

# Humboldt County

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### Junior High Spelling Word List (Includes: Level I, Level II, and Level III Words)

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**LEVEL I**

<b>aba</b>	course fabric of wool or hair fiber with felted finish; loose, sleeveless robe worn by Arabs <i>"The people who were wearing an <b>aba</b> were protected from the sun."</i>
<b>abase</b>	to humble or humiliate <i>"Although I need money badly, I will not <b>abase</b> myself by working for pennies."</i>
<b>abate</b>	to make less in amount, degree, force <i>"We could tell by the sun peeking through the clouds that the storm would soon <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>ably</b>	skillfully <i>"We were <b>ably</b> assisted by a team of volunteers."</i>
<b>abode</b>	a place where one lives or stays; home; residence <i>"They remained in their warm <b>abode</b>."</i>
<b>absorb</b>	to suck up or drink in; assimilate; to take in and not reflect <i>"The paper towel will <b>absorb</b> the spilled milk."</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>acme</b>	highest point; peak; summit <i>"The team reached its <b>acme</b> when it won the national championship."</i>
<b>active</b>	characterized by much action or motion; lively, busy, agile, quick <i>"The family's <b>active</b> schedule was hectic."</i>
<b>adherent</b>	a person who is loyal to a leader, group or religion; sticking fast to an object or surface  <i>"Everyone who works at that company is required to be completely <b>adherent</b> to all the terms of the contract."</i>
<b>advise</b>	to give advice or an opinion to; counsel <i>"The lawyer will <b>advise</b> clients in the most effective way possible."</i>
<b>against</b>	in opposition to; contrary to; adjoining or next 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; astonish <i>"The musician's talent will <b>amaze</b> the audience."</i>

<b>ambush</b>	an arrangement of persons in hiding to make a surprise attack <i>"The sheriff did not suspect an <b>ambush</b>."</i>
<b>amend</b>	to make better; improve <i>"The government tries to <b>amend</b> the laws."</i>
<b>antics</b>	odd and funny; ludicrous; pranks, capers <i>"The <b>antics</b> of the puppy made everyone laugh."</i>
<b>appeal</b>	to make a request to a higher court for the rehearing or review of (a case) <i>"You can have your <b>appeal</b> heard in private if you want to."</i>
<b>appoint</b>	to name or select officially for an office, position <i>"We will <b>appoint</b> a chairman."</i>
<b>approve</b>	to give one's consent to; sanction; confirm <i>"My supervisor won't <b>approve</b> my day off because there is no one to cover my shift."</i>
<b>arbor</b>	a place shaded by trees or shrubs <i>"The children played in the cool <b>arbor</b>."</i>
<b>arid</b>	lacking enough water for things to grow; dry and barren <i>"The <b>arid</b> soil did not produce."</i>
<b>arrange</b>	to put in the correct, proper, or suitable order <i>"The librarian will <b>arrange</b> the books."</i>
<b>arrest</b>	to seize or take into custody by authority of the law <i>"The officer plans to <b>arrest</b> the suspect."</i>
<b>assure</b>	to give confidence to <i>"As I mounted the unbroken horse, my friends tried to <b>assure</b> me that I could stay on it."</i>
<b>babble</b>	to talk foolishly or too much; blab <i>"The child would <b>babble</b> often."</i>
<b>balance</b>	equality in amount, weight, value or importance; the amount still owing after a partial payment <i>"They paid the <b>balance</b> in full."</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>bandit</b>	anyone who steals, cheats, exploits <i>"The <b>bandit</b> was arrested."</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>barge</b>	a large boat, usually flat-bottomed, for carrying heavy freight on rivers, canals <i>"The <b>barge</b> was loaded with timber."</i>
<b>barley</b>	a cereal grass; grain used in making soups, malts and as feed for animals <i>"The chef always 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>basalt</b>	a dark, tough, fine to dense-grained, extrusive volcanic rock commonly occurring in sheetlike lava flows <i>"The <b>basalt</b> was discovered in the mountain."</i>
<b>basin</b>	a washbowl or sink <i>"The dishes were set in the <b>basin</b>."</i>
<b>believe</b>	to take as true; to have confidence in the promise of another <i>"I <b>believe</b> in the goodness in the world."</i>
<b>bellow</b>	roar with powerful sound, like a bull; cry out loudly in pain or anger <i>"The <b>bellow</b> of the angry bull reverberated through the pasture."</i>
<b>biceps</b>	muscles having two heads, especially the large muscles in front of the upper arm or the corresponding muscles in the back of the thigh <i>"When performing an arm flex, the <b>biceps</b> are in charge of the bending movement."</i>
<b>boggle</b>	to confuse or overwhelm <i>"These magic tricks will <b>boggle</b> your mind."</i>
<b>bolster</b>	to prop up as with a bolster, support, strengthen, or reinforce <i>"The coach tried to <b>bolster</b> the team's spirit."</i>

<b>break</b>	to split into pieces; come apart; burst <i>"As the crystal fell to the floor, I saw it <b>break</b> into pieces."</i>
<b>brief</b>	condensed; short; outline of an argument <i>"The 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>buyer</b>	one who buys; consumes <i>"The <b>buyer</b> noticed an increase in prices."</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>candid</b>	very honest or frank in what one says or writes <i>"If I am to be <b>candid</b>, I must admit I am very unhappy with this situation."</i>
<b>canny</b>	careful and shrewd in one's actions and dealings; clever and cautious <i>"The <b>canny</b> engineer designed the road."</i>
<b>canter</b>	a smooth, easy pace like a moderate gallop; to ride or move at a canter <i>"The horse began to <b>canter</b>."</i>
<b>capstone</b>	the uppermost stone of a structure <i>"The <b>capstone</b> was granite."</i>
<b>caption</b>	a heading or title, as of a newspaper article <i>"They read the <b>caption</b> carefully."</i>
<b>carafe</b>	a bottle of glass or metal for water, coffee <i>"The server filled the <b>carafe</b> with water."</i>
<b>career</b>	one's progress through life or in a particular vocation <i>"It is important to choose a <b>career</b> carefully."</i>
<b>carp</b>	To complain or find fault in a petty or nagging way <i>"It is easy to <b>carp</b> about another's decisions."</i>
<b>cashier</b>	an officer in a bank or company responsible for receipts and disbursements <i>"The <b>cashier</b> collected the receipts and recorded them for the bank."</i>
<b>central</b>	in, at, or near the center <i>"The <b>central</b> position was desired."</i>

<b>channel</b>	a course through which something moves or is transmitted, conveyed, expressed <i>"The <b>channel</b> for the boat was narrow."</i>
<b>charmer</b>	a delightful, fascinating, or attractive person <i>"The baby was a <b>charmer</b>."</i>
<b>charter</b>	the hire or lease of a ship, bus, airplane <i>"We plan to <b>charter</b> a bus."</i>
<b>chicanery</b>	Trickery or deception by quibbling; actions or statements that trick people into believing something that is not true <i>"Let us expose that business for its financial <b>chicanery</b> and reveal how they waste our tax dollars."</i>
<b>chorus</b>	music written for group singing <i>"The group joined together for the <b>chorus</b>."</i>
<b>cluster</b>	a number of persons, animals, or things grouped together <i>"There was a <b>cluster</b> of flowers in the yard."</i>
<b>coffer</b>	chests or strongboxes in which money or valuables are kept <i>"After a successful fund raiser the <b>coffer</b> was full."</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>"Some pet owners pull their dogs by the <b>collar</b>."</i>
<b>college</b>	a school offering specialized instruction in some profession or occupation <i>"I would never stop you from going to <b>college</b> or doing anything else you wanted to do."</i>
<b>coming</b>	drawing near; approaching <i>"The dog is <b>coming</b> toward us."</i>
<b>commit</b>	to give in charge of trust; to deliver for safekeeping; entrust; to do or perpetrate an offense or crime <i>"Because of the back-up on projects, the plumber can't <b>commit</b> to too many jobs this week."</i>
<b>compel</b>	to enforce or constrain; as to do something; to get by force <i>"Hunger will <b>compel</b> animals to follow a scent."</i>
<b>compress</b>	to squeeze together <i>"The machine will <b>compress</b> the cotton bales."</i>
<b>copy</b>	to make a thing like something else; to imitate <i>"We can make a <b>copy</b> of the letter on the machine."</i>

<b>concern</b>	to draw in; to engage or involve; cause to feel uneasy or anxious <i>"The issue of money was a <b>concern</b> for the school staff after their budget was cut by a lot."</i>
<b>control</b>	to govern; to direct; restraint; regulate <i>"The Board of Directors will <b>control</b> communication."</i>
<b>convert</b>	to change from one form to another <i>"We learned how to <b>convert</b> fractions from our teacher."</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>correct</b>	to change from wrong to right; to point out or mark the errors of <i>"Schoolteachers often take papers home to <b>correct</b>."</i>
<b>corrupt</b>	spoiled; contaminated; morally unsound <i>"The <b>corrupt</b> official accepted a bribe."</i>
<b>costly</b>	expensive; at the cost of great effort <i>"The diamond ring was a <b>costly</b> piece of jewelry."</i>
<b>crabby</b>	cross; ill-tempered; complaining <i>"The <b>crabby</b> baby moaned and whimpered due to a missed afternoon nap."</i>
<b>craft</b>	special skill, art or dexterity; occupation requiring special skill <i>"They worked hard learning the skills of their <b>craft</b>."</i>
<b>crash</b>	to fall or break with a loud noise; to fall out of control so as to land damaged <i>"The vase fell with a <b>crash</b> and broke into a hundred pieces."</i>
<b>credit</b>	belief; trust; confidence; faith; person or things bringing approval or honor <i>"Even though I turned in my homework last week, I apparently did not get <b>credit</b> for it since I received a zero in the gradebook."</i>
<b>creek</b>	a small stream of water; a narrow or winding passage <i>"The water in the <b>creek</b> ran merrily along between high banks."</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>creepy</b>	moving slowly; having or causing a feeling of fear <i>"The spider webs give me a <b>creepy</b> feeling."</i>
<b>crew</b>	people working together; a group associating or classed together <i>"Some of the ship's <b>crew</b> were given shore leave."</i>
<b>crick</b>	a painful muscle spasm or cramp in the neck or back, etc. <i>"Watching the tennis match gave them 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>"The child's fever reached its <b>crisis</b> at three in the morning."</i>
<b>crisp</b>	stiff and brittle; easily broken; fresh and firm; easily crumbled <i>"Bacon, cooked in our microwave oven, is very <b>crisp</b> and delicious."</i>
<b>current</b>	of the present day; passing or flowing of water <i>"Reading of <b>current</b> events is part of our homework."</i>
<b>cursive</b>	flowing; not disconnected; writing, in which the strokes of each letter are joined in each word <i>"They did not learn <b>cursive</b> writing until the third grade."</i>
<b>curtain</b>	pieces of cloth or lace covering or decorating a window; large drape or hanging screen at the front of a stage <i>"As night came on, the <b>curtain</b> was drawn across the window."</i>
<b>cushy</b>	easy; comfortable, soft <i>"We sat on the floor on <b>cushy</b> pillows."</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>dabble</b>	to do something superficially, not seriously <i>"My passion is for oil painting but I <b>dabble</b> in sketch drawings as well."</i>
<b>dampen</b>	to make moist; to deaden, depress or lessen <i>"It rained just enough to <b>dampen</b> the ground, but the grass dried up quickly."</i>
<b>danger</b>	liability to injury, damage, loss or pain; peril <i>"The sign on the door read '<b>Danger</b>'."</i>

<b>dapper</b>	small and neat; trim; active and smart <i>"The students looked <b>dapper</b> in their class photo."</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>dazzle</b>	to confuse, surprise, or overpower with brilliant qualities, display <i>"The sun's <b>dazzle</b> on the water hurts my eyes."</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>decent</b>	proper and fitting; not immodest; conforming to approved social standards <i>"A <b>decent</b> salary is important for a comfortable standard of living."</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>defend</b>	to guard from attack; repel; support, protect, maintain or justify <i>"The soldiers will <b>defend</b> the fortress to the last man."</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>defrost</b>	to remove ice by thawing <i>"It was time to <b>defrost</b> the freezer."</i>
<b>deft</b>	skillful in a quick, sure and easy way; dexterous <i>"With <b>deft</b> fingers, I knitted the sweater."</i>
<b>delay</b>	to put off to a future time; postpone; to make late; slow up <i>"The <b>delay</b> in getting started caused them to be late."</i>
<b>delta</b>	fourth letter of the Greek alphabet; deposit of sand and soil, usually triangular in shape, at the mouth of a river <i>"The Nile River has a <b>delta</b> which is quite large."</i>
<b>demand</b>	to ask for boldly or urgently; order to appear or summon <i>"The subpoena is a <b>demand</b> by the court."</i>
<b>demon</b>	devil, evil spirit; a person or thing regarded as evil or cruel <i>"The pumpkin looks like a <b>demon</b> mask, the kind that is used to ward off danger and evil."</i>

<b>dental</b>	of or for the teeth or dentistry <i>"Using <b>dental</b> floss is a help in avoiding tooth problems."</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>detect</b>	to discover or discern the existence, or fact of; find out the true nature of <i>"It was almost impossible to <b>detect</b> anything wrong with the cup."</i>
<b>detest</b>	to dislike intensely; hate; abhor <i>"They <b>detest</b> listening to some of the same old lectures."</i>
<b>detract</b>	to take something desirable away from <i>"Some feel that the new fences <b>detract</b> from the beauty of the old house."</i>
<b>devoid</b>	completely without; empty or destitute <i>"If I spend my last few dollars, my wallet will be <b>devoid</b> of cash."</i>
<b>differ</b>	to be unlike, not same; disagree <i>"We often <b>differ</b> in our opinions and agree to disagree."</i>
<b>different</b>	not alike; dissimilar; distinct; separate; other <i>"We went to the city by <b>different</b> routes."</i>
<b>digest</b>	a book or periodical; condensed information; absorb; tolerate <i>"The book was a <b>digest</b> on astronomical data."</i>
<b>digit</b>	a finger or toe; any numeral from 0 to 9 <i>"It had to be correct to the last <b>digit</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>disarm</b>	to deprive of the ability to hurt; to take away weapons, make friendly <i>"The police asked the robbers to <b>disarm</b>, promising no one would be hurt."</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>discord</b>	lack of agreement; conflict; inharmonious combination of tones <i>"The sense of <b>discord</b> in the committee made us nervous."</i>
<b>dismal</b>	causing gloom; depressing; bleak; dreary <i>"It was a dark and <b>dismal</b> day."</i>
<b>dismiss</b>	send away; cause to leave; put out of one's mind; discontinue or reject a claim <i>"Because of lack of evidence, the judge will probably <b>dismiss</b> the case."</i>
<b>display</b>	to spread out to be seen; exhibit; disclose; reveal <i>"They set up tables and booths to <b>display</b> the goods to be sold."</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>distant</b>	having a gap of space between; separated; far away, remote; cool in manner; faraway or dreamy look <i>"London, England is many miles <b>distant</b> from California."</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 <i>"Some argue that fidget spinners help some students and others claim that the toys only <b>distract</b> from learning."</i>
<b>distress</b>	to cause sorrow or misery; pain; suffering <i>"When the boat caught fire, the captain issued a <b>distress</b> call."</i>
<b>dither</b>	to be nervously excited or confused <i>"Before the curtain rose, the actors were all in a <b>dither</b>."</i>
<b>dizzy</b>	feeling giddy or unsteady; confused, bewildered <i>"The motion of the ferris wheel made them <b>dizzy</b>."</i>
<b>doctor</b>	a person licensed to practice any of the healing arts, as an osteopath, dentist, veterinarian <i>"The <b>doctor</b> examined the patient."</i>
<b>dogged</b>	not giving in readily; persistent; stubborn <i>"If it wasn't for the politician's <b>dogged</b> commitment, the bill would never have been passed."</i>

<b>dollar</b>	a coin or piece of paper money of the value of a dollar <i>"The <b>dollar</b> was found on the sidewalk."</i>
<b>donor</b>	a person who donates or gives <i>"The <b>donor</b> prefers to remain anonymous."</i>
<b>dormant</b>	sleeping; quiet; still; inoperative; inactive <i>"Some plants and animals are <b>dormant</b> during the cold weather."</i>
<b>dosage</b>	the system to be followed in taking doses, as of medicine <i>"Don't forget to check the <b>dosage</b> of medicine before taking it."</i>
<b>doting</b>	foolishly fond; excessively <i>"As <b>doting</b> pet owners, the couple always treat their beloved dogs as if they are children."</i>
<b>dowdy</b>	not neat or stylish in dress or appearance; shabby <i>"Many of the candidates appeared <b>dowdy</b>."</i>
<b>downy</b>	soft and fluffy, like down <i>"The child petted the <b>downy</b> chick."</i>
<b>draggy</b>	slow moving; lethargic; dull; boring <i>"Some of us are <b>draggy</b>, especially in the early morning."</i>
<b>drama</b>	the quality of being dramatic <i>"The plays will bring <b>drama</b> to the audience."</i>
<b>drastic</b>	acting with force; having a violent effect; harsh; extreme <i>"We sometimes have to take <b>drastic</b> steps to get someone to listen."</i>
<b>drawer</b>	a sliding box in a table, bureau, chest that can be drawn out and then pushed back into place. <i>"The wooden <b>drawer</b> slid smoothly into place."</i>
<b>dreadful</b>	inspiring dread; terrible or awesome <i>"The volcano's eruption was <b>dreadful</b>."</i>
<b>drizzle</b>	a fine, mistlike rain <i>"The <b>drizzle</b> dampened the pavement."</i>
<b>druggist</b>	person authorized to fill prescriptions; pharmacist <i>"We always take our prescriptions to the same <b>druggist</b> at the drugstore."</i>
<b>dual</b>	of two; having or composed of two parts or kinds; double <i>"The Governor had a <b>dual</b> personality, sometimes very kind, sometimes very aloof and severe."</i>

<b>duplex</b>	double or twofold; two units operating in the same way <i>"They lived in one half of a <b>duplex</b>."</i>
<b>during</b>	throughout the whole time of; all through <i>"The doctor had a call and had to leave <b>during</b> the speech."</i>
<b>dusky</b>	lacking light; dim; shadowy <i>"In the <b>dusky</b> room, they could only identify outlines."</i>
<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 government 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>effect</b>	anything brought about by agent; result; influence or action on something by something else <i>"The ocean tides have an <b>effect</b> on the sailing of ships into the harbor."</i>
<b>effort</b>	the using of energy to get something done; attempt; endeavor <i>"When the hurricane struck Louisiana, volunteers immediately began their <b>effort</b> to provide relief to the victims."</i>
<b>eject</b>	to throw out; cast out; expel; emit <i>"The referees shall <b>eject</b> the three players from the hockey game due to instigating a fight with the other team."</i>
<b>elate</b>	to raise the spirits of; make very proud, happy, or joyful <i>"The surprise party should <b>elate</b> our friend."</i>
<b>elect</b>	to pick or choose; select <i>"We will <b>elect</b> one of our members to the Student Body."</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 national <b>emblem</b> of Canada is a maple leaf."</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>"The artist likes to <b>emboss</b> jewelry with a design of flowers."</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 make use of; to keep busy or occupied; to engage services or labor for pay <i>"The new business is seeking to <b>employ</b> fifty qualified workers."</i>
<b>empty</b>	not full; containing nothing; unoccupied; vacant <i>"The windows are boarded up in the <b>empty</b> building."</i>
<b>enact</b>	to make a bill into law; pass a decree; ordain <i>"The President would like Congress to <b>enact</b> the new tax law."</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>"Their acting will <b>enchant</b> all who see the play."</i>
<b>enclose</b>	to shut in all around; hem in; fence in; surround <i>"We plan to <b>enclose</b> the play area."</i>
<b>endless</b>	having no finish; going on forever; infinite <i>"An <b>endless</b> chain was formed by joining the ends that can move continuously over the wheels."</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>"The family's desire is to <b>endow</b> the hospital with a large sum of money."</i>
<b>enfold</b>	to wrap up; embrace <i>"When hiking through a valley in the morning, fog will sometimes <b>enfold</b> you."</i>
<b>engage</b>	to employ or keep busy; occupy <i>"The children at the carnival will <b>engage</b> in fun games."</i>
<b>English</b>	the language of the people of England, the official language of the British Commonwealth, the U.S., Liberia, etc. <i>"We study <b>English</b> in school."</i>
<b>engorge</b>	to devour greedily <i>"The hungry bear seemed to <b>engorge</b> all the salmon in the river."</i>
<b>engrave</b>	to cut or etch into a metal plate, wooden block, etc. <i>"The jeweler will skillfully <b>engrave</b> the ring with personal initials."</i>

<b>engross</b>	to occupy one's whole attention <i>"This book will thoroughly <b>engross</b> the students."</i>
<b>engulf</b>	to swallow up; overwhelm <i>"The raging river will <b>engulf</b> the house."</i>
<b>enjoin</b>	to urge or impose with authority; order, enforce <i>"The police will <b>enjoin</b> the crowd to disperse."</i>
<b>enlist</b>	to enroll for service, as in the armed forces; to get help, support, aid, etc. <i>"The high school student went to the recruitment office to <b>enlist</b> in the military upon graduation."</i>
<b>enrich</b>	to give greater value, importance, effectiveness, etc., to <i>"The new class will <b>enrich</b> the curriculum."</i>
<b>enroll</b>	enlist; to record in a list; register; become a member <i>"We are both going to <b>enroll</b> in the choir."</i>
<b>enter</b>	to come or go in or into; pierce; to make an entry of <i>"I hope the relay team will <b>enter</b> the race because I'm sure they can win."</i>
<b>epic</b>	long narrative poem about the traditional and heroic deeds of a hero; poem having style, dignity and importance in relating a story <i>"The Iliad is a familiar <b>epic</b> poem."</i>
<b>equal</b>	of the same quantity, size, number, degree, intensity, quality, etc. <i>"People of all social standing should be given <b>equal</b> opportunities."</i>
<b>error</b>	state of believing what is incorrect or wrong; 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>escort</b>	one or more persons or cars, ships, etc., accompanying another for protection or to show honor or courtesy <i>"Young minors won't be allowed on the plane unless they have a guardian to <b>escort</b> them."</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>"It is a great idea to take an <b>ethnic</b> studies class."</i>
<b>excel</b>	to be better or greater than; superior to <i>"We all want to <b>excel</b> in whatever we do."</i>



<b>facet</b>	any of a number of sides or aspects, as of a personality <i>"They had never noticed the generous <b>facet</b> of the principal's personality."</i>
<b>facile</b>	not hard to do or achieve <i>"After years of practice, playing a musical instrument appears <b>facile</b>."</i>
<b>factor</b>	any of two or more quantities which form a product when multiplied together <i>"The second <b>factor</b> in the problem was copied wrong."</i>
<b>faddish</b>	having the nature of a fad <i>"The couple's clothing was very <b>faddish</b>."</i>
<b>faithful</b>	having or showing a strong sense of duty or responsibility; conscientious <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>fancy</b>	decorative, light, whimsical; imaginative; liking or fondness <i>"The window curtains were made of a <b>fancy</b> material."</i>
<b>fashion</b>	to make in a certain way; give a certain form to; shape; mold <i>"The potter will <b>fashion</b> the clay to resemble a lion."</i>
<b>feeble</b>	without force or effectiveness <i>"Their <b>feeble</b> attempt was not successful."</i>
<b>femur</b>	thighbone <i>"The hip and <b>femur</b> bones were fused together and no movement was possible at that joint."</i>
<b>ferry</b>	to take across a river or body of water in a boat or ship; to deliver by flying to the destination; a boat or plane used for this purpose <i>"The boat was used to <b>ferry</b> the people to the island."</i>
<b>fervent</b>	having or showing great warmth of feeling; intensely devoted or earnest; ardent <i>"The children showed a <b>fervent</b> devotion to their pet."</i>
<b>fiction</b>	anything made up or imagined, as a statement, story, etc. <i>"This movie is a work of <b>fiction</b>, including fantastical creatures that do not really exist such as dragons, griffins, and goblins."</i>
<b>fifteen</b>	the cardinal number between 14 and 16 <i>"<b>Fifteen</b> boys belong to the scout troop."</i>

<b>final</b>	last, or coming at the end; concluding; finish <i>"This is my <b>final</b> word on the subject."</i>
<b>finite</b>	having measurable or definable limits; not infinite <i>"There was a <b>finite</b> number of beads in the bowl."</i>
<b>first</b>	preceding all other; earliest; foremost in rank, quality, importance <i>"The excited kindergartner was <b>first</b> in line at the door each day."</i>
<b>fitful</b>	spasmodic; restless <i>"When I visited the doctor, he was concerned about my <b>fitful</b> heartbeat and ordered an EKG."</i>
<b>flagrant</b>	glaringly bad; notorious; outrageous <i>"The performance was <b>flagrant</b>, and the audience left."</i>
<b>fluid</b>	that can flow; not solid; able to move and change shape without separating when under pressure <i>"Water is an important <b>fluid</b> for survival."</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>flunk</b>	to fail in school work; to give a mark of failure; unsatisfactory work <i>"If you don't start studying harder, you will <b>flunk</b> out."</i>
<b>forbid</b>	to rule against; not permit; prohibit <i>"The teacher tried to <b>forbid</b> the students from using their cell phones, but they wouldn't listen."</i>
<b>format</b>	a plan for the organization and arrangement of a specified production <i>"We have to write our essays using a very formal <b>format</b>."</i>
<b>forty</b>	cardinal number between 39 and 41; four times ten <i>"The shoes will cost more than <b>forty</b> dollars."</i>
<b>fracas</b>	noisy fight or loud quarrel; brawl <i>"They were having a <b>fracas</b> in the hall."</i>
<b>fresh</b>	recently obtained or grown; newly made; not salted, preserved, pickled <i>"The fruit was <b>fresh</b> and firm."</i>
<b>frolic</b>	playful trick or game; merriment, gaiety, fun; lively party <i>"The small children <b>frolic</b> about in a happy, carefree way."</i>

<b>froth</b>	to cause to foam; whitish mass of bubbles <i>"Shaking the drink will make <b>froth</b> in it."</i>
<b>fuel</b>	any material such as wood, gas or coal, burned to supply heat or power <i>"We bought a cord of logs for <b>fuel</b> for the fireplace."</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 poet demonstrated the <b>gamut</b> of emotions in each poem."</i>
<b>garb</b>	clothing; manner or style of dress; to clothe, dress, attire <i>"The objective was to determine how well the improved <b>garb</b> will keep the astronauts warm."</i>
<b>garble</b>	to confuse or mix up unintentionally <i>"To me, that's so much unnecessary <b>garble</b>."</i>
<b>garlic</b>	bulbous plant of the lily family <i>"Some people do not appreciate the flavor of <b>garlic</b>."</i>
<b>garnish</b>	to trim, adorn, decorate; embellish <i>We often see parsley used as a <b>garnish</b>."</i>
<b>gather</b>	to cause to come together in one place; to pick, pluck or collect <i>"We hired extra labor to <b>gather</b> the fruit."</i>
<b>gently</b>	courteously, kindly; mild or pleasantly <i>"The wind blew <b>gently</b> and rocked the hammock back and forth."</i>
<b>geode</b>	a globular stone having a cavity lined with inward growing crystals or layers of silica <i>"The miner discovered the <b>geode</b>."</i>
<b>gifted</b>	having a natural ability or aptitude; notably superior in intelligence <i>"The <b>gifted</b> child excelled in music."</i>
<b>giggle</b>	to laugh with a series of uncontrollable, rapid, high-pitched sounds, suggestive of foolishness, nervousness, etc. <i>"While watching the premiere of a new comedy show I started with a smirk, then a <b>giggle</b>, then a full out laugh."</i>
<b>global</b>	round like a ball; globe-shaped <i>"Several national representatives gathered together at a <b>global</b> conference to discuss issues that are plaguing our world as a whole."</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>glory</b>	great honor attained by doing something important or valuable, worshipful adoration; heaven or the bliss of heaven <i>"The <b>glory</b> of the sunset drew all eyes."</i>
<b>glossy</b>	having a smooth, shiny appearance or finish <i>"The <b>glossy</b> cat was sleeping in the window."</i>
<b>glower</b>	a sullen, angry stare; scowl <i>"After the boxers shook hands, they began to <b>glower</b> at each other."</i>
<b>gobble</b>	to eat quickly and greedily <i>"The chickens <b>gobble</b> the grain."</i>
<b>gossip</b>	a person who chatters or repeats idle talk and rumors, esp. about the private affairs of others <i>"The <b>gossip</b> strained to overhear the conversation."</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>grasp</b>	to take hold of; grip; seize; to understand mentally <i>"Climbers wear special gloves designed to make it easier to <b>grasp</b> the slippery rocks."</i>
<b>grateful</b>	feeling or expressing gratitude <i>"The exhausted runners were very <b>grateful</b> for the bottles of water brought in by their coach."</i>
<b>grater</b>	scraper; to use to rub skin from vegetables, etc. <i>"How many lemons do you need for the <b>grater</b> to make the pie?"</i>
<b>gratis</b>	a favor without a charge or fee <i>"The printing of the tickets for the fund raiser were given <b>gratis</b>."</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 delicious, warm <b>gruel</b> did not hurt my sore throat."</i>
<b>habit</b>	habitual or characteristic condition of mind or body; disposition <i>"It was his <b>habit</b> to have cereal every morning for breakfast."</i>
<b>hammer</b>	to strike repeatedly with or as with a hammer <i>"The camp director tried unsuccessfully to <b>hammer</b> the tent stakes into the frozen ground."</i>
<b>happen</b>	to take place; occur; befall <i>"They could not predict what would <b>happen</b>."</i>
<b>harbor</b>	a place of refuge, safety, retreat; a protected inlet, branch of the sea, etc., used as shelter and anchorage for ships <i>"Ships lay at anchor in the broad sunny <b>harbor</b>."</i>
<b>harmful</b>	able to cause hurt or damage <i>"We found the cold weather <b>harmful</b> to our houseplants."</i>
<b>harvest</b>	time of year when matured fruit, grain, vegetables, etc. are reaped; season's yield; gathering of a crop <i>"We usually <b>harvest</b> our pumpkins and squash for Halloween."</i>
<b>having</b>	possessing; owning; bearing <i>"Everyone seemed to be <b>having</b> fun at the fair."</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>hermit</b>	a person who lives by himself in a lonely or secluded spot, often from religious motives; recluse <i>"No one had seen the <b>hermit</b> for twenty years."</i>
<b>hidden</b>	concealed; secret <i>"The detective was looking for the <b>hidden</b> trunk."</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>hollow</b>	empty or worthless; not real or meaningful <i>"They knew that the praise was <b>hollow</b>."</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>hoping</b>	expecting; desiring <i>"We are <b>hoping</b> everyone will be on time."</i>
<b>hostile</b>	having or showing ill will; unfriendly; antagonistic <i>"The lion appeared <b>hostile</b> as the hunter approached."</i>
<b>huckster</b>	an aggressive or haggling merchant, esp. one who uses questionable methods <i>"The <b>huckster</b> at the fair was making a fortune."</i>
<b>human</b>	of or belonging to the human race; mankind; person <i>"We should do more to help our fellow <b>human</b> beings."</i>
<b>humble</b>	low in condition, rank, or position; lowly; unpretentious <i>"The <b>humble</b> home was neat and tidy."</i>
<b>hunger</b>	discomfort, pain or weakness caused by lack of food; starvation; craving <i>"This organization has been a leader in the fight against world <b>hunger</b>."</i>
<b>idler</b>	person who does no work; wastes time; lazy person <i>"You are not lazy, and still you are 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>impact</b>	to force tightly together; pack; wedge; hit with force; violent contact <i>"The two cars collided with violent <b>impact</b>."</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 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 they did not receive an invitation, they tried to <b>impose</b> on the family."</i>

<b>impress</b>	to leave pressure on so as to leave a mark <i>"We will <b>impress</b> the leaf on the paper to make a design."</i>
<b>impulse</b>	a sudden inclination to act, without conscious thought <i>"They could not resist the <b>impulse</b> to walk in the rain."</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>indent</b>	to cut toothlike points into; in from the regular margin; edge cut <i>"We were taught to <b>indent</b> five spaces for each paragraph."</i>
<b>index</b>	pointer; indicator; such as needle on a dial; alphabetized list <i>"At the library, we refer to an <b>index</b> to locate a book."</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>infant</b>	a very young child; baby <i>"An <b>infant</b> will choose to cry when it is hungry, tired, or in pain, since it lacks any other means of communication."</i>
<b>infect</b>	to contaminate with a disease-producing organism or matter <i>"Germs <b>infect</b> the air we breathe."</i>
<b>infirm</b>	weak; feeble, as from old age; frail; shaky <i>"The nurse enjoyed taking care of the <b>infirm</b> and helping them experience joy in their final hours."</i>
<b>inflect</b>	to vary or change the tone or pitch of (the voice); modulate <i>"When giving a speech, it is important to <b>inflect</b> your voice loudly to be heard."</i>
<b>influx</b>	the point where a river joins another body of water <i>"They found good fishing at the <b>influx</b> of the rivers."</i>
<b>ingrate</b>	an ungrateful person <i>"The <b>ingrate</b> refuses to thank anyone for help."</i>
<b>inkling</b>	a vague idea or notion; suspicion <i>"The child had an <b>inkling</b> that the smallest present was the best one."</i>
<b>inmost</b>	located farthest within; most secretive or intimate thoughts <i>"The treasure was hidden in the <b>inmost</b> chamber of the cave, well-hidden from prying eyes."</i>

<b>innate</b>	existing naturally rather than acquired; possessed at birth, inherent <i>“Is leadership an <b>innate</b> quality or can it be taught to those who aspire to greatness?”</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> them to be musicians.”</i>
<b>instant</b>	urgent; pressing; soon to happen; without delay; immediate <i>“We can buy so many <b>instant</b> foods; some ready to eat or drink as soon as hot water is added.”</i>
<b>intact</b>	with nothing missing; kept or left whole; sound; entire <i>“Fortunately, the singer’s voice is still <b>intact</b> after throat surgery.”</i>
<b>item</b>	separate things; one piece of news or information <i>“Bread was an <b>item</b> on their grocery list.”</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, usually with sleeves; outer coating; cover envelope <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>“They recognized the <b>jargon</b> of their 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>joker</b>	a person who excites laughter; any hidden unsuspected difficulty <i>“Some <b>joker</b> keeps setting off the fire alarm.”</i>
<b>jostle</b>	to bump or push, as in a crowd; elbow or shove roughly <i>“The reality show contestants will <b>jostle</b>”</i>



<b>juror</b>	a person who is a member of a jury or a jury panel; taker of an oath <i>"The verdict form is signed by the presiding <b>juror</b>."</i>
<b>justice</b>	reward or penalty as deserved <i>"The people in the courtroom waited for the judge to announce the <b>justice</b> that would be administered to the guilty party."</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>kelp</b>	large, coarse brown seaweed; ashes of seaweed from which iodine is obtained <i>"The water was so clear we could see long beds of <b>kelp</b> floating."</i>
<b>kettle</b>	a metal container for boiling or cooking things; pot <i>"The stew was boiling in the <b>kettle</b>."</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>kindly</b>	gracious; agreeable; pleasant <i>"I prefer to be a <b>kindly</b> individual, but I find it difficult to be nice to people who are rude."</i>
<b>kinship</b>	close relation, family; close connection <i>"The two cousins kept up a warm <b>kinship</b> all their lives."</i>
<b>kosher</b>	loosely, prepared according to traditional Jewish recipes <i>"The <b>kosher</b> pickles were very tasty."</i>
<b>label</b>	identifying card or paper; to classify; descriptive word or phrase <i>"The <b>label</b> on the bottle was too old to be deciphered."</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>lance</b>	any sharp instrument resembling a lance, as a fish spear <i>"Using a <b>lance</b>, the Indian speared the fish."</i>
<b>landfill</b>	the disposal of garbage or rubbish by burying it under a shallow layer of ground <i>"The <b>landfill</b> is being debated by the city government."</i>
<b>lanky</b>	awkwardly tall and lean or long and slender <i>"The <b>lanky</b> cowboy ducked as he entered the house."</i>

<b>lantern</b>	transparent case for holding a light and protecting it from wind and weather; room containing the lamp at the top of a lighthouse <i>"The light from the <b>lantern</b> helped us to find our way along the rocky path."</i>
<b>lather</b>	the foam or froth formed by soap or detergent in water; excited state <i>"Soap does not <b>lather</b> well with hard water and can leave a sticky feeling."</i>
<b>lawful</b>	legal; permitted by law; just or valid <i>"It is not <b>lawful</b> to park in front of a hydrant."</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>legend</b>	story handed down for generations, popularly believed historical and true <i>"The rock <b>legend</b> sold out shows during the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary farewell tour."</i>
<b>legume</b>	any of a large family of herbs, shrubs, and trees, including the peas, beans, vetches, clovers, etc., with usually compound leaves, flowers having a single carpel, and fruit that is a dry pod splitting along two sutures <i>"Lima beans are a member of the <b>legume</b> family."</i>
<b>lettuce</b>	any of a genus of hardy, annual composite plants; specif., a plant grown for its crisp, succulent, green leaves <i>"A succulent <b>lettuce</b> salad was served first."</i>
<b>license</b>	a document, printed tag, permit, etc., indicating that such permission had been granted <i>"The officer asked to see the driver'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>liking</b>	fondness; affection; preference; taste; pleasure <i>"The movie was a bit too scary for my <b>liking</b>."</i>
<b>limb</b>	an arm, leg, or wing <i>"Be careful not to break a <b>limb</b> while roller skating."</i>
<b>limber</b>	easily bent; pliant; flexible; supple <i>"We used slow exercises to <b>limber</b> up before the race began."</i>
<b>limit</b>	border, beyond which something ceases to be, or to be possible <i>"The map defined the <b>limit</b> of the property."</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 several telescopes 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>litter</b>	the young borne at one time by a dog, cat, or other animal which normally bears several young at a delivery <i>"We were able to find good homes for our dog's entire <b>litter</b> of puppies without any difficulty."</i>
<b>lively</b>	full of life; active; vigorous <i>"No one wanted to leave the <b>lively</b> party."</i>
<b>livid</b>	grayish-blue; lead-colored <i>"The taxpayers are <b>livid</b> about the proposed tax hike."</i>
<b>living</b>	to have life; alive, not dead; true to reality <i>"Several different types of <b>living</b> creatures make their homes in the pond next door."</i>
<b>lizard</b>	loosely, any of various similar reptiles or other animals, as alligators or salamanders <i>"The green <b>lizard</b> was basking in the sun."</i>
<b>lobster</b>	any of a group of large edible sea crustaceans having five pairs of legs <i>"<b>Lobster</b> is thought to be very delicious eating by many people."</i>
<b>local</b>	relating to place; restricted; particular part or specific area <i>"The newspaper printed mostly <b>local</b> news items."</i>
<b>locale</b>	A place or locality, especially in reference to events or circumstances connected with it; the scene of setting, as of a novel, play or motion picture <i>"The family wanted to move to a warmer <b>locale</b>."</i>
<b>lonely</b>	alone; solitary <i>"If you're <b>lonely</b> when you're alone, you're not in good company."</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>luster</b>	brightness; radiance; brilliance <i>"The <b>luster</b> of the silver dazzled the crows."</i>
<b>magnet</b>	a person or thing that attracts; piece of iron or steel that attracts metal <i>"A <b>magnet</b> is often fastened to a potholder to be attached to the stove."</i>
<b>major</b>	greater in size, importance, number or rank; designating a specific field of study in which a student specializes and receives his degree <i>"Since the brain and the heart are <b>major</b> organs in the system, any damage done to them is considered a priority by doctors."</i>
<b>making</b>	formation; construction; creation; production; manufacturing, etc. <i>"The actor's appearance was key in the <b>making</b> of the documentary."</i>
<b>malice</b>	active ill will; desire to harm another or to do mischief; spite <i>"The book had been torn with <b>malice</b>."</i>
<b>mangle</b>	to spoil; botch; mar; garble <i>"The writer began to <b>mangle</b> the translation."</i>
<b>manner</b>	a way or method in which something is done or happens, mode or fashion of procedure <i>"The toddler acted in a horrible <b>manner</b>, screaming and throwing a fit in the middle of dinner."</i>
<b>march</b>	to walk with regular, steady steps of equal length; steady advance <i>"The members of the band learned to <b>march</b> carrying their instruments."</i>
<b>margin</b>	the blank space around the printed or written area on a page or sheet <i>"Many notes were written in the <b>margin</b>."</i>
<b>market</b>	to deal in a market; buy or sell <i>"They put a new product on the <b>market</b>."</i>
<b>marvel</b>	a wonderful or astonishing thing; prodigy or miracle <i>"We all admired the <b>marvel</b> of travel in space."</i>
<b>massive</b>	large or imposing or impressive; of considerable magnitude <i>"The new bank was <b>massive</b>."</i>
<b>mature</b>	fully or highly developed, perfected, worked out, considered, etc. <i>"As the plans <b>mature</b>, we will better know the instructions."</i>
<b>matzo</b>	the unleavened bread eaten by people celebrating the Jewish holiday, Passover <i>"The <b>matzo</b> was prepared very carefully."</i>
<b>medic</b>	a physician or surgeon <i>"The <b>medic</b> quickly provided assistance to the sick child."</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>melon</b>	any of several large, juicy, thick-skinned, many-seeded fruits of certain trailing plants of the gourd family, as the watermelon, muskmelon, cantaloupe, etc. <i>"We all enjoyed eating the <b>melon</b>."</i>
<b>mental</b>	of or for the mind or intellect; without using written symbols <i>"The teacher's <b>mental</b> strength was tested when the principal was observing the class."</i>
<b>merely</b>	no more than; and nothing else; only <i>"We <b>merely</b> know the address."</i>
<b>message</b>	a communication passed or sent between persons by speech, in writing, by signals, etc. <i>"Everyone listened to the President's <b>message</b> on radio."</i>
<b>method</b>	a way of doing anything; process; definite procedure <i>"Reading through the book, the builder searched for a simpler <b>method</b> to lay the home's foundation."</i>
<b>metric</b>	a theory or a system of measurement <i>"The United States may adopt the <b>metric</b> system."</i>
<b>middle</b>	in between; intermediate; intervening <i>"I sit in the <b>middle</b> of my best friends."</i>
<b>mileage</b>	aggregate distance in miles or total number of miles traveled; recorded, etc. <i>"Compared to a car, a plane's <b>mileage</b> is going to be significantly greater since they can travel at a much faster speed."</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 architecture in our home was designed to <b>mimic</b> a similar style found in Paris."</i>
<b>mindful</b>	having in mind; aware; heedful, or careful <i>"The children were <b>mindful</b> of the danger of playing in the street."</i>
<b>minute</b>	the sixtieth part of any of certain units <i>"As we watched the clock, the <b>minute</b> went very slowly."</i>
<b>mishap</b>	an unlucky or unfortunate accident <i>"The doctor wanted to avoid the <b>mishap</b>."</i>

<b>misspell</b>	to spell incorrectly <i>The class did not <b>misspell</b> a single word.</i>
<b>modern</b>	up-to-date; of recent times; period of history after the middle ages <i>“They disagreed in preference of <b>modern</b> or period furnishings.”</i>
<b>musty</b>	having a stale, moldy taste or smell; worn out; antiquated <i>“The dampness seemed to linger in the basement, giving it a <b>musty</b> smell”</i>
<b>napkin</b>	small piece of cloth or paper used at table to wipe the fingers or lips <i>“A <b>napkin</b> was at the left of each plate.”</i>
<b>narrate</b>	to tell in writing or speech <i>“The teacher began to <b>narrate</b> the story.”</i>
<b>narrow</b>	close; careful; not liberal; prejudiced <i>“We all try to avoid having a <b>narrow</b> mind.”</i>
<b>nasty</b>	very unpleasant; objectionable <i>“The townspeople were tired of the <b>nasty</b> weather.”</i>
<b>native</b>	belonging to a locality or country by birth, production, or growth; indigenous <i>“The African Penguin is <b>native</b> to southern African waters, with distinctive pink patches of skin above its eyes.”</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> to the thirsty child.</i>
<b>neglect</b>	not to heed; leave undone; lack of sufficient or proper care <i>“If you <b>neglect</b> to water the plants, they will die.”</i>
<b>nerve</b>	strength; energy; vigor <i>“Though several police officers agreed to join the SWAT team, only the bravest had the <b>nerve</b> to disarm the bomb.”</i>
<b>nestle</b>	to settle or house as in a nest; shelter <i>“The birds would <b>nestle</b> in the tree house.”</i>
<b>nibble</b>	to eat with quick bites, taking only a small amount at a time <i>“The kittens began to <b>nibble</b> on the food.”</i>
<b>nickel</b>	a U.S. or Canadian coin made of an alloy of nickel and copper and equal to five cents <i>“The jogger spotted a shiny <b>nickel</b> on the pavement.”</i>

<b>noble</b>	having or showing high moral qualities or ideals, or greatness of character; lofty <i>"According to the legend, only a truly <b>noble</b> person could pull the magic sword from the stone."</i>
<b>nomad</b>	member of a tribe of people having no permanent home; wanderer <i>"The <b>nomad</b> never stays in a city for more than two months."</i>
<b>normal</b>	the usual state, amount, degree, etc.; especially the median or average <i>"The <b>normal</b> weather pattern is changing."</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>novel</b>	new and unusual; relatively long narrative of fictional events <i>"The studio is looking for <b>novel</b> concepts to turn into an original television series."</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>object</b>	n. a thing that can be seen or touched; v. to oppose; protect <i>"The chair was the only <b>object</b> in the room."  <i>"The committee's resolution states that they <b>object</b> to having the dance."</i></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>observe</b>	to celebrate or keep (a holiday, etc.) according to custom <i>"They <b>observe</b> the holiday in July."</i>
<b>occur</b>	to take place; happen <i>"The celebration will <b>occur</b> next week."</i>
<b>odor</b>	a smell, whether pleasant or unpleasant; fragrance, stench, etc. <i>"The <b>odor</b> of baking bread filled the home."</i>
<b>offend</b>	break a law; commit a crime or sin; to create anger or displeasure <i>"The comedian's jokes did not <b>offend</b> all of the audience members, but several stormed out of the show."</i>
<b>offense</b>	the condition of being offended, esp. of feeling hurt, resentful, or angry; umbrage <i>"No <b>offense</b>, but I really didn't like that restaurant."</i>

<b>office</b>	a position of authority or trust, esp. in a government, business, institution, etc. <i>"Our neighbor was running for the <b>office</b> of mayor."</i>
<b>oleo</b>	combining form meaning oleomargarine <i>"I prefer <b>oleo</b> to butter on my bread."</i>
<b>omit</b>	to fail to include; leave out <i>"The non-dairy version of the dish requires you to <b>omit</b> the whole milk and use soy milk."</i>
<b>optic</b>	of the eyes; sense of sight <i>"The <b>optic</b> nerve was not damaged."</i>
<b>orbit</b>	the path taken by a heavenly body during its periodic revolution around another body <i>"The <b>orbit</b> of the earth is being measured."</i>
<b>ornate</b>	heavily ornamented or adorned, often to excess <i>"The <b>ornate</b> window was filled with jewels."</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 was a rare find."</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 protects the planet from that which can cause serious harm."</i>
<b>package</b>	a wrapped or boxed thing or group of things; parcel <i>"I hope the <b>package</b> will arrive in the mail today."</i>
<b>padlock</b>	a removable lock with a hinged or pivoted link to be passed through a staple, chain, or eye <i>"Look for a locked <b>padlock</b> on the status bar at the bottom of your screen."</i>
<b>palace</b>	any large, magnificent house or building <i>"The U.S. History class visited the <b>palace</b> for its rich history during the 19<sup>th</sup> century."</i>
<b>pampas</b>	the extensive treeless plains of Argentina and some other parts of South America <i>"Cattle raising is an important industry on the <b>pampas</b>."</i>



<b>panel</b>	a section or division of a wall, ceiling, or other surface <i>"The carpenter replaced the <b>panel</b> on the wall."</i>
<b>panic</b>	sudden, unreasonable fear; to give way to or show fear; hysteria <i>"They did not <b>panic</b> when the fire broke out."</i>
<b>parcel</b>	a small, wrapped bundle; package <i>"The <b>parcel</b> was lost in the mail."</i>
<b>pardon</b>	release from further punishment; cancel; forgive; excuse; overlook <i>"The sign outside the newly-rebuilt restaurant asked customers to <b>pardon</b> the dust and mess."</i>
<b>parlor</b>	a small, semiprivate sitting room apart from the main lounges in a hotel, inn, etc. <i>"We plan to meet our friends in the <b>parlor</b>."</i>
<b>parrot</b>	to repeat or imitate, esp. without understanding <i>"Under the old system, students often had to stand to attention and repeat lessons <b>parrot</b> style."</i>
<b>parting</b>	dividing; separating; leavetaking or departure <i>"They were <b>parting</b> for the summer months."</i>
<b>partner</b>	a person who takes part in some activity in common with another or others <i>"Most climbers have a <b>partner</b> with their gear, ready to help."</i>
<b>passage</b>	permission, right, or a chance to pass <i>"Since air was not coming out of the vent, there must have been blockage in the <b>passage</b> of the air."</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>pastry</b>	dough made of flour and shortening, used for the crust of pies, tarts; all fancy baked goods, including cakes, sweet rolls, etc. <i>"I like cooking and making <b>pastry</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>payee</b>	the person to whom a check, note, money, etc. is payable <i>"The <b>payee</b> on the check was not the person who did all the work."</i>
<b>peddler</b>	person going from place to place selling small articles <i>"The <b>peddler</b> always had fresh vegetables to sell."</i>

<b>pennant</b>	long, narrow flag; banner, usually triangular in shape <i>"The sailboat flew a <b>pennant</b> under the national flag."</i>
<b>pensive</b>	thinking deeply or seriously, often of sad or melancholy things <i>"You may remember the way each scene ended with someone looking <b>pensive</b> or significant."</i>
<b>peremptory</b>	leaving no opportunity for denial or refusal; imperative; positive or assertive in speech, tone or manner <i>"Ignoring the judge's <b>peremptory</b> request will get you placed behind bars!"</i>
<b>perfect</b>	complete in all respects; without defect; flawless; correct; exact <i>"The blazing sunset made a <b>perfect</b> ending to the day."</i>
<b>perfume</b>	a pleasing smell or odor; sweet scent, as of flowers; fragrance <i>"The gardener enjoyed the <b>perfume</b> of the flowers."</i>
<b>persist</b>	refuse to give up; continue; remain; prevail; endure <i>"In the face of opposition, we must <b>persist</b> on this measure."</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>picnic</b>	pleasure outing at which a meal is eaten outdoors <i>"We looked forward to a <b>picnic</b> at the beach."</i>
<b>picture</b>	to form a mental picture or impression of; imagine <i>"The football player tried to <b>picture</b> the coming game."</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>"The English <b>pilgrim</b> traveled from England to Massachusetts in a boat named the Mayflower."</i>
<b>pilot</b>	steersman; licensed person qualified to operate a ship or aircraft <i>"The <b>pilot</b> landed the plane safely."</i>
<b>pity</b>	sorrow felt for another's suffering; compassion; sympathy <i>"I feel <b>pity</b> for the homeless people who don't have a warm place to sleep in the winter."</i>

<b>placid</b>	undisturbed; tranquil; calm; quiet <i>"There was no wind to disturb the <b>placid</b> waters."</i>
<b>plastic</b>	molding or shaping matter; capable of being molded; flexible; impressionable <i>"The forks were throwaways made of <b>plastic</b>."</i>
<b>plenty</b>	prosperity; opulence; large number; many <i>"The picnic tables were heaped with <b>plenty</b> of food."</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>plural</b>	of or including more than one; involving or being one of <i>"The <b>plural</b> of this noun is formed according to the principle listed."</i>
<b>polar</b>	opposite in character, nature, direction, etc. <i>"The twins were <b>polar</b> in their taste in music."</i>
<b>police</b>	the governmental department organized for keeping order, enforcing the law, and preventing, detecting, and prosecuting crimes <i>"The community is dependent upon the <b>police</b> for its safety."</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>"The <b>portly</b> mouse gets stuck in the mouse hole after a big meal."</i>
<b>possess</b>	to have as an attribute, quality, faculty, etc. <i>"The Dali Lama is known to <b>possess</b> wisdom."</i>
<b>poster</b>	large printed card or paper for advertisement <i>"We will choose an art student to illustrate the <b>poster</b>."</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>prank</b>	mischievous trick or practical joke <i>"They planned many a <b>prank</b> for April Fool's Day."</i>
<b>predict</b>	foretell a future event or happening; tell what one believes may happen <i>"Sometimes it is possible to <b>predict</b> when there will be an earthquake."</i>

<b>prepare</b>	to make ready, usually for a specific purpose; make suitable; fit; adapt; train <i>“How are you going to <b>prepare</b> for the spelling competition?”</i>
<b>pretend</b>	to claim or profess falsely; to make believe in play <i>“They could <b>pretend</b> to be astronauts.”</i>
<b>preview</b>	a restricted showing, as of a movie, before exhibition to the public generally <i>“We were delighted to see the <b>preview</b> of the film.”</i>
<b>primp</b>	to groom; to dress up in a fussy way <i>“There’s no reason to <b>primp</b>, you look great as you are.”</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>product</b>	made by nature or by human industry; result <i>“The <b>product</b> is obtained by multiplying two or more numbers together.”</i>
<b>profess</b>	make an open declaration of; affirm; claim to have an interest, etc. <i>“They <b>profess</b> to know the road; so we will follow them.”</i>
<b>program</b>	acts, speeches, etc. that entertain; a list of these; scheduled ceremony <i>“The last <b>program</b> was the most entertaining of the year.”</i>
<b>progress</b>	moving forward or onward; development; advance; goal <i>“Their <b>progress</b> shows when they devote enough time to study.”</i>
<b>prompt</b>	quick to act or do; ready; punctual; done, spoken, without delay <i>“The teacher distributed a <b>prompt</b> for the in-class essay.”</i>
<b>proof</b>	testing or trying of something; anything establishing the truth <i>“The <b>proof</b> of the pudding is in the eating.”</i>
<b>prosper</b>	succeed; thrive; grow vigorously; wealth; good fortune <i>“Having found the right soil conditions, the farmer’s crop began to <b>prosper</b>.”</i>
<b>protect</b>	shield from injury; guard; defend <i>“Promising to <b>protect</b> and serve, the police officer’s main goal was to make the city a safer place for its residents.”</i>
<b>prying</b>	improperly curious or inquisitive <i>“Someone was <b>prying</b> into their personal affairs.”</i>

<b>public</b>	belonging to or concerning the people; community, rather than private <i>"Most city parks are for the use of the <b>public</b>."</i>
<b>pulpit</b>	raised platform or lectern from which the clergy preaches in a church <i>"From the <b>pulpit</b>, the speaker spoke into a microphone."</i>
<b>pump</b>	to force in or out or through; to question closely; move up or down <i>"We moved the handle up and down to <b>pump</b> the water from the well."</i>
<b>punish</b>	to cause to undergo pain or loss; to penalize; to treat harshly <i>"During the press conference, the sheriff vowed to <b>punish</b> those responsible for the heinous crime."</i>
<b>puppet</b>	doll; small, usually jointed figure, humanlike, moved on a show stage <i>"The children will put on a <b>puppet</b> show."</i>
<b>purr</b>	low vibratory sound made by cat or kitten, usually when pleased <i>"Cats aren't the only animals that <b>purr</b> loudly, gorillas also release a low vibrating sound when they are happy."</i>
<b>raft</b>	flat structure of logs, boards fastened together, floated on water <i>"They pulled the <b>raft</b> behind their speed boat."</i>
<b>ragged</b>	shabby or torn from wear; tattered; uneven; rough; not finished <i>"Their clothing was <b>ragged</b> and dirty."</i>
<b>rally</b>	to summon or bring together for a common purpose; assist; support a cause <i>"The Sergeant was sent to <b>rally</b> the troops."</i>
<b>ramp</b>	sloping, sometimes curved surface, joining different levels <i>"A <b>ramp</b> for the wheelchair was built at all entrances to the house."</i>
<b>rampant</b>	growing luxuriantly; flourishing <i>"The roses were <b>rampant</b> in the garden."</i>
<b>random</b>	lacking aim or purpose; without careful choice; haphazard <i>"To fairly choose the winner, the store owner pulled a <b>random</b> slip out of the hat full of numbered papers."</i>
<b>rapt</b>	carried away with joy; enraptured; engrossed with love <i>"The toddler watched the cartoon in <b>rapt</b> attention."</i>
<b>rather</b>	preferably; more willingly; with more justice, logic, reason <i>"Would you like to go out to dinner, or would you <b>rather</b> eat at home?"</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>“A child should not play with a <b>razor</b>.”</i>
<b>react</b>	to act in return or reciprocally <i>“The director did not expect the actors to <b>react</b> that way.”</i>
<b>recess</b>	to halt temporarily <i>“The court will <b>recess</b> until afternoon.”</i>
<b>reckless</b>	careless; heedless <i>“The <b>reckless</b> driver was arrested.”</i>
<b>record</b>	to print for future use; make a permanent or office note of; to register in some permanent form <i>“Because there is no <b>record</b> of the purchase having taken place, the product cannot be returned to the store.”</i>
<b>recur</b>	to return, as in thought or memory; happen or occur again <i>“I’ll go back to the doctor if the symptoms of my illness start to <b>recur</b>.”</i>
<b>redeem</b>	to get back; recover, as by paying a fee <i>“It’s exciting to <b>redeem</b> points for prizes in school.”</i>
<b>reduce</b>	to lessen in any way, as in size, weight, amount, value, price, etc., diminish <i>“Ways to <b>reduce</b> corporate waste in offices are being discussed by those that want to decrease spending.”</i>
<b>reflect</b>	to bend or throw back light, heat or sound; mirror; reproduce an image <i>“The teacher asked us to <b>reflect</b> on our grade and make a plan for improving it.”</i>
<b>refresh</b>	to make feel cooler, stronger, more energetic, etc., than before, as by food, drink, or sleep <i>“The players needed to <b>refresh</b> themselves after the long game.”</i>
<b>refuge</b>	a place of safety; shelter; safe retreat <i>“The deer sought a <b>refuge</b> from the hunters.”</i>
<b>regret</b>	to feel sorry or mourn for; troubled or remorseful <i>“We <b>regret</b> to announce the death of a favorite professor.”</i>
<b>reject</b>	refuse to accept; throw away, discard; rebuff <i>“We felt we had to <b>reject</b> his very low offer to buy our house.”</i>
<b>rejoin</b>	to come into the company of again; reunite <i>“We were happy to have him <b>rejoin</b> and become a member again.”</i>

<b>relent</b>	to soften in temper; become less severe, stern, stubborn <i>“Perhaps my principal will <b>relent</b> and allow me to go if I promise to return on time.”</i>
<b>remark</b>	notice; observe; perceive; say or write in comment; say briefly <i>“Workers at the textile factory would often <b>remark</b> about their low pay and terrible benefits.”</i>
<b>remind</b>	to cause a person to remember <i>“A string tied on my finger will <b>remind</b> me to return my library books.”</i>
<b>remnant</b>	what is left over; remainder; residue <i>“Before I could get the <b>remnant</b> of the partially eaten doughnut off the floor, the dog ate it.”</i>
<b>remote</b>	distant in connection, relation, bearing, or the like <i>“Because it is such a <b>remote</b> area, there are no paved roads or electricity in the area.”</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>renew</b>	to make fresh, strong again; bring back into good condition <i>“An efficient cleaning will <b>renew</b> the look of the fabric.”</i>
<b>repress</b>	to keep down or hold back <i>“It was difficult for the dog to <b>repress</b> instincts to chase trucks.”</i>
<b>rescue</b>	to free or save from danger, imprisonment, evil, etc. <i>“They were heroes because the <b>rescue</b> had been a success.”</i>
<b>reserve</b>	to hold over to a later time <i>“An influx of visitors made it extremely difficult to <b>reserve</b> a resort suite over the holiday weekend.”</i>
<b>respect</b>	to show honor or esteem for; show consideration for; deference, dutiful regard; reference; show politeness by visiting or presenting oneself <i>“The children <b>respect</b> their parent’s decisions and honor them even if they don’t agree.”</i>
<b>restful</b>	having a soothing effect; quiet; peaceful <i>“The sound of lapping waves against the ship’s hull was <b>restful</b>, and I grew sleepy.”</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>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>"My best friend loves a good <b>riddle</b>."</i>
<b>riding</b>	the act or a person or thing that rides <i>"The kids were <b>riding</b> their bikes."</i>
<b>rind</b>	a thick and firm outer coat or covering, as of certain fruits, cheese and meats <i>"To make this particular pie, the recipe instructions say to add the grated orange <b>rind</b> and toss the apple slices in the mixture."</i>
<b>risky</b>	hazardous; dangerous <i>"Shopping during that sale was <b>risky</b> because it drew such immense crowds."</i>
<b>rival</b>	person who tries to compete with another; try to equal or surpass <i>"Since our football team is playing our school <b>rival</b> during the championship game, we are sure to have a spirited match."</i>
<b>roost</b>	perch for birds to rest or sleep; stay or settle down for the night <i>"The pelican settled in to <b>roost</b> on top of the lifeguard stand."</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>running</b>	the act of a person or thing that runs; racing; managing; proceeding, etc. <i>"The students were <b>running</b> the business and making lots of money."</i>
<b>rush</b>	to move or go swiftly; dash recklessly or rashly; haste; hurry <i>"When the bell rings, the students <b>rush</b> for the door."</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>	the quality or condition of being safe; freedom from danger; injury, or damage; security <i>"<b>Safety</b> precautions are very important both at home and at school."</i>
<b>saga</b>	any long story of adventure or heroic deeds <i>"The full <b>saga</b> of the State Spelling Bee will be known this spring."</i>



<b>salad</b>	a dish, usually cold, of raw or cooked vegetables or fruit, served with a dressing or in gelatin <i>"We prefer our <b>salad</b> with our entrée, rather than at the beginning of dinner."</i>
<b>scaffold</b>	temporary wood or metal framework to support workmen and/or material <i>"A <b>scaffold</b> was placed on the side of the building so that surveyors would have a bird's eye view of the area."</i>
<b>scald</b>	to burn or injure with hot liquid or steam; heat almost to the boiling point <i>"Big spoonfuls of steaming, hot oatmeal <b>scald</b> my tongue and blistered it."</i>
<b>scan</b>	to look at closely; analyze verse; score of vision <i>"The air controller must alertly <b>scan</b> each blip appearing on the screen."</i>
<b>scant</b>	inadequate in size or amount; not enough; meager; short ration <i>"The recipe called for a <b>scant</b> cup of sugar."</i>
<b>scarlet</b>	very bright red with a slightly orange tone <i>"The <b>scarlet</b> car captured everyone's attention."</i>
<b>scary</b>	causing alarm; frightening <i>"Being alone in the dark is sometimes <b>scary</b>."</i>
<b>scorch</b>	to damage, char or discolor the surface by burning; parch; wither by heat <i>"The hot sun will <b>scorch</b> the plants if they're not covered."</i>
<b>scorn</b>	extreme, often indignant contempt for someone or something; utter disdain <i>"The soldiers were trained to look upon their enemies with <b>scorn</b>."</i>
<b>screen</b>	anything that shields or protects or conceals like a curtain; coarse mesh of wire used to sift out finer from coarser parts <i>"We hastily improvised a <b>screen</b> out of an old blanket."</i>
<b>scribble</b>	illegible or careless handwriting; scrawl <i>"The doctor's <b>scribble</b> was hard to read."</i>
<b>script</b>	the manuscript, or a copy of the text, of a stage, film, radio, or television show <i>"Two writers collaborated on the <b>script</b> for the film."</i>
<b>scurry</b>	to run hastily; scamper <i>"The rabbits will <b>scurry</b> through the woods."</i>

<b>secret</b>	kept from public knowledge or from the knowledge of a certain person or persons <i>"A <b>secret</b> passcode was used by members to enter the exclusive clubhouse."</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>selfish</b>	too much concern with oneself; having little or no concern for others <i>"I think I've been very <b>selfish</b>, being mainly concerned with my side of the story."</i>
<b>sentence</b>	a decision or judgment, as of a court; esp. the determination by a court of the punishment <i>"The <b>sentence</b> was in the defendant's favor."</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, classes, etc. <i>"The fall <b>session</b> of school was about to end."</i>
<b>shadow</b>	a definite area of shade cast upon a surface by a body intercepting the light rays <i>"The dragon's <b>shadow</b> darkened their path."</i>
<b>shady</b>	shaded, as from the sun; full of shade <i>"The bench under the trees was cool and <b>shady</b>."</i>
<b>shaky</b>	not firm; weak, unsteady; trembling, not dependable; questionable <i>"After the earthquake, the walls were <b>shaky</b>."</i>
<b>shampoo</b>	the act of washing hair, a rug, etc. <i>"The beautician will <b>shampoo</b> your hair next."</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>shiny</b>	full of, or reflecting, light; bright; shining <i>"The <b>shiny</b> car caught our attention."</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>"You can believe in ghosts if you like, but I'm a <b>skeptic</b>."</i>

<b>skillful</b>	having or showing skill; accomplished; expert <i>"The <b>skillful</b> musician performed flawlessly."</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>slimy</b>	of or like slime <i>"The <b>slimy</b> trunk was retrieved from the bottom of the lake."</i>
<b>sluggish</b>	slow or slow-moving; not active; dull <i>"The engine was <b>sluggish</b> and difficult to start."</i>
<b>snorkel</b>	to move or swim under water using a snorkel <i>"We plan to <b>snorkel</b> when we are in Hawaii."</i>
<b>spectrum</b>	a continuous range or entire extent <i>"The newspaper reported a wide <b>spectrum</b> of opinion."</i>
<b>spirit</b>	vivacity, courage, vigor, enthusiasm <i>"The fans' <b>spirit</b> cheered the team to victory."</i>
<b>splendid</b>	worthy of high praise; grand; glorious; illustrious <i>"The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students did a <b>splendid</b> job reading to the kindergartners."</i>
<b>stubborn</b>	person who refuses to comply; resisting unreasonably; obstinate <i>"Donkeys are said to be <b>stubborn</b> like some people I know."</i>
<b>submit</b>	to refer to others for decisions; to yield to the control of another <i>"We will <b>submit</b> our plan to the committee."</i>
<b>tactics</b>	any method used to gain an end; esp., skillful methods or procedure <i>"Although successful, their <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>temper</b>	reduce in intensity; frame of mind; disposition; mood <i>"We <b>temper</b> clay by moistening and kneading it."</i>
<b>terrace</b>	a small, usually roofed balcony, as outside an apartment <i>"Flowerpots lined the <b>terrace</b> outside the apartment."</i>

<b>theft</b>	the act or an instance of stealing; larceny <i>“The <b>theft</b> was reported to the police quickly.”</i>
<b>thicket</b>	a thick growth of shrubs, underbrush, or small trees <i>“Several deer were spotted in the <b>thicket</b>.”</i>
<b>thirsty</b>	feeling thirst; wanting to drink <i>“The <b>thirsty</b> runners lined up at the fountain.”</i>
<b>thrifty</b>	practicing or showing thrift; economical; provident <i>“The <b>thrifty</b> couple had saved their money for a trip around the world.”</i>
<b>throng</b>	a great number of people gathered together; crowd <i>“As soon as the store opened, a <b>throng</b> of customers rushed through the doors to get the limited deals.”</i>
<b>traffic</b>	the movement or number of automobiles along a street, pedestrians along a sidewalk, ships using a port, etc. <i>“The <b>traffic</b> at the intersection was very busy.”</i>
<b>transform</b>	to change the form or outward appearance of <i>“The potter will <b>transform</b> the clay into a beautiful bowl.”</i>
<b>translate</b>	to put in different words; rephrase or paraphrase in explanation <i>“The tutor tried to <b>translate</b> the assignment.”</i>
<b>tremor</b>	a trembling, shaking, or shivering <i>“Everyone in town felt the <b>tremor</b> of the earthquake.”</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 great leadership.”</i>
<b>truly</b>	in a true manner; accurately, genuinely, faithfully, factually, etc. <i>“It takes a mature person to <b>truly</b> apologize when they are wrong.”</i>
<b>tunnel</b>	an animal’s burrow <i>“The rabbits live in the <b>tunnel</b> behind the barn.”</i>
<b>twang</b>	a quick, sharp, vibrating sound, as of a taut string <i>“The guitar <b>twang</b> signaled the beginning of the concert.”</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; serviceable; helpful <i>“The fork is a <b>useful</b> utensil.”</i>
<b>vacant</b>	having no occupant <i>“The apartment next to us is <b>vacant</b>.”</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>vanish</b>	go or pass suddenly from sight; cease to exist; come to an end <i>"The stain will <b>vanish</b> overnight."</i>
<b>vigil</b>	watchful staying awake; a watch kept for a period of time <i>"After their morning <b>vigil</b> was interrupted, the rest of the day seemed to be full of nothing but trouble."</i>
<b>volume</b>	the quantity, strength, or loudness of sound <i>"The <b>volume</b> of the music was deafening."</i>
<b>vowel</b>	a letter, as a, e, i, o, u and sometimes y, representing such a sound <i>"A <b>vowel</b> is found usually in every word."</i>
<b>wallet</b>	a pocketbook, as of leather, with compartments for paper money, cards, etc., billfold <i>"Help! Somebody has run off with my <b>wallet</b>."</i>
<b>warbler</b>	a bird which sings in trills, runs or quavers; songster <i>"Though we could not see it, 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>welcome</b>	freely and willingly permitted or invited <i>"You are <b>welcome</b> to use the library."</i>
<b>welfare</b>	the state of being or doing well; condition of health, happiness, and comfort; well-being, prosperity <i>"The <b>welfare</b> and safety of the children is our main concern."</i>
<b>western</b>	toward or facing the west; story, motion picture of cowboys, frontiersmen <i>"California is a <b>western</b> state bordering the Pacific Ocean."</i>
<b>whisper</b>	to say very softly, esp. by whispering <i>"<b>Whisper</b> the password in my ear so that no one else in the room will know the code."</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>wiggle</b>	to move or cause to move with short, jerky or twisting motions from side to side; wriggle shakily or sinuously <i>“After two hours in the same seats, the children began to <b>wiggle</b>.”</i>
<b>wild</b>	living or growing in its original or natural state; not civilized or domesticated; not controlled; unruly; rough; violently disturbed <i>“Abandoned in the forest, the kitten soon learned to survive and became as <b>wild</b> as the animals it lived with.”</i>
<b>windy</b>	characterized or accompanied by wind <i>“On the <b>windy</b> day, the tree was blown over the street.”</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>wisdom</b>	learning knowledge; good judgment; wise discourse or teaching <i>“The people of the tribe often sought <b>wisdom</b> from their spiritual healer.”</i>
<b>withdraw</b>	to retract or recall <i>“The automobile distributor will <b>withdraw</b> that model.”</i>
<b>witness</b>	a person who saw, or can give a firsthand account of, something <i>“The next <b>witness</b> was called to testify.”</i>
<b>wobble</b>	move unsteadily from side to side, as in walking <i>“The baby took one step and then began to <b>wobble</b>.”</i>
<b>woman</b>	a female human being; adult female; femininity <i>“The term ‘lady’ was once restricted to a <b>woman</b> of the higher social class.”</i>
<b>wonder</b>	the feeling of surprise, admiration, and awe aroused by something strange, unexpected, incredible, etc. <i>“As the first snowflakes fell, the child was filled with <b>wonder</b>.”</i>
<b>worth</b>	wealth; possessions; riches <i>“No one could estimate the owner’s <b>worth</b>.”</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>yellow</b>	changed to a yellowish color as by age <i>"It was early autumn and the leaves were starting to <b>yellow</b>."</i>

# **LEVEL II**



<b>abacus</b>	frame with beads or balls sliding back and forth on wires or in slots for doing or teaching arithmetic <i>“Sliding each bead from one side to the other, the student used the <b>abacus</b> to count out the number of days in a week.”</i>
<b>abandoned</b>	give up something forever; wild or uncontrolled <i>“During the snow storm, many people <b>abandoned</b> their cars on the highway.”</i>
<b>abdicate</b>	to give up formally (a high office, authority, throne, etc.) <i>“If police officers were to <b>abdicate</b> their role in the community, there may be safety issues.”</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>abduction</b>	carrying off a person by force or fraud; kidnapping <i>“Detectives are questioning several witnesses about the child’s <b>abduction</b>.”</i>
<b>aberration</b>	a departure from what is right, true, correct <i>“Since I did not properly adjust my camera settings, all of my pictures have a blurry <b>aberration</b> on them.”</i>
<b>aborning</b>	while being born or created <i>“The festival is an excellent chance to see new talent <b>aborning</b>.”</i>
<b>abrading</b>	scraping; wearing off by rubbing against <i>“Gripping the handle was <b>abrading</b> the shine of the leather.”</i>
<b>abrogate</b>	to cancel or repeal by authority <i>“Congress must <b>abrogate</b> the new tax law.”</i>
<b>abscess</b>	swollen and inflamed area of the body tissues <i>“A tame rabbit was brought in with a large <b>abscess</b> about the size of an egg on its cheek.”</i>
<b>absconded</b>	went hastily and secretly away; left and hid to escape the law <i>“They <b>absconded</b> with the stolen money.”</i>
<b>accede</b>	To give consent, approval or adherence; agree; assent <i>“At your insistence and to avoid a prolonged argument, I will <b>accede</b> to your contract terms.”</i>
<b>accentuate</b>	to emphasize; heighten the effect of <i>“The purple pillow should <b>accentuate</b> the room.”</i>
<b>acclamation</b>	loud applause, approval, or welcome <i>“The standing ovation was the biggest <b>acclamation</b> of the night.”</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>achromatic</b>	refracting light without spectra color separation <i>"The camera lens was <b>achromatic</b>."</i>
<b>acknowledge</b>	admit to be true or as stated; recognize or accept <i>"I <b>acknowledge</b> that the signature is mine."</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>acrid</b>	sharp, bitter, or stinging, or irritating to the taste or smell <i>"The food critic scowled at the <b>acrid</b> taste."</i>
<b>across</b>	from one side to the other; over; through <i>"The hotel was <b>across</b> the highway."</i>
<b>addendum</b>	thing added or to be added; an appendix or supplement <i>"The name of the second speaker is an <b>addendum</b> to the program."</i>
<b>addressee</b>	person to whom mail, etc. is addressed <i>"This message is intended solely for the <b>addressee</b>."</i>
<b>admonition</b>	a mild rebuke; reprimand <i>"After the storm, the city issued a stern <b>admonition</b> to residents who needed to avoid flooded areas."</i>
<b>adolescence</b>	the time of life between puberty and maturity; youth <i>"During <b>adolescence</b>, one is often uncertain."</i>
<b>aerate</b>	To expose to the action or effect of air or to cause air to circulate through  <i>"You really should <b>aerate</b> the soil before planting the seeds."</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>afflatus</b>	artist's or poet's inspiration or powerful impulse <i>"What was the <b>afflatus</b> behind the artist's new painting?"</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 a ghost, they were <b>aghast</b>."</i>

<b>agriculture</b>	work of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock <i>“California is a leader in <b>agriculture</b>. ”</i>
<b>alabaster</b>	a translucent, whitish, fine-grained variety of gypsum, used for statues, vases, etc. <i>“Famous structures like the Egyptian pyramids and the Sphinx are made of a combination of hard, translucent minerals like <b>alabaster</b>. ”</i>
<b>allotment</b>	portion <i>“The meeting continued beyond the time <b>allotment</b>. ”</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>“In today’s computer world, a floppy disk is an <b>anachronism</b>. ”</i>
<b>anathema</b>	a thing or person greatly detested <i>“Some animal lovers view any type of animal control as an <b>anathema</b>. ”</i>
<b>ancillary</b>	subordinate; subsidiary; auxiliary; assisting <i>“The company hopes to boost its sales by releasing <b>ancillary</b> products. ”</i>
<b>annulment</b>	to do away with; invalidate; put an end to <i>“By appealing the verdict, the lawyer hoped for an <b>annulment</b> of the original decision by a superior court. ”</i>
<b>anonymous</b>	no name known or acknowledged; name withheld <i>“The poem was written by an <b>anonymous</b> poet. ”</i>
<b>antidote</b>	a remedy to counteract a poison <i>“An <b>antidote</b> for the deadly chemical substance was being created in the lab. ”</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>	a contrast or opposition of thoughts <i>“Love is the <b>antithesis</b> of hate. ”</i>
<b>aphorism</b>	a short phrase that expresses a true or wise idea; a terse saying embodying a general truth or astute observation <i>“When decorating, remember the familiar <b>aphorism</b> that less is more. ”</i>
<b>apocryphal</b>	spurious; counterfeit <i>“The <b>apocryphal</b> memories of the countess cannot be admitted as evidence. ”</i>

<b>apothecary</b>	a pharmacist or druggist <i>“Run down to the <b>apothecary</b> to get a refill on that prescription.”</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>appendix</b>	additional or supplementary material at the end of a book <i>“The <b>appendix</b> contained an alphabetized list of terms used.”</i>
<b>appetizing</b>	stimulating; savory; delicious <i>“The <b>appetizing</b> smells in the kitchen made us long for dinnertime.”</i>
<b>application</b>	the act of putting on something; anything applied; a remedy <i>“The <b>application</b> of heat to sore muscles gives relief from pain.”</i>
<b>appraisal</b>	evaluation of price by an expert for sale, taxes, duty, etc. <i>“The customs officer quickly made an <b>appraisal</b> of the jewelry.”</i>
<b>appreciate</b>	to think well of; understand and enjoy; recognize and be grateful for <i>“We sincerely <b>appreciate</b> the help given us.”</i>
<b>appropriation</b>	money set aside for a specific use <i>“A request was made for the <b>appropriation</b> of one million dollars toward charities that offer free cleaning help to patients battling cancer.”</i>
<b>aqueduct</b>	large pipe made for bringing water from a distant source <i>“The <b>aqueduct</b> provided the farmers with 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>arrival</b>	to come to a place; reached destination <i>“Because of the blizzard, my <b>arrival</b> to New York will be delayed.”</i>
<b>arrogance</b>	self-importance; overbearing pride; haughty <i>“Knowing how to speak in an authoritative way, without displaying <b>arrogance</b> is a soft skill that not everyone possesses.”</i>
<b>artifact</b>	any object made by human work <i>“The <b>artifact</b> was discovered near the site of the ancient burial ground.”</i>
<b>artillery</b>	guns of large caliber, too heavy to carry; cannon or missile launchers <i>“The role of <b>artillery</b> is to bombard heavily defended positions so other forces can move in with less resistance.”</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>"A Buddhist monk is an example of someone practicing <b>asceticism</b>."</i>
<b>asinine</b>	stupid, silly, obstinate, etc. <i>"It's <b>asinine</b> to build a house on such a poor foundation."</i>
<b>aspire</b>	to be ambitious <i>"Each contestant will <b>aspire</b> to win."</i>
<b>assign</b>	to set apart or mark for specific purpose; place or set a task or duty <i>"The teacher will <b>assign</b> the lesson for the next class."</i>
<b>athlete</b>	person trained to contest for prizes in exercises, games, sports <i>"The <b>athlete</b> is used to heavy physical exertion."</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>avuncular</b>	of, like, or in the relationship of, an uncle <i>"<b>Avuncular</b> advice is apt to be kindly and indulgent."</i>
<b>axiom</b>	statement accepted as true; maxim; self-evident <i>"Although you keep using that <b>axiom</b> as the basis for your paper, the concept itself is not true."</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>balloon</b>	large airtight bag that when filled with air, floats above the earth; small inflatable rubber bag used as a toy <i>"The <b>balloon</b> was filled with helium gas."</i>
<b>balustrade</b>	a railing <i>"The <b>balustrade</b> 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>barrel</b>	large round container; any hollow or solid cylinder <i>"An empty <b>barrel</b> makes more noise than a full one."</i>

<b>bassoon</b>	double-reed bass woodwind instrument having a long mouthpiece attached <i>"The clarinet, flute, saxophone and <b>bassoon</b> are all woodwind instruments."</i>
<b>battalion</b>	a large group of soldiers arrayed for battle; any large group joined in some activity <i>"While a company is smaller than a <b>battalion</b>, a <b>battalion</b> is smaller than a brigade, and there are many battalions within one brigade."</i>
<b>beguile</b>	to influence by trickery or flattery; mislead; delude <i>"The realtor hoped to <b>beguile</b> buyers by decoration the house with fancy furnishings."</i>
<b>belligerent</b>	of war; fighting; seeking war or a fight; readiness to quarrel <i>"You make more friends by being nice than you do by being <b>belligerent</b>."</i>
<b>benevolent</b>	doing or inclined to do good; kindly; charitable <i>"The company has proved to be a most <b>benevolent</b> employer."</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>"It is an advantage to be <b>bilingual</b> when applying for a job."</i>
<b>bizarre</b>	marked by extreme contrasts and incongruities of color, design, or style <i>"The <b>bizarre</b> movie we watched last night was so odd we left the theater in stunned silence."</i>
<b>blossom</b>	flower or bloom, esp. of a fruit-bearing plant; begin to develop <i>"We went to Washington, D.C. to see the cherry trees in <b>blossom</b>."</i>
<b>blurred</b>	smearred or stained; hazy or indistinct <i>"The writing was <b>blurred</b> and difficult to decipher."</i>
<b>bracelet</b>	ornamental band or chain worn on the wrist, arm, or ankle <i>"This is a <b>bracelet</b> and this one will be a necklace."</i>
<b>braggadocio</b>	a braggart <i>"You are handsome, but you don't have to be such a <b>braggadocio</b>."</i>
<b>brimming</b>	to be full to the top <i>"The polluted lake was <b>brimming</b> with discarded soda cans and water bottles."</i>
<b>broody</b>	to dwell moodily on one's thoughts; a fowl, ready to hatch eggs <i>"Why are you so <b>broody</b> today?"</i>

<b>buffoon</b>	person who is funny and always clowning around <i>“The script was so poorly written, not even the actor’s role as a <b>buffoon</b> was able to amuse the audience.”</i>
<b>building</b>	any structure that is built with walls and roof; the act of constructing <i>“They worked in one <b>building</b> and lived in another.”</i>
<b>bumptious</b>	disagreeably conceited, arrogant, or forward <i>“When my <b>bumptious</b> classmate gave the wrong answer to the teacher’s question, I could not help but laugh.”</i>
<b>burglary</b>	the act of unlawfully entering with intent to commit a theft or felony <i>“The police put out descriptions of the thief who committed the <b>burglary</b>.”</i>
<b>cacophony</b>	jarring sound <i>“The <b>cacophony</b> in the freshman dining room was horrendous to the ears.”</i>
<b>cadence</b>	any rhythmic flow of sound <i>“The radio announcer had a hypnotic <b>cadence</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>“Even though we were all different, we established a sense of <b>camaraderie</b> while taking a class together.”</i>
<b>camouflage</b>	disguise or concealment of this kind <i>“The tanks’ <b>camouflage</b> prevented enemy planes from seeing them.”</i>
<b>cannibal</b>	person who eats human flesh; animal which eats its own kind <i>“The missionary taught the <b>cannibal</b> how to stop the practice.”</i>
<b>canonical</b>	according to or ordered by church law <i>“These regulations are <b>canonical</b>.”</i>
<b>capacious</b>	roomy, spacious <i>“Since we have over 100 people coming to the training, we need to find a <b>capacious</b> venue.”</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>carbonaceous</b>	of, consisting of, or containing carbon <i>“Coat tar is <b>carbonaceous</b>.”</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>cardinal</b>	of main importance; principal; chief <i>"In case of emergency, the <b>cardinal</b> thing to do is to call the police."</i>
<b>caricature</b>	picture of imitation of person in which certain mannerisms or features are exaggerated for effect <i>"On our vacation, I paid an artist to sketch a hilarious <b>caricature</b> of the group."</i>
<b>carrier</b>	transporter, such as paper boy, mailman; train, airplane; ship <i>"To conserve resources, please reuse this <b>carrier</b> bag."</i>
<b>carousel</b>	a merry-go-round <i>"The children were riding on the <b>carousel</b>."</i>
<b>casserole</b>	earthenware or glass baking dish; the food baked and served in this dish <i>"We decided to make a <b>casserole</b> of lasagna."</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>cataclysmic</b>	of the nature of, or having the effect of, a cataclysm; of, relating to, or resulting from a cataclysm <i>"It is believed that a <b>cataclysmic</b> impact caused the extinction of the dinosaurs."</i>
<b>cataplexy</b>	a condition in which consciousness and feeling are suddenly and temporarily lost, and the muscles become rigid <i>"The chief difficulty in the study of <b>cataplexy</b> is the rareness of the disease."</i>
<b>catastrophe</b>	the culminating event of a drama, tragedy; disastrous end; any great and sudden calamity or failure <i>"The sudden earthquake in Mexico City was a tragic <b>catastrophe</b>."</i>
<b>caveat</b>	a warning <i>"The <b>caveat</b> on the pack of cigarettes says that smoking can be harmful to your health."</i>
<b>centennial</b>	100 years; happening once in 100 years; celebration of 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary <i>"This year will be their city's <b>centennial</b>."</i>
<b>cerebellum</b>	the section of the brain behind and below the cerebrum; functions as the coordinating center for muscular movement <i>"In the accident, the <b>cerebellum</b> was injured."</i>



<b>cessation</b>	ceasing or stopping, either forever or for a period of time <i>“Since the bad weather has caused a temporary building <b>cessation</b>, the museum will not be completed on time.”</i>
<b>chagrin</b>	mortification <i>“Much to my <b>chagrin</b>, I failed my math test.”</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>chiffon</b>	sheer, lightweight fabric of silk, nylon, etc.; cooking made light and porous, by the addition of stiffly beaten egg whites <i>“Under a magnifying glass, <b>chiffon</b> resembles a fine net or mesh which gives it some transparency.”</i>
<b>chimerical</b>	imaginary <i>“The police refused to listen to the person’s <b>chimerical</b> tale of an alien abduction.”</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>“An act of <b>chivalry</b> could include holding the door open for someone.”</i>
<b>choppy</b>	shifting constantly, as the wind or the sea; rough with short, broken waves <i>“The lake became <b>choppy</b> in the storm.”</i>
<b>choreography</b>	the art of devising dances, especially ballets <i>“The <b>choreography</b> for the dance scenes in ‘The Turning Point’ was quite good.”</i>
<b>chronic</b>	continuing indefinitely; perpetual; constant <i>“A <b>chronic</b> problem is difficult to face.”</i>
<b>cinematographer</b>	a motion-picture cameraman <i>“A <b>cinematographer</b> is essential to making a film.”</i>
<b>cinnamon</b>	yellowish-brown spice, popular in fruit pies or quick breads <i>“<b>Cinnamon</b>, nutmeg and ginger were all measured carefully for the pie filling.”</i>

<b>circuitous</b>	roundabout; indirect; devious <i>"We took a <b>circuitous</b> path up the mountain."</i>
<b>clairvoyance</b>	keen perception or insight <i>"The fortune teller's <b>clairvoyance</b> with a crystal ball was amazing."</i>
<b>clique</b>	a small, exclusive group of people <i>"Slang terms are often known only within a <b>clique</b> or in-group."</i>
<b>coercive</b>	of coercion or tending to coerce <i>"During the American Revolution, the colonists fought against what they saw as the <b>coercive</b> government of Great Britain."</i>
<b>collate</b>	to compare in order to consolidate; to gather together in proper order, such as pages of a book, for printing or for a binder <i>"We spent a few hours in the library to <b>collate</b> the roster pages."</i>
<b>colleague</b>	associate in office <i>"A positive relationship with a <b>colleague</b> can make a big difference at work."</i>
<b>collide</b>	to come into violent contact; strike violently against each other <i>"If the two cars continued on the same path, they would eventually <b>collide</b>."</i>
<b>colloquial</b>	conversational <i>"Because a job interview is such a serious event, one should not speak in a <b>colloquial</b> tone."</i>
<b>comatose</b>	as if in a coma; lethargic; torpid <i>"The patient remained in a <b>comatose</b> condition."</i>
<b>command</b>	to give orders to; direct with authority; control; to have jurisdiction over <i>"It was evident the young soldier would <b>command</b> obedience."</i>
<b>commercial</b>	connected with trade; stores, office buildings; made or operating primarily for profit <i>"The <b>commercial</b> course offered training in business methods, marketing, sales."</i>
<b>commingle</b>	to mingle together; intermix, blend <i>"Ground waters originating in different beds <b>commingle</b> into one stream."</i>
<b>commission</b>	authorization to perform duties or tasks; percentage of money taken in on sales given as pay; group with authority to act <i>"They were a <b>commission</b> authorized to work for the people."</i>

<b>commit</b>	deliver for safekeeping; give in charge; to put in custody <i>"The United Nations decided to <b>commit</b> several military resources to help other countries."</i>
<b>community</b>	all the people living in the district, city, etc.; similarity, likeness of taste; the condition of living with others <i>"People in this <b>community</b> want to keep the area safe for children to play in."</i>
<b>compassionate</b>	feeling or showing compassion <i>"The <b>compassionate</b> nurse listened to the patient's tale."</i>
<b>competition</b>	rivalry; contest; official participation in organized sport <i>"They met in order to consider the kind of fixed rules needed for the <b>competition</b>."</i>
<b>concurrent</b>	happening at the same time; existing together; converging <i>"The judge gave the defendant <b>concurrent</b> sentences."</i>
<b>condescend</b>	to make concessions; agree; assent <i>"Do you think the CEO would ever <b>condescend</b> to have lunch with us in the cafeteria?"</i>
<b>condign</b>	deserved; suitable <i>"The movie was not <b>condign</b> for those under the age of thirteen."</i>
<b>conditional</b>	containing, implying, or dependent on a condition or conditions; qualified; not absolute <i>"If both countries reduce their nuclear weapons development, the <b>conditional</b> treaty will become formal."</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>confabulation</b>	to talk together in an informal way; chat <i>"The students met for a <b>confabulation</b> before going to class."</i>
<b>conjecture</b>	an inference, theory, or prediction based on guesswork; guess <i>"I've made a <b>conjecture</b> on how the situation would turn out."</i>
<b>connecting</b>	fastening two things together; related or associated <i>"Wires were strung, <b>connecting</b> one pole to the next."</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>"The head chef at the popular seafood restaurant is viewed as a lobster <b>connoisseur</b>."</i>
<b>consensus</b>	an opinion held by all or most <i>"The <b>consensus</b> of party professionals was sought."</i>

<b>constitutional</b>	of or in the constitution of a person or thing; basic; essential <i>"Everyone in the United States has <b>constitutional</b> rights."</i>
<b>contemplate</b>	to think about intently <i>"The scientists will <b>contemplate</b> the new theory."</i>
<b>contemptuous</b>	full of contempt; scornful; disdainful <i>"The speaker was very <b>contemptuous</b> of the hecklers."</i>
<b>contumacy</b>	insubordinate resistance to authority; stubbornness <i>"The judge was quick to use <b>contumacy</b> in having argumentative defendants removed from the courtroom."</i>
<b>convey</b>	to make known; communicate in words, actions, appearance <i>"These flowers <b>convey</b> my appreciation."</i>
<b>convoluted</b>	extremely involved; intricate <i>"The <b>convoluted</b> plot was difficult to understand."</i>
<b>cooperate</b>	to act or work together; to combine to produce an effect <i>"The children were asked to <b>cooperate</b> by remaining in their seats."</i>
<b>corridor</b>	long passageway or hall <i>"The <b>corridor</b> was lengthy with several rooms opening from it."</i>
<b>corsair</b>	a pirate ship <i>"The <b>corsair</b> sailed the Arabian Sea."</i>
<b>coruscate</b>	to give off flashes of light; glitter; sparkle <i>"The gemstones did <b>coruscate</b> in the sunlight."</i>
<b>countervail</b>	to make up for; compensate <i>"Long hours of practice in tennis may <b>countervail</b> natural talent."</i>
<b>critique</b>	the act or art of criticizing; criticism <i>"The director did not like the <b>critique</b> of the latest 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>"Many changes have taken place in the legal system since no one will most likely ever have to experience a <b>crucifixion</b>."</i>
<b>currency</b>	medium of exchange; circulation; common acceptance; general use; paper money in circulation in any country <i>"The <b>currency</b> of other countries is sometimes larger in size than ours."</i>

<b>debacle</b>	an overwhelming defeat or rout <i>"We have much to learn from the latest military <b>debacle</b>."</i>
<b>decelerate</b>	to reduce speed; slow down <i>"The driver began to <b>decelerate</b> around the bend."</i>
<b>deciduous</b>	shedding leaves annually <i>"The fall colors on the <b>deciduous</b> trees are beautiful."</i>
<b>deductible</b>	that can be deducted <i>"The expenses involved with the party were not a <b>deductible</b> business expense."</i>
<b>dehydrate</b>	to lose water; become dry <i>"Long distance running can <b>dehydrate</b> a runner."</i>
<b>deign</b>	to condescend to give <i>"I would not <b>deign</b> to comment on such disgusting behavior."</i>
<b>delicacy</b>	pleasing in taste, odor, texture; fragile beauty or graceful slightness <i>"Caviar is considered a <b>delicacy</b> by many."</i>
<b>demagogue</b>	a person who obtains power by appealing to the emotions and prejudice of the populace <i>"The <b>demagogue</b> gained power very quickly and ruthlessly."</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>"Don't stand under the arm of a <b>derrick</b>."</i>
<b>description</b>	the art, process or technique of picturing in words; sort or variety <i>"The detailed <b>description</b> of the product was listed incorrectly on the label."</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>develop</b>	to cause to grow; to build up or expand; to expose to various chemicals to cause a picture to become visible <i>"After growing and cooking with cabbage from my garden, I began to <b>develop</b> a taste for the green vegetable."</i>
<b>dexterity</b>	skill in using one's mind; cleverness <i>"The baby's <b>dexterity</b> was amazing."</i>
<b>diagnostic</b>	of or constituting a diagnosis <i>"<b>Diagnostic</b> procedures, such as X-rays, may save someone's life."</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>diaphanous</b>	so fine or gauzy in texture as to be transparent or translucent <i>"The <b>diaphanous</b> curtains made the room light."</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>"The witness was struggling with a <b>dilemma</b> on whether or not to take the stand and testify."</i>
<b>dirge</b>	a funeral hymn <i>"For a class project, my psychology professor asked all of use to write a poetic <b>dirge</b> about a deceased love one."</i>
<b>discern</b>	to perceive or recognize <i>"A detective's job is to <b>discern</b> who is guilty of a particular crime by evaluating the evidence."</i>
<b>discipline</b>	training that develops self-control, character or orderliness and efficiency; acceptance of or submission to authority <i>"Sometimes the act of <b>discipline</b> is harder for the trainer than the trainee."</i>
<b>discombobulate</b>	to upset the composure of; disconcert <i>"Working twelve hours a day for seven straight days would <b>discombobulate</b> anyone."</i>
<b>disproportionate</b>	not in proportion <i>"The harsh punishment was <b>disproportionate</b> to the infraction."</i>
<b>dissatisfied</b>	not pleased <i>"They were angry and <b>dissatisfied</b> with the given explanation."</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>dissent</b>	differ in belief or opinion; the act of disagreeing; nonconformity <i>"It's a teacher's job to challenge students, urging them to <b>dissent</b> against theories that cannot be proven."</i>

<b>dissertation</b>	a formal and lengthy discourse or treatise on some subject <i>“Students can either do a <b>dissertation</b> or take part in a practical project.”</i>
<b>distressful</b>	painful; grievous; feeling or causing misery, worry or trouble <i>“Seeing reports and pictures of starvation in other countries is very <b>distressful</b>.”</i>
<b>divination</b>	a successful guess; clever conjecture <i>“A fortune teller is able to tell the future through <b>divination</b>.”</i>
<b>doddering</b>	shaky, tottering or senile <i>“We had the tree topped and pruned; but in its <b>doddering</b> state, it was still a hazard.”</i>
<b>doggerel</b>	trivial, poorly constructed verse; jingle <i>“During the poetry contest, the judges gave low scores to the <b>doggerel</b> poems.”</i>
<b>duplicator</b>	machine for making exact copies of letters, photograph, map drawing, etc. <i>“Copies of the proposed budget were made on the <b>duplicator</b>.”</i>
<b>ebullient</b>	overflowing with enthusiasm, high spirits <i>“After winning the game, the fans were <b>ebullient</b>.”</i>
<b>eccentric</b>	not having the same center; deviating from the norm, as in conduct; unconventional <i>“The <b>eccentric</b> furniture designer is known for turning unusual objects into tables and chairs.”</i>
<b>ecclesiastical</b>	of the church <i>“The <b>ecclesiastical</b> history of our church was a topic of discussion during the morning service.”</i>
<b>echelon</b>	any of the levels of responsibility or importance in an organization <i>“The prominent college ranks among the top <b>echelon</b> of schools in the nation.”</i>
<b>eclectic</b>	selecting or choosing from various sources; not following any one system, but selecting and using what may be considered the best elements of all systems <i>“The collection includes an <b>eclectic</b> mix of historical artifacts.”</i>
<b>ecstasy</b>	feeling overpowering joy; great delight; rapture <i>“Whenever I eat at my favorite restaurant, I am in <b>ecstasy</b>.”</i>
<b>ecstatic</b>	subject to ecstasy <i>“The student was <b>ecstatic</b> at being accepted at the university.”</i>

<b>eczema</b>	an inflammatory, itching disease of the skin <i>“Dishwashing liquid can be a skin irritant and cause hand <b>eczema</b>.”</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>effete</b>	lacking in wholesome vigor; degenerate; lacking strength, courage or spirit <i>“Some would say that the three-strikes laws have proven to be completely <b>effete</b> at combating non-violent crime.”</i>
<b>effigy</b>	A representation or image, especially sculptured, as on a monument <i>“An <b>effigy</b> of one of the country’s elected officials was burned in the streets by the angry mob.”</i>
<b>effrontery</b>	unashamed boldness; impudence; audacity; presumption <i>“The actress was insulted by the critic’s <b>effrontery</b>.”</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>“If words are left out at the end of a quoted sentence, use <b>ellipsis</b> marks followed by the necessary ending punctuation.”</i>
<b>emanate</b>	to emit; come forth; issue, as from a source <i>“The only light seemed to <b>emanate</b> from the far end of the tunnel.”</i>
<b>embarrass</b>	to cause to feel self-conscious, confused, and ill at ease <i>“My poem was not meant to <b>embarrass</b> you.”</i>
<b>embassy</b>	the position or functions or business of an ambassador; official residence of an ambassador <i>“We had to choose an ambassador to represent our country at their <b>embassy</b>.”</i>
<b>embellish</b>	to decorate or improve by adding detail <i>“The artist will <b>embellish</b> the vase.”</i>
<b>eminence</b>	a high or lofty place, thing, etc., as a hill <i>“The old citadel sits on an <b>eminence</b> with a commanding view of the city.”</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>encyclopedic</b>	comprehensive in scope; giving information about many things <i>"People participating in certain game shows need to have an <b>encyclopedic</b> memory."</i>
<b>endeavor</b>	try to achieve; an earnest attempt; effort <i>"We will <b>endeavor</b> to find our way out of the maze without help."</i>
<b>engrossing</b>	taking the entire attention; very interesting; absorbing <i>"The play was a good one <b>engrossing</b> us during the several acts."</i>
<b>ensemble</b>	all the parts considered as a whole <i>"The jazz <b>ensemble</b> is composed of five musicians playing as a group."</i>
<b>epitaph</b>	an inscription on a tomb or gravestone in memory of the person buried there <i>"We tried to read the <b>epitaph</b> on the monument."</i>
<b>epithet</b>	an adjective, noun, or phrase used to characterize some person or thing, often specifically a disparaging one <i>"The angry customer screamed an <b>epithet</b> into the phone and slammed down the receiver."</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>"The cheetah is the <b>epitome</b> of a fast-running animal."</i>
<b>equable</b>	not varying or fluctuating much <i>"Our <b>equable</b> cat is always calm and never causes much of a stir."</i>
<b>equivocal</b>	two or more meanings; purposely vague; misleading; ambiguous <i>"The scientist's theory is <b>equivocal</b> and has not been proven in a lab experiment."</i>
<b>errand</b>	a trip to carry a message or do a definite thing; purpose or object for which one goes or is sent <i>"I couldn't stop because I was on an <b>errand</b>."</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>establishment</b>	holding the chief power or influence; a government; officially recognized institution or business <i>"The <b>establishment</b> refuses to give up any of its power to the people."</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>evanescent</b>	tending to fade from sight; vanishing; ephemeral <i>"We momentarily saw the <b>evanescent</b> rainbow."</i>
<b>eventual</b>	happening at the end of, or as a result of; ultimate; final <i>"Much practice would lead to <b>eventual</b> success."</i>
<b>exacerbate</b>	to exasperate; annoy; irritate; embitter <i>"If you do not take your medicine, your condition will <b>exacerbate</b>, and you will feel worse."</i>
<b>excellence</b>	the fact or condition of being better or greater; superiority <i>"<b>Excellence</b> can be achieved through hard work and a commitment to practicing your craft."</i>
<b>excusable</b>	free from blame; justifiable; pardonable <i>"Late arrival for a job interview is never <b>excusable</b>."</i>
<b>exercise</b>	active use or operation; activity for the purpose of training or developing the body or mind; set program of formal speeches, ceremonies <i>"Before piano practice, it is good to <b>exercise</b> the fingers."</i>
<b>exiguous</b>	scanty; meager <i>"Due to my <b>exiguous</b> knowledge of history, I was bound to lose quickly at the history trivia game."</i>
<b>existence</b>	state or fact of being; continuance of life, living; manner of living <i>"The scientist found evidence of the <b>existence</b> of a rare species of plant."</i>
<b>exonerate</b>	to relieve of a burden; unload; free from guilt; absolve <i>"By looking at the surveillance tapes, the store manager was able to <b>exonerate</b> the morning cashier of the register theft."</i>
<b>exotic</b>	foreign, not native; strange in a different way; fascinating <i>"We grow <b>exotic</b> orchids in our greenhouse."</i>
<b>expedient</b>	useful for effecting a desired result <i>"While the patient has no insurance, it is <b>expedient</b> that the hospital staff take all life-saving methods, regardless of their costs."</i>
<b>expertise</b>	the skill, knowledge, judgment of an expert <i>"Because of my <b>expertise</b> in criminal justice, I was invited to be the guest speaker at our town's police conference."</i>

<b>expletive</b>	an oath or exclamation <i>"It is inappropriate to shout an <b>expletive</b> in professional settings."</i>
<b>expression</b>	squeezing out, as of juice; putting into words; eloquent manner of speaking; a look, intonation or sign <i>"An idiomatic phrase 'catch cold' is an <b>expression</b>."</i>
<b>expropriate</b>	to deprive of ownership; dispossess <i>"The state will <b>expropriate</b> acreage for the new airport."</i>
<b>extensive</b>	wide scope; covering a large area; great extent <i>"The areas of cultivation were <b>extensive</b>."</i>
<b>fabricate</b>	to make, build, construct; manufacture; invent a story <i>"They will <b>fabricate</b> an exact model so we can imagine the finished work."</i>
<b>facetious</b>	joking, or trying to be jocular, esp. at an inappropriate time <i>"Although my offer may have sounded <b>facetious</b>, I really want to help you with your problem."</i>
<b>facsimile</b>	an exact reproduction or copy <i>"The painting was a <b>facsimile</b> of the original."</i>
<b>factitious</b>	forced or artificial <i>"Speculators were responsible for the <b>factitious</b> value of some stocks."</i>
<b>fallacy</b>	aptness to mislead; false or mistaken; deceptive; incorrect <i>"Having money makes you happy is a <b>fallacy</b> because happiness has nothing to do with wealth."</i>
<b>familiar</b>	friendly, informal or intimate; too friendly, presumptuous <i>"It was great to return home to <b>familiar</b> surroundings."</i>
<b>fantasize</b>	to create or imagine or have daydreams about <i>"It is easy to <b>fantasize</b> a dream world of only the good things."</i>
<b>farthermost</b>	most distant; most remote <i>"At this point, the <b>farthermost</b> thing on the horizon was the top of the mountain."</i>
<b>fascination</b>	strong attraction; charm; allure <i>"The kitten's <b>fascination</b> with the ball of yarn was a delight to watch."</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>febrifuge</b>	any substance for reducing fever <i>"Aspirin is a popular <b>febrifuge</b>."</i>
<b>felicitous</b>	well-chosen; appropriate; apt; yielding great pleasure <i>"Even though it is raining today, we are still having a <b>felicitous</b> time indoors."</i>
<b>ferocious</b>	fierce; savage; violently cruel <i>"The lion has a <b>ferocious</b> growl."</i>
<b>fickle</b>	changeable or unstable in affection, interest, loyalty <i>"The <b>fickle</b> weather soon had me changing from my shorts into my thick slacks."</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>	legislative body member who obstructs the passage of a bill by making long speeches, introducing irrelevant issues, etc. <i>"The senator carried out the <b>filibuster</b>, ignoring remarks from the floor."</i>
<b>finally</b>	the end; in conclusion; irrevocably <i>"We <b>finally</b> made it to the end of the long road."</i>
<b>finesse</b>	adroitness and delicacy of performance <i>"The hockey player's <b>finesse</b> won the game."</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>fixative</b>	that is able or can make permanent; a substance to prevent fading <i>"Dentures require a strong <b>fixative</b>."</i>
<b>flabbergast</b>	to make speechless with amazement; astonish <i>"Seeing a dog climb a tree may <b>flabbergast</b> you."</i>
<b>flagging</b>	weakening or drooping; tired <i>"Because few people are coming to the movie theater, the cinema is looking for ways to boost its <b>flagging</b> sales."</i>
<b>flannelette</b>	soft, cotton cloth, light in weight <i>"Our puppy loved dragging a piece of <b>flannelette</b> around the house."</i>
<b>fleecy</b>	soft and light <i>"In Hawaii, we saw <b>fleecy</b> clouds drifting in a deep azure sky."</i>

<b>flippant</b>	glib; talkative; frivolous and disrespectful; saucy <i>“Although my apology to the judge sounded <b>flippant</b>, I was really sorry for my actions.”</i>
<b>flourish</b>	blossom; grow vigorously; succeed, thrive; prosper <i>“The seeds will soon <b>flourish</b> and provide our eyes with beauty.”</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>fluoride</b>	A salt of hydrofluoric acid consisting of two elements, one of which is fluorine; a chemical sometimes added to drinking water and toothpaste to help keep teeth healthy <i>“A <b>fluoride</b> mouth wash will help to prevent tooth decay.”</i>
<b>follower</b>	disciple; servant or attendant <i>“The band has a devoted <b>follower</b> who has every one of their albums and posters.”</i>
<b>footloose</b>	free to do as one likes, or to go where one likes; no responsibilities <i>“Europe is filled with <b>footloose</b> students every summer.”</i>
<b>foppery</b>	actions or dress of a vain person <i>“Some people regard the platform shoe as an unfortunate <b>foppery</b> of the 1970s.”</i>
<b>forehead</b>	part of the face between the eyebrows and the hairline; the front part of anything <i>“The unicorn is a mythical animal which looks like a horse with a long horn coming out of its <b>forehead</b>.”</i>
<b>foreword</b>	an introductory remark; introduction; preface <i>“I intended to stay up late reading the latest best seller, but I barely made it through the <b>foreword</b> before dozing off.”</i>
<b>forfeit</b>	to lose, give up, or be deprived of <i>“A lack of players caused the team to <b>forfeit</b> the game.”</i>
<b>forgetting</b>	fail to recall in the mind; overlooking; omitting <i>“I feel awful about <b>forgetting</b> my friend’s birthday.”</i>
<b>fractious</b>	peevish; irritable <i>“The <b>fractious</b> attitude of some of the participants clouded the otherwise enjoyable event.”</i>
<b>fraudulent</b>	deceitful; based on trickery; intentional deception <i>“The investigation proved the papers to be <b>fraudulent</b>.”</i>

<b>frequency</b>	the fact of occurring often or repeatedly <i>“With the <b>frequency</b> of being paid every week motivated the teenage boy to take this job instead of the job that paid once a month.”</i>
<b>fuchsia</b>	shrubby plants of the evening primrose family; purplish red color <i>“The <b>fuchsia</b> were in bloom—a riot of pink, white and red color!”</i>
<b>fuliginous</b>	full of smoke or soot <i>“Smog has caused many of the high-rises in the city to be <b>fuliginous</b>.”</i>
<b>furrier</b>	a dealer in the pelts of animals; person who makes or repairs fur garments <i>“In the marketplace, there were 22 shoemakers, 13 potters, and only one <b>furrier</b>.”</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>garnishee</b>	to attach a debtor’s property, wages, etc. by the authority of a court, so it can be used to pay a debt <i>“It is required by law to <b>garnishee</b> the employee’s salary.”</i>
<b>garrison</b>	troops stationed in a fort; to place troops on duty <i>“Once the troops make it to the <b>garrison</b> they will rest for the night.”</i>
<b>garrulous</b>	talking too much; loquacious <i>“Though my window is closed, I can still hear my <b>garrulous</b> neighbors loudly gossip in the night.”</i>
<b>gazettes</b>	newspaper, various official publications <i>“The poems were published in all the official <b>gazettes</b> throughout the state.”</i>
<b>generally</b>	to or by most people; popularly; extensively; usually <i>“It is <b>generally</b> thought that the changing to daylight savings time is a good thing.”</i>
<b>generic</b>	that is not a trademark <i>“The <b>generic</b> product was cheaper than the brand name product.”</i>
<b>genuine</b>	purebred; not counterfeit or artificial; real; true <i>“The jeweler confirmed that the stone was a <b>genuine</b> emerald.”</i>
<b>ghastly</b>	horrible; frightful; ghostlike; very bad or unpleasant <i>“There was a <b>ghastly</b> smile on the creepy monster’s face.”</i>

<b>gimlet</b>	a small boring tool with a handle at right angles to a shaft having at the other end a spiral, pointed cutting edge <i>"The district attorney's <b>gimlet</b> eyes bored through witnesses like a power drill."</i>
<b>giraffe</b>	large cud-chewing animals of Africa with very long necks and legs <i>"The <b>giraffe</b> often reaches a height of 18 feet."</i>
<b>gladiolus</b>	any of the genus of plants of the iris family; a flower <i>"The garden was filled with <b>gladiolus</b> of many colors."</i>
<b>glossary</b>	foreign terms, definitions, translations, included in alphabetical listings at the end of a textbook <i>"We really appreciated the <b>glossary</b> because some of the words were difficult and unknown to us."</i>
<b>gnash</b>	to grind or strike together, as in anger or pain <i>"The caged tigers <b>gnash</b> their teeth and lunge at the bars."</i>
<b>gorgeous</b>	brilliantly colored; magnificent; beautiful; wonderful <i>"When we looked out the balcony of our hotel, the only thing we noticed was the <b>gorgeous</b> view of the ocean."</i>
<b>government</b>	exercise of authority over a state, district, country, etc.; the executive or administrative branch <i>"Our <b>government</b> is constituted by the political coalition in power."</i>
<b>grammatical</b>	conforming to the prescribed rules of grammar <i>"The teacher was impressed by the students' essays that were concise and <b>grammatical</b>."</i>
<b>grandiloquent</b>	using high-flown, pompous, bombastic words and expressions <i>"The applicant's use of <b>grandiloquent</b> terminology failed to impress the job interviewer."</i>
<b>gratify</b>	give pleasure or satisfaction to; indulge <i>"I had to <b>gratify</b> my longing for a sweet with one piece of cake."</i>
<b>grievance</b>	circumstance thought to be unjust; resentment or complaint <i>"In order to receive a refund, I must put my <b>grievance</b> in writing and then mail the complaint to the hotel manager."</i>
<b>grizzled</b>	gray, or streaked with gray; having gray hair or whiskers <i>"<b>Grizzled</b> veterans in uniform gathered at the war monument."</i>
<b>grueling</b>	extremely trying; exhausting; harsh treatment <i>"To some, working in the mine seemed a <b>grueling</b> punishment."</i>
<b>guileless</b>	candid, frank; open <i>"The <b>guileless</b> baby was not afraid of strangers."</i>

<b>gymnasium</b>	room equipped for physical training and games of sport <i>"In the <b>gymnasium</b>, the stands were filled with cheering fans."</i>
<b>habilitate</b>	clothe, equip, outfit; education or train mentally or physically handicapped <i>"Teachers were needed to <b>habilitate</b> the mentally ill patients."</i>
<b>handkerchief</b>	small piece of cloth, usually rectangular, for wiping the nose, eyes or face; cloth carried or worn for ornament <i>"To deal with runny noses, we always keep a cotton <b>handkerchief</b> within reach."</i>
<b>handwriting</b>	writing done by hand with pen, pencil, chalk, etc., a style of forming letters <i>"The <b>handwriting</b> on the old letter was faded and hard to read."</i>
<b>happening</b>	occurrence; incident; event <i>"That <b>happening</b> on stage brought a spontaneous burst of applause."</i>
<b>harmonize</b>	to be in accord; agree; pleasing arrangement of singing <i>"One of the strengths of the quartet is that they could <b>harmonize</b> all four voices with perfect pitch."</i>
<b>hazardous</b>	involving chance; risky; dangerous <i>"They loved mountain climbing even though they knew it to be <b>hazardous</b>."</i>
<b>heartily</b>	friendly, sincere, cordial way; with zest, enthusiasm <i>"The audience laughed <b>heartily</b> throughout 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>helicopter</b>	kind of aircraft lifted vertically and moved horizontally in any direction, or kept hovering by large motor driven rotary blades <i>"The police <b>helicopter</b> is a crime deterrent."</i>
<b>hemorrhage</b>	heavy bleeding <i>"To terminate the internal <b>hemorrhage</b>, the surgeon must operate and stop the bleeding."</i>
<b>heroism</b>	quality of brave action; nobility; valor <i>"The firefighters' <b>heroism</b> in rescuing the child from the water was recognized."</i>
<b>hexagon</b>	six cornered; plane figure with six sides and six angles <i>"The playground was laid out as a <b>hexagon</b>, using all available space."</i>



<b>hibernate</b>	to spend the winter in a dormant state <i>"Bears <b>hibernate</b> in dens and caves or hollow trees for the winter."</i>
<b>hilarity</b>	noisy merriment; boisterous gaiety <i>"Smiling ourselves, we listened to the <b>hilarity</b> from the party next door."</i>
<b>historical</b>	concerned with history as a science; based on people or events of the past <i>"The <b>historical</b> book was based on things that happened in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century."</i>
<b>honesty</b>	refraining from lying, cheating or stealing; being truthful <i>"<b>Honesty</b> is always the best policy."</i>
<b>horrible</b>	terrible, dreadful; frightful; very bad; ugly <i>"I had a <b>horrible</b> feeling I would be late and miss my train."</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>hubbub</b>	confused sound of many voices; uproar; tumult <i>"The <b>hubbub</b> ceased as the chairman's gavel was heard."</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>humorous</b>	funny; amusing; comical <i>"The <b>humorous</b> video went viral after a few million people found the dancing cat to be funny enough to share."</i>
<b>hurricane</b>	violent tropical cyclone with winds moving at 73 or more miles per hour <i>"A <b>hurricane</b> is often accompanied by torrential rains."</i>
<b>hurried</b>	to act more rapidly; rushed or rushing; hasty <i>"They <b>hurried</b> away from the scene of the accident."</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>hydrophyte</b>	a plant growing only in water or very wet earth <i>"Each <b>hydrophyte</b> was a different color."</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>hymeneal</b>	a wedding song <i>“The ground was spread with leaves and flowers, and their musicians sung a <b>hymeneal</b> song.”</i>
<b>hyperbole</b>	obvious and intentional exaggeration; an extravagant statement or figure of speech not intended to be taken literally <i>“During the hurricane, it seemed as though the <b>hyperbole</b>, ‘raining cats and dogs’, was almost accurate.”</i>
<b>hypochondriac</b>	a person who has hypochondria <i>“My college roommate was a <b>hypochondriac</b> who wore a facial mask to avoid inhaling germs.”</i>
<b>hypocrisy</b>	a pretending to be what one is not, or to feel what one does not feel <i>“When you agree to serve a cause and then back out, I would call that <b>hypocrisy</b>.”</i>
<b>identify</b>	show to being the thing or person known or thought to be claimed <i>“To cash a check, one must be able to <b>identify</b> oneself.”</i>
<b>ideology</b>	the doctrines, opinions, or way of thinking of an individual class, etc. <i>“What should count, no matter what the <b>ideology</b> is the education of kids.”</i>
<b>idiosyncrasy</b>	personal peculiarity or mannerism <i>“The home’s colorful <b>idiosyncrasy</b> made it stand out in the neighborhood of white houses.”</i>
<b>idolize</b>	to love or adore exceedingly; to worship <i>“The teen had begun to <b>idolize</b> the pop singer and had posters of them plastering the bedroom walls.”</i>
<b>ignominy</b>	shame and dishonor <i>“Our team has to face the <b>ignominy</b> of a long losing streak.”</i>
<b>ignorant</b>	having little knowledge; inexperienced; uneducated <i>“They were <b>ignorant</b> of the facts of the case and could not judge.”</i>
<b>illicit</b>	not allowed by law; prohibited; unauthorized <i>“They plotted together at an <b>illicit</b> meeting.”</i>
<b>illuminate</b>	light up; make clear; to brighten; elucidate <i>“They strung more lights to <b>illuminate</b> the pool area.”</i>
<b>illustrate</b>	make clear by examples; to furnish with explanatory drawings, pictures <i>“Once the preschool book was written, the artist was hired to carefully <b>illustrate</b> the book with a picture on every page.”</i>

<b>imaginary</b>	fanciful; unreal; visionary <i>“Telling the kids a story about characters who lived in an <b>imaginary</b> world with dragons and princesses excited the kids.”</i>
<b>immature</b>	not ripe; not completely grown or developed incomplete <i>“The oranges are <b>immature</b> and will not be fully ripe until January.”</i>
<b>immediate</b>	having nothing coming between; in direct contact; not separated <i>“When code clue was announced at the hospital, everyone noticed the <b>immediate</b> attention of every doctor and nurse.”</i>
<b>immigrant</b>	person coming into a new country, region or environment to settle there <i>“During the early 1900s, an <b>immigrant</b> entering into New York City was mostly from Ireland and Germany.”</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>“Because of the <b>impasse</b> between workers and management, the factory has been closed for two weeks.”</i>
<b>impatience</b>	annoyance because of delay; restless eagerness to go or do <i>“The children were starting to show signs of <b>impatience</b>.”</i>
<b>impecunious</b>	having no money <i>“Plans are being developed to help the <b>impecunious</b> people in the city who are without housing.”</i>
<b>imperialism</b>	the policy and practice of seeking to dominate the economic or political affairs of underdeveloped areas or weaker countries <i>“The nation’s <b>imperialism</b> has once again led to a war with a country that refuses to be controlled by outside authorities.”</i>
<b>impertinent</b>	not showing proper respect or manners <i>“As the site’s webmasters, it is their job to monitor the online forum for <b>impertinent</b> comments.”</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>“Unfortunately, this plan is harder to <b>implement</b> than we thought it would be.”</i>
<b>importance</b>	significance; a matter of consequence <i>“The doctor explained the <b>importance</b> of eating healthy meals and getting rest to the sick patient.”</i>

<b>impression</b>	mark or imprint made by physical pressure; a vague notion “Our footprints made an <b>impression</b> in the sand.”
<b>impulsive</b>	sudden inclination to act; acting spontaneously “ <i>In a burst of <b>impulsive</b> generosity, I offered to pay.</i> ”
<b>inaccurate</b>	not correct; not exact; in error “ <i>The statement in the paper was an <b>inaccurate</b> quote.</i> ”
<b>incandescence</b>	white hot “ <i>The metal was heated to a state of <b>incandescence</b>.</i> ”
<b>incident</b>	likely to happen as a result; happening; occurrence “ <i>This <b>incident</b> may bring serious results.</i> ”
<b>included</b>	enclosed; contained; involved “ <i>The use of the pool was <b>included</b> with the rental of the apartment.</i> ”
<b>incongruous</b>	lacking harmony or agreement “ <i>There’s something <b>incongruous</b> about eating dessert before the main course.</i> ”
<b>incorrigible</b>	that cannot be corrected, improved, or reformed “ <i>Even after spending a year in jail, the thief remains <b>incorrigible</b> and unafraid of the law.</i> ”
<b>incredible</b>	unbelievable; seemingly impossible “ <i>The wildflowers will be <b>incredible</b> after this rain.</i> ”
<b>incredulous</b>	showing doubt or disbelief “ <i>Their eyes were large with <b>incredulous</b> joy.</i> ”
<b>incubator</b>	artificially heated container for hatching eggs “ <i>The chicks hatched in the <b>incubator</b> were downy and soft to touch.</i> ”
<b>incumbent</b>	currently in office “ <i>The <b>incumbent</b> president of the company is resigning so a younger person can take control of the business.</i> ”
<b>indefinite</b>	not precise or clear in meaning; vague; blurred; uncertain “ <i>An <b>indefinite</b> amount of money was to be spent.</i> ”
<b>independent</b>	free from control; self-governing; self-reliant “ <i>The <b>independent</b> school district is completely separate from other schools in the area.</i> ”
<b>indicate</b>	direct attention; to point out; declare “ <i>The compass will always <b>indicate</b> which way is north.</i> ”

<b>indirect</b>	not straight; deviating; not fair and open; secondary <i>"The path was easily followed but seemed long and <b>indirect</b>."</i>
<b>indiscreet</b>	lacking prudence; unwise; careless <i>"You are likely ill-suited to be a secret agent if you are <b>indiscreet</b> and do not know how to act with caution."</i>
<b>individual</b>	existing as a single separate thing or being; particular; unique <i>"The <b>individual</b> was distinguished from others by special characteristics."</i>
<b>indomitable</b>	not easily discouraged <i>"Even after three attempts, the new skier was <b>indomitable</b>."</i>
<b>inducement</b>	motive; incentive; persuasion <i>"Delicious looking desserts in the bakery window were an <b>inducement</b> for the dieting walker passing by the store."</i>
<b>indurate</b>	to make callous, unfeeling, or stubborn <i>"The country's leaders developed an <b>indurate</b> attitude toward the citizens."</i>
<b>industrial</b>	productive manufacturing; connected with habitual employment <i>"Small factories, shops, business offices, etc. were all in this <b>industrial</b> area of the city."</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>"Even as a young child, the singer was <b>infatuated</b> with music."</i>
<b>inferior</b>	lower in space, in order, status, quality, etc. <i>"The new apartment was <b>inferior</b> to our last one."</i>
<b>infirmary</b>	feebleness; weakness; frailty or ailment; defect <i>"The elderly are much more likely to fall victim to a serious <b>infirmary</b>."</i>
<b>infraction</b>	a breaking of a law, pact; violation; infringement <i>"As soon as the referees saw the <b>infraction</b>, they threw yellow flags on the field."</i>
<b>inimical</b>	unfriendly; hostile <i>"The <b>inimical</b> participants at the rally prevented the audience from having fun."</i>
<b>initiate</b>	introduce; start; to admit a new member <i>"The teacher will <b>initiate</b> the students by teaching them the fundamentals."</i>

<b>innovation</b>	something newly introduced <i>"Americans are always interested in <b>innovation</b>."</i>
<b>inordinate</b>	lacking restraint or moderation <i>"Some dogs are very hyper and require an <b>inordinate</b> amount of attention from their owners."</i>
<b>inquiry</b>	question; query; an investigation or examination <i>"The new neighbor made <b>inquiry</b> of several householders concerning the customs of the neighborhood."</i>
<b>insatiable</b>	constantly wanting more; that cannot be satisfied or appeased <i>"The adventurer had an <b>insatiable</b> curiosity for exploring caves."</i>
<b>inscrutable</b>	that cannot be easily understood <i>"Not even the leading experts in criminology could understand the killer's <b>inscrutable</b> motives."</i>
<b>insinuation</b>	sly hint or suggestion <i>"Your <b>insinuation</b> of unfairness on my part is unjust."</i>
<b>interior</b>	on the inside; inner; away from the coast; border or frontier <i>"The apple looked ripe, but the <b>interior</b> was green and hard."</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>intrepid</b>	not afraid; bold; fearless <i>"The <b>intrepid</b> adventurer climbed the rocky mountain without fear."</i>
<b>intrinsic</b>	belonging to the real nature of a thing <i>"If students want to accomplish their academic goals, they must have the <b>intrinsic</b> motivation to push themselves."</i>
<b>inveigle</b>	to lead on with deception <i>"The salesperson intended to <b>inveigle</b> me into buying the car."</i>
<b>invisible</b>	that cannot be seen; out of sight; imperceptible <i>"The mountains were <b>invisible</b> because of the heavy fog."</i>
<b>irascible</b>	easily angered; quick-tempered <i>"It does not take much to aggravate my <b>irascible</b> neighbor who is annoyed by any little noise."</i>
<b>iridescent</b>	having or showing shifting changes in color or an interplay of rainbow-like colors, as when seen from different angles <i>"The <b>iridescent</b> gemstone glowed with warm colors in the lamplight."</i>

<b>irregular</b>	not conforming to established rule, method, standards; not uniform <i>"The trains run on an <b>irregular</b> schedule, frustrating commuters."</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>jettison</b>	throwing overboard goods to lighten a ship or airplane in an emergency <i>"The pilot ordered the crew to <b>jettison</b> some of the cargo to conserve fuel."</i>
<b>judiciary</b>	the court of laws and judges in a country, state, etc.; the branch of government that includes courts of law and judges <i>"The state <b>judiciary</b> consists of supreme court and district court judges."</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>kohlrabi</b>	a garden vegetable related to the cabbage: the edible part is a bulbous portion of the stem just above the ground <i>"The <b>kohlrabi</b> grew very well in the fertile soil."</i>
<b>lackadaisical</b>	listless; languid <i>"If I receive <b>lackadaisical</b> service in a restaurant, I generally will not return to that establishment."</i>
<b>lagging</b>	falling behind; not keeping up; loitering; lingering <i>"This work must go forward without a lot of <b>lagging</b>."</i>
<b>languid</b>	sluggish <i>"Those two acted like <b>languid</b> people, lacking force and quickness."</i>
<b>languish</b>	to lose vigor or vitality <i>"Without regular exercise, the body will <b>languish</b>."</i>
<b>largo</b>	relatively slow, but faster than largo <i>"The section of the sonata must be played <b>largo</b>."</i>
<b>lassitude</b>	state of being weary; tired and listless <i>"The dry desert heat caused a feeling of <b>lassitude</b> in all of us."</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>lavalier</b>	an ornament hanging from a chain, worn around the neck <i>“The jeweler created a diamond <b>lavalier</b> that was well worth the cost.”</i>
<b>legation</b>	a diplomatic minister and his staff collectively, representing his government in a foreign country <i>“The French <b>legation</b> provided travel information.”</i>
<b>leisurely</b>	without haste; deliberate; slow; unhurried <i>“They enjoyed a <b>leisurely</b> stroll along the boardwalk.”</i>
<b>liaison</b>	a linking up or connecting of the parts of the whole <i>“The negotiator acted as a <b>liaison</b> between players and management.”</i>
<b>library</b>	room or building where a book collection is kept for reading or reference; a collection of books, periodicals, musical scores, etc. <i>“The <b>library</b> was extensive, but we could not find some references we needed.”</i>
<b>literally</b>	exactly; not imaginatively; actually in fact <i>“The house <b>literally</b> burned to the ground.”</i>
<b>lobbyist</b>	representative of a special interest group trying to influence the introduction of or voting on legislation <i>“In the crowded ballroom, the <b>lobbyist</b> tried hard to attract the legislator’s attention.”</i>
<b>lullaby</b>	song for lulling baby to sleep; cradle song; music for this <i>“The baby falls asleep fastest with a soothing <b>lullaby</b>.”</i>
<b>luminary</b>	any famous or well-known person <i>“The <b>luminary</b> stopped to sign an autograph.”</i>
<b>luminous</b>	giving off light; shining; bright <i>“The moon was <b>luminous</b> in the night.”</i>
<b>maleficent</b>	harmful; hurtful; evil <i>“Most people view terrorists as <b>maleficent</b> individuals.”</i>
<b>malign</b>	to speak harmful untruths about; speak evil of; slander; defame <i>“People who <b>malign</b> others by telling falsehoods are usually unhappy with their own lives.”</i>
<b>malingering</b>	to pretend to be ill or otherwise incapacitated in order to escape duty or work <i>“The lazy student tried to <b>malingering</b> when it was time to work on the essay.”</i>
<b>malleable</b>	capable of being changed, molded, trained, etc. <i>“Tin is a very <b>malleable</b> metal.”</i>



<b>mallet</b>	hammer with heavy wooden head and short handle; long-handled hammer with cylindrical wooden head used in playing croquet <i>"Using the croquet <b>mallet</b>, he knocked the ball through the hoop."</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>mangy</b>	shabby and filthy; sordid; squalid <i>"We need to get rid of that <b>mangy</b> old carpet in the bedroom."</i>
<b>manifest</b>	make clear or evident; itemized list of cargo or bill of lading <i>"The <b>manifest</b> showed a number of things they had not expected."</i>
<b>mapped</b>	drawing charted or arranged on a flat surface; survey or explore <i>"Their journey was <b>mapped</b> for them on a detailed chart."</i>
<b>marriage</b>	wedlock; matrimony; wedding <i>"The couple prepared for their upcoming <b>marriage</b> by buying custom rings."</i>
<b>marshmallow</b>	confection or candy made from sugar, starch, corn syrup and gelatin <i>"<b>Marshmallow</b> candy is not my favorite."</i>
<b>matted</b>	closely tangled together in a dense mass <i>"Water was still flowing across the island, carrying along a <b>matted</b> raft of vegetation and small household items."</i>
<b>maudlin</b>	foolishly and tearfully or weakly sentimental <i>"I could not enjoy the movie because it was so <b>maudlin</b> it came across as incredibly foolish."</i>
<b>maximize</b>	to increase to the maximum; raise to the highest possible degree; enlarge, intensify <i>"Companies are trying to <b>maximize</b> profits."</i>
<b>meaningful</b>	having significance or purpose <i>"School rules must be put in a context that is <b>meaningful</b> to the students."</i>
<b>meddlesome</b>	interfering; mixing in affairs without being asked <i>"Our boss's <b>meddlesome</b> ways makes everyone in the office uncomfortable."</i>
<b>mellifluous</b>	sounding sweet and smooth; honeyed <i>"At night the stream outside our cabin makes a <b>mellifluous</b> sound that is very peaceful to our ears."</i>
<b>merriment</b>	gaiety; fun; mirth; something that amuses or entertains <i>"The clowns brought much <b>merriment</b> to the small children."</i>

<b>messenger</b>	one who carries or delivers; forerunner; harbinger <i>“The law firm sent a <b>messenger</b> to pick up the documents from their clients’ business office.”</i>
<b>metallic</b>	having the nature of metal; containing or producing metal <i>“The new car was a bright, <b>metallic</b> green.”</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>miasma</b>	an unwholesome or befogging atmosphere, influence <i>“A <b>miasma</b> of smog hung low in the sky, polluting the atmosphere considerably.”</i>
<b>miscreant</b>	an evil person; criminal; villain <i>“For the computer savvy <b>miscreant</b>, it is a great age in which to be a hacker.”</i>
<b>middling</b>	medium quality or size; moderately good or well <i>“They’ve had only <b>middling</b> success.”</i>
<b>minimum</b>	smallest possible quantity, number or degree; lowest point <i>“The <b>minimum</b> number for the committee was five.”</i>
<b>mnemonic</b>	helping, or meant to help, the memory <i>“Our math professor taught us a simple <b>mnemonic</b> for remembering how to complete the equation.”</i>
<b>molasses</b>	thick, dark brown syrup produced during the refining of sugar <i>“We enjoyed the newly baked bread spread with <b>molasses</b>.”</i>
<b>monologue</b>	a play, skit, or recitation for one actor only <i>“Most of the playwright’s words began with a <b>monologue</b> that described what would take place during the play.”</i>
<b>mucilage</b>	gum or glue, etc. used as an adhesive <i>“<b>Mucilage</b> from the prickly pear fruit may work as a natural, non-toxic way to disperse an oil spill.”</i>
<b>muggy</b>	hot and damp with no stirring of air <i>“When it’s hot and <b>muggy</b>, no one feels like working.”</i>
<b>mulligatawny</b>	an East Indian soup of meat, etc., flavored with curry <i>“The chef had a very special recipe for <b>mulligatawny</b>.”</i>
<b>munificence</b>	very generous in giving; lavish <i>“I thanked them for their <b>munificence</b>.”</i>

<b>mutter</b>	low, indistinct tone; to complain or grumble <i>“All we heard was a <b>mutter</b> when the student received a disappointing report card.”</i>
<b>muumuu</b>	a full, long, loose garment for women, usually worn by Hawaiians <i>“The unofficial dress code, especially on a Friday, is flowery aloha shirts and <b>muumuus</b>.”</i>
<b>mystify</b>	to puzzle or perplex <i>“When they don’t see the radio, the sound will <b>mystify</b> them.”</i>
<b>narrative</b>	in story form; a story, account, tale <i>“Between the scenes of the play, one student read <b>narrative</b> passages.”</i>
<b>necessary</b>	essential; indispensable; mandatory <i>“The increase in dues made it <b>necessary</b> for us to amend the bylaws.”</i>
<b>neither</b>	not one or the other; no one <i>“<b>Neither</b> of the two cousins was invited to attend.”</i>
<b>nineteen</b>	nine more than ten <i>“<b>Nineteen</b> guests attended the dinner.”</i>
<b>nominee</b>	candidate for election; one chosen or appointed <i>“There were several candidates on the ballot, but only one <b>nominee</b> for the office treasurer.”</i>
<b>normally</b>	naturally; usually; ordinarily <i>“We could <b>normally</b> expect a full day’s work during the summer.”</i>
<b>novelette</b>	short fictional story <i>“The <b>novelette</b> was made into a movie script.”</i>
<b>numismatist</b>	coin collector <i>“The rare four dollar U.S. coin was verified as legitimate by a <b>numismatist</b> who was familiar with various coins.”</i>
<b>oasis</b>	fertile place in the desert; welcome relief from difficulty <i>“The <b>oasis</b> had a good water well and was fringed with welcome shade.”</i>
<b>obsession</b>	persistent idea, desire, emotion <i>“Parents grew concerned when their teenager’s cell phone seemed to be more of an <b>obsession</b> than just a useful device.”</i>
<b>occasion</b>	fact or event making something possible; happening; occurrence <i>“The majesty of the <b>occasion</b> thrilled us all.”</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>offering</b>	gift or contribution; theatrical presentation <i>"They are <b>offering</b> a reward for the return of their cat."</i>
<b>official</b>	holding position of authority; authorized <i>"Only the <b>official</b> administrator of the city could declare a state of emergency."</i>
<b>ogle</b>	to stare at boldly in an impertinent, provocative way <i>"The variety of cookies in the bakery window caused the children to <b>ogle</b> them."</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>omission</b>	failure to include; left out; failure to do as one should <i>"The <b>omission</b> of the word changed the context of the sentence."</i>
<b>omniscient</b>	having infinite knowledge <i>"Unless you're <b>omniscient</b>, you can't possibly predict what type of technology we'll be relying on in twenty years."</i>
<b>onomatopoeia</b>	formation of a word by imitating the natural sound associated with the object or action involved <i>"One example of <b>onomatopoeia</b> is the word 'buzz'."</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>opponent</b>	person against one; adversary <i>"The candidate's <b>opponent</b> waged a clean campaign."</i>
<b>opulent</b>	very wealthy or rich <i>"The car's interior was <b>opulent</b>."</i>
<b>oread</b>	a mountain nymph <i>"An <b>oread</b> prefers to live in hills and mountains."</i>
<b>ostracize</b>	to banish, bar, exclude <i>"In our food shortage study we wanted to see how many subjects would be willing to <b>ostracize</b> others to save themselves."</i>
<b>pageantry</b>	gorgeous display <i>"There was no shortage of <b>pageantry</b> for the royal couple."</i>
<b>parallel</b>	extending in the same direction, at the same distance, never to meet <i>"Fern Avenue and Cypress Avenue run <b>parallel</b> to each other."</i>

<b>paramount</b>	ranking higher than any other, as in power or importance; chief; supreme <i>"The ability to teach students to think is <b>paramount</b> to a teacher's success."</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>parody</b>	a poor or weak imitation <i>"The play was a <b>parody</b> of the Broadway hit."</i>
<b>parsimonious</b>	miserly <i>"Scrooge was a <b>parsimonious</b> man."</i>
<b>passable</b>	can be circulated as genuine; can be traveled, crossed over; adequate <i>"The mountain road was winding and narrow but looked <b>passable</b>."</i>
<b>pedagogue</b>	a teacher <i>"Only a great <b>pedagogue</b> could have taught that complex course."</i>
<b>peppery</b>	highly seasoned; sharp or fiery in speech; irritable <i>"The dip was <b>peppery</b> but really delicious."</i>
<b>perceptive</b>	able to perceive quickly and easily <i>"The driver was <b>perceptive</b> and avoided the accident."</i>
<b>perennial</b>	lasting or continuing for a long time <i>"Billie Jean King was a <b>perennial</b> champion."</i>
<b>perforate</b>	to make a hole or holes through, as by punching or boring; pierce <i>"You must <b>perforate</b> the ballot to record your selections."</i>
<b>pejorative</b>	disparaging or derogatory <i>"While the detectives were supposed to be neutral, they described the suspect in a <b>pejorative</b> manner."</i>
<b>permeable</b>	that which can be permeated <i>"The skin is a semi-<b>permeable</b> membrane."</i>
<b>permission</b>	formal consent; allowing to leave or go <i>"We were required to have parental <b>permission</b> to ride the bus."</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>"Many say the natural resources of this planet will not last in <b>perpetuity</b>."</i>

<b>persiflage</b>	light, frivolous or flippant style of writing or speaking <i>"Comedians commonly use <b>persiflage</b> in their acts."</i>
<b>persuade</b>	urge to do something; to convince <i>"If your friends try to <b>persuade</b> you to break the law, you should consider making new friends."</i>
<b>pertinent</b>	having a connection with; to the point; relevant <i>"We thought the action was <b>pertinent</b> for the results we desired."</i>
<b>phenomenal</b>	highly remarkable <i>"As one can see from our <b>phenomenal</b> sales, our business is having an amazing year."</i>
<b>phenomenon</b>	any extremely unusual or extraordinary thing or occurrence <i>"Haley's Comet is a <b>phenomenon</b> to remember."</i>
<b>phlegm</b>	thick, stringy mucus discharged from the throat, as during a cold <i>"If the patient is coughing up <b>phlegm</b>, the cough should be allowed to continue."</i>
<b>pinion</b>	to confine or shackle <i>"The police threatened to <b>pinion</b> the suspect."</i>
<b>pittance</b>	small amount or share, such as money <i>"The musicians earn a <b>pittance</b> for their weekly bar show."</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>platitude</b>	a commonplace or trite remark, especially one uttered as if it were fresh or original <i>"After hearing the salesperson's unoriginal <b>platitude</b>, I decided to go to another car dealer."</i>
<b>platter</b>	large, shallow dish for serving food <i>"We needed the largest <b>platter</b> for the turkey."</i>
<b>plausible</b>	seemingly true; seemingly honest, trustworthy, etc. <i>"The writer of the movie consulted a professional athlete in order to make the sports' film more <b>plausible</b>."</i>
<b>plebeian</b>	vulgar, coarse, or common <i>"The millionaire called the hotel a <b>plebeian</b> accommodation because it did not offer room service."</i>

<b>plebiscite</b>	a direct vote by the entire people to accept or refuse the measure or program <i>“After the votes in the <b>plebiscite</b> were counted, the city manager announced a new school would be built.”</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>plentiful</b>	sufficient or more than enough; abundant <i>“A <b>plentiful</b> supply of oranges has caused the fruit’s price to decline.”</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>polarize</b>	to separate into diametrically opposed, often antagonistic, groups, viewpoints <i>“The new housing development will <b>polarize</b> the community.”</i>
<b>porpoise</b>	any of several small, gregarious cetaceans, usually blackish above and paler beneath, and having a blunt, rounded snout <i>“Dolphins and <b>porpoises</b> actually differ in their faces, fins and body shapes.”</i>
<b>possibility</b>	quality or condition of being done, known or acquired <i>“There is a <b>possibility</b> that our next trip will be to Disneyland.”</i>
<b>potpourri</b>	a medley, miscellany, or anthology <i>“A mixture of various meats and vegetables is called a <b>potpourri</b>.”</i>
<b>pottery</b>	place where earthenware is made; ceramics, pots, etc. made of clay <i>“The <b>pottery</b> is not ready for use until hardened by heat.”</i>
<b>practically</b>	in a workable way; almost; nearly <i>“My essay is <b>practically</b> finished now.”</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>premise</b>	to introduce or preface <i>"The entire <b>premise</b> of the case hinges on whether or not the defendant had a motive."</i>
<b>prestigious</b>	having or imparting prestige or distinction <i>"The <b>prestigious</b> writer had a great following."</i>
<b>pretense</b>	false claim or profession <i>"The small hotel is without <b>pretense</b> and does not claim to be as grand as a luxury hotel."</i>
<b>prevision</b>	foresight or foreknowledge <i>"Some <b>prevision</b> warned the explorer of trouble."</i>
<b>privilege</b>	a right, advantage, favor or immunity granted to one; option to buy or sell <i>"That <b>privilege</b> is held by only a certain group."</i>
<b>procession</b>	orderly parade moving forward; in an orderly formal way <i>"The elephants moved in <b>procession</b> – trunk to tail."</i>
<b>prodigy</b>	a person, think or act so extraordinary as to inspire wonder <i>"Mozart was a child <b>prodigy</b>."</i>
<b>profession</b>	vocation or occupation requiring advanced education or training <i>"The <b>profession</b> of medicine involves intellectual skills as well as education."</i>
<b>profligate</b>	extremely wasteful; recklessly extravagant <i>"None of the company's leaders are willing to accept responsibility for the <b>profligate</b> manner in which our money was spent."</i>
<b>progeny</b>	children, descendants, or offspring collectively <i>"We could be dooming our <b>progeny</b> by ruining the environment."</i>
<b>proliferate</b>	to multiply rapidly <i>"As nuclear weapons <b>proliferate</b>, we are all concerned."</i>
<b>propitiate</b>	appease or conciliate <i>"I've never gone out of my way to <b>propitiate</b> people."</i>
<b>propriety</b>	conformity with what is proper or fitting <i>"An etiquette book gives rules of <b>propriety</b>."</i>
<b>proscenium</b>	the apron of a stage <i>"The curtain closed behind her as she stepped forward to speak to the audience from the <b>proscenium</b>."</i>



<b>prosciutto</b>	salted ham that has been cured by drying, always sliced paper-thin for serving <i>“For the nightly special, the chef made fettuccini with <b>prosciutto</b> and peas.”</i>
<b>pseudo</b>	sham; false; spurious; pretended; counterfeit <i>“The <b>pseudo</b> – classical architecture follows the ancient customs and is very elegant.”</i>
<b>psychosomatic</b>	designating or of a physical disorder of the body originating in or aggravated by the psychic or emotional processes of the individual <i>“There are several ways in which <b>psychosomatic</b> symptoms can be generated.”</i>
<b>publicly</b>	open to all; commonly known or observed <i>“It was <b>publicly</b> announced that there would be a merger of the companies.”</i>
<b>pursuit</b>	try to overtake or catch; an occupation, career to which one devotes time and energy; striving for <i>“The leopard is capable of reaching a very high speed when in <b>pursuit</b> of a prey.”</i>
<b>qualms</b>	sudden brief feelings of sickness, faintness, nausea; feelings of doubt <i>“My <b>qualms</b> with this company is their lack of contributions to local charities.”</i>
<b>quarrel</b>	cause for dispute or disagreement; to find fault; complain heatedly <i>“A <b>quarrel</b> can break up friendly relations.”</i>
<b>quasi</b>	having a likeness to something; resembling <i>“The <b>quasi</b> scholar carried many books, but never read them.”</i>
<b>questionnaire</b>	form used for gathering information; set of questions <i>“The <b>questionnaire</b> was lengthy but fun to do.”</i>
<b>quixotic</b>	extravagantly chivalrous or romantically idealistic <i>“The burglars were still stuck in the city because their <b>quixotic</b> getaway plan had failed.”</i>
<b>raillery</b>	light, good-natured ridicule or satire <i>“I’m never offended by my manager’s <b>raillery</b> because I know it’s simply good-natured teasing.”</i>
<b>rapport</b>	relationship, esp. a close one; agreement; harmony <i>“The <b>rapport</b> I have with my therapists allows me to talk about my deepest thoughts.”</i>
<b>rascalion</b>	a rascal; rogue <i>“The <b>rascalion</b> ran off with the money.”</i>

<b>rasher</b>	a thin slice of bacon or, rarely, ham, for frying or broiling <i>"A greasy <b>rasher</b> popped and sizzled in the pan."</i>
<b>ratiocinate</b>	to reason logically and methodically <i>"Solving algebra problems requires students to engage in <b>ratiocinate</b> thought to determine the unknown variable."</i>
<b>really</b>	in fact; actually; truly or genuinely <i>"They did not <b>really</b> understand the danger involved."</i>
<b>rebellion</b>	act or state of armed resistance; defiance of authority <i>"The <b>rebellion</b> was well armed and organized."</i>
<b>receipt</b>	written acknowledgement; to mark paid <i>"The <b>receipt</b> showed the invoice had been paid in full."</i>
<b>receptacle</b>	container; vessel to hold something <i>"The antique hall stand had a metal <b>receptacle</b> for wet umbrellas."</i>
<b>recipe</b>	a list of ingredients and directions for preparing a dish; procedure <i>"The <b>recipe</b> for carrot cake was one of the chef's favorites."</i>
<b>reclamation</b>	reclaiming or being reclaimed <i>"The <b>reclamation</b> program for the eroded land was successful."</i>
<b>reconnaissance</b>	an exploratory survey or examination <i>"The corporal led a special squad on a <b>reconnaissance</b> mission."</i>
<b>recycle</b>	to use and reuse again and again <i>"We save a lot of items to take to the <b>recycle</b> collection stations."</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>regenerate</b>	renewed or restored <i>"The brain has the amazing ability to <b>regenerate</b> cells, restoring them as they are lost."</i>
<b>rejuvenate</b>	to make seem fresh or new again <i>"A long vacation will <b>rejuvenate</b> the teachers."</i>
<b>relegate</b>	to refer, commit, or hand over for decision, action <i>"The director will <b>relegate</b> the problem to the committee."</i>
<b>relieve</b>	lessen pressure; lighten or reduce pain; free or send help <i>"They played games to <b>relieve</b> the monotony of the trip."</i>
<b>reminisce</b>	to think, talk or write about remembered events or experiences <i>"As soon as the veterans get together, they <b>reminisce</b> about their service days."</i>

<b>repartee</b>	a quick, witty reply <i>"The <b>repartee</b> between the two actors made the movie really funny."</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>repellent</b>	pushing away or driving back; able to resist absorption of water <i>"We applied the solution to the garment to make it water <b>repellent</b>."</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>replicate</b>	to repeat or duplicate <i>"The scientist will try to <b>replicate</b> the experiment."</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>repossess</b>	reclaim; get back <i>"The buyer failed to make payment, so the furniture was available for the seller to <b>repossess</b>."</i>
<b>reprehensible</b>	deserving to be reprimanded <i>"Assassination is a <b>reprehensible</b> crime."</i>
<b>rescind</b>	to revoke, repeal, or cancel <i>"The officers of the company will <b>rescind</b> the ruling."</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>resistance</b>	act of opposing, withstanding; ability to ward off disease <i>"It is hoped that flu shots will increase our <b>resistance</b> to colds."</i>
<b>resonance</b>	the sound produced in the percussion of some part of the body, especially of the chest. <i>"Playing piano sets up <b>resonance</b> in the glass vases nearby."</i>
<b>responsibility</b>	obligation; accountability; dependability <i>"Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is the <b>responsibility</b> of everyone since we ultimately have the power to eat whatever we like."</i>
<b>restitution</b>	a making good for loss or damage <i>"The settlement was a fair <b>restitution</b> for the accident."</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>"To me music is a <b>reverie</b> that allows me to escape my tedious job."</i>
<b>revolving</b>	circling around; regularly replenished as a charge account <i>"The <b>revolving</b> door is used to keep out drafts of air."</i>
<b>rheostat</b>	a device for varying the resistance of an electric circuit without interrupting the circuit <i>"A light dimmer is a <b>rheostat</b>."</i>
<b>rhythm</b>	flow or apparent movement in a work of art, literature, drama, etc., through patterns in the timing, spacing, repetition, accenting, etc., of the elements <i>"The <b>rhythm</b> of the story kept our attention."</i>
<b>righteous</b>	just, upright manner of acting; morally justifiable <i>"No matter how good and <b>righteous</b> you think your cause is, you cannot break the law."</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>"A <b>rosette</b> is perfect for the buttonhole of a lapel."</i>
<b>rubbery</b>	elastic; toughness <i>"Beating eggs too much will result in a <b>rubbery</b> consistency."</i>
<b>ruckus</b>	noisy confusion; uproar; row; disturbance <i>"The <b>ruckus</b> on campus quickly ended."</i>
<b>rudiment</b>	a first principle, element, or fundamental, as of a subject to be learned <i>"One <b>rudiment</b> of singing is proper breathing."</i>
<b>sacrosanct</b>	very sacred, holy, or inviolable <i>"The award-winning filmmakers felt their movies were too <b>sacrosanct</b> to be criticized by the media."</i>
<b>salient</b>	noticeable; conspicuous <i>"Without all of the <b>salient</b> data, it will be impossible for the accountant to prepare your tax returns."</i>
<b>sanguinary</b>	bloodthirsty <i>"I get queasy at the sight of blood so I cover my eyes during <b>sanguinary</b> films."</i>

<b>sapphire</b>	hard, transparent precious stone of deep blue color <i>"My <b>sapphire</b> had a six-pointed star in it."</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>scarcity</b>	inadequate supply; rarity; uncommonness <i>"During the hot spell of summer, we had a <b>scarcity</b> of water."</i>
<b>scathing</b>	searing; withering; harsh or caustic <i>"The <b>scathing</b> criticism did not inspire the students to improve their writing skills."</i>
<b>schism</b>	a split or division in an organized group or society <i>"Because of the <b>schism</b> that has divided the football players, our high school team will not play a game this week."</i>
<b>schooner</b>	a ship with two or more masts rigged fore and aft <i>"The <b>schooner</b> stood well out in the bay but was easily seen."</i>
<b>sciatica</b>	pain and tenderness at some points of the sciatic nerve, usually caused by a prolapsed intervertebral disk <i>"Most <b>sciatica</b> patients are delighted with the results they get after weeks or months of care."</i>
<b>scintilla</b>	a particle; the least trace: used only figuratively <i>"Wild charges flourished without a <b>scintilla</b> of evidence."</i>
<b>sciolism</b>	superficial knowledge <i>"An age of <b>sciolism</b> may get the better of the literary world."</i>
<b>scissors</b>	a cutting instrument; having two blades which work against each other <i>"The <b>scissors</b> used by the kindergarteners have blunt ends."</i>
<b>scrimmage</b>	rough and tumble fight; confused struggle; football play <i>"The two teams lined up to take part in the <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>secrecy</b>	the condition of being concealed; kept secluded <i>"Everyone involved in the <b>secrecy</b> of the surprise party did their part."</i>
<b>semaphore</b>	an apparatus or system for signaling <i>"The Navy often uses a <b>semaphore</b> system to send messages between ships at sea."</i>
<b>sensible</b>	easily perceived or noticed; intellectually aware; reasonable <i>"If you are <b>sensible</b>, you will not use your credit cards unnecessarily."</i>

<b>sepulcher</b>	tomb <i>“The fans of the dead celebrity placed flowers and gifts near the marble <b>sepulcher</b>.”</i>
<b>sequel</b>	something that follows <i>“Will there be a <b>sequel</b> to the movie?”</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>“Do you have a <b>serviette</b>, please?”</i>
<b>shibboleth</b>	any phrase, custom, etc., distinctive of a particular party, class, etc. <i>“In order to be recognized by fellow club members, you must learn the <b>shibboleth</b> we use as a greeting.”</i>
<b>shimmer</b>	shine with unsteady light; glimmer <i>“The reflection from waves made the dim light <b>shimmer</b>.”</i>
<b>shrubbery</b>	place of low-growing, woody plantings <i>“We lost the ball when it went into the <b>shrubbery</b>.”</i>
<b>silhouette</b>	an outline of a figure, garment, etc. <i>“From the building’s dark <b>silhouette</b> in the painting, I can recognize it as the tallest structure in the world.”</i>
<b>silverware</b>	tableware made of or coated with silver <i>“The <b>silverware</b> showed clearly the care taken to polish it.”</i>
<b>similar</b>	nearly but not exactly the same; resemblance <i>“Our new shoes were <b>similar</b>.”</i>
<b>skimmer</b>	that which is used to remove floating matter from a liquid <i>“We had to buy a new net for the pool <b>skimmer</b>.”</i>
<b>sleeveless</b>	having no sleeves; nothing over the arms <i>“Winter is not the season for <b>sleeveless</b> clothing.”</i>
<b>smidgen</b>	a small amount; a bit <i>“A <b>smidgen</b> of pepper should be added next.”</i>
<b>solicitor</b>	one who seeks contributions or trade <i>“The best way of finding a <b>solicitor</b> is through personal recommendation.”</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>"The summer <b>solstice</b> occurs in June and is the longest day of the year."</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> humor in the movie only appeals to teenagers."</i>
<b>spanning</b>	to extend, reach or cross over, etc. <i>"The bridge <b>spanning</b> the mighty river was teeming with traffic."</i>
<b>spasmodic</b>	having an involuntary contraction, temporarily or intermittently <i>"People who have <b>spasmodic</b> seizures may have warning signs that alert them of the upcoming convulsions."</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>speechless</b>	unable to talk; silent, as from shock <i>"The sight of the Grand Canyon made them temporarily <b>speechless</b>."</i>
<b>splutter</b>	making hissing sounds; speak hurriedly; utter sounds of confusion <i>"The rain caused the lamp to <b>splutter</b>."</i>
<b>spoonfuls</b>	as much as a spoon will hold <i>"The plates were filled by heaping <b>spoonfuls</b>."</i>
<b>spotter</b>	person or thing that removes stains; watcher for aircraft <i>"Police brought in a <b>spotter</b> plane to clock the speeds of bikers."</i>
<b>spume</b>	foam, froth, or scum <i>"The water will <b>spume</b> out of the pipe indicating a soapy condition."</i>
<b>statute</b>	established rule; legislation passed <i>"The <b>statute</b> was passed by the state legislative body."</i>
<b>strategic</b>	favorable planning; maneuvering advantageously <i>"Winning at chess consists of <b>strategic</b> moves."</i>
<b>strictly</b>	precisely; exactly; closely enforced <i>"The diet must be followed <b>strictly</b> as ordered."</i>

<b>stymie</b>	to block; impede <i>“At the concert, the security guards worked hard to <b>stymie</b> crazed fans from grabbing their idols.”</i>
<b>subcutaneous</b>	being, used, or introduced beneath the skin <i>“You could consider a splinter a <b>subcutaneous</b> wound since it usually gets stuck under your skin.”</i>
<b>substantive</b>	of considerable amount or quantity; substantial <i>“Their donation of \$5,000 was <b>substantive</b>.”</i>
<b>succinct</b>	clearly and briefly stated <i>“The ideal summary is <b>succinct</b> and to the point.”</i>
<b>succumb</b>	give away to; yield or submit <i>“I will not <b>succumb</b> to the temptations offered by the donut shop.”</i>
<b>superfluous</b>	not needed, unnecessary, irrelevant <i>“I have cut down every <b>superfluous</b> expense.”</i>
<b>superintendent</b>	person in charge; supervisor, custodian <i>“The <b>superintendent</b> was found to be honest and trustworthy.”</i>
<b>supervisor</b>	manager; director <i>“The <b>supervisor</b> is in charge of the courses and the teachers.”</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>sycophant</b>	a person who seeks favor by flattering people of wealth or influence <i>“While it helps to be a <b>sycophant</b> if you want to excel in politics, you can also go far by simply being straightforward with people.”</i>
<b>syllipsis</b>	a grammatical construction <i>“A <b>syllipsis</b> is used to modify two or more words in the same sentence.”</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>syzygy</b>	either of two opposing points in the orbit of a heavenly body at which it is in conjunction to or in opposition to the sun <i>“We studied the condition of <b>syzygy</b> in astronomy.”</i>



<b>technical</b>	technical arts or applied sciences; the practical arts <i>“Only a <b>technical</b> expert would be aware of the meaning of those terms.”</i>
<b>tenacious</b>	persistent, stubborn <i>“The reporter’s <b>tenacious</b> search for the truth helped solve a murder case that had been open for twenty years.”</i>
<b>tenuous</b>	not substantial, slight, flimsy <i>“The <b>tenuous</b> bridge was washed away in the storm.”</i>
<b>therapeutic</b>	serving to cure or heal; curative <i>“The <b>therapeutic</b> massage relieved the pain in my back.”</i>
<b>tranquilizer</b>	a person or thing that tranquilizes <i>“They plan to sedate the giant mammal with a <b>tranquilizer</b>.”</i>
<b>transition</b>	a passing from one condition, form, stage, activity, place to another <i>“The <b>transition</b> from fall to winter was marked by a storm.”</i>
<b>transmission</b>	something transmitted <i>“The radio <b>transmission</b> was received in Brazil.”</i>
<b>triage</b>	the process of sorting victims, as of a battle or disaster, to determine medical priority in order to increase the number of survivors <i>“The paramedics had to immediately do <b>triage</b> upon arriving at the scene of the disaster.”</i>
<b>unctuous</b>	oily or greasy <i>“Goose fat gives the most <b>unctuous</b> flavor but you can use chicken fat.”</i>
<b>unprecedented</b>	unheard-of; novel <i>“The president took <b>unprecedented</b> steps toward peace.”</i>
<b>unscathed</b>	not hurt, uninjured, unharmed <i>“Fortunately, the firefighters were able to get out of the building <b>unscathed</b>.”</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>vengeance</b>	revenge <i>“The family sought <b>vengeance</b> for the loss.”</i>
<b>verdigris</b>	a green or greenish-blue coating that forms like rust on brass, bronze, or copper <i>“The <b>verdigris</b> on the city hall dome must be removed.”</i>

<b>verisimilitude</b>	the appearance of being true or real <i>"The color treatment of black and white movies has a <b>verisimilitude</b>."</i>
<b>vertigo</b>	a subjective sensation of dizziness in which an individual feels that he, or his surrounding, is whirling about sickeningly <i>"During my doctor's visit, I was told my lightheadedness was caused by <b>vertigo</b> brought on by an ear infection."</i>
<b>vicissitude</b>	shifting circumstances <i>"A <b>vicissitude</b> of public life is the election process."</i>
<b>vignette</b>	a short, delicate literary sketch <i>"The <b>vignette</b> was a great work by the promising author."</i>
<b>visionary</b>	a person whose ideas, plans, are impractical, too idealistic, or fantastic; dreamer <i>"The <b>visionary</b> described a utopia that could never exist."</i>
<b>wobbly</b>	shaky; trembly <i>"The legs of the table needed strengthening because they were <b>wobbly</b>."</i>
<b>xenophobia</b>	fear or hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything foreign or strange <i>"<b>Xenophobia</b> sometimes 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>zealot</b>	a person who is zealous to an extreme degree; fanatic <i>"The <b>zealot</b> was dedicated to the cause."</i>

# **LEVEL III**

<b>aardvark</b>	burrowing African mammal; earth pig <i>"The <b>aardvark</b> feeds on ants and termites and is active at night."</i>
<b>abattoir</b>	to beat down; fell; a slaughterhouse <i>"They built a new <b>abattoir</b> on the outskirts of the city."</i>
<b>abecedarian</b>	beginning student; learning the alphabet <i>"The <b>abecedarian</b> in the class had never attended school until now."</i>
<b>abeyance</b>	temporary suspension, as of an activity or function <i>"Due to the rain, the rodeo was in <b>abeyance</b>."</i>
<b>abhorrence</b>	loathing; detestation; something repugnant <i>"As a pacifist, I have a strong <b>abhorrence</b> of violence."</i>
<b>abnegate</b>	deny or refuse; renounce; to give up all claim to <i>"The school principal hoped the speaker could encourage students to <b>abnegate</b> the use of drugs."</i>
<b>abolitionist</b>	one who favored giving up slavery <i>"My professor is an <b>abolitionist</b> who travels throughout the world speaking out against human rights violations."</i>
<b>abreact</b>	to relieve emotion by talking about it <i>"The young child was surprisingly able to <b>abreact</b> the most complex of feelings."</i>
<b>abscissa</b>	the coordinate representing the distance of a point from the y-axis measured along a line parallel to the x-axis <i>"The <b>abscissa</b> is the value of all x coordinates."</i>
<b>acanthoid</b>	spiny or spiny-shaped <i>"The cactus plant is an <b>acanthoid</b>."</i>
<b>acappella</b>	without instrumental accompaniment <i>"They both sang in the <b>a cappella</b> choir in high school."</i>
<b>accelerator</b>	a person or thing that increased the speed of something <i>"A chemical was used as an <b>accelerator</b> in the development of the film."</i>
<b>accessory</b>	extra; additional; helping in a subordinate way <i>"This silk scarf is the perfect <b>accessory</b> for stylish summer evenings."</i>
<b>accumbent</b>	lying down <i>"The gardener planted <b>accumbent</b> ivy that spread over the old brick walk."</i>
<b>accusatorial</b>	of, or in the manner of, an accuser; blamer <i>"The system became almost completely <b>accusatorial</b> and the judge decided the case on evidence presented by both sides."</i>

<b>acidulous</b>	somewhat sarcastic <i>"Because the salesperson spoke to me in an <b>acidulous</b> tone, I chose to take my business elsewhere."</i>
<b>acme</b>	the highest point <i>"The team reached its <b>acme</b> when it won the national championship."</i>
<b>acolyte</b>	one who assists in a religious service; follower <i>"A cult depends on having one <b>acolyte</b> after another in order to grow."</i>
<b>acquiescent</b>	agreeing or consenting without protest, but without enthusiasm <i>"Most of the class was <b>acquiescent</b>."</i>
<b>adamant</b>	unyielding <i>"The author's pleas to extend the deadline met with <b>adamant</b> refusal."</i>
<b>adiabatic</b>	involving expansion or compression without loss or gain of heat <i>"The compression and power strokes of a gasoline engine are <b>adiabatic</b> processes."</i>
<b>aeronautics</b>	the science, art, or work of designing, making, and operating aircraft <i>"<b>Aeronautics</b> doesn't deal with only space adventures, but the science of flight in general."</i>
<b>aeroneurosis</b>	nervous disorder of airplane pilots caused by the tension of flying <i>"The pilot's abdominal pains were suggestive of <b>aeroneurosis</b>."</i>
<b>affectionately</b>	devotedly; lovingly; warmly <i>"This series of photographs <b>affectionately</b> evokes the experience of watching movies."</i>
<b>affidavit</b>	written statement made before a notary public <i>"Once the <b>affidavit</b> is verified, it will be turned over to the judge to be used as a factor in the guardianship decision."</i>
<b>aficionado</b>	a devoted follower of some sport, art, etc. <i>"Without an <b>aficionado</b> to lead them through the process of building the robot, the science students were forced to figure it out themselves."</i>
<b>agape</b>	with or as with the mouth wide open, in surprise, wonder, etc. <i>"When I first saw the sunset in the Grand Canyon, I could only stand staring with my mouth <b>agape</b>."</i>
<b>agglutinated</b>	stuck together as with glue; joined by adhesion <i>"The blood cells formed an <b>agglutinated</b> mass suspended in the fluid."</i>
<b>aggrieved</b>	offended; wronged; injured in one's legal rights <i>"When the teacher accused the wrong student of throwing the wad of paper, the <b>aggrieved</b> student's face grew red with anger."</i>

<b>agitated</b>	shaken; perturbed; excited <i>“An <b>agitated</b> fan started cursing from the stands as the team made one bad play after another.”</i>
<b>agitprop</b>	of or for agitating and propagandizing <i>“In the 1920’s, <b>agitprop</b> theater was used to influence watchers politically.”</i>
<b>agonistic</b>	contesting; combative <i>“A horde of <b>agonistic</b> lawyers stormed the bench.”</i>
<b>agoraphobia</b>	abnormal fear of crossing, or of being in, open spaces <i>“The psychiatrist sees patients with severe <b>agoraphobia</b> in their homes since they are too fearful to come to the office.”</i>
<b>aiguille</b>	peak of rock shaped like a needle <i>“The <b>aiguille</b> was so high in the air it could be seen for miles.”</i>
<b>akimbo</b>	with hands on hip and elbows bent outward <i>“Arms <b>akimbo</b>, the teacher stood waiting for an answer.”</i>
<b>alacrity</b>	eager willingness or readiness, often manifested by quick, lively action <i>“Tip in hand, the maitre d’ seated the couple with <b>alacrity</b>.”</i>
<b>alchemy</b>	early form of chemistry; changing something to something better <i>“The chief aim in the study of <b>alchemy</b> in the Middle Ages was to change baser metals into gold and to discover the elixir of perpetual youth.”</i>
<b>algae</b>	group of plants having no true root, stem or leaf <i>“Chemicals help to keep <b>algae</b> from growing in the swimming pool.”</i>
<b>alignment</b>	arrangement in a straight line <i>“Because the car’s front end was out of <b>alignment</b>, a mechanic was hired to straighten things up.”</i>
<b>allegiance</b>	obligation of support and loyalty <i>“We took an oath of <b>allegiance</b> upon entering the military, and none of us plan on violating it.”</i>
<b>allonym</b>	another name, usually historical, adopted by an author <i>“The writer’s <b>allonym</b> was Socrates.”</i>
<b>alopecia</b>	loss of hair on the head; baldness <i>“<b>Alopecia</b> is an autoimmune disorder which causes complete hair loss and a shaken self-image.”</i>
<b>altruistic</b>	unselfish <i>“The billionaire is <b>altruistic</b>, giving away millions of dollars every year to various charities.”</i>

<b>alyssum</b>	plant in the mustard family <i>"We planted sweet <b>alyssum</b> as a border along the walkway."</i>
<b>amateur</b>	nonprofessional; one who does something for pleasure rather than for pay <i>"Even though I am an <b>amateur</b> singer, I hope to make a career out of it one day."</i>
<b>amaurosis</b>	partial or total blindness <i>"A small minority of those who experience <b>amaurosis</b> have a stroke or permanent vision loss as a result."</i>
<b>ambiance</b>	an environment or its distinct atmosphere <i>"The <b>ambiance</b> of New Orleans is very European."</i>
<b>ambulatory</b>	able to walk and not confined to bed <i>"We will be opening two new <b>ambulatory</b> care facilities for private patients in May."</i>
<b>ameliorate</b>	to make or become better; improve <i>"The children at the orphanage thought the new wing would <b>ameliorate</b> the current conditions."</i>
<b>amenity</b>	pleasant quality; attractiveness <i>"The walk-in closet was my favorite <b>amenity</b> in the apartment."</i>
<b>amethyst</b>	a purple or violet variety of quartz used for jewelry <i>"I want an <b>amethyst</b> ring, but I don't know what my ring size is."</i>
<b>amoeba</b>	microscopic one-celled animal <i>"The <b>amoeba</b> is found in soil and in water."</i>
<b>amphibious</b>	can live both on land and in water; can operate or travel on land or on water <i>"The seaborne transport made an <b>amphibious</b> landing of troops on shore."</i>
<b>anaglyph</b>	ornament carved in low relief, such as a cameo <i>"The <b>anaglyph</b> sometimes seems three dimensional."</i>
<b>anchorage</b>	money charged for the right to tie up in the port; something to rely on <i>"We left the ship in secure <b>anchorage</b> at the port."</i>
<b>aneurysm, aneurism</b>	sac formed by local enlargement of the weakened wall of an artery, caused by disease or injury <i>"The doctors had to locate and remove the <b>aneurysm</b>."</i>
<b>anguished</b>	distressed; in great pain; suffering from worry <i>"Beneath their highly cool exterior, they were <b>anguished</b> and distraught."</i>

<b>annihilate</b>	to bring to nothing; destroy completely <i>“Nuclear war would <b>annihilate</b> the earth.”</i>
<b>anodyne</b>	relieving or lessening pain; soothing <i>“Soft music is the perfect <b>anodyne</b> to help me relax after work.”</i>
<b>antediluvian</b>	of or relating to the time before the biblical flood; made or developed a long time ago <i>“Our prospective home is in good condition except for an <b>antediluvian</b> heating system that needs to be replaced.”</i>
<b>anthropomorphic</b>	characterized by the ascribing of human characteristics to inanimate objects or animals <i>“The poet wrote an <b>anthropomorphic</b> description of a tree.”</i>
<b>applique</b>	applying decorative material to another by sewing or adhesive <i>“<b>Applique</b> art has a long history in China.”</i>
<b>arabesque</b>	a complex and elaborate design of intertwined flowers, foliage, geometrical patterns, etc., painted or carved in low relief <i>“The famous unicorn tapestry, with its intricate floral pattern, is an <b>arabesque</b>.”</i>
<b>arachnoid</b>	resembling a spider’s web; covered with or made up of thin, soft, entangled hairs <i>“The lacy table cloth at the old restaurant had an <b>arachnoid</b> look to it.”</i>
<b>arboreal</b>	living in trees or adapted for living in trees <i>“Monkeys are <b>arboreal</b> creatures.”</i>
<b>archipelago</b>	a group or chain of many islands <i>“We visited the Philippine <b>archipelago</b> last year.”</i>
<b>arenaceous</b>	sandy <i>“The cactus grows well in <b>arenaceous</b> soil.”</i>
<b>assentation</b>	immediate and usually flattering or hypocritical assent <i>“All of their <b>assentation</b> had negative effects on the company’s reputation.”</i>
<b>assiduous</b>	diligent; persevering <i>“The <b>assiduous</b> students chose to work on their term paper instead of going out to play.”</i>
<b>asthenic</b>	designating or of a constitutional body type of slender physique <i>“Resistance training can benefit the <b>asthenic</b> individual.”</i>
<b>autarky</b>	national policy of getting along without imports <i>“In its disastrous attempt to achieve <b>autarky</b>, the Cambodian government abolished foreign trade.”</i>



<b>bacchant</b>	a drunken carouser <i>"The sleeping <b>bacchant</b> lay propped against the column of the hall."</i>
<b>balalaika</b>	stringed instrument like a guitar but with only three strings <i>"The <b>balalaika</b> is a favorite instrument of the Russian people."</i>
<b>banquet</b>	elaborate meal; formal dinner for many people <i>"A <b>banquet</b> would follow the reception."</i>
<b>barouche</b>	four-wheeled carriage with a collapsible hood, two double seats opposite each other and a box seat in front for the driver <i>"We were able to rent a <b>barouche</b> with a driver to take us through the park."</i>
<b>barrister</b>	counselor-at-law <i>"In England, a <b>barrister</b> is a qualified member of the legal profession."</i>
<b>bedlam</b>	any place or condition of noise and confusion <i>"The pillow fight turned the nursery into <b>bedlam</b>."</i>
<b>behoove</b>	to be morally necessary or proper <i>"It would <b>behoove</b> a jury to examine the evidence carefully."</i>
<b>beneficence</b>	the fact or quality of being kind; doing good; charity <i>"The enterpriser's <b>beneficence</b> is well-known."</i>
<b>bequeathed</b>	left to another in a will; handed down or passed on <i>"The billionaire <b>bequeathed</b> a large sum of money to the local homeless shelter."</i>
<b>bespeak</b>	to be indicative of <i>"The whimsical objects displayed at the gallery <b>bespeak</b> an up and coming artist with a lot of talent."</i>
<b>bevy</b>	any group or collection <i>"My essay grade was low because I had a <b>bevy</b> of mistakes in my paper."</i>
<b>bezique</b>	a card game resembling pinochle <i>"We enjoyed learning how to play <b>bezique</b>."</i>
<b>bibliophile</b>	person who loves or admires books; collector of books <i>"If you are a <b>bibliophile</b>, you can easily spend hours in a bookstore."</i>
<b>bivouac</b>	temporary encampment, esp. in the open <i>"We decided this would be a good place to <b>bivouac</b> for one night."</i>
<b>blitzkrieg</b>	sudden overwhelming attack <i>"The <b>blitzkrieg</b> resulted in a quick victory."</i>

<b>bloodletting</b>	bleeding; bloodshed <i>"Doctors used to believe in <b>bloodletting</b> to cure many illnesses."</i>
<b>bludgeon</b>	short club with heavy loaded end; to bully or coerce <i>"A <b>bludgeon</b> is a short stick used as a weapon."</i>
<b>bolus</b>	a large pill <i>"The vet prepared a <b>bolus</b> of antibiotics for the sick horse."</i>
<b>bourgeois</b>	shopkeeper; member of the middle class; self-employed person <i>"You should be less concerned about being <b>bourgeois</b> and more concerned about helping others."</i>
<b>boutonniere</b>	flower or flowers worn in a buttonhole <i>"The guest at the party was adorned with a white rose <b>boutonniere</b>."</i>
<b>bowdlerize</b>	to remove passages considered offensive from (a book, etc.) <i>"Since the studio feels my film is too racy, it has asked me to <b>bowdlerize</b> the movie so it will be family-friendly."</i>
<b>brachial</b>	of or like an arm; a wing or fin <i>"The swimmers swung arm over arm in a <b>brachial</b> movement, gliding through the pool."</i>
<b>brilliance</b>	brightness; radiance; intensity <i>"The moon shone with almost the <b>brilliance</b> of day."</i>
<b>broccoli</b>	vegetable plant related to the cauliflower <i>"We like <b>broccoli</b> cooked with a cheese sauce."</i>
<b>bromide</b>	a trite saying or statement <i>"Although it is just a cliché, there is a lot of truth in the <b>bromide</b> 'the best things in life are free.'"</i>
<b>brumal</b>	of winter; wintry <i>The <b>brumal</b> temperatures produced frost blossoms on the window panes."</i>
<b>buoyancy</b>	ability or tendency to float; cheerfulness <i>"We tested the boat for its <b>buoyancy</b>."</i>
<b>businesslike</b>	efficient; methodical <i>"The new product now needs to be marketed in a professional and <b>businesslike</b> manner, targeting potential new audiences."</i>
<b>cacography</b>	bad handwriting; incorrect spelling <i>"To improve my <b>cacography</b>, I practice my penmanship at least twenty minutes each day."</i>

<b>cairn</b>	a conical heap of stones built as a monument or landmark <i>"The explorers set up a <b>cairn</b> on the beach to mark the spot where they had first landed."</i>
<b>calcify</b>	to change into a hard, stony substance by the deposit of lime or calcium salts <i>"Rickets is a disease of children characterized by a failure of the growing bones to <b>calcify</b> normally."</i>
<b>caliginous</b>	dark; gloomy; obscure <i>"We lit candles which really didn't help much in the <b>caliginous</b> cellar."</i>
<b>camelopard</b>	early name for the giraffe <i>"The giraffe was called a <b>camelopard</b> because of its long neck like a camel and spots like a leopard."</i>
<b>campanile</b>	a bell tower, esp. one that stands apart from any other building <i>"The bell in the <b>campanile</b> rang loudly."</i>
<b>cancellous</b>	having a porous or spongy structure; close network of veins <i>"Some plants have <b>cancellous</b> leaves."</i>
<b>canescent</b>	become white or grayish <i>"The leaves of some plants become <b>canescent</b>."</i>
<b>cantankerous</b>	disagreeable to deal with; contentious; peevish <i>"By nature, bulls are <b>cantankerous</b> animals that prefer to be left alone."</i>
<b>capriciousness</b>	a change without apparent reason; erratic behavior <i>"On Halloween night, people are known to act upon some <b>capriciousness</b>."</i>
<b>carillon</b>	a set of stationary bells each producing one tone of the chromatic scale <i>"The church <b>carillon</b> peeled out one melody after another."</i>
<b>carrefour</b>	crossroads or intersection; public square or plaza <i>"We planned to meet in the <b>carrefour</b> when we finished our errands."</i>
<b>cartographer</b>	person who makes maps or charts. <i>"We went to the <b>cartographer</b> to get maps of the islands."</i>
<b>castellated</b>	built with turrets and battlements <i>"In Scotland, we saw many <b>castellated</b> buildings that were centuries old."</i>
<b>catachresis</b>	incorrect use of a word or words <i>"The editor checks for <b>catachresis</b>."</i>

<b>catfalque</b>	temporary wooden framework on which a coffin is placed <i>"Under the coffin, the <b>catfalque</b> was draped in white satin."</i>
<b>catechism</b>	a formal series of questions <i>"The <b>catechism</b> is used for religious instruction."</i>
<b>caterwaul</b>	shrill howling sound like a cat; screech <i>"In the quiet of the night, a <b>caterwaul</b> broke the silence."</i>
<b>catharsis</b>	the purifying of the emotions or relieving of emotional tensions, esp. by art <i>"When I hit a punching bag, I am generating my own personal <b>catharsis</b> by releasing my anger into an object."</i>
<b>celerity</b>	swiftness in acting or moving; speed <i>"In order to work as a ball person during a tennis game, you must be able to run with great <b>celerity</b>."</i>
<b>cellophane</b>	thin, transparent cellulose material <i>"We used <b>cellophane</b> to keep the wrappers moisture-proof."</i>
<b>chameleon</b>	lizard with the ability to change skin color; changeable person <i>"The <b>chameleon</b> blended so well with it's surroundings that it was hard to find."</i>
<b>champaign</b>	a broad plain, level and open country <i>"Nebraska is part of that vast Midwestern <b>champaign</b> that invites large-scale farming."</i>
<b>chancellor</b>	chief secretary of an embassy; university title for executive <i>"The <b>chancellor</b> is trying to smooth things over."</i>
<b>characteristic</b>	distinguishing trait, feature or quality; peculiarity <i>"A strong work ethic is a good <b>characteristic</b> to present during a job interview."</i>
<b>charismatic</b>	of, having, or resulting from charisma, the power of winning devotion of large numbers of people <i>"The students became captivated by their <b>charismatic</b> teacher."</i>
<b>chauffeur</b>	driver of a private automobile for someone else <i>"The <b>chauffeur</b> held the door open for me before taking his seat behind the wheel."</i>
<b>chelicera</b>	the first pair of appendages of spiders <i>"The spider uses its <b>chelicera</b> to grasp and crush with."</i>

<b>chiaroscuro</b>	the treatment of light and shade in a painting, drawing, etc., to produce the illusion of depth, a dramatic effect <i>"Many painters use <b>chiaroscuro</b> to heighten the drama in their paintings."</i>
<b>chide</b>	to scold <i>"I don't want the boss to <b>chide</b> me for being late again, so I'm setting the alarm for a half hour earlier."</i>
<b>chignon</b>	a knot or coil of hair worn at the back of the neck <i>"Above the <b>chignon</b> they each displayed a bunch of fresh roses."</i>
<b>chinoiserie</b>	ornate style of decoration for furniture, textiles, ceramics, etc. <i>"In 18<sup>th</sup> century Europe, <b>chinoiserie</b> was very popular."</i>
<b>chlorophyll</b>	the green pigment found in plants <i>"The <b>chlorophyll</b> in plants is deeper in those that grow in bright sunlight."</i>
<b>choleric</b>	having or showing a quick temper or irascible nature <i>"Since I do not sleep well, I am <b>choleric</b> when someone calls me after I have gone to bed."</i>
<b>chortle</b>	to make, or utter with, a gleeful clucking or snorting sound <i>"When the professor made a dry joke, not a single student thought it was worth the effort of a <b>chortle</b>."</i>
<b>chronological</b>	in order of occurrence <i>"I'm trying to achieve a <b>chronological</b> album of snapshots."</i>
<b>chuff</b>	a boor, churl <i>"I cannot see why they should be rude, <b>chuff</b>, and disagreeable."</i>
<b>cicerone</b>	a guide who explains the history and chief features of a place to sightseers <i>"In Rome, they hired a <b>cicerone</b> to show them the Colosseum."</i>
<b>circumlocution</b>	in a roundabout, indirect, or lengthy way of expressing something <i>"Sneaky people who want others to be fooled by their words often use <b>circumlocution</b> to hide their true purposes."</i>
<b>circumspect</b>	cautious; careful <i>"In this day and age, you need to be <b>circumspect</b> about giving out too much personal information on the internet."</i>
<b>cirriped</b>	subclass saltwater crustaceans such as barnacles <i>"We hauled the cruiser out of the water to scrape the <b>cirriped</b> from the keel."</i>

<b>civilian</b>	anyone not a member of the armed forces or police powers <i>"The undercover agent dresses in <b>civilian</b> clothes."</i>
<b>coalesce</b>	to grow together; to unite or merge into a single body, group, etc. <i>"The splint would help the broken bones to continue to <b>coalesce</b>."</i>
<b>coetaneous</b>	contemporary <i>"We selected the <b>coetaneous</b> furniture."</i>
<b>colloquialism</b>	conversational style or usage; informal idiom <i>"<b>Colloquialism</b> is mistakenly thought to be substandard which it is not."</i>
<b>comestible</b>	edible <i>"Although the soldiers were on the road, they prepared a meal that was very <b>comestible</b>."</i>
<b>commensurable</b>	two quantities having a common measure; properly proportioned <i>"Hours and minutes are <b>commensurable</b>."</i>
<b>commodious</b>	offering plenty of room; spacious <i>"The <b>commodious</b> office building housed twelve thousand workers."</i>
<b>contumelious</b>	insulting and humiliating <i>"The schoolyard bullies made <b>contumelious</b> remarks about their classmate that were both insulting and rude."</i>
<b>corroborate</b>	confirm; bolster; support; prove validity <i>"After watching the videotape, the officials were able to <b>corroborate</b> the runner's claim of interference during the race."</i>
<b>costermonger</b>	a person who sells fruits or vegetables from a cart or street stand <i>"This song must have been inspired by the <b>costermonger</b> community of London."</i>
<b>crenelated</b>	furnished with crenelations, in the manner of a battlement <i>"The <b>crenelated</b> molding gave the living room ceiling a solid, fortified look."</i>
<b>cromlech</b>	an ancient monument of monoliths, arranged in a circle and surrounding a mound or dolmen <i>"Stonehenge, the most famous <b>cromlech</b>, rises from the Salisbury plain."</i>
<b>cryptic</b>	mysterious; baffling <i>"Younger children will find it hard to understand the <b>cryptic</b> directions that go along with the chemistry set."</i>
<b>crystallize</b>	to give definite form to; to coat with sugar <i>"Some long-used customs <b>crystallize</b> into laws."</i>

<b>cybernetics</b>	a science dealing with the comparative study of the operations of complex electronic computers and the human nervous system <i>"The application of <b>cybernetics</b> to manufacturing has replaced many workers with machines."</i>
<b>cynosure</b>	one that serves to direct or guide; a center of attraction or attention <i>"For centuries, Paris has been the political, cultural, and economic <b>cynosure</b> for all of France."</i>
<b>darkling</b>	dark, dim obscure, etc. <i>"The night is <b>darkling</b> more rapidly these days."</i>
<b>dastardly</b>	mean; cowardly <i>"The trial exposed the <b>dastardly</b> methods utilized by the mob to acquire huge sums of money."</i>
<b>decant</b>	to pour from one container into another <i>"It was quite difficult to <b>decant</b> perfume from its original bottle into the beautiful vessel without smelling up the whole room."</i>
<b>deficiency</b>	absence of something essential; incompleteness <i>"Vitamin <b>deficiency</b> in the diet can cause illness."</i>
<b>defunct</b>	dead or extinct <i>"The journalist use to write for the newspaper that is now <b>defunct</b>."</i>
<b>deglutition</b>	the act or process of swallowing <i>"Painful <b>deglutition</b> is one of the after-effects of a tonsillectomy."</i>
<b>deleterious</b>	harmful to health; injurious <i>"Eating too much of the wrong foods can be <b>deleterious</b>."</i>
<b>deprecate</b>	to depreciate; belittle <i>"Before you <b>deprecate</b> my actions, you should first review your own behavior."</i>
<b>desuetude</b>	discontinuance from use or exercise <i>"The dusty typewriter has been in <b>desuetude</b> for over four decades."</i>
<b>dichotomy</b>	division into two parts, groups, or classes, esp. when these are sharply distinguished or opposed <i>"Nature and nurture is a <b>dichotomy</b> which has long been debated by scholars."</i>
<b>dilettante</b>	a person who follows an art or science only for amusement and in a superficial way <i>"Even though I have only been employed for a few months as a computer programmer, I am not a <b>dilettante</b> because my work is very important to me."</i>

<b>doyen</b>	the senior member, or dean, of a group <i>“For years, Bob Hope has been the <b>doyen</b> of American comedians.”</i>
<b>dudgeon</b>	anger or resentment <i>“The fuming rancher rode off into the sunset in high <b>dudgeon</b>.”</i>
<b>dyslexia</b>	impairment of the ability to read <i>“<b>Dyslexia</b> caused the student to have difficulty reading text books and taking notes during class.”</i>
<b>eclectic</b>	selecting from various systems, doctrines, or sources <i>“The great movie palaces of the twenties were <b>eclectic</b> extravaganzas of Spanish, Egyptian, and Indian architecture.”</i>
<b>eclecticism</b>	using or upholding a chosen system or method <i>“The professor’s <b>eclecticism</b> of philosophy was easily understood.”</i>
<b>effervescent</b>	bubbling up; foaming; vivacious <i>“The soda pop was so <b>effervescent</b> that its bubbles tickled my nose.”</i>
<b>efficiency</b>	ability to produce with a minimum of effort, expense or waste <i>“The cleaning <b>efficiency</b> of the washing machine decreases when too many items are added at once.”</i>
<b>eidolon</b>	an image without real existence; apparition <i>“The horse and rider appeared out of the fog like an <b>eidolon</b>.”</i>
<b>emollient</b>	something that has a softening or soothing effect <i>“An aggressive ad campaign touted the cream’s <b>emollient</b> powers.”</i>
<b>empyrean</b>	the highest heaven, the abode of God; the sky <i>“We were flying in the <b>empyrean</b>, yet it seemed endless above us.”</i>
<b>encaustic</b>	painted with wax colors fixed with heat, or with any process in which colors are burned in <i>“The ancient <b>encaustic</b> portraits still looked newly painted.”</i>
<b>enchiridion</b>	handbook, manual <i>“We expected the librarian would be able to help locate an <b>enchiridion</b> for us.”</i>
<b>encomiastic</b>	of, belonging to, or bestowing praise; eulogistic <i>“The dinner in honor of Dr. King featured <b>encomiastic</b> addresses by several local dignitaries.”</i>
<b>enfranchise</b>	to give a franchise to; specif., to admit to citizenship, esp. to the right to vote <i>“The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution was passed to <b>enfranchise</b> all adult women in the United States.”</i>



<b>ennui</b>	weariness and dissatisfaction resulting from inactivity or lack of interest <i>“The typists fought <b>ennui</b> by doing whatever they could to alter their daily routine.”</i>
<b>ephemeral</b>	short-lived; transitory <i>“Since current fashion trends are <b>ephemeral</b>, I select more classic styles.”</i>
<b>epistemology</b>	the study or theory of the origin, nature, methods, and limits of knowledge <i>“When studying <b>epistemology</b>, one must consider how knowledge is acquired.”</i>
<b>eponym</b>	a real or mythical person from whose name the name of a nation, institution, etc., is derived <i>“Romulus is the <b>eponym</b> for the city of Rome.”</i>
<b>equanimity</b>	the quality of remaining calm and undisturbed <i>“During the horrible storm, it was hard for us to focus and maintain our <b>equanimity</b>.”</i>
<b>equilibrist</b>	performer who does tricks of balancing <i>“The <b>equilibrist</b> on the tightrope high above us held us enthralled.”</i>
<b>equipoise</b>	state of balance or equilibrium <i>“The lecturer always tried to keep an <b>equipoise</b> between engaging and challenging assignments.”</i>
<b>equipollent</b>	equal in power, effectiveness or significance <i>“The weights had to be <b>equipollent</b> on the scales.”</i>
<b>escritoire</b>	a writing desk or table <i>“The <b>escritoire</b> in the museum was very old and well preserved.”</i>
<b>espionage</b>	the act of spying <i>“James Bond’s films showed the glamorous side of <b>espionage</b>.”</i>
<b>etiolate</b>	to blanch or bleach by depriving of sunlight <i>“The blockage of light by the newly erected building next door caused our geraniums to <b>etiolate</b>.”</i>
<b>euphemism</b>	use of a word considered less distasteful even though less direct <i>“Instead of referring to the body as a corpse, they used the <b>euphemism</b>, ‘remains’.”</i>
<b>euphony</b>	the quality of having a pleasant sound <i>“The <b>euphony</b> of the reader’s voice tempted me to fall asleep.”</i>

<b>exigency</b>	a situation calling for immediate action or attention <i>“The gasoline shortage was the <b>exigency</b> that drove the Europeans to manufacture small cars.”</i>
<b>expunge</b>	blot out or strike out <i>“Because the court has decided to <b>expunge</b> my criminal record, there will be no evidence of my past misdeeds.”</i>
<b>extrapolate</b>	to arrive at conclusions or results by hypothesizing from known facts or observations <i>“The scientist tried to <b>extrapolate</b> the future results by looking at data from previous testing dates.”</i>
<b>exuviae</b>	castoff coverings of animals <i>“The students studying the <b>exuviae</b> of the snake found it fragile and almost transparent.”</i>
<b>facetiae</b>	witty sayings <i>“Woody Allen’s <b>facetiae</b> are happy combinations of slapstick comedy and literary satire.”</i>
<b>facultative</b>	left to one’s option or choice; optional <i>Royalty regarded most of the laws as <b>facultative</b>.”</i>
<b>fanfaronade</b>	empty boasting; bluster <i>“Once the fight began, the heavyweight contender’s prediction of a quick victory was exposed as the usual <b>fanfaronade</b>.”</i>
<b>farrago</b>	a confused mixture; jumbles; hodgepodge <i>“The new play was an agreeable <b>farrago</b> of ballet, song, and poetry.”</i>
<b>fasciate</b>	marked by broad colored bands <i>“The raccoon is easily spotted by its mask-like markings and black <b>fasciate</b>.”</i>
<b>feign</b>	to represent fictitiously; put on an appearance of <i>“They tried to <b>feign</b> innocence, but you could see the mischief in their eyes.”</i>
<b>firkin</b>	a small wooden tub for butter, lard, etc. <i>“The shopkeeper scraped up the last of the farmer’s cheese from the <b>firkin</b>.”</i>
<b>flageolet</b>	small fipple flute, similar to a recorder <i>“The musical instrument, the <b>flageolet</b>, is not a popular one today.”</i>
<b>flexuous</b>	winding or weaving <i>“A <b>flexuous</b> goat path led down the steep cliff.”</i>

<b>fluorescence</b>	The emission of radiation, especially visible light, by a substance during exposure to external radiation, as light or x-rays <i>"Modern technology uses x-ray <b>fluorescence</b>."</i>
<b>footpad</b>	a highway robber or hold-up man who travels on foot <i>"A <b>footpad</b> crept from the bushes to attach the unsuspecting stroller."</i>
<b>fremitus</b>	a vibration esp. one felt in a palpitation of the chest <i>"The bass' low C triggered a <b>fremitus</b> that buckled their ribs."</i>
<b>fribble</b>	to waste time; trifle <i>"The family seemed destined to <b>fribble</b> away a fortune on hare-brained schemes."</i>
<b>fructiferous</b>	producing fruit; fruit bearing <i>"We were pleased that the new property we purchased has several <b>fructiferous</b> trees growing on it."</i>
<b>fumarole</b>	a vent in a volcanic area, from which smoke and gases arise <i>"Near the crater's edge, the scientist came upon a small, steaming <b>fumarole</b>."</i>
<b>funambulist</b>	a tightrope walker <i>"The crowd gasped as the <b>funambulist</b> walked a wire stretched between two skyscrapers."</i>
<b>fusillade</b>	an outburst of gunfire; a vigorous outburst especially of criticism <i>"Before the trial started, the defense fired a <b>fusillade</b> of motions to have the case dismissed."</i>
<b>fustigate</b>	to beat with a stick; cudgel <i>"At the five year old's birthday party, the children were given permission to <b>fustigate</b> the piñata with all their strength."</i>
<b>gadfly</b>	a person who annoys others or rouses them from complacency <i>"My neighbor is a <b>gadfly</b> who likes to run to the apartment manager with constant complaints."</i>
<b>galimatias</b>	meaningless talk; gibberish <i>"A baby's <b>galimatias</b> is understood only by the mother."</i>
<b>gasconade</b>	boastful or blustering talk <i>"The football players jumped on the cafeteria table and started to <b>gasconade</b> about their speed and ability to catch impossible throws."</i>
<b>gerrymander</b>	to divide so as to give one political party a majority in as many districts as possible <i>"The political experts discussed how one party's efforts to <b>gerrymander</b> could result in a victory for that faction."</i>

<b>gibbous</b>	designating the moon or a planet in that phase in which more than half, but not all, of the disk is illuminated <i>"The moon turned <b>gibbous</b> and lost the brilliance of its full phase."</i>
<b>gimcrack</b>	showy, but cheap and useless <i>"Many people fall privy to a scam where you buy a <b>gimcrack</b>, which is something that seems nice but is actually subpar."</i>
<b>girandole</b>	revolving cluster of fireworks, water jet; branched candleholder <i>"The Fourth of July <b>girandole</b> lasted about ten minutes."</i>
<b>gratuitous</b>	given or received without charge or payment; free <i>"I reject offers of so-called <b>gratuitous</b> merchandise, as some kind of later payment is often expected."</i>
<b>gregarious</b>	living in herds or flocks <i>"Baboons are <b>gregarious</b> animals, seldom found in isolation."</i>
<b>grisette</b>	a French working girl <i>"An American tourist tried to address the shy <b>grisette</b> in French."</i>
<b>grosgrain</b>	closely woven silk or rayon fabric used for ribbons, trimming <i>"A wide variety of materials were being used, including taffetas, straw and <b>grosgrain</b>."</i>
<b>groundling</b>	a person lacking critical ability and taste <i>"They are gifted filmmakers for sure, but sometimes you just want them to cut back on the irony and climb down to the <b>groundling</b> level."</i>
<b>guerrilla</b>	member of small defensive force of irregular soldiers <i>"When the <b>guerilla</b> soldiers began their attack on the city, they had only a few weapons and no obvious strategy."</i>
<b>gustation</b>	the act of tasting; the sense of taste <i>"The <b>gustation</b> of thirty cakes was an alarming prospect to the judges of the cooking contest."</i>
<b>habiliments</b>	trappings, gear; the dress characteristic of an occupation or occasion <i>"It is a bit silly to adorn dogs with the <b>habiliments</b> of humans."</i>
<b>habitually</b>	frequently; often used; customarily; continually <i>"The president <b>habitually</b> worked until a very late hour."</i>
<b>hagiology</b>	literature dealing with venerated persons; a list of venerated figures <i>"The librarian directed me to a <b>hagiology</b> as a reference for my paper on the lives of saints."</i>
<b>harangue</b>	long, blustery, noisy, scolding; tirade <i>"During last month's meeting, the PTA president gave a <b>harangue</b> against the new superintendent."</i>

<b>heft</b>	to try to determine the weight of by lifting <i>“Because the weight appeared light, its <b>heft</b> surprised those who tried to lift it.”</i>
<b>heinous</b>	outrageously wicked or evil; abominable <i>“Everyone was appalled at the <b>heinous</b> crime.”</i>
<b>heteronym</b>	word with same spelling but different in meaning and pronunciation <i>“Some English words are especially hard to learn, because a <b>heteronym</b> will not always have the same meaning.”</i>
<b>hibernaculum</b>	a structure in which a dormant animal passes the winter <i>“The cave is a <b>hibernaculum</b> to five different species of bats.”</i>
<b>hierarchy</b>	a group of persons or things arranged in order of rank, grade, class, etc. <i>“The corporation has a top-heavy <b>hierarchy</b>, with more vice-presidents than line workers.”</i>
<b>hieroglyphical</b>	picture or symbol representing word, syllable or sound used by ancient people instead of an alphabet of letters; picture writing <i>“The ancient Egyptians’ <b>hieroglyphical</b> pictures are continuing to be found and translated.”</i>
<b>hoary</b>	white, gray, or grayish white <i>“The <b>hoary</b> house was built in the eighteenth century and is now part of a museum.”</i>
<b>homiletics</b>	the branch of theology dealing with the writing and preaching of sermons <i>“In the fall, the core faculty teach <b>Homiletics</b> and Biblical language.”</i>
<b>homogenize</b>	make more uniform by breaking down and blending; to process milk so that fat particles are finely blended and the cream does not separate <i>“Return the mixture to the blender and puree briefly to <b>homogenize</b> the liquid.”</i>
<b>homunculus</b>	a little man; a dwarf; manikin <i>“We talked with the <b>homunculus</b> in the supermarket.”</i>
<b>hors d’oeuvre</b>	an appetizer, served usually at the beginning of a meal <i>“Our favorite <b>hors d’oeuvre</b> was the cheese.”</i>
<b>hummock</b>	a low, rounded hill <i>“The manor on the <b>hummock</b> commanded a fine view.”</i>
<b>hypaethral</b>	open to the sky; roofless <i>“The new stadium was still <b>hypaethral</b>, but a roof was planned for later.”</i>

<b>hypnagogic</b>	of, relating to, or associated with the drowsiness preceding sleep <i>“The professor’s rambling lecture had the whole class nodding and yawning in a <b>hypnagogic</b> lull.”</i>
<b>hypotenuse</b>	the side of a right angled triangle opposite the right angle <i>“Using the Pythagorean Theorem, the mathematician was able to find the triangle’s <b>hypotenuse</b> as well as its shorter sides.”</i>
<b>iconoclast</b>	a person who attacks or ridicules traditional or venerated institutions or ideas regarded by him as erroneous or based on superstition <i>“The successful entrepreneur is an <b>iconoclast</b> who is not afraid to introduce something new to the market.”</i>
<b>idyllic</b>	pleasing and simple; pastoral or picturesque <i>“We spent an <b>idyllic</b> vacation in the country.”</i>
<b>illation</b>	inference; the conclusion drawn <i>“Although several measurements were made, no <b>illations</b> were drawn.”</i>
<b>imbricate</b>	overlapping evenly, as tiles or fish scales <i>“The <b>imbricate</b> pattern was perfect for the child’s Halloween costume of a rainbow fish.”</i>
<b>imbroglio</b>	involved and confusing situation; confused misunderstanding <i>“Things were so totally mixed up it became an <b>imbroglio</b>.”</i>
<b>imbrute</b>	to make or become brutal <i>“Years of unaccustomed drudgery can <b>imbrute</b> a once fine mind.”</i>
<b>immutable</b>	never changing or varying; unchangeable <i>“My medical condition is <b>immutable</b> and cannot be altered even with medication.”</i>
<b>impecunious</b>	having no money; penniless; poor <i>“Plans are being developed to help the <b>impecunious</b> people in the city who are without housing.”</i>
<b>imperceptible</b>	not plain or distinct to the eye or mind; not easily seen <i>“When I had my headphones over my ears, the noise outside was <b>imperceptible</b>.”</i>
<b>impressionable</b>	capable of being influenced intellectually, emotionally; sensitive <i>“The popular star influences many <b>impressionable</b> teens who want to be famous.”</i>
<b>inappropriate</b>	not suitable; not proper or fitting <i>“The dinner was not formal so the ball gown was <b>inappropriate</b> for the occasion.”</i>

<b>inchoate</b>	just begun; in the early stages; not completely formed <i>“Since the power went out in the building, the electrical service has been <b>inchoate</b>, leaving many floors without lights.”</i>
<b>incoherent</b>	lacking cohesion; disjointed; rambling <i>“Their theory about time travel was <b>incoherent</b> and difficult to understand.”</i>
<b>incommensurate</b>	without a common standard of comparison <i>“A college education may cost a great deal, but it is <b>incommensurate</b> in personal value.”</i>
<b>inconspicuous</b>	attracting little attention <i>“The spy attempted to enter the room in an <b>inconspicuous</b> manner.”</i>
<b>incorruptible</b>	morally sound; upright; honest <i>“The <b>incorruptible</b> jury member refused to be pressured into voting not guilty by the defendant’s family members.”</i>
<b>indigenous</b>	existing, growing or produced naturally in a region or country; inborn <i>“The cactus plant is <b>indigenous</b> to the desert areas of California.”</i>
<b>indispensable</b>	absolutely necessary; required <i>“The pharmacist is <b>indispensable</b> when it comes to operating a pharmacy.”</i>
<b>individually</b>	one at a time; separately; singly; distinctively <i>“They worked well in groups, but were <b>individually</b> characteristic.”</i>
<b>inexplicable</b>	cannot be explained, understood or accounted for <i>“The airline was unable to give us any reason for the <b>inexplicable</b> departure delay.”</i>
<b>infrastructure</b>	a substructure of underlying foundation <i>“The system of economic production is the <b>infrastructure</b> on which a society is built.”</i>
<b>ingratiate</b>	to make acceptable, esp. to seek favor or good graces <i>“While I do like you a great deal, I am not willing to <b>ingratiate</b> myself into your life by telling you a bunch of lies.”</i>
<b>innuendo</b>	an indirect remark, gesture, or reference, usually implying something derogatory <i>“The top marketers frequently use a form of <b>innuendo</b> to sell their products.”</i>
<b>insectivore</b>	generally small mammals, mainly active at night, that feed on insects <i>“Moles, shrews, hedgehogs are some of the <b>insectivore</b> order.”</i>

<b>inspissate</b>	to thicken, as by evaporation <i>“The chef’s chili began to <b>inspissate</b> after several hours of simmering.”</i>
<b>intaglio</b>	a design or figure carved, incised, or engraved into a hard material so that it is below the surface <i>“This trip abroad allows the college art students to study the traditional Italian art of <b>intaglio</b> printmaking.”</i>
<b>intelligence</b>	ability to acquire and retain knowledge; reasoning ability <i>“No amount of <b>intelligence</b> through books or experience is enough if you don’t use it.”</i>
<b>intelligentsia</b>	A group of intelligent and well-educated people who guide, or try to guide, the political <i>“The <b>intelligentsia</b> of the city felt that only the elite should be allowed to learn to read and write.”</i>
<b>interlard</b>	to intersperse <i>“Foreign phrases <b>interlard</b> all of the author’s writings.”</i>
<b>interregnum</b>	interval between two successive reigns; period without the usual ruler <i>“There was no <b>interregnum</b> between the death of one sovereign and the accession of the next.”</i>
<b>interrogatory</b>	expressing or implying a question; set of questions <i>“The interview included a long <b>interrogatory</b> section.”</i>
<b>intumesce</b>	to swell, bubble up, as with heat <i>“The tar used along the pavements for repair will <b>intumesce</b> with the heat of the sun.”</i>
<b>inveigh</b>	to make a violent verbal attack; talk or write bitterly against <i>“No matter how angry I get, I will not <b>inveigh</b> my feelings using social media.”</i>
<b>irenic</b>	promoting peace; peaceful <i>“We should use <b>irenic</b> remarks when speaking to the leader of the labor unions.”</i>
<b>iridescence</b>	a play of lustrous, changing colors <i>“Sunlight turned the oil-slick road into a streak of <b>iridescence</b>.”</i>
<b>irreconcilable</b>	that cannot be brought into agreement; incompatible; conflicting <i>“Their thoughts on the subject were <b>irreconcilable</b>, so the two journalists decided to agree to disagree.”</i>
<b>irremissible</b>	cannot be excused or pardoned; cannot be shirked <i>“Theirs was an <b>irremissible</b> crime, and we expected them to receive a very long sentence of punishment.”</i>



<b>isoseismal</b>	of equal intensity of earthquake shock; connecting or showing points of such intensity <i>"The <b>isoseismal</b> lines for the earthquake are elongated in a north-south direction."</i>
<b>jai alai</b>	a game like handball, popular in Latin America <i>"<b>Jai alai</b> is played with a curved basket fastened to the arm for catching the ball and hurling it against the wall."</i>
<b>jambalaya</b>	a Creole stew made of rice and shrimp, oysters, crabs, ham, chicken, etc., with spices and, often, vegetables <i>"The Creole chef served the <b>jambalaya</b> every Friday."</i>
<b>jaundice</b>	a bitter or prejudiced state of mind caused by jealousy, envy, etc. <i>"It is not uncommon for babies to experience <b>jaundice</b>."</i>
<b>jeopardy</b>	great danger; peril; exposure to conviction <i>"A person on trial is in <b>jeopardy</b> of conviction and punishment."</i>
<b>jetsam</b>	that part of cargo thrown overboard to lighten a ship in danger <i>"The thick <b>jetsam</b> of cargo was powerful proof of the frantic crew's efforts to lighten the sinking ship."</i>
<b>jodhpurs</b>	riding breeches; boots high enough to cover the ankle <i>"The jacket's cord trim is complimented by the cord <b>jodhpurs</b>."</i>
<b>juxtaposition</b>	side by side; close together <i>"The diamond and the sapphire lay in <b>juxtaposition</b> on the velvet covered tray."</i>
<b>kaleidoscope</b>	anything that constantly changes, as in color and pattern <i>"The scenery, through the rain-streaked train window, becomes a <b>kaleidoscope</b> of color."</i>
<b>kedge</b>	to move "a ship" along by hauling on a rope fastened to an anchor dropped at some distance <i>"The longboat rowed out with the cable to <b>kedge</b> the yacht out of the calm."</i>
<b>keen</b>	to lament or wail for the dead <i>"The mourners felt it was their duty to <b>keen</b> over the corpse all night."</i>
<b>kerf</b>	the cut or channel made by a saw <i>"The final <b>kerf</b> caused the plank to snap in the middle."</i>
<b>kinesiology</b>	study of the principles of mechanics and anatomy in relation to human movement <i>"If you're strong in biology and physiology, consider majoring in physical therapy, <b>kinesiology</b> or exercise science."</i>

<b>knout</b>	leather whip used for flogging, esp. in Russia <i>“Criminals in Russia were flogged with a <b>knout</b>.”</i>
<b>labile</b>	liable to change; unstable <i>“Oxygen is a highly <b>labile</b> gas that readily forms compounds with other elements.”</i>
<b>labyrinth</b>	hard to follow passages; maze; complicated arrangement <i>“A <b>labyrinth</b> of mirrors was fun but scary.”</i>
<b>lachrymator</b>	a substance that irritates the eyes and produces tears <i>“This <b>lachrymator</b> dissolves in eye fluids and produces small amounts of irritation sulfuric acid.”</i>
<b>lamentation</b>	the act of lamenting; outward expression of grief <i>“It was a time for mourning and <b>lamentation</b>.”</i>
<b>lanate</b>	having a woolly or hairy covering or appearance <i>“The young spines and the base of young leaves are densely white-<b>lanate</b>, covered with wooly hairs.”</i>
<b>laryngitis</b>	inflammation of the larynx <i>“The teacher was sick with <b>laryngitis</b> and canceled class.”</i>
<b>latifundium</b>	large landed estate <i>“In the later years of the Roman Republic, <b>latifundium</b> broke the former economic trend and became the backbone of the Roman economy.”</i>
<b>legalese</b>	conventional language of legal forms, documents, etc. <i>“While listening to the conversation between the two lawyers, the teenager struggled to understand what they were saying due to their <b>legalese</b>.”</i>
<b>leguminous</b>	of the family of plants bearing legumes or pods <i>“Peas and beans belong to the <b>leguminous</b> family.”</i>
<b>lenity</b>	the quality or condition of being lenient; mildness <i>“<b>Lenity</b> was shown to the new lacrosse player regarding penalties.”</i>
<b>leprechaun</b>	Irish folklore fairy in the form of a little old man <i>“In Irish folklore, the <b>leprechaun</b> had a large piece of gold.”</i>
<b>lethargic</b>	dull or sleepy; sluggish, or lacking energy <i>“Just about any time of day, you can find my <b>lethargic</b> cat curled up asleep in the warmest spot in the house.”</i>
<b>linguistics</b>	science of language; study of the structure, etc. of languages <i>“<b>Linguistics</b> are usually divided into descriptive, historical, comparative and geographical.”</i>

<b>litigious</b>	quarrelsome <i>“Commission staff and board members are bracing for what they expect will be a long, bitter, <b>litigious</b> squabble.”</i>
<b>looby</b>	a big, clumsy fellow, lout <i>“Their dog was a <b>looby</b>, and they loved it.”</i>
<b>loquacious</b>	very talkative; fond of talking <i>“The two students were both <b>loquacious</b>, so we had to assign one of them to a different seat.”</i>
<b>lotic</b>	designating, of, or living in flowing water <i>“The slick hair of an otter is typical of <b>lotic</b> creatures.”</i>
<b>lovelock</b>	a lock of hair lying apart from the rest of the hair <i>“Babies sometimes develop a <b>lovelock</b> due to sleeping so much on their backs.”</i>
<b>lucubration</b>	laborious work, study or writing; learned and elaborated work <i>“The professor’s literary composition was a <b>lucubration</b> primarily written late at night.”</i>
<b>macabre</b>	grim and horrible <i>“During the famine, the people faced a <b>macabre</b> death.”</i>
<b>magnanimity</b>	quality of being high of mind, rising above pettiness <i>“They gave me a surprising tribute to my <b>magnanimity</b> at our recent Board of Directors meeting.”</i>
<b>magniloquent</b>	boastful or bombastic <i>“The conductor’s wild motions made him seem very <b>magniloquent</b>.”</i>
<b>mahlstick</b>	long light stick used by painters <i>“The children chased each other all around the art studio with a <b>mahlstick</b> in their hands.”</i>
<b>maladroitly</b>	awkwardly; clumsily; badly handled <i>“The cartoon is based on a detective who <b>maladroitly</b> solves cases without the highly intelligent dog.”</i>
<b>malapropos</b>	at an awkward or improper time or place; inopportune <i>“The party was a most <b>malapropos</b> time for the teacher to remind the students about not coming late to class.”</i>
<b>maneuverable</b>	controlled or planned strategy; can be moved by skilled or shrewd plan <i>“The specific aircraft strategy was <b>maneuverable</b> with prearranged signals.”</i>
<b>mannequin</b>	woman or man used for modeling clothing; model of a human <i>“The <b>mannequin</b> in the window seems like a real person.”</i>

<b>mansuetude</b>	gentleness, tameness <i>"Ghandhi's unflagging <b>mansuetude</b> turned nonviolence into an effective political tool."</i>
<b>manumission</b>	liberation; emancipation <i>"After Harriet Tubman's <b>manumission</b>, she helped runaway slaves on the Underground Railroad."</i>
<b>marinara</b>	tomato sauce, seasoned with garlic and spices <i>"We all ordered spaghetti with <b>marinara</b> sauce at the new Italian restaurant."</i>
<b>marionette</b>	puppet; little jointed doll moved by strings or wires <i>"On a miniature stage the puppeteer manipulated the <b>marionette</b> through a short ballet scene."</i>
<b>marquee</b>	roof-like structure or awning over an entrance <i>"The <b>marquee</b> over the entrance to the theater helped protect us from the rain as we waited for our car to be brought to us."</i>
<b>marsupial</b>	mammal having a pouch in which newborn young are carried and nourished <i>"The kangaroo, opossum, wombat and bandicoot are of the <b>marsupial</b> family."</i>
<b>masquerade</b>	ball or party where one wears fancy costumes and masks; disguise <i>"The <b>masquerade</b> was a popular form of party during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries among the aristocracy in England."</i>
<b>matronymic</b>	derived from the name of the mother or a female ancestor <i>"Surnames that are based on the relationship to the father are called patronymic, while surnames based on relationships to the mother are called <b>matronymic</b>."</i>
<b>matutinal</b>	of or in the morning; early <i>"Watching the sun come up was part of the reason for their preference of a <b>matutinal</b> walk."</i>
<b>maw</b>	anything thought of as consuming, devouring, etc., without end <i>"Stuffing money into the military <b>maw</b> does not guarantee an effective army."</i>
<b>maximalist</b>	one who prefers direct or revolutionary action to achieve a goal <i>"A <b>maximalist</b> does not always consider the consequences of revolution."</i>
<b>mayonnaise</b>	creamy salad dressing made of egg yolks, oil, lemon juice, and seasonings <i>"<b>Mayonnaise</b> is sometimes made with vinegar instead of lemon juice."</i>

<b>meander</b>	an aimless wandering <i>"Their conversation tended to <b>meander</b> through a variety of topics."</i>
<b>medallion</b>	large medal; a relief carving resembling a medal; architectural decoration <i>"In the Olympics, medals are given to the top three athletes in the form of a <b>medallion</b> for them to wear around their neck."</i>
<b>medieval</b>	characteristic of the Middle Ages; suggestive of <i>"Knights were some of the most important people during <b>medieval</b> times."</i>
<b>meerschaum</b>	soft, white, heat-resisting clay-like mineral <i>"The porous nature of <b>meerschaum</b> draws moisture and tobacco tar into the stone."</i>
<b>megalopolis</b>	extensive, heavily populated area, including any number of cities <i>"Los Angeles, with a population of about three million, is the largest city in the <b>megalopolis</b>."</i>
<b>megillah</b>	long or involved explanation or story <i>"The Hollywood production turned into a complicated <b>megillah</b> with tons of moving parts and pieces."</i>
<b>meliorate</b>	to make or become better <i>"Their efforts to <b>meliorate</b> the conditions of the homeless were successful."</i>
<b>memento mori</b>	any reminder of death <i>"Advertising from funeral homes is <b>memento mori</b> and is not welcome in some homes."</i>
<b>mendacious</b>	not truthful; lying or false <i>"Instead of giving me another <b>mendacious</b> story, just be honest for once."</i>
<b>mensuration</b>	the act, process, or art of measuring <i>"<b>Mensuration</b> is the branch of mathematics dealing with the determination of length, area or volume."</i>
<b>Mercurochrome</b>	mild antiseptic and germicide <i>"We always used <b>Mercurochrome</b> for small cuts and scratches."</i>
<b>meretricious</b>	vulgar; enticing <i>"San Francisco's Broadway section of entertainment is often considered a <b>meretricious</b> place."</i>
<b>messuage</b>	a dwelling/house with its outbuildings and adjacent land <i>"In Law, a <b>messuage</b> is a dwelling/house with its outbuildings and adjacent land."</i>

<b>metalliferous</b>	containing, yielding or producing metal or ore <i>"There are no active <b>metalliferous</b> mines remaining in certain areas."</i>
<b>methodical</b>	orderly; systematic <i>"The department kept very <b>methodical</b> filing records."</i>
<b>methoxychlor</b>	insecticide used against flies and mosquitoes <i>"The mosquitoes were especially bad at night, and we were glad to find we had <b>methoxychlor</b> in spray bottles in our supplies."</i>
<b>mettlesome</b>	spirited; ardent; brave, etc. <i>"Teddy Roosevelt had the <b>mettlesome</b> character needed in a reform movement."</i>
<b>microfiche</b>	small sheet of microfilm on which a number of pages of microcopy can be recorded <i>"Lloyds of London kept records of casualties on a <b>microfiche</b>."</i>
<b>mignonette</b>	annual plant bearing spikes of small greenish white or reddish flowers <i>"We always had borders of <b>mignonette</b> in our flower garden."</i>
<b>milch</b>	kept for milking <i>"The <b>milch</b> cow was very productive."</i>
<b>millennium</b>	any period of 1000 years; of great happiness, peace or prosperity <i>"The looked-for <b>millennium</b> is the so-called Golden Age."</i>
<b>mimetic</b>	of or characterized by imitation <i>"The actors have to rely on their <b>mimetic</b> skills."</i>
<b>miscellaneous</b>	various; mixed; many sided <i>"The drawer contained a <b>miscellaneous</b> collection of odds and ends."</i>
<b>mischievous</b>	prankish; teasing; full of tricks <i>"The <b>mischievous</b> child was hiding in the closet."</i>
<b>misogamy</b>	hatred of marriage <i>"The strong feeling of <b>misogamy</b> kept them attending weddings."</i>
<b>moil</b>	confusion; turmoil <i>"Immigrants once endured the <b>moil</b> of sweatshops for a few dollars a month."</i>
<b>moiré</b>	a fabric, esp. silk, rayon, or acetate, having a watered or wavy pattern effect (of silks and other fabrics; presenting a watery effect) <i>"A dark red ribbon, made of crimson satin <b>moiré</b> holds the jewel inside the box."</i>

<b>mollify</b>	pacify; appease <i>"Would a billion dollar contract finally <b>mollify</b> their star quarterback?"</i>
<b>monosyllabic</b>	having only one syllable; to seem terse; uncommunicative <i>"They seemed dazed and their answers to questions were <b>monosyllabic</b>."</i>
<b>moquette</b>	carpet or upholstery fabric with a thick, soft, napped surface <i>"The carpet <b>moquette</b> was warm in color and comfortable to walk on."</i>
<b>morphology</b>	form and structure of animals and plants; of physical geography <i>"Linguistic <b>morphology</b> deals with the internal structure and forms of words."</i>
<b>mozzarella</b>	soft, white Italian cheese <i>"<b>Mozzarella</b> cheese is incorporated in many recipes and has a mild flavor."</i>
<b>muliebrity</b>	womanliness; womanhood; femininity <i>"The small girl was already exhibiting the qualities characteristic of <b>muliebrity</b>."</i>
<b>multifarious</b>	numerous and varied; manifold <i>"The conglomerate's <b>multifarious</b> divisions employ thousands."</i>
<b>multitudinous</b>	very numerous; many; manifold; crowded <i>"The <b>multitudinous</b> group filled the small auditorium to capacity."</i>
<b>munificent</b>	very generous in giving; lavish <i>"The company was commended for its <b>munificent</b> attitude toward employees."</i>
<b>myriad</b>	a great number of persons or things <i>"The defense raised a <b>myriad</b> of objections during the prosecutor's examination."</i>
<b>mythopoeia</b>	the making of myths <i>"In <b>mythopoeia</b> an artificial mythology is created by the writer of prose or other fiction."</i>
<b>nacreous</b>	iridescent; lustrous <i>"The Rolls-Royce was painted a rich <b>nacreous</b> gray."</i>
<b>nankeen</b>	buff-colored, durable cotton cloth <i>"The babies looked adorable in their Halloween sunflower costumes, complete with a <b>nankeen</b> bonnet."</i>

<b>natatorial</b>	of, characterized by, or adapted for swimming <i>“Like all birds which belong to the <b>natatorial</b> type, the majority of the species live in the vicinity of water.”</i>
<b>natatorium</b>	an indoor swimming pool <i>“More like a country club than a home, the Vandenburg mansion features a glassed-in putting green, a <b>natatorium</b>, and two indoor tennis courts.”</i>
<b>nebulous</b>	unclear; vague; indefinite <i>“Only <b>nebulous</b> differences separated the two parties.”</i>
<b>necessarily</b>	unavoidably; inevitably; mandatory <i>“The judging of the parade entries was <b>necessarily</b> eminent within a few minutes.”</i>
<b>necropolis</b>	a cemetery, esp. a large one; a historic or prehistoric burial ground <i>“Somewhere, in an automotive <b>necropolis</b>, lies the crumpled body of my beloved VW.”</i>
<b>negus</b>	a beverage of hot water, wine, and juice, sweetened and spiced <i>“On cold nights, they nursed steaming cups of <b>negus</b> by the fire.”</i>
<b>neologism</b>	a new word or a new meaning for an established word <i>“Each <b>neologism</b> expands our vocabulary.”</i>
<b>nepotism</b>	favoritism shown relatives <i>“As long as <b>nepotism</b> benefits me and provides me with opportunities I would not have otherwise, I will support the practice.”</i>
<b>neurasthenia</b>	a type of neurosis, usually the result of emotional conflicts, characterized by irritability, fatigue, weakness, anxiety, and often localized pains or distress without apparent physical causes <i>“The pains of <b>neurasthenia</b> can effect one’s ability to be productive in the workplace.”</i>
<b>nexus</b>	a connection, tie or link between individuals of a group; members of a series, etc. <i>“In our town, the <b>nexus</b> of the art world is the museum district.”</i>
<b>nickeliferous</b>	containing nickel <i>“The ore brought up from the mine was <b>nickeliferous</b>.”</i>
<b>nickelodeon</b>	player piano or early-type jukebox, operated by a nickel in a slot <i>“We were really interested in the <b>nickelodeon</b> displayed in the museum.”</i>
<b>nihilism</b>	the general rejection of customary beliefs in morality, religion, etc. <i>“Many see in nuclear weapons a terrifying <b>nihilism</b>.”</i>



<b>niveous</b>	snowy; snowlike <i>"We like the cold, brisk, <b>niveous</b> weather."</i>
<b>noctambulism</b>	walking in one's sleep <i>"Sleep walking or night wandering, known also by its Latin name of <b>noctambulism</b>, is a well-known phenomenon."</i>
<b>nonchalant</b>	showing cool lack of concern <i>"In spite of the fire drill, the class was very <b>nonchalant</b>."</i>
<b>nonplus</b>	a condition of perplexity in which one is unable to go, speak, or act further <i>"The union's refusal to negotiate could <b>nonplus</b> the opposition."</i>
<b>noncooperationist</b>	person failing cooperation with government or groups, organizations <i>"Mohandas Gandhi was a <b>noncooperationist</b> who, as a form of protest against the British rule in India, refused to pay taxes."</i>
<b>nostrum</b>	a pet scheme for solving some social or political problem; panacea <i>"Does garlic actually cure colds or is this remedy simply another <b>nostrum</b>?"</i>
<b>nubbin</b>	anything small or undeveloped <i>"For the best apple pie, mound filling inside a flaky crust, cover with crumble and dot with a <b>nubbin</b> of butter here and there."</i>
<b>obcordate</b>	heart-shaped, with the attachment at the pointed end, as a leaf <i>"The five large petals are shaped either obovate or <b>obcordate</b>, long and wide."</i>
<b>obeisance</b>	homage; deference <i>"When you talk back to your teacher, you are not demonstrating <b>obeisance</b>."</i>
<b>obfuscate</b>	cloud over; obscure; unclear <i>"When the darkness began, it was only a small area that began to <b>obfuscate</b> on the near horizon."</i>
<b>objurgate</b>	to chide; to rebuke; to upbraid sharply <i>"The judge's tirade to <b>objurgate</b> the attorney was suffered in silence."</i>
<b>obsequious</b>	meanly or servilely attentive; overly compliant <i>"An excellent server is one who is <b>obsequious</b> and caters to a guest's every need."</i>
<b>occasionally</b>	now and then; sometimes <i>"<b>Occasionally</b> the wind would come up, fill the sail, and we would skip merrily along at a fast speed."</i>

<b>ochlocracy</b>	government by the mob; mob rule <i>“An <b>ochlocracy</b> is only popular with the mob.”</i>
<b>offal</b>	waste parts; esp. the entrails, etc., of a butchered animal <i>“The <b>offal</b> is used by meat processors for dog food.”</i>
<b>olfactory</b>	of the sense of smell <i>“My cold is interfering with my main <b>olfactory</b> nerve so I cannot smell anything.”</i>
<b>oligochaete</b>	class of segmented worms lacking a definite head and few body bristles <i>“The earthworm, an <b>oligochaete</b>, is found chiefly in moist soil and fresh water.”</i>
<b>oligopsony</b>	control of the purchase of a commodity or service in a given market by a small number of buyers <i>“The disastrous coffee crop produced a high-priced <b>oligopsony</b>.”</i>
<b>olivaceous</b>	of, or like the olive; olive green <i>“The <b>olivaceous</b> color of the carpet did not really appeal to me.”</i>
<b>ombudsman</b>	a public official appointed to investigate citizens’ complaints against local or national governmental agencies that may be infringing on the rights of individuals <i>“The <b>ombudsman</b> uncovered evidence of widespread bribery at City Hall.”</i>
<b>omnivorous</b>	eating any sort of food; indiscriminate, as with the intellect <i>“The fourth grade students were <b>omnivorous</b> readers.”</i>
<b>oneiric</b>	of or having to do with dreams <i>“Dali’s surrealist canvases are known for their evocative <b>oneiric</b> quality.”</i>
<b>oneiromancy</b>	practice of claiming to tell the future by interpreting dreams <i>“The impressionable teenagers were fascinated by the study of <b>oneiromancy</b>.”</i>
<b>ophiology</b>	branch of zoology dealing with snakes <i>“I had never liked snakes, so my class in <b>ophiology</b> was almost hated.”</i>
<b>opprobrious</b>	abusive; disrespectful; disgraceful <i>“It’s not unusual to hear a drill sergeant using <b>opprobrious</b> language when criticizing lazy recruits.”</i>
<b>oppugn</b>	to call in question <i>“The strategy was to <b>oppugn</b> all arguments for a new school system.”</i>
<b>opuscule</b>	a small or petty work <i>“An obscure <b>opuscule</b> came to light as I did my research.”</i>

<b>oriflamme</b>	any symbol of courage or devotion <i>"The demonstrators followed a banner bearing a peace symbol, the <b>oriflamme</b> of the sixties."</i>
<b>origami</b>	the art of folding paper to form flowers, animal figures, etc. <i>"<b>Origami</b> is a traditional art of the Japanese."</i>
<b>orogeny</b>	the formation of mountains through structural disturbance of the earth's crust <i>"The Mesozoic era, called the age of <b>orogeny</b>, spawned the Rockies."</i>
<b>oscitancy</b>	drowsiness, dullness, apathy, etc. <i>"The lecturer stared out at row upon row of students with <b>oscitancy</b>."</i>
<b>osmosis</b>	an apparently effortless absorption of ideas, feelings, attitudes, etc., as if by biological osmosis <i>"The lazy student hoped to learn by <b>osmosis</b>."</i>
<b>ostentation</b>	showy display, as of wealth, knowledge, etc.; pretentiousness <i>"The evident <b>ostentation</b> in some of the rooms was not in good taste."</i>
<b>paduasoy</b>	rich, corded silk cloth <i>"The garments were beautifully tailored of the <b>paduasoy</b> material."</i>
<b>paginate</b>	to number the pages of <i>"It was the clerk's task to <b>paginate</b> the manuscript."</i>
<b>palatable</b>	pleasant or acceptable to taste; acceptable to the mind <i>"The food served, though strange to us, was <b>palatable</b> to both taste and mind."</i>
<b>Paleolithic</b>	early stone-age period during which man developed flint, stone and bone tools and lived on the land <i>"<b>Paleolithic</b> man included Heidelberg, Neanderthal and Cro-Magnon man."</i>
<b>palpate</b>	to examine by touching, as for medical diagnosis <i>"Suspecting tuberculosis, the doctor began to <b>palpate</b> the patient's back and chest."</i>
<b>paludal</b>	of a marsh or marshes <i>"Mosquitoes breed most rapidly in <b>paludal</b> areas."</i>
<b>pamphlet</b>	small, thin book of stapled or stitched paper, on topic of current interest <i>"The children distributed a <b>pamphlet</b> at each of the houses on the block."</i>
<b>panacea</b>	supposed cure or remedy for all ills; cure-all <i>"The new drug was a <b>panacea</b> for many people."</i>

<b>panegyric</b>	formal speech of praise; laudation; tribute <i>"The speaker made a <b>panegyric</b> presentation to the workers who had all helped in this year's United Fund campaign."</i>
<b>panjandrum</b>	a self-important, pompous official <i>"It is difficult to work with the <b>panjandrum</b> of the company who creates a somewhat hostile work environment."</i>
<b>panoptic</b>	including in one view everything within sight <i>"The mountaintop afforded a <b>panoptic</b> perch for the whole region."</i>
<b>paradigm</b>	pattern; example; model <i>"The teacher wrote several examples on the board so we would have a <b>paradigm</b> to follow."</i>
<b>parallelogram</b>	a plane figure with four sides, having the opposite sides parallel and equal <i>"A square is a <b>parallelogram</b>."</i>
<b>paralysis</b>	any condition of helpless inactivity or of inability to act <i>"The winter storm closed the roads and left the townspeople in a state of <b>paralysis</b>."</i>
<b>parfleche</b>	rawhide with hair removed by soaking in water and lye <i>"The sides of the <b>parfleche</b> were stitched with raffia using any number of stitching techniques."</i>
<b>parochial</b>	restricted to a small area of scope; narrow; limited <i>"Frequently, the views of big-city dwellers can be just as <b>parochial</b> as those of people who live in small, rural towns."</i>
<b>parquetry</b>	inlaid woodwork in geometric forms, usually of contrasting wood <i>"The <b>parquetry</b> floor was beautifully polished."</i>
<b>parturient</b>	giving birth or about to give birth to young <i>"Taking shelter behind the barn, the <b>parturient</b> mare would give birth to a healthy foal."</i>
<b>patina</b>	any thin coating or color change resulting from age <i>"Two hundred years have left a handsome <b>patina</b> on the Liberty Bell."</i>
<b>patriarchate</b>	position, rank, jurisdiction, territory, etc. of the ruling patriarch <i>"In African tribes, it is essential to know each <b>patriarchate</b> in order to thrive."</i>
<b>pavonine</b>	of or resembling a peacock; rainbow-like in color like a peacock's tail <i>"The peahen does not have the iridescent <b>pavonine</b> beauty of the peacock."</i>

<b>peccadillo</b>	minor or petty sin; fault <i>“While being fifteen minutes past curfew is just a <b>peccadillo</b>, coming home at dawn is a major problem and you have some explaining to do.”</i>
<b>peculate</b>	to steal or misuse money or property entrusted to one’s care, esp. public funds; embezzle <i>“The committee existed only to <b>peculate</b> tax revenue.”</i>
<b>peignoir</b>	a woman’s loose, full dressing gown, like a negligee but shorter <i>“The <b>peignoir</b> was trimmed with lace and ribbons.”</i>
<b>pendulous</b>	hanging or bending downward <i>“Due to the <b>pendulous</b> flaps on the oversized tablecloth, the cat would claw at it.”</i>
<b>penetralia</b>	the innermost parts, as of a temple <i>“The architect planned to put a <b>penetralia</b> in the basement to protect valuable items.”</i>
<b>penury</b>	extreme poverty, destitution <i>“The Depression reduced many families to <b>penury</b>.”</i>
<b>peradventure</b>	by chance <i>“They were sure of the outcome beyond <b>peradventure</b>.”</i>
<b>percipient</b>	capable of or characterized by perceptions; discerning <i>“The English Literature students were <b>percipient</b> to the novel because they understood the plot from start to finish.”</i>
<b>perfuse</b>	to sprinkle, cover over, or permeate with, or as with a liquid <i>“Please <b>perfuse</b> the cloth with the red dye.”</i>
<b>peripeteia</b>	a sudden change of fortune or reversal of circumstances, as in a drama <i>“The scene contains a climatic reversal of fortune, or <b>peripeteia</b>.”</i>
<b>periphrasis</b>	use of many words where one or a few would do; circumlocution <i>“The lecturer’s flowery speech actually didn’t cover much ground but was a <b>periphrasis</b> and a waste of my time.”</i>
<b>permutation</b>	any radical alteration; total transformation <i>“In time, the bacteria will undergo a <b>permutation</b> that will make it unaffected by antibiotics.”</i>
<b>peroration</b>	the concluding part of a speech, in which there is a summing up and emphatic recapitulation <i>“While a <b>peroration</b> is supposed to be the driving conclusion of a speech, it can lose its power if it drones on for too long.”</i>

<b>perspicacious</b>	having keen judgment or understanding <i>"The <b>perspicacious</b> child understood almost everything the adults said."</i>
<b>perspicuity</b>	the quality or state of being clear to the understanding <i>"Because of its lack of <b>perspicuity</b>, the article needed to be edited for clearness."</i>
<b>pertinacious</b>	hold firmly to some purpose, belief, or action, often stubbornly or obstinately <i>"Only the most <b>pertinacious</b> competitors will finish the grueling twenty-three mile marathon."</i>
<b>petroglyph</b>	a rock carving, esp. a prehistoric one <i>"The <b>petroglyph</b> and similar works of rock art are considered a part of Native American's cultural heritage in Arizona."</i>
<b>pharmaceutical</b>	of or by drugs or medicine <i>"Aspirin is probably one of the best-known <b>pharmaceutical</b> medicines."</i>
<b>phlegmatic</b>	hard to rouse to action; sluggish; dull; apathetic <i>"Commuting during rush hour requires a <b>phlegmatic</b> temperament."</i>
<b>phyletic</b>	of or pertaining to a phylum or to an evolutionary line of descent <i>"The new <b>phyletic</b> approach changed the way that taxonomists considered plant classification."</i>
<b>phyllophagous</b>	feeding on leaves <i>"Deer, caribou, reindeer and other ruminant animals can be called <b>phyllophagous</b> animals since leaves and greenery are their food source."</i>
<b>pianissimo</b>	music very soft; a passage of music to be played softly <i>"The symphony ends in a <b>pianissimo</b>."</i>
<b>piassava</b>	stiff, elastic palm fiber used in making brooms, brushes <i>"Leopoldinia <b>piassava</b> is a palm from Brazil from which fiber to make brushes and brooms is obtained."</i>
<b>picaresque</b>	designating or of sharp-witted vagabonds and their roguish adventures <i>"This mildly <b>picaresque</b> novel recounts a teenager's flight from prep school to an eventful weekend in New York."</i>
<b>picayunish</b>	smallness; trivial; petty <i>"Of little value now, the centavo, once like our American penny, worth 1/100 of the peso, is so <b>picayunish</b> as to be almost worthless."</i>
<b>piceous</b>	of or like pitch <i>"The boat had been caulked with a black, <b>piceous</b> substance."</i>

<b>piebald</b>	covered with patches or spots of two colors, esp. with white and black <i>“The <b>piebald</b> racehorse stood out from the rest of the field.”</i>
<b>pinniped</b>	having finlike feet or flippers; aquatic animal <i>“Seals, walruses, etc. are <b>pinniped</b> animals.”</i>
<b>pizzicato</b>	to pluck the strings of musical instruments instead of using the bow <i>“The direction to the musician to play a note or a passage of the score in a <b>pizzicato</b> manner means to pluck the strings.”</i>
<b>plaintive</b>	expressing sorrow or melancholy <i>“The <b>plaintive</b> funeral hymn brought tears to my eyes.”</i>
<b>plausibility</b>	seemingly true; seemingly honest, trustworthy, often implying distrust <i>“We were suspicious of the <b>plausibility</b> of their story.”</i>
<b>plenipotentiary</b>	a person, esp. a diplomatic agent, given full authority to act as representative of a government <i>“The union has named me its <b>plenipotentiary</b> for the purpose of this bargaining session.”</i>
<b>plenitudinous</b>	abundant; full; stout; obese <i>“The warehouse was stocked with a <b>plenitudinous</b> supply of everything.”</i>
<b>pleuston</b>	small organisms floating on or near the surface of a body of water <i>“There was <b>pleuston</b> in the form of algae floating on the pond.”</i>
<b>plexus</b>	a complexly interconnected arrangement of parts; network <i>“Each segment of the earthworm has its own nerve <b>plexus</b>.”</i>
<b>pneumococcal</b>	A bacterium causing lobar pneumonia and associated with certain other diseases like meningitis  <i>“In <b>pneumococcal</b> and typhoid infections the organisms may be found in the blood.”</i>
<b>pneumonectomy</b>	the surgical removal of an entire lung <i>“This article reports the experiences in doing a <b>pneumonectomy</b> in 24 patients with lung cancer.”</i>
<b>poignant</b>	sharp smell; sharply painful to the feelings; piercing; biting <i>“The book’s ending was <b>poignant</b> and caused me to reflect upon my own family’s life.”</i>
<b>pontificate</b>	to speak or act in a pompous or dogmatic way <i>“The professor could <b>pontificate</b> for hours on art.”</i>
<b>postiche</b>	a substitute; counterfeit <i>“The jeans were a cheap <b>postiche</b> of designer originals.”</i>

<b>precatory</b>	of, having the nature of, or expressing entreaty <i>"Beggars raised <b>precatory</b> hands to the rich tourists."</i>
<b>predation</b>	the act of plundering or praying <i>"The lions were preparing for <b>predation</b> near the waterhole."</i>
<b>preemptive</b>	action taken to stop other action beforehand; seized ahead of others <i>"A settler on public land has the right to make a <b>preemptive</b> bid to buy the property ahead of anyone else."</i>
<b>prehensile</b>	adapted for seizing or grasping <i>"The monkey's long, <b>prehensile</b> tail wraps easily around branches."</i>
<b>prerogative</b>	a prior or exclusive right or privilege, esp. one peculiar to a rank, class, etc. <i>"If you choose to follow your <b>prerogative</b> and behave badly, don't be surprised if there are consequences."</i>
<b>proboscis</b>	elephant's trunk or a long, tapering snout; person's nose, esp. if large <i>"The elephant's <b>proboscis</b> is used to pick up its food and for sensing."</i>
<b>prodigious</b>	wonderful; amazing <i>"The flight of the Voyager is a <b>prodigious</b> accomplishment."</i>
<b>progressive</b>	moving onward or forward; educational system stressing individualism <i>"This is a <b>progressive</b> firm that uses the most modern systems."</i>
<b>prolegomenon</b>	speak beforehand; preliminary remark or essay <i>"The <b>prolegomenon</b> by the chairman gave the audience some idea of what to expect of the lecture."</i>
<b>proliferation</b>	growing by multiplying new parts <i>"The <b>proliferation</b> of the buds on the rosebush was truly amazing."</i>
<b>propaedeutic</b>	an elementary or introductory subject or study <i>"In some areas a <b>propaedeutic</b> class in Beginning Algebra is offered."</i>
<b>propinquity</b>	nearness in time or place <i>"Among their objections to the proposed site for a chemical plant is its <b>propinquity</b> to a housing development."</i>
<b>propylaeum</b>	an entrance; vestibule or portico <i>"The <b>propylaeum</b> to the Acropolis is well known to architects."</i>
<b>prosody</b>	the science or art of versification <i>"While mulling over the poem's prosody, the writer took a special interest in both the meter and rhyme."</i>
<b>protean</b>	very changeable <i>"A chameleon's <b>protean</b> nature supports its survival."</i>



<b>psalmist</b>	composer of sacred songs or poems <i>“The <b>psalmist</b> suggested getting the instruments out and using our voices.”</i>
<b>ptarmigan</b>	northern or alpine grouse which undergo seasonal color changes <i>“The <b>ptarmigan</b> changes its color to blend in with the landscape.”</i>
<b>pterodactyl</b>	any of a number of genera of flying reptiles of the extinct order Pterosauria, from the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, having highly reduced tails and teeth, with a bird-like beak <i>“The preschoolers’ favorite dinosaur, by far, was the <b>pterodactyl</b>.”</i>
<b>pudency</b>	modesty or prudishness <i>“As children grow up, their <b>pudency</b> typically increases.”</i>
<b>pulchritude</b>	physical beauty <i>“Many a starlet would prefer to succeed on the basis of talent rather than <b>pulchritude</b>.”</i>
<b>pullulate</b>	to sprout out <i>“After the rain, purple and white crocuses began to <b>pullulate</b> in the wild garden.”</i>
<b>punchy</b>	forceful; vigorous <i>“The <b>punchy</b> article demanded reform.”</i>
<b>purulent</b>	of, like, containing or discharging pus <i>“The nurse cleaned the <b>purulent</b> wound with great care.”</i>
<b>pythonic</b>	of or like an oracle; prophetic <i>“For fashion trends, Calvin Klein has seeming <b>pythonic</b> powers.”</i>
<b>pyxis</b>	a vase with a cover; small box or case; dry fruit whose top splits off like a lid <i>“The ancient Greeks and Romans used a <b>pyxis</b> to hold coins.”</i>
<b>quaestor</b>	an official in ancient Rome responsible for administration and finance <i>“The <b>quaestor</b> was the state treasurer in ancient Rome.”</i>
<b>quandary</b>	a state of uncertainty <i>“When the lawyer told us our lawsuit options, we realized we were in a quandary about which legal path to take.”</i>
<b>quebracho</b>	tropical tree of the cashew family in America <i>“The hard wood of the <b>quebracho</b> yields an extract used in tanning.”</i>
<b>querulous</b>	full of complaints; peevish <i>“The diners’ <b>querulous</b> comments ceased when their food arrived.”</i>

<b>queue</b>	a plait of hair worn hanging from the back of the head <i>“It’s more practical for people with long hair to wear it in a <b>queue</b> while playing sports.”</i>
<b>quiescent</b>	quiet; still; inactive <i>“We languished in the <b>quiescent</b> summer air waiting for a breeze.”</i>
<b>quintessence</b>	the pure concentrated essence of anything; the most perfect <i>“These chocolate bars are the <b>quintessence</b> of delicious treats for the soul.”</i>
<b>quotidian</b>	daily, recurring every day <i>“There is a precise schedule for taking care of <b>quotidian</b> tasks, but all your time is your own once you have completed them.”</i>
<b>raconteur</b>	a person who is skilled at telling stories or anecdotes <i>“A screenwriter is a <b>raconteur</b> who simply puts stories on paper.”</i>
<b>rambunctious</b>	wild, disorderly, boisterous, unruly, etc. <i>“With a substitute teacher, first-graders are even more <b>rambunctious</b> than usual.”</i>
<b>rapparee</b>	plunderer or robber <i>“The <b>rapparee</b> gained entry into the house by an open window.”</i>
<b>rarefy</b>	to make or become more refined, subtle, or lofty <i>“We tried to <b>rarefy</b> the conversation by discussing the Picasso exhibit.”</i>
<b>rebarbative</b>	repellent, unattractive, forbidding, grim, etc. <i>“<b>Rebarbative</b> and unpleasant, the skunk’s smell made passersby gasp with disgust.”</i>
<b>recalcitrant</b>	hard to handle or deal with <i>“Even the most <b>recalcitrant</b> students came to respect the teacher’s authority.”</i>
<b>recidivism</b>	repeated relapse into crime <i>“Criminal <b>recidivism</b> rates are very high.”</i>
<b>reciprocity</b>	mutual action or exchange; interchange of equal value <i>“In the two countries, a <b>reciprocity</b> of the reduction of tariffs would be of mutual advantage.”</i>
<b>recline</b>	bending or curved downward <i>“The spider plant’s long, slender <b>recline</b> leaves and shoots make it suitable for hanging containers.”</i>
<b>recrudescence</b>	to break out again after lying latent or relatively inactive <i>“Political violence in Ireland began to <b>recrudescence</b> in 1971.”</i>

<b>regrettable</b>	unfortunate; to be remorseful for <i>“It was a <b>regrettable</b> accident, but could not be undone.”</i>
<b>rejuvenescence</b>	renewal of youthfulness <i>“They visited the identified fountain of youth in hopes for a <b>rejuvenescence</b> to occur.</i>
<b>relevant</b>	bearing upon the matter at hand; pertinent; to the point <i>“The term <b>relevant</b> implies a close relationship and importance to the matter under consideration.”</i>
<b>renaissance</b>	a new birth; revival; great revival of art, literature and learning <i>“The <b>renaissance</b> in Europe in the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries began in Italy spreading to other countries and marked the transition from medieval to modern.”</i>
<b>repetitious</b>	something done or said over and over again; tiring; boring repeatedness <i>“The <b>repetitious</b> admonitions to ‘be careful’, ‘come right home’, and ‘don’t be late’, seemed so unnecessary.”</i>
<b>repossession</b>	taken back; retrieved; owned again <i>“It’s advisable to never ignore a late notice on car loan payments so that you do not risk <b>repossession</b> from the bank.”</i>
<b>requisition</b>	a formal written order, request, or application, as for equipment, tools, etc. <i>“The teacher made a <b>requisition</b> for school supplies.”</i>
<b>resuscitate</b>	to revive, esp. to come back to life or consciousness again <i>“The doctor tried to <b>resuscitate</b> the patient.”</i>
<b>reticule</b>	a woman’s small handbag, originally made of network and usually having a drawstring <i>“The black <b>reticule</b> sagged due to too much weight.”</i>
<b>rhapsody</b>	a great delight; ecstasy <i>“The enthusiastic researcher launched into a <b>rhapsody</b> about the latest medical discovery.”</i>
<b>rhetor</b>	a master or teacher of rhetoric; an orator <i>“The community action group hired a <b>rhetor</b> to help them prepare for an important speech.”</i>
<b>rheumatism</b>	painful condition of the joints and muscles <i>“<b>Rheumatism</b> is characterized by inflammation, pain, and swelling of the joints and muscles.”</i>
<b>rhinoplasty</b>	plastic surgery of the nose <i>“This particular cosmetic surgeon specialized in <b>rhinoplasty</b>.”</i>

<b>riparian</b>	of, adjacent to, or living on the bank of a river or other body of water <i>"The <b>riparian</b> land of the Nile delta is prized for farming because irrigation is no problem."</i>
<b>riposte</b>	a sharp, swift response or retort <i>"Full of quick comebacks, the comedian always has a <b>riposte</b> to any heckler in the crowd."</i>
<b>risible</b>	causing laughter <i>"Even though most of the public felt that the owners of the team had chosen a <b>risible</b> mascot, the crowd still cheered as the giant squid led the team onto the field."</i>
<b>roentgenize</b>	to subject to the action of X-rays <i>"An injury may result in the necessity for doctors to <b>roentgenize</b> it."</i>
<b>roil</b>	to stir up; agitate <i>"The unfair referee's latest call was all it took to <b>roil</b> up the feisty crowd."</i>
<b>roorback</b>	a false or slanderous story devised for political effect <i>"The opposition launched an election eve <b>roorback</b> on the candidate's personal finances."</i>
<b>rubefaction</b>	redness of the skin <i>"A biting mustard plaster produced <b>rubefaction</b> on the patient's chest."</i>
<b>rutilant</b>	to have a reddish glow <i>"An autumn sunset transformed the skyscrapers into <b>rutilant</b> towers."</i>
<b>saccharin</b>	sugar substitute; noncaloric sweetener <i>"<b>Saccharin</b> is a coal tar compound about 500 times sweeter than cane sugar."</i>
<b>sackcloth</b>	coarse, rough cloth, originally made of goats' hair, worn as in Biblical times and with ashes sprinkled on the head as a symbol of mourning or penitence <i>"Widows in equatorial Africa actually wear <b>sackcloth</b> and ashes when attending a funeral."</i>
<b>sacrilegious</b>	violation of something sacred; disrespectfulness of something religious <i>"To some, the opening of the tombs of Egyptian mummies seems <b>sacrilegious</b>."</i>
<b>sapid</b>	having a taste, esp. a pleasing taste <i>"The disgruntled dieter was allowed to eat nothing more <b>sapid</b> than jello."</i>

<b>saponaceous</b>	soapy or soaplike <i>“Glucosides found in soapwort, soapbark, etc., become <b>saponaceous</b> when dissolved in water or used as detergents.”</i>
<b>sarcophagus</b>	any stone coffin, esp. one on display, as in a monumental tomb <i>“We visited the famous <b>sarcophagus</b>.”</i>
<b>sarsaparilla</b>	dried roots of the Smilax lily family; extract used as flavor for a carbonated drink <i>“<b>Sarsaparilla</b> seemed to be the favorite soft drink in stories of the Old West.”</i>
<b>satiety</b>	the state of being satiated; surfeit <i>“They ate until their stomachs stretched with a pleasant <b>satiety</b>.”</i>
<b>saturnine</b>	having a melancholy or surly disposition, sarcastic <i>“It was hard to not be <b>saturnine</b> after learning of my favorite musician’s death.”</i>
<b>scalawag</b>	a scamp; rascal <i>“Late last night, the neighborhood <b>scalawag</b> decorated the school with toilet paper.”</i>
<b>scaphoid</b>	navicular (any of various boat-shaped bones) <i>“The outer bone of the first row of carpals in the wrist is a <b>scaphoid</b> one.”</i>
<b>scarify</b>	to criticize sharply <i>“After seeing the play, the critic plans to <b>scarify</b> the actors for their sloppy performances.”</i>
<b>schismatic</b>	tending to or guilty of causing a split in an organized society or church <i>“It was impossible to come to a unanimous decision between the <b>schismatic</b> political parties.”</i>
<b>sconce</b>	a bracket attached to a wall for holding a candle; candles, or the like <i>“There was a huge, wax-encrusted <b>sconce</b> on the wall of the castle’s great hall.”</i>
<b>scrim</b>	a light, sheer, loosely woven cotton or linen cloth, used for curtains, upholstery, linings, etc. <i>“Bold lighting silhouetted the actors against the <b>scrim</b>.”</i>
<b>scullion</b>	a servant doing the rough, dirty work in a kitchen <i>“Having been my own butcher and <b>scullion</b> and cook, I can speak for an unusually complete experience.”</i>
<b>seignior</b>	a feudal lord’s estate. The power and authority of a feudal lord. <i>“They concluded a bargain with the <b>seignior</b> for transport and provisions at a fixed price.”</i>

<b>seismograph</b>	instrument that records intensity and duration of earthquakes and tremors <i>"The <b>seismograph</b> is a great invention, but we are hoping for the invention that will give enough advance notice for evacuation before the quake."</i>
<b>semidiurnal</b>	coming twice a day, as the tides <i>"The tide's <b>semidiurnal</b> shifting constantly exposed the old shipwreck."</i>
<b>seminal</b>	being an early and influential example <i>"We attended a conference where <b>seminal</b> ideas for future scenarios were introduced."</i>
<b>semiotics</b>	a general theory of signs and symbols <i>"The candidates for governor were caught up in the <b>semiotics</b> of popularity polls."</i>
<b>sentient</b>	of, having, or capable of feeling or perception <i>"Mammals are advanced <b>sentient</b> beings with complex nervous systems."</i>
<b>serried</b>	crowded <i>"Like frightened birds, the student protestors were <b>serried</b> into close ranks."</i>
<b>sgraffito</b>	incising the outer coating of slip or glaze to reveal different ground color on ceramics, murals, etc. to produce a design <i>"The effect of <b>sgraffito</b> on the ceramics we bought is really striking."</i>
<b>shenanigans</b>	trickery; mischief <i>"In the comedy show, the three main characters are always involved in <b>shenanigans</b> that result in hilarious consequences."</i>
<b>sidle</b>	to move sideways <i>"The informer tried to <b>sidle</b> behind the conspirators to eavesdrop on their whispered conversation."</i>
<b>sinistrous</b>	ill-omened; unlucky; disastrous; sinister <i>"They avoided black cats and ladders for fear of <b>sinistrous</b> influences."</i>
<b>skirl</b>	a shrill sound, as of a bagpipe <i>"The ghostly <b>skirl</b> of the pipes drifted over the moors."</i>
<b>slough</b>	moral degradation <i>"The psychologist is working with me to <b>slough</b> negative behaviors from my life."</i>

<b>slumgullion</b>	any inexpensive stew or hash <i>“Using white beans and leftover meat, the cook made a huge pot of <b>slumgullion</b> to feed the homeless.”</i>
<b>snaffle</b>	a bit, usually light and jointed, attached to a bridle and having no curb <i>“The obedient mare replied to the slightest pull on the <b>snaffle</b>.”</i>
<b>sociopath</b>	a psychopathic personality whose behavior is aggressively antisocial <i>“The <b>sociopath</b> possesses an abnormal lack of empathy and can only mimic emotions.”</i>
<b>solecism</b>	a violation of the conventional usage, grammar, etc. <i>“The judge reprimanded the lawyer who exhibited a <b>solecism</b> in court protocols.”</i>
<b>somnambulism</b>	sleepwalking <i>“The bungling bureaucrats operated as though in a state of <b>somnambulism</b>.”</i>
<b>sovereign</b>	above all others; chief; greatest; ruler; royal; outstanding <i>“A <b>sovereign</b> state is independent of all others.”</i>
<b>specious</b>	plausible, but not genuine <i>“Several weight loss products on the market make <b>specious</b> claims as to their effectiveness.”</i>
<b>spelunker</b>	a person who explores caves as a hobby <i>“The Mammoth Caves in Kentucky can offer a <b>spelunker</b> 144 miles of passageway to examine.”</i>
<b>spontaneous</b>	acting with natural feeling, impulse; without remediation <i>“At the close of the program, the audience erupted in a <b>spontaneous</b> burst of applause.”</i>
<b>spoor</b>	the track or trail of an animal, esp. of a wild animal hunted as game <i>“The hunter followed the bloody <b>spoor</b> to the wounded lion’s lair.”</i>
<b>squamous</b>	like, formed of, or covered with scales <i>“The <b>squamous</b> flesh of fish protects their inner parts.”</i>
<b>stertorous</b>	characterized by a harsh snoring or grasping sound <i>“My doctor is concerned about my <b>stertorous</b> breathing and suggested a sleep study to determine why it is so labored.”</i>
<b>stickle</b>	to have objections <i>“They are always ready to <b>stickle</b> over the fine points of etiquette.”</i>
<b>stipple</b>	to paint, draw, engrave, or apply in small points or dots rather than in lines or solid areas <i>“Did you see my <b>stipple</b> portrait?”</i>

<b>stoat</b>	a large European weasel, esp. in its brown summer coat <i>"The dense fur of the <b>stoat</b> has lost its popularity in the fashion world."</i>
<b>stripling</b>	passing into manhood <i>"The <b>stripling</b> helped the young children across the street."</i>
<b>suborn</b>	to induce or instigate (another) to do something illegal <i>"The foreign spy tried to <b>suborn</b> the diplomat into betrayal."</i>
<b>subterfuge</b>	stragem; artifice <i>"Using a false name is a common <b>subterfuge</b> to dodge taxes."</i>
<b>subterranean</b>	beneath the earth's surface; underground <i>"It is necessary to see that there is no wood to earth contact in order to prevent <b>subterranean</b> termite damage to houses."</i>
<b>superannuated</b>	obsolete; old fashioned; outdated; old or worn out <i>"The headquarters would have to be moved soon from this large, <b>superannuated</b> building."</i>
<b>supercilious</b>	disdainful or contemptuous <i>"The <b>supercilious</b> director at the outdoor celebration refused to sit on the ground like everyone else."</i>
<b>superfluity</b>	a quantity or number beyond what is needed <i>"There is a <b>superfluity</b> of apples in the store, outnumbering the bananas three to one."</i>
<b>surrogate</b>	a deputy or substitute <i>"Many people thought the painting was a <b>surrogate</b> for the original piece."</i>
<b>susceptibility</b>	capacity for receiving impressions <i>"We carefully selected stories with the child's <b>susceptibility</b> in mind."</i>
<b>susurrant</b>	whispering, murmuring <i>"We sat on the beach and listened to the <b>susurrant</b> lapping of the waves."</i>
<b>surveillance</b>	supervision or inspection; watch kept over a person <i>"The detective arranged for a <b>surveillance</b> to be kept on the suspect."</i>
<b>svelte</b>	slender and graceful <i>"The beach was a composite of <b>svelte</b> bodies, languidly posed on chairs and towels."</i>
<b>synchronous</b>	happening at the same time <i>"Since both concerts were <b>synchronous</b>, it was hard to drive in the traffic around the auditoriums."</i>



<b>syncopation</b>	syncopated music, a syncopated rhythm, etc. <i>“Syncopation is very typical of New Orleans jazz.”</i>
<b>synonymous</b>	having the character of synonyms or a synonym; equivalent in meaning; expressing or implying the same idea <i>“While the terms “rat” and “mice” are often considered <b>synonymous</b> in meaning, they actually represent two different species of animals.”</i>
<b>tactile</b>	that can be perceived by the touch <i>“When I accidentally touched the cactus, my <b>tactile</b> senses told my brain to quickly remove my fingers.”</i>
<b>tangential</b>	diverging or digressing <i>“The issue of cleaning subway cars is <b>tangential</b> to that of making them run.”</i>
<b>tantivy</b>	a full gallop <i>“The horse zipped <b>tantivy</b> between the barrels.”</i>
<b>tarn</b>	a small mountain lake <i>“Mountain goats lapped up the ice-cold waters of the <b>tarn</b>.”</i>
<b>tautology</b>	needless repetition of an idea in a different word, phrase, or sentence <i>“The call for a ‘renaissance of renewal’ was the professor’s favorite <b>tautology</b>.”</i>
<b>tawny</b>	brownish-yellow; tan <i>“If you mix too many different paint colors together you will just get a <b>tawny</b> color that is brownish yellow.”</i>
<b>tenebrous</b>	shut off from light; dark; hard to understand; causing or marked by gloom <i>“<b>Tenebrous</b> clouds loomed in the sky and seemed to grow darker as the storm moved into the area.”</i>
<b>tergiversate</b>	to desert a cause, party, etc.; become a renegade; equivocate <i>“We were dismayed when our publicity chairman decided to <b>tergiversate</b> in the middle of the campaign.”</i>
<b>terpsichorean</b>	having to do with dancing <i>“It was <b>terpsichorean</b> music, not just music to listen to.”</i>
<b>terraqueous</b>	consisting of land and water <i>“From our plane we looked down on a beautiful <b>terraqueous</b> area.”</i>
<b>terrene</b>	worldly; mundane <i>“The <b>terrene</b> building is a special kind of construction in a special region of that country.”</i>

<b>tessellated</b>	laid in small square blocks; arranged in a mosaic pattern <i>"The entryway was a mosaic of <b>tessellated</b> ceramics in two colors."</i>
<b>testaceous</b>	of, like or from shells; having a hard shell <i>"The server gave us small mallets to crack the <b>testaceous</b> crab."</i>
<b>thalassic</b>	of the sea or ocean <i>"Earth was once a shallow <b>thalassic</b> mass slowly nurturing life."</i>
<b>timbre</b>	the characteristic quality of sound that distinguishes one voice or musical instrument from another or one vowel sound from another <i>"The opera star's <b>timbre</b> was rich and filled with vibrato."</i>
<b>tincture</b>	an alcoholic or water-alcoholic solution of a medicinal substance <i>"Laudanum, a <b>tincture</b> of opium, was widely used in nineteenth century homes."</i>
<b>titular</b>	nominal <i>"Parents can have a <b>titular</b> position that their children don't always respect, and their authority does not mean anything at all."</i>
<b>topiary</b>	designating or of the art of trimming and training shrubs or trees into unnatural, ornamental shapes <i>"The musician had <b>topiary</b> hedges that looked like giant notes."</i>
<b>tractable</b>	easily managed; taught; or controlled <i>"If the project becomes too large, it will no longer be <b>tractable</b> by a single manager."</i>
<b>trammel</b>	to confine, restrain or shackle <i>"Fear can <b>trammel</b> mind and body."</i>
<b>triptych</b>	set of three panels or pictures hinged so two side panels fold over the middle <i>"Interior screens can range from fabric-covered <b>triptych</b> folding ones that can be moved around or sliding doors."</i>
<b>trope</b>	the use of a word in a figurative sense <i>"Love at first sight is an overused romance <b>trope</b>."</i>
<b>truckle</b>	to be servile <i>"The teenager will no longer <b>truckle</b> to every parent request."</i>
<b>tumid</b>	swollen; bulging <i>"My eyelid has been <b>tumid</b> since yesterday."</i>
<b>ubiquitous</b>	present or seeming to be everywhere at the same time; omnipresent <i>"Because the police presence was <b>ubiquitous</b> at the parade, everyone felt very safe."</i>

<b>ululate</b>	to wail or lament loudly <i>"It is natural for coyotes to <b>ululate</b> through the night."</i>
<b>umbrageous</b>	shady; easily offended <i>"The <b>umbrageous</b> pepper tree had a park bench under it."</i>
<b>undulant</b>	moving in or as in waves; undulating <i>"The <b>undulant</b> Blue Hills roll to meet the coast near Boston."</i>
<b>usurious</b>	practicing usury <i>"<b>Usurious</b> loan sharks prey upon people in financial desperation."</i>
<b>vacillating</b>	wavering in motion or opinion <i>"A person with <b>vacillating</b> ideas wavers and often changes"</i>
<b>valedictory</b>	farewell speech, esp. one delivered at graduation <i>"On the last day of school, seniors wrote a <b>valedictory</b> stating what they would miss about high school."</i>
<b>velleity</b>	a mere wish that does not lead to the slightest action <i>"The student had a <b>velleity</b> to never see another algebra problem again."</i>
<b>velutinous</b>	soft and velvety <i>"Thick moss turned the tree trunk into a <b>velutinous</b> couch."</i>
<b>venatic</b>	of or engaging in hunting <i>"An antler-lined wall revealed their <b>venatic</b> passion."</i>
<b>verbiage</b>	wordiness <i>"Cutting the <b>verbiage</b> left the author with three pages of the original eight."</i>
<b>verdure</b>	green growing plants and trees <i>"After the long winter, the sheep feasted on the pasture's <b>verdure</b>."</i>
<b>vernacular</b>	commonly spoken by the people of a particular country or place <i>"The <b>vernacular</b> of today's young people is very confusing to some of the older generation."</i>
<b>versatile</b>	competent in many things; many sided; adaptable to many uses <i>"Playing the piano was one of the musician's many <b>versatile</b> accomplishments."</i>
<b>vicarious</b>	shared in or experienced by imagined participation in another's experience <i>"Since I have many food allergies, I tend to be a <b>vicarious</b> eater who enjoys food through stories of others."</i>

<b>viridescent</b>	slightly green; greenish <i>“The lizard’s body is albino and it has an intricate <b>viridescent</b> camouflage.”</i>
<b>visualize</b>	form a mental image <i>“Once you start to avidly pursue your dreams, you can <b>visualize</b> that dream coming true.”</i>
<b>vitreous</b>	of, having the nature of, or like glass <i>“Some new windows are made of unbreakable <b>vitreous</b> plastic.”</i>
<b>vociferous</b>	characterized by clamor or vehement outcry <i>“The fans were so <b>vociferous</b> that they cheered their underdog team to victory.”</i>
<b>vulnerary</b>	used for healing wounds, as herbs or other remedies <i>“Bread mold derives its <b>vulnerary</b> properties from the presence of penicillin.”</i>
<b>wainscot</b>	a wood lining or paneling on the walls of a room <i>“The <b>wainscot</b> in the den was designed in dark oak.”</i>
<b>weir</b>	a fence, as of brushwood or stakes, built in a stream, channel, etc., for catching fish <i>“Caught by the <b>weir</b>, the brook trout wriggled in the sun.”</i>
<b>weird</b>	strange; strikingly odd; fantastic; mysterious <i>“The <b>weird</b> cry of the loon can send chills up one’s spine.”</i>
<b>wheedle</b>	to influence or persuade a person by flattery; soothing words; coaxing, etc. <i>“Credit card companies try to <b>wheedle</b> money out of their customers by rewarding them with credit increases.”</i>
<b>whelp</b>	a young dog <i>“The <b>whelp</b> chewed a hole in my socks while I was out for the night.”</i>
<b>whimsically</b>	oddly out of the ordinary; fanciful; freakish; unpredictable <i>“They were crocuses, scattered <b>whimsically</b> throughout the front lawn.”</i>
<b>wormwood</b>	a bitter, unpleasant, or mortifying experience <i>“The horror film they just watched left them with a feeling of <b>wormwood</b>.”</i>
<b>wrought</b>	elaborated; embellished; not rough or crude <i>“The <b>wrought</b> metal will soon be used to construct the new bridge.”</i>
<b>xerophilous</b>	capable of thriving in a hot, dry climate <i>“The cactus is a <b>xerophilous</b> plant which grows in the desert.”</i>

<b>xyloid</b>	of or like wood; woody <i>"The <b>xyloid</b> section of a plant gives the stem its structure."</i>
<b>yea</b>	to bring forth (young); said of a sheep or goat <i>"The ewe waited until spring to <b>yea</b> her last lamb."</i>
<b>yttria</b>	a heavy white powder, insoluble in water, used in electronics <i>"<b>Yttria</b> is used in making color television tubes."</i>
<b>zabaglione</b>	a frothy dessert made of eggs, sugar, and wine, typically Marsala, beaten together over boiled water <i>"The waiter tempted us with a delightful <b>zabaglione</b>."</i>
<b>zucchetto</b>	skull cap worn by Roman Catholic ecclesiastics <i>"The priest's <b>zucchetto</b> is black, the bishop's purple, the cardinal's red, and the pope's is white."</i>