oligarchy</b>."</i>
<b>omniscient</b>	having infinite knowledge <i>"Goethe was <b>omniscient</b> in his era."</i>
<b>onomatopoeia</b>	formation of a word by imitating the natural sound associated with the object or action involved <i>"He used <b>onomatopoeia</b> to create sounds in his poetry."</i>
<b>opaque</b>	not letting light pass through; not transparent or translucent <i>"The window shade was <b>opaque</b>, emitting no light at all."</i>
<b>ophthalmologist</b>	a physician specializing in diseases of the eye <i>"The <b>ophthalmologist</b> had to dilate the patient's eyes."</i>
<b>orthodox</b>	traditional; conservative in belief <i>"He was very <b>orthodox</b> in his beliefs and practices."</i>
<b>pachyderm</b>	any of various thick-skinned, hooved mammals <i>"The <b>pachyderm</b> house at the zoo is home for the elephants."</i>
<b>paraphernalia</b>	personal belongings; articles used in a particular activity <i>"Bring along your fishing <b>paraphernalia</b> when we go camping next week."</i>
<b>parsimonious</b>	miserly <i>"Scrooge was a <b>parsimonious</b> man."</i>
<b>pasteurize</b>	partial sterilization of a fluid by exposure to heat <i>"The dairy will <b>pasteurize</b> the milk before bottling."</i>

<b>patriarch</b>	the father and ruler of a family <i>"The family <b>patriarch</b> always sits at the head of the table."</i>
<b>penicillin</b>	Any of several antibiotics of low toxicity, produced naturally by molds of the genus <i>Penicillium</i> and also semi-synthetically <i>"Then came Alexander Fleming and his <b>penicillin</b>, saving millions of lives."</i>
<b>perceptible</b>	capable of being noticed <i>"The difference between the two brands of hot dogs is hardly <b>perceptible</b>."</i>
<b>perennial</b>	lasting or active throughout the whole year <i>"To cut down on yardwork I planted mostly <b>perennial</b> plants."</i>
<b>pernicious</b>	fatal; deadly <i>"The common cold is usually not a <b>pernicious</b> disease."</i>
<b>perpetuity</b>	the state or quality of being perpetual <i>"<b>Perpetuity</b> is implied in the fundamental law of all national governments."</i>
<b>pharmaceutical</b>	a medicinal material or product <i>"The <b>pharmaceutical</b> company introduced its newest drug."</i>
<b>phenomenal</b>	highly remarkable <i>"Abraham Lincoln had a <b>phenomenal</b> memory."</i>
<b>phlegm</b>	thick, stringy mucus discharged from the throat, as during a cold <i>"The mixture of honey and lemon helped to rid his throat of <b>phlegm</b>."</i>
<b>phonetic</b>	corresponding to pronunciation <i>"The Korean writing system, <i>Hangul</i>, is <b>phonetic</b>."</i>
<b>pirouette</b>	a rapid whirling or turning on the toe or ball of the foot <i>"The ballerina performed the <b>pirouette</b> perfectly."</i>
<b>plagiarize</b>	to take (ideas, writings, etc.) from (another) and pass them off as one's own <i>"The teacher told the class not to <b>plagiarize</b> any work."</i>
<b>plausible</b>	seemingly true; seemingly honest, trustworthy, etc. <i>"The story he gave us sounded <b>plausible</b>."</i>
<b>plebeian</b>	vulgar, coarse, or common <i>"She has such a <b>plebeian</b> taste in home decorating."</i>

<b>plenary</b>	for attendance by all members <i>“The <b>plenary</b> session of the association was called to order by the president.”</i>
<b>pneumonia</b>	a disease of the lungs characterized by inflammation and congestion <i>“Seniors, particularly, are advised to have flu shots to guard against <b>pneumonia</b> developing as a secondary infection.”</i>
<b>poinsettia</b>	Mexican and Central American plant with yellow flowers surrounded by tapering red leaves resembling petals <i>“The name of the <b>poinsettia</b> plant is often mispronounced.”</i>
<b>posthumous</b>	happening after ones death <i>“The athlete’s <b>posthumous</b> induction into the Hall of Fame was very emotional.”</i>
<b>precipitate</b>	to cause to happen before expected <i>“The jolt may <b>precipitate</b> an explosion.”</i>
<b>precursor</b>	a person or thing that goes before <i>“Elvis was the <b>precursor</b> of rock and roll.”</i>
<b>premiere</b>	to exhibit (a play, movie, etc.) for the first time <i>“The audience was filled with anticipation while waiting for the <b>premiere</b> performance to commence.”</i>
<b>prerogative</b>	an exclusive right or privilege exercised by virtue of rank, office, etc. <i>“It is the <b>prerogative</b> of the senior class to sit in this section.”</i>
<b>prevision</b>	foresight or foreknowledge <i>“Facing the downpour, she was thankful for her <b>prevision</b> to bring an umbrella.”</i>
<b>prodigy</b>	a person, thing or act so extraordinary as to inspire wonder <i>“Mozart was a child <b>prodigy</b>.”</i>
<b>profligate</b>	extremely wasteful; recklessly extravagant <i>“The <b>profligate</b> spender was soon penniless.”</i>
<b>progeny</b>	children, descendants, or offspring collectively <i>“The old man’s <b>progeny</b> gathered at his home to celebrate.”</i>
<b>proliferate</b>	to multiply rapidly <i>“As nuclear weapons <b>proliferate</b>, we are all concerned.”</i>
<b>propriety</b>	conformity with what is proper or fitting <i>“An etiquette book gives rules of <b>propriety</b>.”</i>

<b>pterodactyl</b>	an extinct flying reptile <i>"The rendition of the <b>pterodactyl</b> was my favorite part of the dinosaur exhibit."</i>
<b>pulchritude</b>	beauty; comeliness <i>"The damsel's <b>pulchritude</b> was apparent to everyone."</i>
<b>quadratic</b>	an algebraic term involving the square and no higher power of an unknown quantity <i>"Solve this <b>quadratic</b> equation for the value of x."</i>
<b>query</b>	to question <i>"Use the <b>query</b> command when you want to search a database for information."</i>
<b>quixotic</b>	extravagantly chivalrous or romantically idealistic <i>"Patrolling the streets with knights in white armor is the <b>quixotic</b> method of solving crime."</i>
<b>raillery</b>	light, good-natured ridicule or satire <i>"Sir Winston Churchill's <b>raillery</b> often provoked laughter."</i>
<b>rapprochement</b>	relationship, esp. a close one; agreement; harmony <i>"She and her sister enjoyed a friendly <b>rapprochement</b>."</i>
<b>rascal</b>	a rascal; rogue <i>"The <b>rascal</b> ran off with the money."</i>
<b>receipt</b>	written acknowledgement; to mark paid <i>"The <b>receipt</b> showed the invoice had been paid in full."</i>
<b>reciprocal</b>	done or felt equally by both sides <i>"They had a <b>reciprocal</b> feeling of admiration for each other."</i>
<b>reconciliation</b>	the act of restoring friendly relations <i>"The treaty provided for a <b>reconciliation</b> between the two countries."</i>
<b>reconnaissance</b>	an exploratory survey or examination <i>"The corporal led a special squad on a <b>reconnaissance</b> mission."</i>
<b>redolence</b>	the quality or state of being redolent, fragrant, aromatic <i>"I liked the <b>redolence</b> of the pine boughs."</i>
<b>rejuvenate</b>	to make seem fresh or new again <i>"A long vacation will <b>rejuvenate</b> him."</i>
<b>reminisce</b>	to think, talk or write about remembered events or experiences <i>"We sat at the table to <b>reminisce</b> about our childhood experiences."</i>

<b>rendezvous</b>	a planned meeting; a place for a planned meeting <i>"We will <b>rendezvous</b> at the Park and Ride, then go on together to the party."</i>
<b>repatriate</b>	to send back or return to the country of birth, citizenship, or allegiance <i>"We hope they will <b>repatriate</b> our prisoners of war."</i>
<b>repertoire</b>	the stock of special skills, devices, techniques of a particular person or particular field of endeavor <i>"The ball player's <b>repertoire</b> was amazing."</i>
<b>repository</b>	a box, chest, closet, or room in which things may be placed for safe keeping <i>"The jewels were missing from the <b>repository</b>."</i>
<b>reservoir</b>	a place where water is stored in quantity <i>"During the drought the <b>reservoir</b> was dangerously low."</i>
<b>resilient</b>	recovering strength, spirits, good humor, etc., quickly; buoyant <i>"The American people are very <b>resilient</b>; they bounce back no matter what happens."</i>
<b>resuscitate</b>	to revive from apparent death or from unconsciousness. <i>"The paramedic's attempts to <b>resuscitate</b> the crash victim were unsuccessful."</i>
<b>retaliate</b>	to return like for like <i>"The government plans to <b>retaliate</b> for the terrorism."</i>
<b>retroactive</b>	having application to or effect on things prior to its enactment <i>"The <b>retroactive</b> pay increase was appreciated by all of the workers."</i>
<b>reverie</b>	a dreamy, fanciful, or visionary notion or daydream <i>"Her <b>reverie</b> was broken by his loud arrival."</i>
<b>rhetoric</b>	the art of speaking correctly <i>"I have to prepare a ten minute speech for my <b>rhetoric</b> class tomorrow."</i>
<b>ricochet</b>	a glancing rebound <i>"If you hit the ball here, it will <b>ricochet</b> off the table and land in the pocket."</i>
<b>rigmarole</b>	a foolishly involved, fussy, or time-wasting procedure <i>"Registration for school is full of <b>rigmarole</b>."</i>
<b>rosette</b>	ornament made of ribbons gathered in the shape of a rose <i>"He wore a <b>rosette</b> in the buttonhole of his lapel."</i>

<b>sacrosanct</b>	very sacred, holy, or inviolable <i>"The congregation felt the church was <b>sacrosanct</b>."</i>
<b>sanguinary</b>	bloodthirsty <i>"Some corsairs were very <b>sanguinary</b>."</i>
<b>satchel</b>	A small flat-bottomed bag, sometimes with a shoulder strap <i>"Before backpacks became popular, schoolchildren usually carried their books in a <b>satchel</b>."</i>
<b>scallion</b>	variety of onion; long stem and almost bulbless root <i>"We prefer the <b>scallion</b> rather than the large white or yellow onion."</i>
<b>scheme</b>	a systemic or organized design <i>"That's a very nice color <b>scheme</b> you have picked out."</i>
<b>schism</b>	a split or division in an organized group or society <i>"The selection of a new minister caused a <b>schism</b> in the church."</i>
<b>scrimmage</b>	in football, the play that follows the snap of the ball <i>"The tailback carried the ball twenty yards from the line of <b>scrimmage</b>."</i>
<b>scrumptious</b>	very pleasing, attractive esp. to the taste; delicious <i>"Not a crumb of the <b>scrumptious</b> cake was left."</i>
<b>secede</b>	to withdraw from an organization <i>"South Carolina was the first state to <b>secede</b> from the Union."</i>
<b>segue</b>	to make a smooth transition, as from one topic to another <i>"The speaker was noted for an ability to <b>segue</b> between opening jokes and the serious topic at hand."</i>
<b>seismologist</b>	a scientist who studies earthquakes <i>"The <b>seismologist</b> confirmed that the earthquake was centered twenty miles offshore."</i>
<b>seraglio</b>	the palace of a Turkish sultan <i>"The crown jewels were located in the <b>seraglio</b>."</i>
<b>serene</b>	not disturbed or troubled <i>"The <b>serene</b> lake did not have a ripple on the surface."</i>
<b>serviette</b>	a table napkin <i>"A <b>serviette</b> depicting Christmas scenes was at everyone's place."</i>
<b>siege</b>	a continued attempt to gain possession of something <i>"During the Civil War, the <b>siege</b> of Vicksburg lasted 186 days."</i>

<b>silhouette</b>	an outline of a figure, garment, etc. <i>"Jean's face was a <b>silhouette</b> against the screen."</i>
<b>sleuth</b>	detective, or to act like a detective <i>"It took a real <b>sleuth</b> to determine the origin of that word."</i>
<b>solemn</b>	done or made seriously and thoughtfully <i>"The veterans hold a <b>solemn</b> ceremony on Memorial Day."</i>
<b>solicitous</b>	showing care, attention, or concern <i>"The parents were <b>solicitous</b> about the child's health."</i>
<b>solstice</b>	either of two points on the sun's ecliptic at which it is farthest north or south of the equator <i>"In the northern hemisphere, the winter <b>solstice</b> comes just before Christmas."</i>
<b>somnolent</b>	sleepy; drowsy <i>"The <b>somnolent</b> truck driver stopped for coffee."</i>
<b>sophomoric</b>	of, like, or characteristic of a sophomore or sophomores, often regarded as self-assured, opinionated, though immature <i>"The <b>sophomoric</b> antics of our government were exposed."</i>
<b>spasmodic</b>	having an involuntary contraction, temporarily or intermittently <i>"She had a <b>spasmodic</b> tic in her right eyelid."</i>
<b>spectroscopy</b>	the use of the spectroscope to study optics <i>"The study of optics is aided by <b>spectroscopy</b>."</i>
<b>stanchion</b>	an upright bar, post or support <i>"Be sure you tie the sail securely to the <b>stanchion</b>."</i>
<b>statuary</b>	sculpture, a collection of statues <i>"The <b>statuary</b> lining the rose garden beckoned the visitors."</i>
<b>sturgeon</b>	Any of various large fishes of the family Acipenseridae, inhabiting fresh and salt North Temperate waters, and has commercial importance for its caviar and flesh <i>"The friends went on a week-long fishing trip, hoping to come back with fresh <b>sturgeon</b>."</i>
<b>subterfuge</b>	an expedient used to evade, escape or conceal <i>"The students pretended to be sick as a <b>subterfuge</b> to taking the test."</i>
<b>succinct</b>	clearly and briefly stated <i>"The commander's orders to his men were <b>succinct</b>."</i>

<b>succumb</b>	give away to; yield or submit <i>"We expected him to <b>succumb</b> to persuasion."</i>
<b>superfluous</b>	not needed, unnecessary, irrelevant <i>"I have cut down every <b>superfluous</b> expense."</i>
<b>surreptitious</b>	acting in a secret, stealthy way <i>"The conspirators held a <b>surreptitious</b> meeting."</i>
<b>surveillance</b>	supervision or inspection <i>"The police kept the prisoners under constant <b>surveillance</b>."</i>
<b>svelte</b>	slender, lithe <i>"You look very <b>svelte</b> in that new outfit."</i>
<b>sympathize</b>	to share or understand another's feelings; express pity <i>"They could <b>sympathize</b> with their neighbors who had been robbed."</i>
<b>synthesis</b>	the putting together of parts or elements so as to form a whole <i>"A good composition is the <b>synthesis</b> of many skills."</i>
<b>tachometer</b>	a device for indicating speed of rotation <i>"Some sports cars have a <b>tachometer</b> located next to the speedometer."</i>
<b>taciturn</b>	habitually unwilling to talk; reserved in speech <i>"The <b>taciturn</b> farmer watched as we fixed our car."</i>
<b>therapeutic</b>	serving to cure or heal; curative <i>"The <b>therapeutic</b> treatment hastened his recovery."</i>
<b>thesaurus</b>	a dictionary of synonyms <i>"This word processing program features an excellent <b>thesaurus</b>, making it easy for the user to find appropriate synonyms."</i>
<b>tortoise</b>	a land turtle <i>"In one of Aesop's fables the <b>tortoise</b> wins a race against the hare."</i>
<b>treacherous</b>	providing insecure footing or support <i>"It was a very <b>treacherous</b> climb along the rock cliffs."</i>
<b>trough</b>	A long, narrow, open receptacle, usually box-like in shape, used chiefly to hold food or water for animals <i>"The pig ate his food from the <b>trough</b> next to the barn."</i>
<b>umbrage</b>	resentment; offense <i>"I take <b>umbrage</b> at that outrageous remark."</i>
<b>unconscionable</b>	not being in accordance with what is right or just <i>"Such <b>unconscionable</b> behavior will result in expulsion from school."</i>



<b>unscathed</b>	not hurt, uninjured, unharmed <i>"She was <b>unscathed</b> by their criticism."</i>
<b>utilitarian</b>	of or having to do with utility; usefulness <i>"A garbage can is a very <b>utilitarian</b> gift."</i>
<b>variegated</b>	having patches, stripes or marks of different colors <i>"This <b>variegated</b> ivy would look nice on the trellis."</i>
<b>vaudeville</b>	light theater featuring variety acts <i>"Bob Hope started his career as a <b>vaudeville</b> actor."</i>
<b>vertigo</b>	a subjective sensation of dizziness in which an individual feels that he, or his surrounding, is whirling about sickeningly <i>"With too much stress, she suffered from <b>vertigo</b>."</i>
<b>ventriloquist</b>	someone whose voice can seemingly be made to come from another source <i>"The conversation between the <b>ventriloquist</b> and the wooden dummy delighted the audience."</i>
<b>vignette</b>	a short, delicate literary sketch <i>"The <b>vignette</b> was a great work by the promising author."</i>
<b>xenophobia</b>	fear or hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything foreign or strange <i>"<b>Xenophobia</b> limits people from learning about others."</i>
<b>xylophone</b>	a musical percussion instrument <i>"The <b>xylophone</b> is an instrument in the percussion family."</i>
<b>zealous</b>	very eager; very enthusiastic <i>"The politician's <b>zealous</b> supporters campaigned vigorously."</i>