

# 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**

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| <b>aba</b>      | course fabric of wool or hair fiber with felted finish; loose, sleeveless robe worn by Arabs<br><i>"The rider's <b>aba</b> protected him from the sun."</i>   |
| <b>abaft</b>    | at or toward the stern or rear of a ship; behind; back of<br><i>"The garbage was thrown overboard <b>abaft</b> the ship."</i>                                 |
| <b>abase</b>    | to humble or humiliate<br><i>"He will <b>abase</b> himself."</i>  |
| <b>abate</b>    | to make less in amount, degree, force<br><i>"The weatherman said that the storm would <b>abate</b>."</i>  |
| <b>abhor</b>    | to shrink from in fear; disgust or hatred; detest<br><i>"I <b>abhor</b> baiting my fishhook with worms."</i>  |
| <b>ably</b>     | skillfully<br><i>"His picture was <b>ably</b> drawn."</i>   |
| <b>abode</b>    | a place where one lives or stays; home; residence<br><i>"He remained in his <b>abode</b>."</i>  |
| <b>absorb</b>   | to suck up or drink in; assimilate; to take in and not reflect<br><i>"The paper towel will <b>absorb</b> the spilled milk."</i>                               |
| <b>absurd</b>   | so clearly untrue or unreasonable as to be ridiculous<br><i>"It was <b>absurd</b> to say the baby could reach the counter."</i>                               |
| <b>acme</b>     | highest point; peak; summit<br><i>"The <b>acme</b> of his desire was to become a man of medicine."</i>  |
| <b>active</b>   | characterized by much action or motion; lively, busy, agile, quick<br><i>"Her <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<br><i>"He became a strong <b>adherent</b> of the new church."</i> |
| <b>advise</b>   | to give advice or an opinion to; counsel<br><i>"The lawyer will <b>advise</b> her client."</i>  |
| <b>against</b>  | in opposition to; contrary to; adjoining or next to<br><i>"He voted <b>against</b> the motion."</i>   |
| <b>almond</b>   | the edible, nutlike kernel of the small, dry peachlike fruit of a tree<br><i>"Modesto is known as an <b>almond</b> growing region."</i>                       |
| <b>amaze</b>    | to fill with great surprise or sudden wonder; astonish<br><i>"The musician's talent will <b>amaze</b> the audience."</i>                                      |

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| <b>ambush</b>  | an arrangement of persons in hiding to make a surprise attack<br><i>"The sheriff did not suspect an <b>ambush</b>."</i>  |
| <b>amend</b>   | to make better; improve<br><i>"The government tries to <b>amend</b> the laws."</i>   |
| <b>antics</b>  | odd and funny; ludicrous; pranks, capers<br><i>"The <b>antics</b> of the little monkey made him seem almost human."</i>  |
| <b>appeal</b>  | to make a request to a higher court for the rehearing or review of (a case)<br><i>"Since the verdict was guilty, the defendant decided to <b>appeal</b> his case."</i> |
| <b>appoint</b> | to name or select officially for an office, position<br><i>"We will <b>appoint</b> a chairman."</i>  |
| <b>approve</b> | to give one's consent to; sanction; confirm<br><i>"She will <b>approve</b> the appeal."</i>  |
| <b>arbor</b>   | a place shaded by trees or shrubs<br><i>"The children played in the cool <b>arbor</b>."</i>  |
| <b>arid</b>    | lacking enough water for things to grow; dry and barren<br><i>"The <b>arid</b> soil did not produce."</i>  |
| <b>arrange</b> | to put in the correct, proper, or suitable order<br><i>"The librarian will <b>arrange</b> the books."</i>  |
| <b>arrest</b>  | to seize or take into custody by authority of the law<br><i>"The officer plans to <b>arrest</b> the suspect."</i>  |
| <b>assure</b>  | to give confidence to<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The class president was elected by a written <b>ballot</b>."</i>                       |

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| <b>balsa</b>    | a tropical American tree that yields an extremely light and buoyant wood used for airplane models, rafts<br><i>"The <b>balsa</b> provides wood for models."</i>  |
| <b>bandit</b>   | anyone who steals, cheats, exploits<br><i>"The <b>bandit</b> was arrested."</i>  |
| <b>bankrupt</b> | a person legally declared unable to pay his debts<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"My mother added <b>barley</b> to the soup to thicken it."</i>   |
| <b>barren</b>   | not bringing useful results, unproductive; unprofitable<br><i>"The <b>barren</b> field was eroding."</i>   |
| <b>barter</b>   | to trade for goods or services without using money<br><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<br><i>"The <b>basalt</b> was discovered in the mountain."</i>   |
| <b>basin</b>    | a washbowl or sink<br><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<br><i>"I <b>believe</b> in my religion."</i>   |
| <b>bellow</b>   | roar with powerful sound, like a bull; cry out loudly in pain or anger<br><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<br><i>"He photographed the body builder flexing the <b>biceps</b> of his arms."</i> |
| <b>boggle</b>   | to confuse or overwhelm<br><i>"Her idea would <b>boggle</b> your mind."</i>  |
| <b>bolster</b>  | to prop up as with a bolster, support, strengthen, or reinforce<br><i>"The coach tried to <b>bolster</b> the team's spirit."</i>   |

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| <b>break</b>    | to split into pieces; come apart; burst<br><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<br><i>"Her synopsis of the story was very <b>brief</b>."</i>  |
| <b>burglar</b>  | a person who commits burglary<br><i>"The <b>burglar</b> was brought to trial."</i>   |
| <b>buyer</b>    | one who buys; consumes<br><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<br><i>"The <b>caboose</b> was the last car."</i>  |
| <b>caldron</b>  | a large kettle or boiler<br><i>"The stew simmered in the <b>caldron</b>."</i>  |
| <b>candid</b>   | very honest or frank in what one says or writes<br><i>"The doctor was very <b>candid</b> with her patient."</i>  |
| <b>canny</b>    | careful and shrewd in one's actions and dealings; clever and cautious<br><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<br><i>"The horse began to <b>canter</b>."</i>  |
| <b>capstone</b> | the uppermost stone of a structure<br><i>"The <b>capstone</b> was granite."</i>  |
| <b>caption</b>  | a heading or title, as of a newspaper article<br><i>"He read the <b>caption</b> carefully."</i>  |
| <b>carafe</b>   | a bottle of glass or metal for water, coffee<br><i>"He filled the <b>carafe</b> with water."</i>   |
| <b>career</b>   | one's progress through life or in a particular vocation<br><i>"She chose her <b>career</b> carefully."</i>   |
| <b>carp</b>     | To complain or find fault in a petty or nagging way<br><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<br><i>"The <b>cashier</b> collected the receipts and recorded them for the bank."</i> |
| <b>central</b>  | in, at, or near the center<br><i>"The <b>central</b> position was desired."</i>  |

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| <b>channel</b>   | a course through which something moves or is transmitted, conveyed, expressed<br><i>"The <b>channel</b> for the boat was narrow."</i>   |
| <b>charmer</b>   | a delightful, fascinating, or attractive person<br><i>"The baby was a <b>charmer</b>."</i>  |
| <b>charter</b>   | the hire or lease of a ship, bus, airplane<br><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<br><i>"He was not above using <b>chicanery</b> to win votes."</i> |
| <b>chorus</b>    | music written for group singing<br><i>"The group joined together for the <b>chorus</b>."</i>  |
| <b>cluster</b>   | a number of persons, animals, or things grouped together<br><i>"There was a <b>cluster</b> of flowers in the yard."</i>   |
| <b>coffers</b>   | chests or strongboxes in which money or valuables are kept<br><i>"After a successful fund raiser the <b>coffers</b> were 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<br><i>"Laddie wore a jeweled <b>collar</b>."</i>                        |
| <b>college</b>   | a school offering specialized instruction in some profession or occupation<br><i>"After attending a secretarial <b>college</b>, she found a position very quickly."</i>                 |
| <b>coming</b>    | drawing near; approaching<br><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<br><i>"The politician will usually <b>commit</b> himself on an issue."</i>     |
| <b>compel</b>    | to enforce or constrain; as to do something; to get by force<br><i>"Hunger will <b>compel</b> animals to follow a scent."</i>   |
| <b>compress</b>  | to squeeze together<br><i>"The machine will <b>compress</b> the cotton bales."</i>  |
| <b>copy</b>      | to make a thing like something else; to imitate<br><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<br><i>"His lateness in coming home caused his parents <b>concern</b>."</i>  |

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| <b>control</b> | to govern; to direct; restraint; regulate<br><i>"The Board of Directors will <b>control</b> communication."</i>  |
| <b>convert</b> | to change from one form to another<br><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<br><i>"Destroyers will <b>convoy</b> the troopships."</i>  |
| <b>copra</b>   | the source of coconut meat or coconut oil<br><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<br><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<br><i>"Schoolteachers often take papers home to <b>correct</b>."</i>   |
| <b>corrupt</b> | spoiled; contaminated; morally unsound<br><i>"The <b>corrupt</b> official accepted a bribe."</i>   |
| <b>costly</b>  | expensive; at the cost of great effort<br><i>"The diamond ring was a <b>costly</b> piece of jewelry."</i>  |
| <b>crabby</b>  | cross; ill-tempered; complaining<br><i>"He was <b>crabby</b> because he did not feel well."</i>  |
| <b>craft</b>   | special skill, art or dexterity; occupation requiring special skill<br><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<br><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<br><i>"His son is a real <b>credit</b> to his upbringing."</i>   |
| <b>creek</b>   | a small stream of water; a narrow or winding passage<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The spider webs give me a <b>creepy</b> feeling."</i>  |



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| <b>crew</b>    | people working together; a group associating or classed together<br><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.<br><i>"Watching the tennis match gave her a <b>crick</b> in the neck."</i>   |
| <b>crimson</b> | deep red color<br><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<br><i>"His 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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"As night came on, the <b>curtain</b> was drawn across the window."</i> |
| <b>cushy</b>   | easy; comfortable, soft<br><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<br><i>"Having parties at Halloween was the <b>custom</b> of the neighborhood."</i>  |
| <b>dabble</b>  | to do something superficially, not seriously<br><i>"My aunt likes to <b>dabble</b> in art."</i>  |
| <b>dampen</b>  | to make moist; to deaden, depress or lessen<br><i>"She was asked to <b>dampen</b> the clothes so they could be ironed later."</i>  |
| <b>danger</b>  | liability to injury, damage, loss or pain; peril<br><i>"Walking so close to the edge of the cliff, he was in <b>danger</b> of falling."</i>  |
| <b>dapper</b>  | small and neat; trim; active and smart<br><i>"He looked <b>dapper</b> in the new suit from his tailor."</i>  |
| <b>data</b>    | things known or assumed; facts or figures for information<br><i>"The computer analyst fed the <b>data</b> into the machine."</i>   |

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| <b>dazzle</b>  | to confuse, surprise, or overpower with brilliant qualities, display<br>“His ability to debate will <b>dazzle</b> his opponent.”   |
| <b>deafen</b>  | overwhelm with noise<br>“The volume of the loudspeaker will <b>deafen</b> the audience.”   |
| <b>debark</b>  | to unload from or leave a ship or aircraft<br>“We will proceed to <b>debark</b> the material as soon as the plane stops.”  |
| <b>decent</b>  | proper and fitting; not immodest; conforming to approved social standards<br>“Father provided for a <b>decent</b> , comfortable standard of living.”                             |
| <b>defect</b>  | lack of something for completeness; deficiency; forsake one’s cause and join the opposition<br>“It was on sale because of a <b>defect</b> in the pattern.”                       |
| <b>defend</b>  | to guard from attack; repel; support, protect, maintain or justify<br>“The soldiers will <b>defend</b> the fortress to the last man.”  |
| <b>deflect</b> | to turn or make bend to one side; swerve<br>“They used their shields to <b>deflect</b> the arrows.”  |
| <b>defrost</b> | to remove ice by thawing<br>“It was time to <b>defrost</b> the freezer.”   |
| <b>deft</b>    | skillful in a quick, sure and easy way; dexterous<br>“With <b>deft</b> fingers, she continued knitting the sweater.”   |
| <b>delay</b>   | to put off to a future time; postpone; to make late; slow up<br>“The <b>delay</b> in getting started caused them to be late.”  |
| <b>delta</b>   | fourth letter of the Greek alphabet; deposit of sand and soil, usually triangular in shape, at the mouth of a river<br>“The Nile River has a <b>delta</b> which is quite large.” |
| <b>demand</b>  | to ask for boldly or urgently; order to appear or summon<br>“The subpoena is a <b>demand</b> by the court.”  |
| <b>demon</b>   | devil, evil spirit; a person or thing regarded as evil or cruel<br>“He was a <b>demon</b> at golf.”  |
| <b>dental</b>  | of or for the teeth or dentistry<br>“Using <b>dental</b> floss is a help in avoiding tooth problems.”  |
| <b>depress</b> | to press down; push or pull down; lower<br>“If you <b>depress</b> this button, water comes out.”   |
| <b>depth</b>   | distance from the top downward; deepness; intensity, as of colors<br>“They dropped a stone in the well to try to determine its <b>depth</b> .”                                   |

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| <b>desist</b>    | to cease; stop; abstain from action<br><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.<br><i>"Lemon pie is my favorite <b>dessert</b>."</i>  |
| <b>destroy</b>   | to tear down; demolish; to break up; ruin; crush<br><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<br><i>"It was almost impossible to <b>detect</b> anything wrong with the cup."</i>  |
| <b>detest</b>    | to dislike intensely; hate; abhor<br><i>"They <b>detest</b> listening to some of the same old lectures."</i>  |
| <b>detract</b>   | to take something desirable away from<br><i>"Frowning will <b>detract</b> from the beauty of her face."</i>   |
| <b>devoid</b>    | completely without; empty or destitute<br><i>"Crippled badly from the accident, he was <b>devoid</b> of any way to resume his former occupation."</i>             |
| <b>differ</b>    | to be unlike, not same; disagree<br><i>"We often <b>differ</b> in our opinions and agree to disagree."</i>  |
| <b>different</b> | not alike; dissimilar; distinct; separate; other<br><i>"We went to the city by <b>different</b> routes."</i>  |
| <b>digest</b>    | a book or periodical; condensed information; absorb; tolerate<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"They planned to <b>discard</b> the unwanted clothing."</i>   |
| <b>discord</b>   | lack of agreement; conflict; inharmonious combination of tones<br><i>"The sense of <b>discord</b> in the committee made us nervous."</i>                          |

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| <b>dismal</b>   | causing gloom; depressing; bleak; dreary<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"London, England is many miles <b>distant</b> from California."</i> |
| <b>distinct</b> | clearly perceived or marked off; plain, well-defined; individual<br><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<br><i>"In order to take it from the child, we had to <b>distract</b> his attention by allowing him to pet the cat."</i>   |
| <b>distress</b> | to cause sorrow or misery; pain; suffering<br><i>"Arthritic pain causes <b>distress</b> in her stiff knee when she walks."</i>   |
| <b>dither</b>   | to be nervously excited or confused<br><i>"Before the curtain rose, she was all in a <b>dither</b>."</i>   |
| <b>dizzy</b>    | feeling giddy or unsteady; confused, bewildered<br><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<br><i>"The <b>doctor</b> examined the patient."</i>                            |
| <b>dogged</b>   | not giving in readily; persistent; stubborn<br><i>"He showed a <b>dogged</b> resistance to all arguments."</i>   |
| <b>dollar</b>   | a coin or piece of paper money of the value of a dollar<br><i>"The <b>dollar</b> was found on the sidewalk."</i>   |
| <b>donor</b>    | a person who donates or gives<br><i>"She volunteered to be a <b>donor</b> of blood for the transfusion."</i>   |
| <b>dormant</b>  | sleeping; quiet; still; inoperative; inactive<br><i>"Some plants and animals are <b>dormant</b> during the cold weather."</i>  |

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| <b>dosage</b>   | the system to be followed in taking doses, as of medicine<br><i>"He forgot to take his <b>dosage</b> of cough medicine."</i>                                  |
| <b>doting</b>   | foolishly fond; excessively<br><i>"Sometimes a <b>doting</b> parent can cause problems for the child."</i>  |
| <b>dowdy</b>    | not neat or stylish in dress or appearance; shabby<br><i>"Many of the candidates appeared <b>dowdy</b>."</i>  |
| <b>downy</b>    | soft and fluffy, like down<br><i>"The child petted the <b>downy</b> chick."</i>   |
| <b>draggy</b>   | slow moving; lethargic; dull; boring<br><i>"Some of us are <b>draggy</b>, especially in the early morning."</i>   |
| <b>drama</b>    | the quality of being dramatic<br><i>"The plays will bring <b>drama</b> to the audience."</i>  |
| <b>drastic</b>  | acting with force; having a violent effect; harsh; extreme<br><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.<br><i>"The wooden <b>drawer</b> slid smoothly into place."</i> |
| <b>dreadful</b> | inspiring dread; terrible or awesome<br><i>"The volcano's eruption was <b>dreadful</b>."</i>  |
| <b>drizzle</b>  | a fine, mistlike rain<br><i>"The <b>drizzle</b> dampened the pavement."</i>   |
| <b>druggist</b> | person authorized to fill prescriptions; pharmacist<br><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<br><i>"He 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<br><i>"They lived in one half of a <b>duplex</b>."</i>   |
| <b>during</b>   | throughout the whole time of; all through<br><i>"The doctor had a call and had to leave <b>during</b> the speech."</i>  |
| <b>dusky</b>    | lacking light; dim; shadowy<br><i>"In the <b>dusky</b> room, he could only identify outlines."</i>  |

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| <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.<br><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<br><i>"The <b>edict</b> issued by the King had to be obeyed by all."</i>   |
| <b>efface</b>  | to rub out, as from a surface; erase; wipe out; obliterate<br><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<br><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<br><i>"Though he did not want to, he made an <b>effort</b> to be friendly."</i>  |
| <b>eject</b>   | to throw out; cast out; expel; emit<br><i>"The safety net will catch the stuntman when he pushes the lever to <b>eject</b> himself from the plane."</i>   |
| <b>elate</b>   | to raise the spirits of; make very proud, happy, or joyful<br><i>"The surprise party should <b>elate</b> our friend."</i>   |
| <b>elect</b>   | to pick or choose; select<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The cross is an <b>emblem</b> of Christianity."</i>   |
| <b>emboss</b>  | to cover or decorate with designs; to carve, raise or print a design so it is above the surface; embellish; ornament<br><i>"She asked her sister to <b>emboss</b> the new chair."</i>                     |
| <b>emerge</b>  | to develop or evolve as something new, improved<br><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<br><i>"Since the mine is not running full time, the owners will <b>employ</b> fewer men."</i>                               |
| <b>empty</b>   | not full; containing nothing; unoccupied; vacant<br><i>"The windows are boarded up in the <b>empty</b> building."</i>   |

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| <b>enact</b>   | to make a bill into law; pass a decree; ordain<br><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<br><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<br><i>"Her acting will <b>enchant</b> all who see the play."</i>  |
| <b>enclose</b> | to shut in all around; hem in; fence in; surround<br><i>"We plan to <b>enclose</b> the play area."</i>   |
| <b>endless</b> | having no finish; going on forever; infinite<br><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<br><i>"The community will <b>endorse</b> the candidate."</i>  |
| <b>endow</b>   | provide with money, talent, quality or property, etc.<br><i>"In her will, she will <b>endow</b> the hospital with a permanent income."</i>                       |
| <b>enfold</b>  | to wrap up; embrace<br><i>"The mother's loving arms will <b>enfold</b> her child."</i>   |
| <b>engage</b>  | to employ or keep busy; occupy<br><i>"The assignment will <b>engage</b> his extra time."</i>   |
| <b>English</b> | the language of the people of England, the official language of the British Commonwealth, the U.S., Liberia, etc.<br><i>"We study <b>English</b> in school."</i> |
| <b>engorge</b> | to devour greedily<br><i>"The hungry man seemed to <b>engorge</b> his meal."</i>   |
| <b>engrave</b> | to cut or etch into a metal plate, wooden block, etc.<br><i>"We will watch her <b>engrave</b> the initials."</i>   |
| <b>engross</b> | to occupy one's whole attention<br><i>"This book will thoroughly <b>engross</b> him."</i>  |
| <b>engulf</b>  | to swallow up; overwhelm<br><i>"The raging river will <b>engulf</b> the house."</i>  |
| <b>enjoin</b>  | to urge or impose with authority; order, enforce<br><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.<br><i>"She went to the recruitment office to <b>enlist</b> in the Air Force."</i> |

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| <b>enrich</b>   | to give greater value, importance, effectiveness, etc., to<br><i>"The new class will <b>enrich</b> the curriculum."</i>   |
| <b>enroll</b>   | enlist; to record in a list; register; become a member<br><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<br><i>"I hope he will <b>enter</b> the race because I'm sure he can win."</i>   |
| <b>epic</b>     | long narrative poem about the traditional and heroic deeds of a hero;<br>poem having style, dignity and importance in relating a story<br><i>"The Iliad is a familiar <b>epic</b> poem."</i>    |
| <b>equal</b>    | of the same quantity, size, number, degree, intensity, quality, etc.<br><i>"He has courage and ability <b>equal</b> to the challenge."</i>  |
| <b>error</b>    | state of believing what is incorrect or wrong; mistake<br><i>"She has an <b>error</b> on her math paper."</i>   |
| <b>erupt</b>    | burst forth or out; to break out in a rash<br><i>"Lava will <b>erupt</b> from the volcano."</i>   |
| <b>escort</b>   | one or more persons or cars, ships, etc., accompanying another for<br>protection or to show honor or courtesy<br><i>"The class treasurer will be her <b>escort</b> to the prom."</i>            |
| <b>ethnic</b>   | designating any, or of any, of the basic groups or divisions of mankind,<br>having the same customs, characteristics, history or language<br><i>"His <b>ethnic</b> background was Italian."</i> |
| <b>excel</b>    | to be better or greater than; superior to<br><i>"Tests showed he would <b>excel</b> in Social Studies."</i>   |
| <b>facet</b>    | any of a number of sides or aspects, as of a personality<br><i>"They had never seen the generous <b>facet</b> of his personality."</i>  |
| <b>facile</b>   | not hard to do or achieve<br><i>"After years of practice, her violin playing appeared <b>facile</b>."</i>   |
| <b>factor</b>   | any of two or more quantities which form a product when multiplied<br>together<br><i>"The second <b>factor</b> in the problem was copied wrong."</i>  |
| <b>faddish</b>  | having the nature of a fad<br><i>"The couple's clothing was very <b>faddish</b>."</i>   |
| <b>faithful</b> | having or showing a strong sense of duty or responsibility;<br>conscientious<br><i>"She was very <b>faithful</b> to her club."</i>  |



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| <b>famine</b>   | any acute shortage<br><i>"The people were suffering from the <b>famine</b>."</i>  |
| <b>fancy</b>    | decorative, light, whimsical; imaginative; liking or fondness<br><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<br><i>"The potter will <b>fashion</b> the clay to resemble a lion."</i>   |
| <b>feeble</b>   | without force or effectiveness<br><i>"His <b>feeble</b> attempt was not successful."</i>  |
| <b>femur</b>    | thighbone<br><i>"Her X-ray showed no break in the <b>femur</b>."</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<br><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<br><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.<br><i>"She was a great author of <b>fiction</b>."</i>   |
| <b>fifteen</b>  | the cardinal number between 14 and 16<br><i>"<b>Fifteen</b> boys belong to the scout troop."</i>  |
| <b>final</b>    | last, or coming at the end; concluding; finish<br><i>"This is my <b>final</b> word on the subject."</i>   |
| <b>finite</b>   | having measurable or definable limits; not infinite<br><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<br><i>"She was the <b>first</b> one in line at the door."</i>  |
| <b>fitful</b>   | spasmodic; restless<br><i>"In the morning he was still tired, having spent the night in <b>fitful</b> sleep."</i>   |
| <b>flagrant</b> | glaringly bad; notorious; outrageous<br><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<br><i>"Water is an important <b>fluid</b> for survival."</i>   |

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| <b>flaming</b> | burning with fire; blazing; intensely emotional<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"If she does not study, she will <b>flunk</b> the examination."</i>    |
| <b>forbid</b>  | to rule against; not permit; prohibit<br><i>"Father may <b>forbid</b> me to go."</i>  |
| <b>format</b>  | a plan for the organization and arrangement of a specified production<br><i>"He gave us a copy of the <b>format</b> for the TV show."</i>           |
| <b>forty</b>   | cardinal number between 39 and 41; four times ten<br><i>"The shoes will cost more than <b>forty</b> dollars."</i>                                   |
| <b>fracas</b>  | noisy fight or loud quarrel; brawl<br><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<br><i>"The fruit was <b>fresh</b> and firm."</i>                             |
| <b>frolic</b>  | playful trick or game; merriment, gaiety, fun; lively party<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"They decided to <b>furnish</b> the den with modern pieces."</i>                       |
| <b>gallant</b> | stately; imposing<br><i>"The <b>gallant</b> ship cruised into the harbor."</i>  |
| <b>gamut</b>   | the entire range or extent, as of emotions<br><i>"The actress demonstrated the <b>gamut</b> of emotions."</i>                                       |
| <b>garb</b>    | clothing; manner or style of dress; to clothe, dress, attire<br><i>"The <b>garb</b> he wore was characteristic of his occupation."</i>              |
| <b>garble</b>  | to confuse or mix up unintentionally<br><i>"Although she had studied the poem, she started to <b>garble</b> it when it was her turn to recite."</i> |

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| <b>garlic</b>  | bulbous plant of the lily family<br><i>"Some people do not appreciate the flavor of <b>garlic</b>."</i>   |
| <b>garnish</b> | to trim, adorn, decorate; embellish<br><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<br><i>"We hired extra labor to <b>gather</b> the fruit."</i>  |
| <b>gently</b>  | courteously, kindly; mild or pleasantly<br><i>"The soft breezes moved <b>gently</b> through her hair."</i>  |
| <b>geode</b>   | a globular stone having a cavity lined with inward growing crystals or layers of silica<br><i>"The miner discovered the <b>geode</b>."</i>  |
| <b>gifted</b>  | having a natural ability or aptitude; notably superior in intelligence<br><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.<br><i>"She started to <b>giggle</b> after hearing the joke."</i> |
| <b>global</b>  | round like a ball; globe-shaped<br><i>"The weatherman reported the forecast on a <b>global</b> map."</i>  |
| <b>glisten</b> | to shine or sparkle with reflected light, as a wet or polished surface<br><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<br><i>"The <b>glory</b> of the sunset drew all eyes."</i>        |
| <b>glossy</b>  | having a smooth, shiny appearance or finish<br><i>"The <b>glossy</b> cat was sleeping in the window."</i>   |
| <b>glower</b>  | a sullen, angry stare; scowl<br><i>"A <b>glower</b> covered his face when he discovered that he was late."</i>  |
| <b>gobble</b>  | to eat quickly and greedily<br><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<br><i>"The <b>gossip</b> strained to overhear the conversation."</i>                |
| <b>govern</b>  | to exercise authority over; rule, administer; direct or control<br><i>"The officials will <b>govern</b> in an orderly manner."</i>  |

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| <b>grammar</b>  | the system of word structures and word arrangements of a given language at a given time<br><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<br><i>“The polished <b>granite</b> shone in the sunlight.”</i> |
| <b>grasp</b>    | to take hold of; grip; seize; to understand mentally<br><i>“His firm <b>grasp</b> on the rope kept him from falling.”</i>  |
| <b>grateful</b> | feeling or expressing gratitude<br><i>“He was very <b>grateful</b> for being remembered on his birthday.”</i>  |
| <b>grater</b>   | scraper; to use to rub skin from vegetables, etc.<br><i>“She used the <b>grater</b> on the lemon peel for the pie.”</i>  |
| <b>gratis</b>   | a favor without a charge or fee<br><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.)<br><i>“The cattle will <b>graze</b> on the slopes all winter.”</i>  |
| <b>gritty</b>   | of, like, or containing sand; brave; plucky<br><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<br><i>“The hot, tasty <b>gruel</b> did not hurt her sore throat as she swallowed.”</i>   |
| <b>habit</b>    | habitual or characteristic condition of mind or body; disposition<br><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<br><i>“He tried to <b>hammer</b> the message through to his audience by talking loudly.”</i>   |
| <b>happen</b>   | to take place; occur; befall<br><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<br><i>“Ships lay at anchor in the broad sunny <b>harbor</b>.”</i>            |
| <b>harmful</b>  | able to cause hurt or damage<br><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<br><i>“We usually <b>harvest</b> our pumpkins and squash for Halloween.”</i>                |

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| <b>having</b>   | possessing; owning; bearing<br><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<br><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<br><i>"No one had seen the <b>hermit</b> for twenty years."</i> |
| <b>hidden</b>   | concealed; secret<br><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<br><i>"The <b>hinge</b> needed oiling."</i>  |
| <b>hobble</b>   | to walk lamely or awkwardly; limp<br><i>"The horse tried to <b>hobble</b> to the corral."</i>   |
| <b>hollow</b>   | empty or worthless; not real or meaningful<br><i>"They knew that the praise was <b>hollow</b>."</i>   |
| <b>honest</b>   | frank and open<br><i>"The store owner had an <b>honest</b> face."</i>   |
| <b>honor</b>    | to respect greatly; regard highly; esteem<br><i>"The family met to <b>honor</b> the visiting grandparents."</i>   |
| <b>hopeless</b> | impossible to solve, deal with, teach, etc.<br><i>"After working on the problem for ten hours, it appeared <b>hopeless</b>."</i>                                  |
| <b>hoping</b>   | expecting; desiring<br><i>"We are <b>hoping</b> everyone will be on time."</i>  |
| <b>hostile</b>  | having or showing ill will; unfriendly; antagonistic<br><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<br><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<br><i>"He is a student of <b>human</b> nature and human affairs."</i>  |
| <b>humble</b>   | low in condition, rank, or position; lowly; unpretentious<br><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<br><i>"Looking at the food display made his stomach ache with <b>hunger</b>."</i>        |

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| <b>idler</b>   | person who does no work; wastes time; lazy person<br><i>"No one ever saw him doing things, so they thought him an <b>idler</b>."</i>                                 |
| <b>ignite</b>  | to set fire to; cause to burn<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The two cars collided with violent <b>impact</b>."</i>                                |
| <b>impede</b>  | to bar or hinder the progress of; obstruct or delay<br><i>"Some members tried to <b>impede</b> the program."</i>   |
| <b>impish</b>  | mischievous<br><i>"The child gave him an <b>impish</b> grin and then ran down the street."</i>   |
| <b>impose</b>  | to force on another or others without right or invitation; obtrude<br><i>"Although she did not receive an invitation, she tried to <b>impose</b> on the family."</i> |
| <b>impress</b> | to leave pressure on so as to leave a mark<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The chairman used a candlelight ceremony to <b>induct</b> new members."</i>               |
| <b>inert</b>   | having few or no active properties<br><i>"The <b>inert</b> gas is not considered to be a danger."</i>  |
| <b>infant</b>  | a very young child; baby<br><i>"The mother carried her three-month-old <b>infant</b> in a backpack."</i>   |
| <b>infect</b>  | to contaminate with a disease-producing organism or matter<br><i>"Germs <b>infect</b> the air we breathe."</i>   |
| <b>infirm</b>  | weak; feeble, as from old age; frail; shaky<br><i>"Some senior citizens are <b>infirm</b>; others seem hale and hearty."</i>   |

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| <b>inflect</b> | to vary or change the tone or pitch of (the voice); modulate<br><i>"When giving a speech, the leader will <b>inflect</b> her voice."</i>   |
| <b>influx</b>  | the point where a river joins another body of water<br><i>"They found good fishing at the <b>influx</b> of the rivers."</i>  |
| <b>ingrate</b> | an ungrateful person<br><i>"The <b>ingrate</b> refuses to thank anyone for help."</i>  |
| <b>inkling</b> | a vague idea or notion; suspicion<br><i>"She had an <b>inkling</b> that the biggest present was for her."</i>  |
| <b>inmost</b>  | located farthest within; most secretive or intimate thoughts<br><i>"He talked of his <b>inmost</b> thoughts with his best friend."</i>   |
| <b>innate</b>  | existing naturally rather than acquired; possessed at birth, inherent<br><i>"He has an <b>innate</b> talent for math."</i>   |
| <b>inset</b>   | to insert into something else; a map set inside the border of a larger one;<br>a piece of material sewed into a garment<br><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<br><i>"The concert did <b>inspire</b> him to be a musician."</i>  |
| <b>instant</b> | urgent; pressing; soon to happen; without delay; immediate<br><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<br><i>"He found his missing wallet <b>intact</b> - even the money was still in it."</i>  |
| <b>item</b>    | separate things; one piece of news or information<br><i>"Bread was an <b>item</b> on their grocery list."</i>  |
| <b>jabber</b>  | fast, incoherent, nonsensical talk; gibberish<br><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<br><i>"He wore a blue <b>jacket</b> with his gray trousers."</i>   |
| <b>jagged</b>  | having sharp projecting points; notched or ragged<br><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<br><i>"She recognized the <b>jargon</b> of classmates taking computer classes."</i>       |

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| <b>jetsam</b>   | that part of the cargo thrown overboard to lighten the ship in danger; discardings<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The <b>joker</b> in the document was very cunningly worded.”</i>   |
| <b>jostle</b>   | to bump or push, as in a crowd; elbow or shove roughly<br><i>“As the number increased, the crowd began to <b>jostle</b> the players.”</i>  |
| <b>juror</b>    | a person who is a member of a jury or a jury panel; taker of an oath<br><i>“He was sworn in as a <b>juror</b> in case one of the panel became ill.”</i>  |
| <b>justice</b>  | reward or penalty as deserved<br><i>“The defendant protested the <b>justice</b> he was receiving in the court.”</i>  |
| <b>kapok</b>    | fiber used for stuffing mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows, etc.<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The campers gathered <b>kindling</b> for the fire.”</i>   |
| <b>kindly</b>   | gracious; agreeable; pleasant<br><i>“He was such a <b>kindly</b> person, everyone liked him.”</i>  |
| <b>kinship</b>  | close relation, family; close connection<br><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<br><i>“The <b>kosher</b> pickles were very tasty.”</i>   |
| <b>label</b>    | identifying card or paper; to classify; descriptive word or phrase<br><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<br><i>“The cook will <b>ladle</b> the soup for each customer.”</i>   |



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| <b>lament</b>    | an outward expression of sorrow; lamentation; wail<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The <b>landfill</b> is being debated by the city government."</i>  |
| <b>lanky</b>     | awkwardly tall and lean or long and slender<br><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<br><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<br><i>"I liked to watch my father <b>lather</b> his face and shave his whiskers."</i>  |
| <b>lawful</b>    | legal; permitted by law; just or valid<br><i>"He always conformed in a <b>lawful</b> manner."</i>  |
| <b>lecture</b>   | an informative talk given before an audience, class, etc., and usually prepared beforehand<br><i>"The history <b>lecture</b> was very interesting."</i>  |
| <b>legend</b>    | story handed down for generations, popularly believed historical and true<br><i>"She wanted to remember the <b>legend</b> told by Grandmother so she could tell it to her grandchildren."</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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The officer asked to see the man's <b>license</b>."</i>   |
| <b>lightning</b> | a flash of light in the sky caused by the discharge of atmospheric electricity from one cloud to another or between a cloud and the earth<br><i>"The <b>lightning</b> flashed in the sky."</i>   |

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| <b>liking</b>   | fondness; affection; preference; taste; pleasure<br><i>“He had a <b>liking</b> for all games and sports.”</i>   |
| <b>limb</b>     | an arm, leg, or wing<br><i>“He was very lucky; only one <b>limb</b> was broken in the accident.”</i>  |
| <b>limber</b>   | easily bent; pliant; flexible; supple<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The astronomer was <b>lining</b> up his telescope to look at the stars.”</i>   |
| <b>linkage</b>  | a linking or being linked<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The <b>litter</b> of kittens was guarded by the mother.”</i>   |
| <b>lively</b>   | full of life; active; vigorous<br><i>“No one wanted to leave the <b>lively</b> party.”</i>  |
| <b>livid</b>    | grayish-blue; lead-colored<br><i>“The slanderous article made him <b>livid</b> with rage.”</i>  |
| <b>living</b>   | to have life; alive, not dead; true to reality<br><i>“He is my only <b>living</b> relative.”</i>  |
| <b>lizard</b>   | loosely, any of various similar reptiles or other animals, as alligators or salamanders<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><br><i>“The family wanted to move to a warmer <b>locale</b>.”</i> |

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| <b>lonely</b>  | alone; solitary<br>“The <b>lonely</b> dog missed his master by the end of the day.”  |
| <b>loose</b>   | not confined or restrained; free; unbound<br>“The sails were <b>loose</b> in the breeze.”  |
| <b>lucid</b>   | clearheaded; rational<br>“The <b>lucid</b> thinker explained the axiom.”   |
| <b>luster</b>  | brightness; radiance; brilliance<br>“The <b>luster</b> of the silver dazzled the crows.”   |
| <b>magnet</b>  | a person or thing that attracts; piece of iron or steel that attracts metal<br>“A <b>magnet</b> is often fastened to a potholder to be attached to the stove.”   |
| <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<br>“She had to choose between math and English as her <b>major</b> course of study.” |
| <b>making</b>  | formation; construction; creation; production; manufacturing, etc.<br>“ <b>Making</b> her own patterns and sewing her own clothes was her hobby.”  |
| <b>malice</b>  | active ill will; desire to harm another or to do mischief; spite<br>“The book had been torn with <b>malice</b> .”  |
| <b>mangle</b>  | to spoil; botch; mar; garble<br>“The writer began to <b>mangle</b> the translation.”   |
| <b>manner</b>  | a way or method in which something is done or happens, mode or fashion of procedure<br>“His easy <b>manner</b> made everyone feel comfortable.”  |
| <b>march</b>   | to walk with regular, steady steps of equal length; steady advance<br>“The members of the band learned to <b>march</b> carrying their instruments.”  |
| <b>margin</b>  | the blank space around the printed or written area on a page or sheet<br>“Many notes were written in the <b>margin</b> .”  |
| <b>market</b>  | to deal in a market; buy or sell<br>“He plans to <b>market</b> his new design in the spring.”  |
| <b>marvel</b>  | a wonderful or astonishing thing; prodigy or miracle<br>“We all admired the <b>marvel</b> of travel in space.”   |
| <b>massive</b> | large or imposing or impressive; of considerable magnitude<br>“The new bank was <b>massive</b> .”  |

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| <b>mature</b>  | fully or highly developed, perfected, worked out, considered, etc.<br>“As the plans <b>mature</b> , we will better know the instructions.”  |
| <b>matzo</b>   | the unleavened bread eaten by Jews during the Passover<br>“The <b>matzo</b> was prepared very carefully.”   |
| <b>medic</b>   | a physician or surgeon<br>“The <b>medic</b> quickly provided assistance to the sick child.”   |
| <b>medley</b>  | a musical piece made up of tunes or passages from various works<br>“The chorus performed the <b>medley</b> very well.”  |
| <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.<br>“We all enjoyed eating the <b>melon</b> .” |
| <b>mental</b>  | of or for the mind or intellect; without using written symbols<br>“He had a <b>mental</b> image of how she would worry if he were so late.”   |
| <b>merely</b>  | no more than; and nothing else; only<br>“We <b>merely</b> know the address.”  |
| <b>message</b> | a communication passed or sent between persons by speech, in writing, by signals, etc.<br>“Everyone listened to the President’s <b>message</b> on radio.”   |
| <b>method</b>  | a way of doing anything; process; definite procedure<br>“He learned the <b>method</b> of vulcanizing rubber.”   |
| <b>metric</b>  | a theory or a system of measurement<br>“The United States may adopt the <b>metric</b> system.”  |
| <b>middle</b>  | in between; intermediate; intervening<br>“I sit in the <b>middle</b> of my best friends.”   |
| <b>mileage</b> | aggregate distance in miles or total number of miles traveled; recorded, etc.<br>“The salesman bought a new car each year because he had such high <b>mileage</b> on his current one.”                      |
| <b>milling</b> | circular or random motion of or as a herd or crowd<br>“The ducks were <b>milling</b> around the bread crumbs.”  |
| <b>mimic</b>   | imitative; inclined to copy; to ape; make believe; mock<br>“The actor could <b>mimic</b> many of his fellow artists.”   |
| <b>mindful</b> | having in mind; aware; heedful, or careful<br>“The children were <b>mindful</b> of the danger of playing in the street.”  |

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| <b>minute</b>   | the sixtieth part of any of certain units<br><i>“As we watched the clock, the <b>minute</b> went very slowly.”</i>                                    |
| <b>mishap</b>   | an unlucky or unfortunate accident<br><i>“The doctor wanted to avoid the <b>mishap</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>misspell</b> | to spell incorrectly<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>“A <b>napkin</b> was at the left of each plate.”</i>                    |
| <b>narrate</b>  | to tell in writing or speech<br><i>“The teacher began to <b>narrate</b> the story.”</i>   |
| <b>narrow</b>   | close; careful; not liberal; prejudiced<br><i>“We all try to avoid having a <b>narrow</b> mind.”</i>  |
| <b>nasty</b>    | very unpleasant; objectionable<br><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<br><i>“The <b>native</b> did not want to leave his home country.”</i>  |
| <b>nectar</b>   | any very delicious drink; sweetish liquid in flowers gathered by bees to make honey<br><i>“The icy cold lemonade was like <b>nectar</b>.”</i>         |
| <b>neglect</b>  | not to heed; leave undone; lack of sufficient or proper care<br><i>“If you <b>neglect</b> to water the plants, they will die.”</i>                    |
| <b>nerve</b>    | strength; energy; vigor<br><i>“The football player’s <b>nerve</b> was impressive.”</i>  |
| <b>nestle</b>   | to settle or house as in a nest; shelter<br><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<br><i>“The kittens began to <b>nibble</b> on the food.”</i>                             |

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| <b>nickel</b>  | a U.S. or Canadian coin made of an alloy of nickel and copper and equal to five cents<br><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<br><i>"The <b>noble</b> leader made a hard decision for his country."</i>  |
| <b>nomad</b>   | member of a tribe of people having no permanent home; wanderer<br><i>"Like a <b>nomad</b>, he roamed all over the world."</i>   |
| <b>normal</b>  | the usual state, amount, degree, etc.; especially the median or average<br><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<br><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<br><i>"Learning to ride the motorcycle was a <b>novel</b> experience for her."</i>   |
| <b>nubby</b>   | covered with small nubs, or lumps; having a rough, knotted surface<br><i>"The <b>nubby</b> fabric was rough to touch."</i>  |
| <b>object</b>  | n. a thing that can be seen or touched;<br>v. to oppose; protect<br><i>"The chair was the only <b>object</b> in the room."<br/>"The committee's resolution states that they <b>object</b> to having the dance."</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<br><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<br><i>"They <b>observe</b> the holiday in July."</i>   |
| <b>occur</b>   | to take place; happen<br><i>"The celebration will <b>occur</b> next week."</i>  |
| <b>odor</b>    | a smell, whether pleasant or unpleasant; fragrance, stench, etc.<br><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<br><i>"He spoke rudely unintentionally and did not mean to <b>offend</b> her."</i>   |
| <b>offense</b> | the condition of being offended, esp. of feeling hurt, resentful, or angry; umbrage<br><i>"His friend took <b>offense</b> from the joke."</i>   |

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| <b>office</b>  | a position of authority or trust, esp. in a government, business, institution, etc.<br><i>"Our neighbor was running for the <b>office</b> of mayor."</i>  |
| <b>oleo</b>    | combining form meaning oleomargarine<br><i>"I prefer <b>oleo</b> to butter on my bread."</i>  |
| <b>omit</b>    | to fail to include; leave out<br><i>"He reminded the campers to not <b>omit</b> their tent."</i>  |
| <b>optic</b>   | of the eyes; sense of sight<br><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<br><i>"The <b>orbit</b> of the earth is being measured."</i>   |
| <b>ornate</b>  | heavily ornamented or adorned, often to excess<br><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<br><i>"The white <b>ostrich</b> feather adorned her new hat."</i> |
| <b>owing</b>   | due; unpaid; because of<br><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<br><i>"The <b>ozone</b> layer is very important for man's survival."</i>  |
| <b>package</b> | a wrapped or boxed thing or group of things; parcel<br><i>"The postman delivered the <b>package</b>."</i>   |
| <b>padlock</b> | a removable lock with a hinged or pivoted link to be passed through a staple, chain, or eye<br><i>"He had forgotten the combination number for the <b>padlock</b>."</i>   |
| <b>palace</b>  | any large, magnificent house or building<br><i>"Her dream is to live in a <b>palace</b>."</i>   |
| <b>pampas</b>  | the extensive treeless plains of Argentina and some other parts of South America<br><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<br><i>"The carpenter replaced the <b>panel</b> on the wall."</i>   |

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| <b>panic</b>   | sudden, unreasonable fear; to give way to or show fear; hysteria<br><i>"The did not <b>panic</b> when the fire broke out."</i>  |
| <b>parcel</b>  | a small, wrapped bundle; package<br><i>"The <b>parcel</b> was lost in the mail."</i>  |
| <b>pardon</b>  | release from further punishment; cancel; forgive; excuse; overlook<br><i>"He asked <b>pardon</b> for his clumsiness."</i>   |
| <b>parlor</b>  | a small, semiprivate sitting room apart from the main lounges in a hotel, inn, etc.<br><i>"We plan to meet our friends in the <b>parlor</b>."</i>                                     |
| <b>parrot</b>  | to repeat or imitate, esp. without understanding<br><i>"The child learned to <b>parrot</b> the words very early."</i>   |
| <b>parting</b> | dividing; separating; leavetaking or departure<br><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<br><i>"His <b>partner</b> kept the books, and he did the purchasing."</i>                                   |
| <b>passage</b> | permission, right, or a chance to pass<br><i>"The hunters received <b>passage</b> through the field."</i>   |
| <b>passive</b> | offering no opposition or resistance; submissive; yielding; patient<br><i>"The <b>passive</b> cat was carried to the store."</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.<br><i>"I like cooking and making <b>pastry</b>."</i> |
| <b>pasture</b> | to graze or feed on (grass, etc.)<br><i>"The cattle will <b>pasture</b> in the meadow."</i>   |
| <b>pattern</b> | a regular, mainly unvarying way of acting or doing<br><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<br><i>"The <b>payee</b> on the check was John Brown."</i>  |
| <b>peddler</b> | person going from place to place selling small articles<br><i>"The <b>peddler</b> always had fresh vegetables to sell."</i>   |
| <b>pennant</b> | long, narrow flag; banner, usually triangular in shape<br><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<br><i>"The <b>pensive</b> woman forgot her appointment."</i>  |



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| <b>peremptory</b> | leaving no opportunity for denial or refusal; imperative; positive or assertive in speech, tone or manner<br><br><i>“They sat him down and asked the usual <b>peremptory</b> questions.”</i>  |
| <b>perfect</b>    | complete in all respects; without defect; flawless; correct; exact<br><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<br><i>“The gardener enjoyed the <b>perfume</b> of the flowers.”</i>   |
| <b>persist</b>    | refuse to give up; continue; remain; prevail; endure<br><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<br><i>“The loudspeaker may <b>perturb</b> the musician in the adjoining room.”</i>   |
| <b>pesky</b>      | annoying; disagreeable; troublesome<br><i>“We all swatted at the <b>pesky</b> mosquitoes.”</i>  |
| <b>picnic</b>     | pleasure outing at which a meal is eaten outdoors<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>“Priscilla was the bride of a <b>pilgrim</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>pilot</b>      | steersman; licensed person qualified to operate a ship or aircraft<br><i>“The <b>pilot</b> landed the plane safely.”</i>  |
| <b>pity</b>       | sorrow felt for another’s suffering; compassion; sympathy<br><i>“Our <b>pity</b> for her moved us to offer our sincere help.”</i>   |
| <b>placid</b>     | undisturbed; tranquil; calm; quiet<br><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<br><i>“The forks were throwaways made of <b>plastic</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>plenty</b>     | prosperity; opulence; large number; many<br><i>“The picnic tables were heaped with <b>plenty</b> of food.”</i>  |

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| <b>plunder</b> | to rob or despoil by force, esp. in warfare<br><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<br><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.<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The warm <b>poncho</b> is valuable in winter weather.”</i>   |
| <b>portion</b> | share; part of<br><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<br><i>“He bought his clothing in the section for <b>portly</b> men.”</i>  |
| <b>possess</b> | to have as an attribute, quality, faculty, etc.<br><i>“The man is known to <b>possess</b> wisdom.”</i>  |
| <b>poster</b>  | large printed card or paper for advertisement<br><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<br><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.<br><i>“Without rain, the soil became a <b>powder</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>prank</b>   | mischievous trick or practical joke<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The maid will <b>prepare</b> the room.”</i>  |
| <b>pretend</b> | to claim or profess falsely; to make believe in play<br><i>“They could <b>pretend</b> to be astronauts.”</i>  |

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| <b>preview</b>  | a restricted showing, as of a movie, before exhibition to the public generally<br><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<br><i>"We noticed her <b>primp</b> in all the mirrors in the hallway."</i>   |
| <b>prior</b>    | preceding in time; earlier; previous<br><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<br><i>"After answering this question, please <b>proceed</b> to the next."</i>        |
| <b>product</b>  | made by nature or by human industry; result<br><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.<br><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<br><i>"The last <b>program</b> was the most entertaining of the year."</i>     |
| <b>progress</b> | moving forward or onward; development; advance; goal<br><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<br><i>"A good example will help to <b>prompt</b> him to turn in his homework."</i>     |
| <b>proof</b>    | testing or trying of something; anything establishing the truth<br><i>"The <b>proof</b> of the pudding is in the eating."</i>                           |
| <b>prosper</b>  | succeed; thrive; grow vigorously; wealth; good fortune<br><i>"Having found the right soil conditions, his crop began to <b>prosper</b>."</i>            |
| <b>protect</b>  | shield from injury; guard; defend<br><i>"His bulletproof vest will <b>protect</b> him."</i>   |
| <b>prying</b>   | improperly curious or inquisitive<br><i>"Someone was <b>prying</b> into her personal affairs."</i>  |
| <b>public</b>   | belonging to or concerning the people; community, rather than private<br><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<br><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<br><i>"We moved the handle up and down to <b>pump</b> the water from the well."</i> |

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| <b>punish</b>   | to cause to undergo pain or loss; to penalize; to treat harshly<br><i>“They will <b>punish</b> him to make him pay for his crime.”</i>               |
| <b>puppet</b>   | doll; small, usually jointed figure, humanlike, moved on a show stage<br><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<br><i>“The kitten jumped up on her lap, settled down and began to <b>purr</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>raft</b>     | flat structure of logs, boards fastened together, floated on water<br><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<br><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<br><i>“He was sent to <b>rally</b> the retreating troops.”</i>             |
| <b>ramp</b>     | sloping, sometimes curved surface, joining different levels<br><i>“A <b>ramp</b> for the wheelchair was built at all entrances to the house.”</i>    |
| <b>rampant</b>  | growing luxuriantly; flourishing<br><i>“The roses were <b>rampant</b> in the garden.”</i>  |
| <b>random</b>   | lacking aim or purpose; without careful choice; haphazard<br><i>“The afghan was knit in a <b>random</b> pattern.”</i>                                |
| <b>rapt</b>     | carried away with joy; enraptured; engrossed with love<br><i>“The artist’s painting showed the <b>rapt</b> expression of her eyes.”</i>              |
| <b>rather</b>   | preferably; more willingly; with more justice, logic, reason<br><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<br><i>“The program received the top <b>rating</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>razor</b>    | sharp-edged cutting instrument for shaving or cutting off hair<br><i>“No one was allowed to use his <b>razor</b>.”</i>                               |
| <b>react</b>    | to act in return or reciprocally<br><i>“The director did not expect the actress to <b>react</b> that way.”</i>                                       |
| <b>recess</b>   | to halt temporarily<br><i>“The court will <b>recess</b> until afternoon.”</i>  |
| <b>reckless</b> | careless; heedless<br><i>“The <b>reckless</b> driver was arrested.”</i>  |

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| <b>record</b>  | to print for future use; make a permanent or office note of; to register in some permanent form<br><i>"The minutes taken by the secretary will always be a permanent <b>record</b>."</i> |
| <b>recur</b>   | to return, as in thought or memory; happen or occur again<br><i>"The eclipse of the sun will <b>recur</b> shortly."</i>  |
| <b>redeem</b>  | to get back; recover, as by paying a fee<br><i>"The renter wants to <b>redeem</b> his deposit."</i>  |
| <b>reduce</b>  | to lessen in any way, as in size, weight, amount, value, price, etc., diminish<br><i>"During the winter, the family will <b>reduce</b> its food supply."</i>                             |
| <b>reflect</b> | to bend or throw back light, heat or sound; mirror; reproduce an image<br><i>"His skills <b>reflect</b> years of training."</i>  |
| <b>refresh</b> | to make feel cooler, stronger, more energetic, etc., than before, as by food, drink, or sleep<br><i>"The players needed to <b>refresh</b> themselves after the long game."</i>           |
| <b>refuge</b>  | a place of safety; shelter; safe retreat<br><i>"The deer sought a <b>refuge</b> from the hunters."</i>   |
| <b>regret</b>  | to feel sorry or mourn for; troubled or remorseful<br><i>"We <b>regret</b> to announce the death of a favorite professor."</i>   |
| <b>reject</b>  | refuse to accept; throw away, discard; rebuff<br><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<br><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<br><i>"Perhaps he will <b>relent</b> and allow you to go if you promise to return early."</i>                                   |
| <b>remark</b>  | notice; observe; perceive; say or write in comment; say briefly<br><i>"He made a <b>remark</b> about her beautiful clothes."</i>   |
| <b>remind</b>  | to cause a person to remember<br><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<br><i>"The small piece of cloth left from the bolt will sell as a <b>remnant</b>."</i>   |
| <b>remote</b>  | distant in connection, relation, bearing, or the like<br><i>"On Saturdays, the thought of school is very <b>remote</b>."</i>   |

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| <b>render</b>  | to give, hand over, submit, as for approval; to give in return<br><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<br><i>"An efficient cleaning will <b>renew</b> the look of the fabric."</i>  |
| <b>repress</b> | to keep down or hold back<br><i>"He modestly tried to <b>repress</b> his delight in winning."</i>  |
| <b>rescue</b>  | to free or save from danger, imprisonment, evil, etc.<br><i>"He was a hero because the <b>rescue</b> had been a success."</i>  |
| <b>reserve</b> | to hold over to a later time<br><i>"We will <b>reserve</b> the dessert."</i>   |
| <b>respect</b> | to show honor or esteem for; show consideration for; deference, dutiful regard; reference; show politeness by visiting or presenting oneself<br><i>"Though we may not always agree, we <b>respect</b> his opinions."</i> |
| <b>restful</b> | having a soothing effect; quiet; peaceful<br><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<br><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.<br><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<br><i>"Rita recited the <b>riddle</b>, and Roger responded."</i>                                |
| <b>riding</b>  | the act or a person or thing that rides<br><i>"The boys 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<br><i>"The <b>rind</b> was easy enough for him to peel."</i>   |
| <b>risky</b>   | hazardous; dangerous<br><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<br><i>"One's sibling is a natural <b>rival</b>."</i>   |

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| <b>roost</b>    | perch for birds to rest or sleep; stay or settle down for the night<br><i>"Our parrot will almost always <b>roost</b> on the highest perch in his cage."</i>                                     |
| <b>ruin</b>     | the remains of a fallen building, city, etc., or something destroyed, devastated, decayed, etc.<br><i>"The explorer discovered the <b>ruin</b> deep within the jungle."</i>                      |
| <b>rumor</b>    | definite talk not based on knowledge; hearsay; gossip<br><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.<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The spy's <b>safety</b> depended upon his quick wit."</i>  |
| <b>saga</b>     | any long story of adventure or heroic deeds<br><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<br><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<br><i>"They worked from the <b>scaffold</b> easily."</i>  |
| <b>scald</b>    | to burn or injure with hot liquid or steam; heat almost to the boiling point<br><i>"He was careful not to <b>scald</b> his hand with the boiling water."</i>                                     |
| <b>scan</b>     | to look at closely; analyze verse; score of vision<br><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<br><i>"The recipe called for a <b>scant</b> cup of sugar."</i>  |
| <b>scarlet</b>  | very bright red with a slightly orange tone<br><i>"The <b>scarlet</b> car captured everyone's attention."</i>  |

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| <b>scary</b>    | causing alarm; frightening<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The <b>scorn</b> she felt was clearly shown in both manner and voice."</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<br><i>"The <b>screen</b> on this set concealed the unmade bed from the last act."</i> |
| <b>scribble</b> | illegible or careless handwriting; scrawl<br><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<br><i>"She memorized the <b>script</b> to prepare for the television audition."</i>  |
| <b>scurry</b>   | to run hastily; scamper<br><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<br><i>"No political <b>secret</b> may be kept in Washington, D.C."</i>  |
| <b>secure</b>   | free from fear, care, doubt, or anxiety; not worried, troubled, or apprehensive<br><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<br><i>"He was too <b>selfish</b> to share his candy with his playmates."</i>  |
| <b>sentence</b> | a decision or judgment, as of a court; esp. the determination by a court of the punishment<br><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<br><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.<br><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<br><i>"The dragon's <b>shadow</b> darkened their path."</i>  |



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| <b>shady</b>    | shaded, as from the sun; full of shade<br><i>"The bench under the trees was cool and <b>shady</b>."</i>   |
| <b>shaky</b>    | not firm; weak, unsteady; trembling, not dependable; questionable<br><i>"After the earthquake, the walls were <b>shaky</b>."</i>  |
| <b>shampoo</b>  | the act of washing hair, a rug, etc.<br><i>"The beautician will <b>shampoo</b> your hair next."</i>   |
| <b>shepherd</b> | a person who herds and takes care of sheep<br><i>"The <b>shepherd</b> guarded the flock during the night."</i>  |
| <b>shiny</b>    | full of, or reflecting, light; bright; shining<br><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<br><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<br><i>"He was such a <b>skeptic</b> that he was known as 'Doubting Thomas'".</i> |
| <b>skillful</b> | having or showing skill; accomplished; expert<br><i>"The <b>skillful</b> musician performed flawlessly."</i>  |
| <b>skirmish</b> | a brief encounter between small groups, usually an incident of a battle<br><i>"The <b>skirmish</b> was quickly forgotten after the peace treaty was signed."</i>            |
| <b>slacken</b>  | to become less active, intense, brisk<br><i>"The runners began to <b>slacken</b> their pace."</i>   |
| <b>slimy</b>    | of or like slime<br><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<br><i>"The engine was <b>sluggish</b> and difficult to start."</i>  |
| <b>snorkel</b>  | to move or swim under water using a snorkel<br><i>"We plan to <b>snorkel</b> when we are in Hawaii."</i>  |
| <b>spectrum</b> | a continuous range or entire extent<br><i>"The newspaper reported a wide <b>spectrum</b> of opinion."</i>   |
| <b>spirit</b>   | vivacity, courage, vigor, enthusiasm<br><i>"The fans' <b>spirit</b> cheered the team to victory."</i>   |
| <b>splendid</b> | worthy of high praise; grand; glorious; illustrious<br><i>"The teacher praised her <b>splendid</b> accomplishment."</i>   |

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| <b>stubborn</b>  | person who refuses to comply; resisting unreasonably; obstinate<br><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<br><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<br><i>“Although successful, his <b>tactics</b> were questioned.”</i>   |
| <b>tarnish</b>   | to dull or discolor the surface of a metal object; to spoil, mar or debase a memory; lose luster from oxidation<br><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.<br><i>“We felt the <b>tariff</b> was too high.”</i>                            |
| <b>temper</b>    | reduce in intensity; frame of mind; disposition; mood<br><i>“We <b>temper</b> clay by moistening and kneading it.”</i>   |
| <b>terrace</b>   | a small, usually roofed balcony, as outside an apartment<br><i>“Flowerpots lined the <b>terrace</b> outside the apartment.”</i>  |
| <b>theft</b>     | the act or an instance of stealing; larceny<br><i>“The <b>theft</b> was reported to the police quickly.”</i>   |
| <b>thicket</b>   | a thick growth of shrubs, underbrush, or small trees<br><i>“Several deer were spotted in the <b>thicket</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>thirsty</b>   | feeling thirst; wanting to drink<br><i>“The <b>thirsty</b> runners lined up at the fountain.”</i>  |
| <b>thrifty</b>   | practicing or showing thrift; economical; provident<br><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<br><i>“The <b>throng</b> pressed in line for the concert.”</i>   |
| <b>traffic</b>   | the movement or number of automobiles along a street, pedestrians along a sidewalk, ships using a port, etc.<br><i>“The <b>traffic</b> at the intersection was very busy.”</i>           |
| <b>transform</b> | to change the form or outward appearance of<br><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<br><i>“The tutor tried to <b>translate</b> the assignment.”</i>   |
| <b>tremor</b>    | a trembling, shaking, or shivering<br><i>“Everyone in town felt the <b>tremor</b> of the earthquake.”</i>  |

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| <b>tribute</b> | something given, done, or said, as a gift, testimonial, etc., to show gratitude, respect, honor, or praise<br><i>"Their success was a <b>tribute</b> to his leadership."</i>  |
| <b>truly</b>   | in a true manner; accurately, genuinely, faithfully, factually, etc.<br><i>"They discovered that he had reported the facts <b>truly</b>."</i>   |
| <b>tunnel</b>  | an animal's burrow<br><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<br><i>"The guitar <b>twang</b> signaled the beginning of the concert."</i>   |
| <b>uproar</b>  | loud, confused noise; din<br><i>"The <b>uproar</b> was very difficult to quiet."</i>  |
| <b>useful</b>  | that can be used to advantage; serviceable; helpful<br><i>"The fork is a <b>useful</b> utensil."</i>  |
| <b>vacant</b>  | having no occupant<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The stain will <b>vanish</b> overnight."</i>  |
| <b>vigil</b>   | watchful staying awake; a watch kept for a period of time<br><i>"While others slept, he kept his lonely <b>vigil</b>."</i>  |
| <b>volume</b>  | the quantity, strength, or loudness of sound<br><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<br><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<br><i>"He lost his <b>wallet</b> in the city."</i>  |
| <b>warbler</b> | a bird which sings in trills, runs or quavers; songster<br><i>"Though we could not see him, we heard the melodious song of the <b>warbler</b>."</i>   |
| <b>warmth</b>  | state of giving off moderate degree of heat; moderate, mild heat<br><i>"We could feel the <b>warmth</b> of the sun on our faces."</i>   |

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| <b>welcome</b>  | freely and willingly permitted or invited<br><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<br><i>"We are interested in her <b>welfare</b>."</i>  |
| <b>western</b>  | toward or facing the west; story, motion picture of cowboys, frontiersmen<br><i>"California is a <b>western</b> state bordering the Pacific Ocean."</i>   |
| <b>whisper</b>  | to say very softly, esp. by whispering<br><i>"The adult bent toward the child to <b>whisper</b> in her ear."</i>  |
| <b>whistle</b>  | to make a clear, shrill cry; said of some birds and animals<br><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<br><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<br><i>"At takeoff, the rocket will <b>whoosh</b> by the airport."</i>   |
| <b>width</b>    | distance from side to side; breadth<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The electrician did the <b>wiring</b> very quickly."</i>  |
| <b>wisdom</b>   | learning knowledge; good judgment; wise discourse or teaching<br><i>"We cut our <b>wisdom</b> teeth at about age 25."</i>   |
| <b>withdraw</b> | to retract or recall<br><i>"The automobile distributor will <b>withdraw</b> that model."</i>  |

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| <b>witness</b>  | a person who saw, or can give a firsthand account of, something<br><i>“The next <b>witness</b> was called to testify.”</i>   |
| <b>wobble</b>   | move unsteadily from side to side, as in walking<br><i>“The baby took one step and then began to <b>wobble</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>woman</b>    | a female human being; adult female; femininity<br><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.<br><i>“As the first snowflakes fell, the child was filled with <b>wonder</b>.”</i> |
| <b>worth</b>    | wealth; possessions; riches<br><i>“No one could estimate the owner’s <b>worth</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>wrapper</b>  | that in which something is wrapped; covering; cover<br><i>“The gum <b>wrapper</b> was a shiny silver.”</i>   |
| <b>yawn</b>     | an act of yawning or opening wide<br><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<br><i>“The rancher brought the <b>yearling</b> into the barn.”</i>  |
| <b>yellow</b>   | changed to a yellowish color as by age<br><i>“The newspaper began to <b>yellow</b>.”</i>   |

# **LEVEL II**

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| <b>abacus</b>      | frame with beads or balls sliding back and forth on wires or in slots for doing or teaching arithmetic<br><i>“The Chinese use an <b>abacus</b> like we use a calculator.”</i> |
| <b>abandoned</b>   | give up something forever; wild or uncontrolled<br><i>“The child in the orphanage was <b>abandoned</b> by its parents.”</i>   |
| <b>abdicate</b>    | to give up formally (a high office, authority, throne, etc.)<br><i>“The king plans to <b>abdicate</b> his throne.”</i>  |
| <b>abdominal</b>   | lower part of the trunk of the human body; in, on or for the abdomen<br><i>“The <b>abdominal</b> bandage seemed too tight.”</i>   |
| <b>abduction</b>   | carrying off a person by force or fraud; kidnapping<br><i>“He was shocked to find that his uncle aided in the <b>abduction</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>aberration</b>  | a departure from what is right, true, correct<br><i>“Her rude behavior was an <b>aberration</b> from her friendly nature.”</i>  |
| <b>aborning</b>    | while being born or created<br><i>“The idea died <b>aborning</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>abrading</b>    | scraping; wearing off by rubbing against<br><i>“Gripping the handle was <b>abrading</b> the shine of the leather.”</i>  |
| <b>abrogate</b>    | to cancel or repeal by authority<br><i>“Congress must <b>abrogate</b> the new tax law.”</i>   |
| <b>abscess</b>     | swollen and inflamed area of the body tissues<br><i>“The sting of the bee on her hand caused an <b>abscess</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>absconded</b>   | went hastily and secretly away; left and hid to escape the law<br><i>“They <b>absconded</b> with the stolen money.”</i>   |
| <b>accede</b>      | To give consent, approval or adherence; agree; assent<br><i>“He had been so forceful that we felt we had no other choice but to <b>accede</b> to his wishes.”</i>             |
| <b>accentuate</b>  | to emphasize; heighten the effect of<br><i>“The purple pillow should <b>accentuate</b> the room.”</i>   |
| <b>acclamation</b> | loud applause, approval, or welcome<br><i>“The Presidential candidate was nominated by <b>acclamation</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>acetylene</b>   | a colorless, poisonous, highly flammable gaseous hydrocarbon<br><i>“This most brilliant of the illuminating gases is <b>acetylene</b>.”</i>                                   |
| <b>achromatic</b>  | refracting light without spectra color separation<br><i>“The camera lens was <b>achromatic</b>.”</i>  |

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| <b>acknowledge</b>   | admit to be true or as stated; recognize or accept<br><i>"I <b>acknowledge</b> that the signature is mine."</i>   |
| <b>acquittal</b>     | discharge of duty; being set free by the court<br><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<br><i>"She scowled at the <b>acrid</b> taste."</i>  |
| <b>across</b>        | from one side to the other; over; through<br><i>"the hotel was <b>across</b> the highway."</i>  |
| <b>addendum</b>      | thing added or to be added; an appendix or supplement<br><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<br><i>"His name is that of the <b>addressee</b> on the envelope."</i>  |
| <b>admonition</b>    | a mild rebuke; reprimand<br><i>"The children remembered their mother's <b>admonition</b> and returned home on time."</i>  |
| <b>adolescence</b>   | the time of life between puberty and maturity; youth<br><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<br><br><i>"You really should <b>aerate</b> the soil before planting the seeds."</i> |
| <b>aesthetic</b>     | sensitive to art and beauty<br><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<br><i>"Fish have an <b>affinity</b> with water."</i>   |
| <b>afflatus</b>      | artist's or poet's inspiration or powerful impulse<br><i>"What was the <b>afflatus</b> behind the artist's new painting?"</i>                                     |
| <b>agglomeration</b> | a jumbled heap, mass, etc.<br><i>"The <b>agglomeration</b> of articles for the rummage sale was staggering."</i>  |
| <b>aghast</b>        | feeling great horror or dismay<br><i>"Upon seeing a ghost, he was <b>aghast</b>."</i>   |
| <b>agriculture</b>   | work of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock<br><i>"California is a leader in <b>agriculture</b>."</i>                                    |



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| <b>alabaster</b>   | a translucent, whitish, fine-grained variety of gypsum, used for statues, vases, etc.<br><i>"She had a fine collection of <b>alabaster</b> ornaments and decorations."</i>                              |
| <b>allotment</b>   | portion<br><i>"The meeting continued beyond the time <b>allotment</b>."</i>   |
| <b>ambiguous</b>   | not clear<br><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<br><i>"A black and white television is an <b>anachronism</b> today."</i>  |
| <b>anathema</b>    | a thing or person greatly detested<br><i>"Censorship is <b>anathema</b> to Americans."</i>  |
| <b>ancillary</b>   | subordinate; subsidiary; auxiliary; assisting<br><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<br><i>"Ann was given an <b>annulment</b> of her marriage when Jim disappeared."</i>  |
| <b>anonymous</b>   | no name known or acknowledged; name withheld<br><i>"The poem read was written by an <b>anonymous</b> poet."</i>   |
| <b>antidote</b>    | a remedy to counteract a poison<br><i>"She went to the doctor for an <b>antidote</b> to the snake bite."</i>  |
| <b>antiquated</b>  | no longer used or useful; obsolete<br><i>"The old cabin contained some <b>antiquated</b> relics of the olden days."</i>   |
| <b>antithesis</b>  | a contrast or opposition of thoughts<br><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<br><i>"When decorating, remember the familiar <b>aphorism</b> that less is more."</i> |
| <b>apocryphal</b>  | spurious; counterfeit<br><i>"The <b>apocryphal</b> memories of the countess cannot be admitted as evidence."</i>  |
| <b>apothecary</b>  | a pharmacist or druggist<br><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<br><i>"After hearing the spooky story, the children thought they saw an <b>apparition</b>."</i>   |

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| <b>appendix</b>      | additional or supplementary material at the end of a book<br><i>"The <b>appendix</b> contained an alphabetized list of terms used."</i>               |
| <b>appetizing</b>    | stimulating; savory; delicious<br><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<br><i>"The <b>application</b> of heat to his sore muscles gave him relief from pain."</i> |
| <b>appraisal</b>     | evaluation of price by an expert for sale, taxes, duty, etc.<br><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<br><i>"We sincerely <b>appreciate</b> the help given us."</i>                   |
| <b>appropriation</b> | money set aside for a specific use<br><i>"Since the <b>appropriation</b> was cut by Congress, our radar defense is reduced."</i>                      |
| <b>aqueduct</b>      | large pipe made for bringing water from a distant source<br><i>"The <b>aqueduct</b> provided the farmers with the much needed water for crops."</i>   |
| <b>archetype</b>     | the perfect example of a type or group<br><i>"Mickey Mouse is the <b>archetype</b> for cartoon characters."</i>                                       |
| <b>arrival</b>       | to come to a place; reached destination<br><i>"We looked forward to Thanksgiving and the <b>arrival</b> of all the cousins."</i>                      |
| <b>arrogance</b>     | self-importance; overbearing pride; haughty<br><i>"His <b>arrogance</b> was difficult to put up with."</i>  |
| <b>artifact</b>      | any object made by human work<br><i>"The African mask is a prized <b>artifact</b>."</i>   |
| <b>artillery</b>     | guns of large caliber, too heavy to carry; cannon or missile launchers<br><i>"The <b>artillery</b> was slower in reaching the top of the hill."</i>   |
| <b>ascension</b>     | the act of ascending<br><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<br><i>"Trappist monks practice <b>asceticism</b>."</i>            |
| <b>asinine</b>       | stupid, silly, obstinate, etc.<br><i>"It's <b>asinine</b> to build a house on such a poor foundation."</i>  |
| <b>aspire</b>        | to be ambitious<br><i>"Each contestant will <b>aspire</b> to win."</i>  |

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| <b>assign</b>        | to set apart or mark for specific purpose; place or set a task or duty<br><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<br><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<br><i>"Without proper nutrition, the muscles will <b>atrophy</b>."</i> |
| <b>avuncular</b>     | of, like, or in the relationship of, an uncle<br><i>"<b>Avuncular</b> advice is apt to be kindly and indulgent."</i>   |
| <b>axiom</b>         | statement accepted as true; maxim; self-evident<br><i>"Euclid's <b>axiom</b> that things equal to the same thing are equal to each other is universally known."</i>                                      |
| <b>baccalaureate</b> | an address or sermon delivered to a graduating class at commencement<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The <b>balloon</b> was filled with helium gas."</i>                               |
| <b>balustrade</b>    | a railing<br><i>"The <b>balustrade</b> was made of cedar."</i>   |
| <b>barrage</b>       | a heavy, prolonged attack of words, blows<br><i>"Suddenly the speaker was under a <b>barrage</b> of questions."</i>  |
| <b>barrel</b>        | large round container; any hollow or solid cylinder<br><i>"The <b>barrel</b> was made of wooden staves bound together with hoops."</i>   |
| <b>bassoon</b>       | double-reed bass woodwind instrument having a long mouthpiece attached<br><i>"In the school band, he played a <b>bassoon</b>."</i>   |
| <b>battalion</b>     | a large group of soldiers arrayed for battle; any large group joined in some activity<br><i>"He had command of a <b>battalion</b> during World War II."</i>  |
| <b>beguile</b>       | to influence by trickery or flattery; mislead; delude<br><i>"They had a multitude of attractions to <b>beguile</b> the tourist."</i>   |
| <b>belligerent</b>   | of war; fighting; seeking war or a fight; readiness to quarrel<br><i>"Germany was a <b>belligerent</b> nation."</i>  |

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| <b>benevolent</b>  | doing or inclined to do good; kindly; charitable<br><i>"He was known as a <b>benevolent</b> despot."</i>  |
| <b>biennial</b>    | happening every two years<br><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<br><i>"He was offered the position because he was <b>bilingual</b> in English and Spanish."</i> |
| <b>bizarre</b>     | marked by extreme contrasts and incongruities of color, design, or style<br><i>"Her purple and orange hair was <b>bizarre</b>."</i>                                     |
| <b>blossom</b>     | flower or bloom, esp. of a fruit-bearing plant; begin to develop<br><i>"We went to Washington, D.C. to see the cherry trees in <b>blossom</b>."</i>                     |
| <b>blurred</b>     | smeared or stained; hazy or indistinct<br><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<br><i>"She wore a gold <b>bracelet</b> on her wrist and a chain on her ankle."</i>                            |
| <b>braggadocio</b> | a braggart<br><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<br><i>"He carried the <b>brimming</b> pail full of water without spilling a drop."</i>  |
| <b>broody</b>      | to dwell moodily on one's thoughts; a fowl, ready to hatch eggs<br><i>"He was melancholy and <b>broody</b>."</i>  |
| <b>buffoon</b>     | person who is funny and always clowning around<br><i>"He is a <b>buffoon</b> at every party."</i>   |
| <b>building</b>    | any structure that is built with walls and roof; the act of constructing<br><i>"They worked in one <b>building</b> and lived in another."</i>                           |
| <b>bumptious</b>   | disagreeably conceited, arrogant, or forward<br><i>"The <b>bumptious</b> tax assessor listened to no one."</i>  |
| <b>burglary</b>    | the act of unlawfully entering with intent to commit a theft or felony<br><i>"The police put out descriptions of the thief who committed the <b>burglary</b>."</i>      |
| <b>cacophony</b>   | jarring sound<br><i>"The <b>cacophony</b> in the freshman dining room was horrendous to the ears."</i>  |
| <b>cadence</b>     | any rhythmic flow of sound<br><i>"The radio announcer had a hypnotic <b>cadence</b>."</i>   |

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| <b>calligraphy</b>  | beautiful handwriting; penmanship<br><i>"Calligraphy is an art – a talent to be thankful for."</i>   |
| <b>camaraderie</b>  | loyalty and warm, friendly feeling among comrades<br><i>"Within the Girl Scout troop, there was great camaraderie."</i>  |
| <b>camouflage</b>   | disguise or concealment of this kind<br><i>"The tanks' camouflage prevented enemy planes from seeing them."</i>  |
| <b>cannibal</b>     | person who eats human flesh; animal which eats its own kind<br><i>"The missionary taught the cannibal how to stop the practice."</i>   |
| <b>canonical</b>    | according to or ordered by church law<br><i>"These regulations are canonical."</i>   |
| <b>capacious</b>    | roomy, spacious<br><i>"The woman's new handbag was capacious."</i>   |
| <b>capitulation</b> | statement of the main parts of a subject; conditional surrender<br><i>"Their leader decided that capitulation was best."</i>   |
| <b>carbonaceous</b> | of, consisting of, or containing carbon<br><i>"Coat tar is carbonaceous."</i>  |
| <b>carburetor</b>   | a device in which air is mixed with gasoline spray to make an explosive mixture in an internal combustion engine<br><i>"The carburetor in the truck had to be replaced."</i> |
| <b>cardinal</b>     | of main importance; principal; chief<br><i>"In case of emergency, the cardinal 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<br><i>"He drew an easily recognizable caricature of the teacher."</i>      |
| <b>carrier</b>      | transporter, such as paper boy, mailman; train, airplane; ship<br><i>"In electronics, a carrier is the steady transmitted wave modulated by the signal."</i>                 |
| <b>carousel</b>     | a merry-go-round<br><i>"The children were riding on the carousel."</i>   |
| <b>casserole</b>    | earthenware or glass baking dish; the food baked and served in this dish<br><i>"We decided to make a casserole of lasagna."</i>  |
| <b>cataclysm</b>    | any great upheaval that causes sudden and violent changes<br><i>"The weakened government could not withstand another cataclysm."</i>   |

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| <b>cataclysmic</b> | of the nature of, or having the effect of, a cataclysm; of, relating to, or resulting from a cataclysm<br><br><i>"It is believed that a <b>cataclysmic</b> impact caused the extinction of the dinosaurs."</i> |
| <b>catalepsy</b>   | a condition in which consciousness and feeling are suddenly and temporarily lost, and the muscles become rigid<br><i>"The man on the flying trapeze could not be subject to <b>catalepsy</b>."</i>             |
| <b>catastrophe</b> | the culminating event of a drama, tragedy; disastrous end; any great and sudden calamity or failure<br><i>"The sudden earthquake in Mexico City was a tragic <b>catastrophe</b>."</i>                          |
| <b>caveat</b>      | a warning<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"Shutting the heavy door caused a <b>cessation</b> of all the noise."</i>  |
| <b>chagrin</b>     | mortification<br><i>"There was <b>chagrin</b> by Mary's parents over her behavior at the concert."</i>   |
| <b>chamois</b>     | a soft leather made from the hide of a chamois, deer or sheep<br><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<br><i>"The <b>chandelier</b> swayed, and we hurried out from under it."</i>  |
| <b>chaotic</b>     | completely confused or disordered condition<br><i>"The era of the Hundred Years' War was very <b>chaotic</b>."</i>   |
| <b>charlatan</b>   | fake<br><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<br><i>"The bridesmaids' dresses were made of <b>chiffon</b>."</i>                  |

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| <b>chimerical</b>      | imaginary<br><i>"Her fears are as <b>chimerical</b> as the hallucinations of insanity."</i>   |
| <b>chivalry</b>        | the noble qualities a medieval knight was supposed to have; courage, honor and readiness to help the weak, and to protect women<br><i>"We loved his <b>chivalry</b>, seemingly borrowed from the knights of old."</i> |
| <b>choppy</b>          | shifting constantly, as the wind or the sea; rough with short, broken waves<br><i>"The lake became <b>choppy</b> in the storm."</i>   |
| <b>choreography</b>    | the art of devising dances, especially ballets<br><i>"The <b>choreography</b> for the dance scenes in 'The Turning Point' was quite good."</i>  |
| <b>chronic</b>         | continuing indefinitely; perpetual; constant<br><i>"A <b>chronic</b> problem is difficult to face."</i>   |
| <b>cinematographer</b> | a motion-picture cameraman<br><i>"Cecil B. DeMille was a great <b>cinematographer</b>."</i>   |
| <b>cinnamon</b>        | yellowish-brown spice, popular in fruit pies or quick breads<br><i>"<b>Cinnamon</b>, nutmeg and ginger were all measured carefully for the pie filling."</i>  |
| <b>circuitous</b>      | roundabout; indirect; devious<br><i>"We took a <b>circuitous</b> path up the mountain."</i>   |
| <b>clairvoyance</b>    | keen perception or insight<br><i>"His <b>clairvoyance</b> with a crystal ball was amazing."</i>   |
| <b>clique</b>          | a small, exclusive group of people<br><i>"She refused to join the <b>clique</b> of students."</i>   |
| <b>coercive</b>        | of coercion or tending to coerce<br><i>"During the American Revolution, the colonists fought against 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<br><i>"We spent a few hours in the library to <b>collate</b> the roster pages."</i>     |
| <b>colleague</b>       | associate in office<br><i>"His <b>colleague</b> is going to attend the same workshop."</i>  |
| <b>collide</b>         | to come into violent contact; strike violently against each other<br><i>"If the two cars continued on the same path, they would eventually <b>collide</b>."</i>   |

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| <b>colloquial</b>    | conversational<br><i>“The politician’s <b>colloquial</b> language endeared him to small town voters.”</i>  |
| <b>comatose</b>      | as if in a coma; lethargic; torpid<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The <b>commercial</b> course offered training in business methods, marketing, sales.”</i>                |
| <b>commingle</b>     | to mingle together; intermix, blend<br><i>“The separate tribes began to <b>commingle</b> through marriage.”</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<br><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<br><i>“To dispose of the contents, we will <b>commit</b> them to the trash barrel.”</i>   |
| <b>community</b>     | all the people living in the district, city, etc.; similarity, likeness of taste; the condition of living with others<br><i>“The Christmas Parade was a <b>community</b> affair.”</i>                  |
| <b>compassionate</b> | feeling or showing compassion<br><i>“The <b>compassionate</b> nurse listened to the patient’s tale.”</i>   |
| <b>competition</b>   | rivalry; contest; official participation in organized sport<br><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<br><i>“The judge gave the defendant <b>concurrent</b> sentences.”</i>  |
| <b>condescend</b>    | to make concessions; agree; assent<br><i>“She would not <b>condescend</b> to take his advice.”</i>   |
| <b>condign</b>       | deserved; suitable<br><i>“The punishment was <b>condign</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>conditional</b>   | containing, implying, or dependent on a condition or conditions; qualified; not absolute<br><i>“The team received a <b>conditional</b> award pending the completion of the float.”</i>                 |



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| <b>condolence</b>     | expression of sympathy with another in grief<br><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<br><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<br><i>"After hearing the facts, she knew that her <b>conjecture</b> was wrong."</i>   |
| <b>connecting</b>     | fastening two things together; related or associated<br><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<br><i>"His discerning taste buds made him a <b>connoisseur</b> of good wine."</i> |
| <b>consensus</b>      | an opinion held by all or most<br><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<br><i>"Everyone in the United States has <b>constitutional</b> rights."</i>  |
| <b>contemplate</b>    | to think about intently<br><i>"The scientists will <b>contemplate</b> the new theory."</i>  |
| <b>contemptuous</b>   | full of contempt; scornful; disdainful<br><i>"The speaker was very <b>contemptuous</b> of the hecklers."</i>  |
| <b>contumacy</b>      | insubordinate resistance to authority; stubbornness<br><i>"The smokers displayed great <b>contumacy</b> by ignoring requests not to smoke."</i>   |
| <b>convey</b>         | to make known; communicate in words, actions, appearance<br><i>"These flowers <b>convey</b> my appreciation."</i>   |
| <b>convoluted</b>     | extremely involved; intricate<br><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<br><i>"The children were asked to <b>cooperate</b> by remaining in their seats."</i>   |
| <b>corridor</b>       | long passageway or hall<br><i>"The <b>corridor</b> was lengthy with several rooms opening from it."</i>   |
| <b>corsair</b>        | a pirate ship<br><i>"He commanded a <b>corsair</b> along the Barbary Coast."</i>  |
| <b>coruscate</b>      | to give off flashes of light; glitter; sparkle<br><i>"The gemstones did <b>coruscate</b> in the sunlight."</i>  |

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| <b>countervail</b> | to make up for; compensate<br><i>“Long hours of practice in tennis may <b>countervail</b> natural talent.”</i>   |
| <b>critique</b>    | the act or art of criticizing; criticism<br><i>“The director did not like the <b>critique</b> of his movie.”</i>   |
| <b>croissant</b>   | a crescent roll<br><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<br><i>“The punishment of <b>crucifixion</b> was practiced in ancient times.”</i>   |
| <b>currency</b>    | medium of exchange; circulation; common acceptance; general use; paper money in circulation in any country<br><i>“The <b>currency</b> of other countries is sometimes larger in size than ours.”</i> |
| <b>debacle</b>     | an overwhelming defeat or rout<br><i>“His resignation from power caused the greatest <b>debacle</b> in the history of his country.”</i>  |
| <b>decelerate</b>  | to reduce speed; slow down<br><i>“The driver began to <b>decelerate</b> as he rounded the bend.”</i>   |
| <b>deciduous</b>   | shedding leaves annually<br><i>“The fall colors on the <b>deciduous</b> trees are beautiful.”</i>  |
| <b>deductible</b>  | that can be deducted<br><i>“The expenses involved with the party were not a <b>deductible</b> business expense.”</i>   |
| <b>dehydrate</b>   | to lose water; become dry<br><i>“Long distance running can <b>dehydrate</b> a runner.”</i>   |
| <b>deign</b>       | to condescend to give<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The workmen used a <b>derrick</b> to take the piano up to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor.”</i>       |

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| <b>description</b>      | the art, process or technique of picturing in words; sort or variety<br><i>"Her <b>description</b> of the cathedral made us feel as if we'd been there."</i>  |
| <b>designate</b>        | to point or mark out; specify; appoint<br><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<br>to cause a picture to become visible<br><i>"He had his own darkroom and could <b>develop</b> his own pictures."</i>                                |
| <b>dexterity</b>        | skill in using one's mind; cleverness<br><i>"Her mental <b>dexterity</b> was amazing."</i>  |
| <b>diagnostic</b>       | of or constituting a diagnosis<br><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<br>impurities from the blood during kidney failure<br><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<br><i>"The <b>diaphanous</b> curtains made the room light."</i>   |
| <b>differentiate</b>    | distinguish between<br><i>"The shopper tried to <b>differentiate</b> between the two sweaters."</i>   |
| <b>dilapidated</b>      | broken down; shabby and neglected<br><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<br><i>"His <b>dilemma</b> was in having to decide on which color paint to use."</i>  |
| <b>dirge</b>            | a funeral hymn<br><i>"The natives chanted a weird <b>dirge</b> when their chief died."</i>  |
| <b>discern</b>          | to perceive or recognize<br><i>"In the fog, she tried to <b>discern</b> the outline."</i>   |
| <b>discipline</b>       | training that develops self-control, character or orderliness and<br>efficiency; acceptance of or submission to authority<br><i>"Sometimes the act of <b>discipline</b> is harder for the trainer than the<br/> trainee."</i> |
| <b>discombobulate</b>   | to upset the composure of; disconcert<br><i>"Having Steve Martin for a brother would <b>discombobulate</b> anyone."</i>   |
| <b>disproportionate</b> | not in proportion<br><i>"The harsh punishment was <b>disproportionate</b> to the infraction."</i>   |

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| <b>dissatisfied</b>   | not pleased<br><i>"They were angry and <b>dissatisfied</b> with the given explanation."</i>   |
| <b>disseminate</b>    | to scatter seed; to sow widely; spread abroad<br><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<br><i>"He made known his very definite <b>dissent</b> concerning the decision."</i>  |
| <b>dissertation</b>   | a formal and lengthy discourse or treatise on some subject<br><i>"The student completed her <b>dissertation</b> for the degree of doctor."</i>  |
| <b>distressful</b>    | painful; grievous; feeling or causing misery, worry or trouble<br><i>"Seeing reports and pictures of starvation in other countries is very <b>distressful</b>."</i>   |
| <b>divination</b>     | a successful guess; clever conjecture<br><i>"Her <b>divination</b> of the winner was accurate."</i>   |
| <b>doddering</b>      | shaky, tottering or senile<br><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<br><i>"The <b>doggerel</b> he composed is strikingly funny."</i>  |
| <b>duplicator</b>     | machine for making exact copies of letters, photograph, map drawing, etc.<br><i>"Copies of the proposed budget were made on the <b>duplicator</b>."</i>   |
| <b>ebullient</b>      | overflowing with enthusiasm, high spirits<br><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<br><i>"I didn't think she was too <b>eccentric</b>."</i>   |
| <b>ecclesiastical</b> | of the church<br><i>"His writings were based on <b>ecclesiastical</b> discipline."</i>  |
| <b>echelon</b>        | any of the levels of responsibility or importance in an organization<br><i>"She worked in the <b>echelon</b> where major decisions were made."</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<br><br><i>"The collection includes an <b>eclectic</b> mix of historical artifacts."</i> |

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| <b>ecstasy</b>     | feeling overpowering joy; great delight; rapture<br><i>“He was in <b>ecstasy</b> when he learned that he had won the trip to Europe.”</i>  |
| <b>ecstatic</b>    | subject to ecstasy<br><i>“The student was <b>ecstatic</b> at being accepted at the university.”</i>  |
| <b>eczema</b>      | an inflammatory, itching disease of the skin<br><i>“A victim of <b>eczema</b>, she could not wear makeup on her face.”</i>   |
| <b>effectuate</b>  | to bring about; cause to happen; effect<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>“Add <b>ellipsis</b> where I have indicated on the rough draft of the legal pleading.”</i> |
| <b>emanate</b>     | to emit; come forth; issue, as from a source<br><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<br><i>“The child’s behavior will <b>embarrass</b> his brother.”</i>   |
| <b>embassy</b>     | the position or functions or business of an ambassador; official residence of an ambassador<br><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<br><i>“The artist will <b>embellish</b> the vase.”</i>   |

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| <b>eminence</b>     | a high or lofty place, thing, etc., as a hill<br><i>"The spectators watched the battle from an <b>eminence</b>."</i>  |
| <b>emulate</b>      | to try to equal or surpass; to rival successfully<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The people appearing on the TV show need to have an <b>encyclopedic</b> memory."</i>  |
| <b>endeavor</b>     | try to achieve; an earnest attempt; effort<br><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<br><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<br><i>"She planned to purchase a summer <b>ensemble</b> to wear."</i>   |
| <b>epitaph</b>      | an inscription on a tomb or gravestone in memory of the person buried there<br><i>"His <b>epitaph</b> was a fitting memorial to his work."</i>  |
| <b>epithet</b>      | an adjective, noun, or phrase used to characterize some person or thing, often specifically a disparaging one<br><i>"He 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<br><i>"He was the <b>epitome</b> of jockeys everywhere – slim, wiry and brisk."</i> |
| <b>equable</b>      | not varying or fluctuating much<br><i>"The <b>equable</b> climate was boring."</i>  |
| <b>equivocal</b>    | two or more meanings; purposely vague; misleading; ambiguous<br><i>"Her answer was <b>equivocal</b>, but we couldn't get a definite opinion."</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<br><i>"His mother sent him on an important <b>errand</b>."</i>  |
| <b>esoteric</b>     | beyond the understanding or knowledge of most people<br><i>"Few people attended the <b>esoteric</b> lecture on holography."</i>   |

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| <b>establishment</b> | holding the chief power or influence; a government; officially recognized institution or business<br><i>“In England, the <b>establishment</b> is the complex consisting of the church, the royal family and the plutocracy.”</i> |
| <b>etymology</b>     | The origin and development of a word, affix, phrase, etc.<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The team had the <b>euphoria</b> that comes from winning.”</i>  |
| <b>evanescent</b>    | tending to fade from sight; vanishing; ephemeral<br><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<br><i>“Much practice would lead to <b>eventual</b> success.”</i>   |
| <b>exacerbate</b>    | to exasperate; annoy; irritate; embitter<br><i>“He intended to <b>exacerbate</b> the already tense situation by making an exorbitant demand.”</i>  |
| <b>excellence</b>    | the fact or condition of being better or greater; superiority<br><i>“Winning the game, he showed his <b>excellence</b> at chess.”</i>  |
| <b>excusable</b>     | free from blame; justifiable; pardonable<br><i>“His illness was an <b>excusable</b> reason for not attending class.”</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<br><i>“Before piano practice, it is good to <b>exercise</b> the fingers.”</i>           |
| <b>exiguous</b>      | scanty; meager<br><i>“She was disappointed by the <b>exiguous</b> amount of rations handed out.”</i>   |
| <b>existence</b>     | state or fact of being; continuance of life, living; manner of living<br><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<br><i>“This alibi would prove his innocence and <b>exonerate</b> him of the crime.”</i>   |
| <b>exotic</b>        | foreign, not native; strange in a different way; fascinating<br><i>“We grow <b>exotic</b> orchids in our greenhouse.”</i>  |

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| <b>expedient</b>   | useful for effecting a desired result<br>“It was <b>expedient</b> for him to alter the facts.”  |
| <b>expertise</b>   | the skill, knowledge, judgment of an expert<br>“She was known for her <b>expertise</b> in music.”   |
| <b>expletive</b>   | an oath or exclamation<br>“She shouted an <b>expletive</b> when the car would not start.”   |
| <b>expression</b>  | squeezing out, as of juice; putting into words; eloquent manner of speaking; a look, intonation or sign<br>“An idiomatic phrase ‘catch cold’ is an <b>expression</b> .” |
| <b>expropriate</b> | to deprive of ownership; dispossess<br>“The state will <b>expropriate</b> acreage for the new airport.”   |
| <b>extensive</b>   | wide scope; covering a large area; great extent<br>“The areas of cultivation were <b>extensive</b> .”   |
| <b>fabricate</b>   | to make, build, construct; manufacture; invent a story<br>“They will <b>fabricate</b> an exact model so we can imagine the finished work.”                              |
| <b>facetious</b>   | joking, or trying to be jocular, esp. at an inappropriate time<br>“His mother could not tolerate his <b>facetious</b> remarks.”   |
| <b>facsimile</b>   | an exact reproduction or copy<br>“The painting was a <b>facsimile</b> of the original.”   |
| <b>factitious</b>  | forced or artificial<br>“Speculators were responsible for the <b>factitious</b> value of some stocks.”  |
| <b>fallacy</b>     | aptness to mislead; false or mistaken; deceptive; incorrect<br>“The <b>fallacy</b> of his argument was very plain to be seen.”  |
| <b>familiar</b>    | friendly, informal or intimate; too friendly, presumptuous<br>“It was great to return home to <b>familiar</b> surroundings.”  |
| <b>fantasize</b>   | to create or imagine or have daydreams about<br>“It is easy to <b>fantasize</b> a dream world of only the good things.”   |
| <b>farthermost</b> | most distant; most remote<br>“At this point, the <b>farthermost</b> thing on the horizon was the top of the mountain.”  |
| <b>fascination</b> | strong attraction; charm; allure<br>“The kitten’s <b>fascination</b> with the ball of yarn was a delight to watch.”   |



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| <b>fastidious</b>  | not easy to please; very critical or discriminating<br><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<br><i>“Chartering a bus seems the most <b>feasible</b> method of transportation.”</i>  |
| <b>febrifuge</b>   | any substance for reducing fever<br><i>“Aspirin is a popular <b>febrifuge</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>felicitous</b>  | well-chosen; appropriate; apt; yielding great pleasure<br><i>“He was a <b>felicitous</b> choice for the new position.”</i>   |
| <b>ferocious</b>   | fierce; savage; violently cruel<br><i>“The lion has a <b>ferocious</b> growl.”</i>   |
| <b>fickle</b>      | changeable or unstable in affection, interest, loyalty<br><i>“The <b>fickle</b> girl forgot her old friends.”</i>  |
| <b>fictitious</b>  | imaginary happening; not real; false; pretended; assumed for disguise<br><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.<br><i>“The senator carried out his <b>filibuster</b>, ignoring remarks from the floor.”</i> |
| <b>finally</b>     | the end; in conclusion; irrevocably<br><i>“We <b>finally</b> made it to the end of the long road.”</i>   |
| <b>finesse</b>     | adroitness and delicacy of performance<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>“We no longer use a <b>fixative</b> on our Polaroid pictures when we snap them.”</i>   |
| <b>flabbergast</b> | to make speechless with amazement; astonish<br><i>“Seeing a dog climb a tree may <b>flabbergast</b> you.”</i>  |
| <b>flagging</b>    | weakening or drooping; tired<br><i>“His enthusiasm <b>flagging</b>, he dropped behind the marchers.”</i>   |

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| <b>flannelette</b> | soft, cotton cloth, light in weight<br><i>"She used yards of <b>flannelette</b> to make nightgowns for the children."</i>   |
| <b>fleecy</b>      | soft and light<br><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<br><i>"Her <b>flippant</b> manner was a disguise for how she really felt."</i>  |
| <b>flourish</b>    | blossom; grow vigorously; succeed, thrive; prosper<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The town where he grew up put <b>fluoride</b> in the drinking water."</i> |
| <b>follower</b>    | disciple; servant or attendant<br><i>"He was a known <b>follower</b>, not a leader."</i>  |
| <b>footloose</b>   | free to do as one likes, or to go where one likes; no responsibilities<br><i>"He wandered all over the world, <b>footloose</b> and carefree."</i>   |
| <b>foppery</b>     | actions or dress of a vain person<br><i>"His <b>foppery</b> of dress called attention wherever he walked."</i>  |
| <b>forehead</b>    | part of the face between the eyebrows and the hairline; the front part of anything<br><i>"She was elderly, but her <b>forehead</b> was clear of wrinkles."</i>  |
| <b>foreword</b>    | an introductory remark; introduction; preface<br><i>"Prefacing his speech, he read a short <b>foreword</b> concerning the author of the book he was reviewing."</i>   |
| <b>forfeit</b>     | to lose, give up, or be deprived of<br><i>"You <b>forfeit</b> privileges by not registering."</i>   |
| <b>forgetting</b>  | fail to recall in the mind; overlooking; omitting<br><i>"She did not want to hurt anyone by <b>forgetting</b> to mention their names."</i>  |
| <b>fractious</b>   | peevish; irritable<br><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<br><i>"The investigation proved the papers to be <b>fraudulent</b>."</i>  |

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| <b>frequency</b>  | the fact of occurring often or repeatedly<br><i>"The credit check took note of the <b>frequency</b> the MasterCard was used."</i>  |
| <b>fuchsia</b>    | shrubby plants of the evening primrose family; purplish red color<br><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<br><i>"The chimney sweepers' coats had a <b>fuliginous</b> color."</i>   |
| <b>furrier</b>    | a dealer in the pelts of animals; person who makes or repairs fur garments<br><i>"The <b>furrier</b> promised to have my coat ready for me in a week."</i>                                   |
| <b>galleon</b>    | large Spanish ship of the 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> century<br><i>"The <b>galleon</b> had four decks at the stern."</i>   |
| <b>gambol</b>     | to jump and skip about in play; frolic<br><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<br><i>"The employer had to honor the <b>garnishee</b> on his worker's paycheck."</i> |
| <b>garrison</b>   | troops stationed in a fort; to place troops on duty<br><i>"The <b>garrison</b> was not commanded by anyone he knew."</i>   |
| <b>garrulous</b>  | talking too much; loquacious<br><i>"The elderly prospector was an interesting though <b>garrulous</b> person."</i>   |
| <b>gazettes</b>   | newspaper, various official publications<br><i>"In England, publications containing announcements or bulletins are called '<b>gazettes</b>'."</i>  |
| <b>generally</b>  | to or by most people; popularly; extensively; usually<br><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<br><i>"The <b>generic</b> product was cheaper than the brand name product."</i>  |
| <b>genuine</b>    | purebred; not counterfeit or artificial; real; true<br><i>"The jeweler confirmed that the stone was a <b>genuine</b> emerald."</i>   |
| <b>ghastly</b>    | horrible; frightful; ghostlike; very bad or unpleasant<br><i>"There was a <b>ghastly</b> smile on the dead man's face."</i>  |

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| <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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"He began to <b>gnash</b> his teeth as the dentist drilled."</i>  |
| <b>gorgeous</b>      | brilliantly colored; magnificent; beautiful; wonderful<br><i>"She wore a <b>gorgeous</b> necklace of matched pearls."</i>  |
| <b>government</b>    | exercise of authority over a state, district, country, etc.; the executive or administrative branch<br><i>"Our <b>government</b> is constituted by the political coalition in power."</i>                              |
| <b>grammatical</b>   | conforming to the prescribed rules of grammar<br><i>"His essay was concise and <b>grammatical</b>."</i>  |
| <b>grandiloquent</b> | using high-flown, pompous, bombastic words and expressions<br><i>"His <b>grandiloquent</b> speech caused many individuals to have second thoughts about his sincerity."</i>  |
| <b>gratify</b>       | give pleasure or satisfaction to; indulge<br><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<br><i>"Many thought she had reason for her <b>grievance</b>."</i>   |
| <b>grizzled</b>      | gray, or streaked with gray; having gray hair or whiskers<br><i>"The only signs of age seemed to be his <b>grizzled</b> hair."</i>   |
| <b>grueling</b>      | extremely trying; exhausting; harsh treatment<br><i>"To some, working in the mine seemed a <b>grueling</b> punishment."</i>  |
| <b>guileless</b>     | candid, frank; open<br><i>"His <b>guileless</b> smile made instant friendships."</i>   |
| <b>gymnasium</b>     | room equipped for physical training and games of sport<br><i>"In the <b>gymnasium</b>, the stands were filled with cheering fans."</i>   |

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| <b>habilitate</b>   | clothe, equip, outfit; education or train mentally or physically handicapped<br><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<br><i>"Her <b>handkerchief</b> was edged with fine lace."</i>                  |
| <b>handwriting</b>  | writing done by hand with pen, pencil, chalk, etc., a style of forming letters<br><i>"The <b>handwriting</b> on the old letter was faded and hard to read."</i>                                 |
| <b>happening</b>    | occurrence; incident; event<br><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<br><i>"She brought golden chrysanthemums to <b>harmonize</b> with the brown, orange and white decorations."</i>                         |
| <b>hazardous</b>    | involving chance; risky; dangerous<br><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<br><i>"He laughed <b>heartily</b>, thoroughly enjoying the play."</i>   |
| <b>hegemony</b>     | leadership or dominance, especially that of one state or nation over others<br><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<br><i>"The police <b>helicopter</b> is a crime deterrent."</i> |
| <b>hemorrhage</b>   | heavy bleeding<br><i>"Jim had a bad <b>hemorrhage</b> in his arm after the auto accident."</i>  |
| <b>heroism</b>      | quality of brave action; nobility; valor<br><i>"His <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<br><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<br><i>"Bears <b>hibernate</b> in dens and caves or hollow trees for the winter."</i>   |
| <b>hilarity</b>     | noisy merriment; boisterous gaiety<br><i>"Smiling ourselves, we listened to the <b>hilarity</b> from the party next door."</i>  |

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| <b>historical</b>    | concerned with history as a science; based on people or events of the past<br><i>“At the library, he almost always chose <b>historical</b> literature.”</i>   |
| <b>honesty</b>       | refraining from lying, cheating or stealing; being truthful<br><i>“Her glowing references from former employers proved her <b>honesty</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>horrible</b>      | terrible, dreadful; frightful; very bad; ugly<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The <b>hubbub</b> ceased as the chairman’s gavel was heard.”</i>   |
| <b>humanity</b>      | human; human characteristics or nature; mankind; people<br><i>“<b>Humanity</b> everywhere does not always have the same kindness or sympathy.”</i>  |
| <b>humorous</b>      | funny; amusing; comical<br><i>“His speech was <b>humorous</b> as well as interesting.”</i>  |
| <b>hurricane</b>     | violent tropical cyclone with winds moving at 73 or more miles per hour<br><i>“A <b>hurricane</b> is often accompanied by torrential rains.”</i>  |
| <b>hurried</b>       | to act more rapidly; rushed or rushing; hasty<br><i>“They <b>hurried</b> away from the scene of the accident.”</i>  |
| <b>hybrid</b>        | anything of mixed origin, unlike parts<br><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<br><i>“Each <b>hydrophyte</b> was a different color.”</i>   |
| <b>hygiene</b>       | science of health and its maintenance; sanitary practices; cleanness<br><i>“We are taught <b>hygiene</b> for the preservation of health and prevention of disease.”</i>                                     |
| <b>hymeneal</b>      | a wedding song<br><i>“The song, ‘ALWAYS’ has become a <b>hymeneal</b> solo for people who sing at weddings.”</i>  |
| <b>hyperbole</b>     | obvious and intentional exaggeration; an extravagant statement or figure of speech not intended to be taken literally<br><i>“Was his car really as fast as a bullet, or is that just <b>hyperbole</b>?”</i> |
| <b>hypochondriac</b> | a person who has hypochondria<br><i>“The <b>hypochondriac</b> made his tenth visit to the hospital in ten days.”</i>  |

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| <b>hypocrisy</b>    | a pretending to be what one is not, or to feel what one does not feel<br><i>"The senator showed his <b>hypocrisy</b> by saying he was for the bill and then voting against it."</i> |
| <b>identify</b>     | show to being the thing or person known or thought to be claimed<br><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.<br><i>"Democracy is the American <b>ideology</b>."</i>   |
| <b>idiosyncrasy</b> | personal peculiarity or mannerism<br><i>"It was her <b>idiosyncrasy</b> to wear earmuffs in warm weather."</i>  |
| <b>idolize</b>      | to love or adore exceedingly; to worship<br><i>"He appeared to <b>idolize</b> his only child."</i>  |
| <b>ignominy</b>     | shame and dishonor<br><i>"What he did brought <b>ignominy</b> to his friends and family."</i>   |
| <b>ignorant</b>     | having little knowledge; inexperienced; uneducated<br><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<br><i>"They plotted together at an <b>illicit</b> meeting."</i>  |
| <b>illuminate</b>   | light up; make clear; to brighten; elucidate<br><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<br><i>"The architect made a drawing to <b>illustrate</b> his concept."</i>                                   |
| <b>imaginary</b>    | fanciful; unreal; visionary<br><i>"Being an only child, he created an <b>imaginary</b> playmate."</i>   |
| <b>immature</b>     | not ripe; not completely grown or developed incomplete<br><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<br><i>"All of her <b>immediate</b> family were present at her graduation."</i>                                      |
| <b>immigrant</b>    | person coming into a new country, region or environment to settle there<br><i>"Because of his <b>immigrant</b> status, he could not vote."</i>                                      |
| <b>immunity</b>     | resistance to disease; protection against disease<br><i>"Having a childhood disease does not always develop an <b>immunity</b> to it."</i>  |
| <b>impasse</b>      | deadlock<br><i>"Russia and the United States reached an <b>impasse</b> in their negotiations."</i>  |

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| <b>impatience</b>    | annoyance because of delay; restless eagerness to go or do<br><i>"She sat tapping her foot with <b>impatience</b> for the delay."</i>   |
| <b>impecunious</b>   | having no money<br><i>"I am sorry to announce that the school board is in an <b>impecunious</b> situation as a result of Proposition 13."</i>   |
| <b>imperialism</b>   | the policy and practice of seeking to dominate the economic or political affairs of underdeveloped areas or weaker countries<br><i>"A policy of <b>imperialism</b> hinders the growth of underdeveloped countries."</i> |
| <b>impertinent</b>   | not showing proper respect or manners<br><i>"The <b>impertinent</b> child must be taught some manners."</i>   |
| <b>imperturbable</b> | that cannot be disconcerted, disturbed, or excited; impassive<br><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<br><i>"The hammer and the saw are needed by the carpenter to <b>implement</b> his job."</i>  |
| <b>importance</b>    | significance; a matter of consequence<br><i>"Protocol is largely a matter of <b>importance</b>."</i>  |
| <b>impression</b>    | mark or imprint made by physical pressure; a vague notion<br><i>"Our footprints made an <b>impression</b> in the sand."</i>   |
| <b>impulsive</b>     | sudden inclination to act; acting spontaneously<br><i>"She greeted them with an <b>impulsive</b> friendliness."</i>   |
| <b>inaccurate</b>    | not correct; not exact; in error<br><i>"The statement in the paper was an <b>inaccurate</b> quote."</i>   |
| <b>incandescence</b> | white hot<br><i>"The metal was heated to a state of <b>incandescence</b>."</i>  |
| <b>incident</b>      | likely to happen as a result; happening; occurrence<br><i>"This <b>incident</b> may bring serious results."</i>   |
| <b>included</b>      | enclosed; contained; involved<br><i>"The use of the pool was <b>included</b> with the rental of the apartment."</i>   |
| <b>incongruous</b>   | lacking harmony or agreement<br><i>"Hiking boots were <b>incongruous</b> to the wet suit outfit."</i>   |
| <b>incorrigible</b>  | that cannot be corrected, improved, or reformed<br><i>"They held out little hope for the prisoner because he was <b>incorrigible</b>."</i>  |



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| <b>incredible</b>  | unbelievable; seemingly impossible<br><i>"His recovery was so swift it seemed <b>incredible</b>."</i>  |
| <b>incredulous</b> | showing doubt or disbelief<br><i>"Their eyes were large with <b>incredulous</b> joy."</i>  |
| <b>incubator</b>   | artificially heated container for hatching eggs<br><i>"The chicks hatched in the <b>incubator</b> were downy and soft to touch."</i>   |
| <b>incumbent</b>   | currently in office<br><i>"The <b>incumbent</b> president has an advantage in the next election."</i>  |
| <b>indefinite</b>  | not precise or clear in meaning; vague; blurred; uncertain<br><i>"An <b>indefinite</b> amount of money was to be spent."</i>   |
| <b>independent</b> | free from control; self-governing; self-reliant<br><i>"She was <b>independent</b> in her thinking."</i>  |
| <b>indicate</b>    | direct attention; to point out; declare<br><i>"The compass will always <b>indicate</b> which way is north."</i>  |
| <b>indirect</b>    | not straight; deviating; not fair and open; secondary<br><i>"The path was easily followed but seemed long and <b>indirect</b>."</i>  |
| <b>indiscreet</b>  | lacking prudence; unwise; careless<br><i>"She was <b>indiscreet</b> in going shopping during school hours."</i>  |
| <b>individual</b>  | existing as a single separate thing or being; particular; unique<br><i>"The <b>individual</b> was distinguished from others by special characteristics."</i>                 |
| <b>indomitable</b> | not easily discouraged<br><i>"Even after three attempts, the new skier was <b>indomitable</b>."</i>  |
| <b>inducement</b>  | motive; incentive; persuasion<br><i>"As an <b>inducement</b> for entering into the contract, she would receive a percentage of sales."</i>                                   |
| <b>indurate</b>    | to make callous, unfeeling, or stubborn<br><i>"The country's leaders developed an <b>indurate</b> attitude toward the citizens."</i>   |
| <b>industrial</b>  | productive manufacturing; connected with habitual employment<br><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<br><i>"The nation was declining due to <b>inertia</b>."</i>   |

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| <b>infatuated</b>   | lacking sound judgment; foolish<br><i>“He was <b>infatuated</b> by the John Wayne movie and decided to become a cowboy.”</i>  |
| <b>inferior</b>     | lower in space, in order, status, quality, etc.<br><i>“The new apartment was <b>inferior</b> to our last one.”</i>  |
| <b>infirmity</b>    | feebleness; weakness; frailty or ailment; defect<br><i>We realized his <b>infirmity</b> kept him a captive of a wheelchair.”</i>                                      |
| <b>infraction</b>   | a breaking of a law, pact; violation; infringement<br><i>“He was guilty of the <b>infraction</b>, because he did not wear a seat belt.”</i>                           |
| <b>inimical</b>     | unfriendly; hostile<br><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<br><i>“The teacher will <b>initiate</b> the students by teaching them the fundamentals.”</i>                                  |
| <b>innovation</b>   | something newly introduced<br><i>“Americans are always interested in <b>innovation</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>inordinate</b>   | lacking restraint or moderation<br><i>“The press and public took an <b>inordinate</b> interest in everything he did.”</i>   |
| <b>inquiry</b>      | question; query; an investigation or examination<br><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<br><i>“After two banana splits, we knew he had an <b>insatiable</b> appetite.”</i>                      |
| <b>inscrutable</b>  | that cannot be easily understood<br><i>“Charley Chan was often <b>inscrutable</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>insinuation</b>  | sly hint or suggestion<br><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<br><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<br><i>“Heavy traffic forced us into <b>intermittent</b> driving.”</i>  |
| <b>intravenous</b>  | in, or directly into, a vein or veins<br><i>“The doctor prescribed <b>intravenous</b> feeding for the patient.”</i>   |

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| <b>intrepid</b>      | not afraid; bold; fearless<br>“The <b>intrepid</b> pioneers forged across the mountains.”  |
| <b>intrinsic</b>     | belonging to the real nature of a thing<br>“Mel Brooks’ <b>intrinsic</b> humor captures our attention.”  |
| <b>inveigle</b>      | to lead on with deception<br>“The salesman intended to <b>inveigle</b> me into buying the car.”  |
| <b>invisible</b>     | that cannot be seen; out of sight; imperceptible<br>“The mountains were <b>invisible</b> because of the heavy fog.”  |
| <b>irascible</b>     | easily angered; quick-tempered<br>“The <b>irascible</b> old man is constantly picking fights.”   |
| <b>iridescent</b>    | having or showing shifting changes in color or an interplay of rainbow-like colors, as when seen from different angles<br>“The <b>iridescent</b> gemstone glowed with warm colors in the lamplight.”         |
| <b>irregular</b>     | not conforming to established rule, method, standards; not uniform<br>“The sheets were <b>irregular</b> ; and, therefore, they were marked down in price.”   |
| <b>irreparable</b>   | not reparable; that cannot be repaired, mended, remedied<br>“If the condors disappear, that will be an <b>irreparable</b> loss.”   |
| <b>isthmus</b>       | a neck; a narrow passage; narrow strip of land, having water at each side and connecting two larger bodies of land<br>“The <b>Isthmus</b> of Panama connects Central America and South America.”             |
| <b>jettison</b>      | throwing overboard goods to lighten a ship or airplane in an emergency<br>“The pilot ordered the crew to <b>jettison</b> some of the cargo because he had to conserve fuel.”                                 |
| <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<br>“The state <b>judiciary</b> consists of supreme court and district court judges.” |
| <b>judicious</b>     | having, applying, or showing sound judgment; wise and careful<br>“The <b>judicious</b> driver stopped at the crosswalk.”   |
| <b>kohlrabi</b>      | a garden vegetable related to the cabbage: the edible part is a bulbous portion of the stem just above the ground<br>“The <b>kohlrabi</b> grew very well in the fertile soil.”                               |
| <b>lackadaisical</b> | listless; languid<br>“Tom was <b>lackadaisical</b> in the hot, humid weather.”   |

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| <b>lagging</b>   | falling behind; not keeping up; loitering; lingering<br>“ <i>During the race, he was usually <b>lagging</b> far behind.</i> ”   |
| <b>languid</b>   | sluggish<br>“ <i>She was a <b>languid</b> person, lacking force and quickness.</i> ”  |
| <b>languish</b>  | to lose vigor or vitality<br>“ <i>Without regular exercise, the body will <b>languish</b>.</i> ”  |
| <b>larghetto</b> | relatively slow, but faster than largo<br>“ <i>The section of the sonata must be played <b>larghetto</b>.</i> ”   |
| <b>lassitude</b> | state of being weary; tired and listless<br>“ <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<br>“ <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<br>“ <i>She wore the <b>lavalier</b> on a chain around her neck.</i> ”   |
| <b>legation</b>  | a diplomatic minister and his staff collectively, representing his government in a foreign country<br>“ <i>The French <b>legation</b> provided travel information.</i> ”  |
| <b>leisurely</b> | without haste; deliberate; slow; unhurried<br>“ <i>He strolled <b>leisurely</b> along the boardwalk.</i> ”  |
| <b>liaison</b>   | a linking up or connecting of the parts of the whole<br>“ <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.<br>“ <i>The <b>library</b> was extensive, but we could not find some references we needed in this small town.</i> ” |
| <b>literally</b> | exactly; not imaginatively; actually in fact<br>“ <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<br>“ <i>He was a <b>lobbyist</b> for the oil companies.</i> ”   |
| <b>lullaby</b>   | song for lulling baby to sleep; cradle song; music for this<br>“ <i>The <b>lullaby</b> she sang was soothing and haunting in memory.</i> ”  |
| <b>luminary</b>  | any famous or well-known person<br>“ <i>The <b>luminary</b> stopped to sign an autograph.</i> ”   |

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| <b>luminous</b>    | giving off light; shining; bright<br><i>"The moon was <b>luminous</b> in the night."</i>  |
| <b>maleficent</b>  | harmful; hurtful; evil<br><i>"Most people view terrorists as <b>maleficent</b> individuals."</i>  |
| <b>malign</b>      | to speak harmful untruths about; speak evil of; slander; defame<br><i>"The media used their power to further <b>malign</b> him."</i>  |
| <b>malingering</b> | to pretend to be ill or otherwise incapacitated in order to escape duty or work<br><i>"My brother will <b>malingering</b> whenever there are dishes to do."</i>   |
| <b>malleable</b>   | capable of being changed, molded, trained, etc.<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The large ship's <b>maneuver</b> brought it closer to port."</i>   |
| <b>mangy</b>       | shabby and filthy; sordid; squalid<br><i>"They drove through a <b>mangy</b> neighborhood of dilapidated row houses."</i>  |
| <b>manifest</b>    | make clear or evident; itemized list of cargo or bill of lading<br><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<br><i>"Their journey was <b>mapped</b> for them on a detailed chart."</i>  |
| <b>marriage</b>    | wedlock; matrimony; wedding<br><i>"All the arrangements at the church for the <b>marriage</b> were complete."</i>   |
| <b>marshmallow</b> | confection or candy made from sugar, starch, corn syrup and gelatin<br><i>"<b>Marshmallow</b> candy was not my favorite."</i>   |
| <b>matted</b>      | closely tangled together in a dense mass<br><i>"The farmer's blond hair was <b>matted</b> with hayseed."</i>  |
| <b>maudlin</b>     | foolishly and tearfully or weakly sentimental<br><i>"Their <b>maudlin</b> sympathy angered me."</i>   |
| <b>maximize</b>    | to increase to the maximum; raise to the highest possible degree; enlarge, intensify<br><i>"Companies are trying to <b>maximize</b> profits."</i>   |

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| <b>meaningful</b>    | having significance or purpose<br><i>"He gave a <b>meaningful</b> nod, letting me know he was ready to leave."</i>                                 |
| <b>meddlesome</b>    | interfering; mixing in affairs without being asked<br><i>"Her <b>meddlesome</b> ways made no friends for her."</i>                                 |
| <b>mellifluous</b>   | sounding sweet and smooth; honeyed<br><i>"She was possessed of a <b>mellifluous</b> voice."</i>  |
| <b>merriment</b>     | gaiety; fun; mirth; something that amuses or entertains<br><i>"The clowns brought much <b>merriment</b> to the small children."</i>                |
| <b>messenger</b>     | one who carries or delivers; forerunner; harbinger<br><i>"John acted the role of the <b>messenger</b> in the play."</i>                            |
| <b>metallic</b>      | having the nature of metal; containing or producing metal<br><i>"The new car was a bright, <b>metallic</b> green."</i>                             |
| <b>metamorphosis</b> | change of form, shape, structure, or substance<br><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<br><i>"The <b>miasma</b> created by the factories was unhealthy."</i>                            |
| <b>miscreant</b>     | an evil person; criminal; villain<br><i>"The <b>miscreant</b> was imprisoned for stealing."</i>  |
| <b>middling</b>      | medium quality or size; moderately good or well<br><i>"The stock was below usual quality, only fair to <b>middling</b>."</i>                       |
| <b>minimum</b>       | smallest possible quantity, number or degree; lowest point<br><i>"The <b>minimum</b> number for the committee was five."</i>                       |
| <b>mnemonic</b>      | helping, or meant to help, the memory<br><i>"The computer is a great <b>mnemonic</b> development."</i>   |
| <b>molasses</b>      | thick, dark brown syrup produced during the refining of sugar<br><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<br><i>"The guest artist at the testimonial dinner gave a very humorous <b>monologue</b>."</i>       |
| <b>mucilage</b>      | gum or glue, etc. used as an adhesive<br><i>"Snapshots used to be stuck in our old albums with <b>mucilage</b>."</i>                               |
| <b>muggy</b>         | hot and damp with no stirring of air<br><i>"The swamp was <b>muggy</b>, and perspiration dripped from us."</i>                                     |

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| <b>mulligatawny</b> | an East Indian soup of meat, etc., flavored with curry<br><i>"Mother had a very special recipe for <b>mulligatawny</b>."</i>                                   |
| <b>munificence</b>  | very generous in giving; lavish<br><i>"The president thanked the donor for her <b>munificence</b>."</i>  |
| <b>mutter</b>       | low, indistinct tone; to complain or grumble<br><i>"He scowled and began to <b>mutter</b> to the person next to him."</i>                                      |
| <b>muumuu</b>       | a full, long, loose garment for women, usually worn by Hawaiians<br><i>"In Hawaii, she bought a beautiful, brightly printed <b>muumuu</b>."</i>                |
| <b>mystify</b>      | to puzzle or perplex<br><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<br><i>"Between the scenes of the play, one student read <b>narrative</b> passages."</i>                                  |
| <b>necessary</b>    | essential; indispensable; mandatory<br><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<br><i>"<b>Neither</b> of the two cousins was invited to attend."</i>  |
| <b>nineteen</b>     | nine more than ten<br><i>"<b>Nineteen</b> guests attended the dinner."</i>   |
| <b>nominee</b>      | candidate for election; one chosen or appointed<br><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<br><i>"We could <b>normally</b> expect a full day's work during the summer."</i>  |
| <b>novelette</b>    | short fictional story<br><i>"The <b>novelette</b> was made into a movie script."</i>   |
| <b>numismatist</b>  | coin collector<br><i>"The woman was a well-known <b>numismatist</b>."</i>  |
| <b>oasis</b>        | fertile place in the desert; welcome relief from difficulty<br><i>"The <b>oasis</b> had a good water well and was fringed with welcome shade."</i>             |
| <b>obsession</b>    | persistent idea, desire, emotion<br><i>"He had an <b>obsession</b> about spending money."</i>  |
| <b>occasion</b>     | fact or event making something possible; happening; occurrence<br><i>"A chance meeting was the <b>occasion</b> of the renewal of their friendship."</i>        |

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| <b>occurrence</b>   | happening; event; something that takes place<br><i>“The second <b>occurrence</b> of the conference will not be until next year.”</i>                                     |
| <b>offering</b>     | gift or contribution; theatrical presentation<br><i>“She was <b>offering</b> to donate a bouquet of flowers for the table.”</i>  |
| <b>official</b>     | holding position of authority; authorized<br><i>“The umpire was the <b>official</b> supervising the athletic contest.”</i>   |
| <b>ogle</b>         | to stare at boldly in an impertinent, provocative way<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The <b>omission</b> of the word changed the context of the sentence.”</i>                               |
| <b>omniscient</b>   | having infinite knowledge<br><i>“Goethe was <b>omniscient</b> in his era.”</i>   |
| <b>onomatopoeia</b> | formation of a word by imitating the natural sound associated with the object or action involved<br><i>“He used <b>onomatopoeia</b> to create sounds in his poetry.”</i> |
| <b>opaque</b>       | not letting light pass through; not transparent or translucent<br><i>“The window shade was <b>opaque</b>, emitting no light at all.”</i>                                 |
| <b>opponent</b>     | person against one; adversary<br><i>“The candidate’s <b>opponent</b> waged a clean campaign.”</i>  |
| <b>opulent</b>      | very wealthy or rich<br><i>“The car’s interior was <b>opulent</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>oread</b>        | a mountain nymph<br><i>“She glided through the misty forest like an <b>oread</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>ostracize</b>    | to banish, bar, exclude<br><i>“Cheating caused his friends to <b>ostracize</b> him.”</i>   |
| <b>pageantry</b>    | gorgeous display<br><i>“Behind the <b>pageantry</b> and politicking, the negotiators worked hard.”</i>   |
| <b>parallel</b>     | extending in the same direction, at the same distance, never to meet<br><i>“Fern Avenue and Cypress Avenue run <b>parallel</b> to each other.”</i>                       |



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| <b>paramount</b>     | ranking higher than any other, as in power or importance; chief; supreme<br><i>“The <b>paramount</b> goal was to save the Union.”</i>                  |
| <b>paraphernalia</b> | personal belongings; articles used in a particular activity<br><i>“Bring along your fishing <b>paraphernalia</b> when we go camping next week.”</i>    |
| <b>parody</b>        | a poor or weak imitation<br><i>“The play was a <b>parody</b> of the Broadway hit.”</i>   |
| <b>parsimonious</b>  | miserly<br><i>“Scrooge was a <b>parsimonious</b> man.”</i>   |
| <b>passable</b>      | can be circulated as genuine; can be traveled, crossed over; adequate<br><i>“The mountain road was winding and narrow but looked <b>passable</b>.”</i> |
| <b>pedagogue</b>     | a teacher<br><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<br><i>“The dip was <b>peppery</b> but really delicious.”</i>                                      |
| <b>perceptive</b>    | able to perceive quickly and easily<br><i>“The driver was <b>perceptive</b> and avoided the accident.”</i>   |
| <b>perennial</b>     | lasting or continuing for a long time<br><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<br><i>“You must <b>perforate</b> the ballot to record your selections.”</i>          |
| <b>pejorative</b>    | disparaging or derogatory<br><i>“Her <b>pejorative</b> comment discouraged me from trying.”</i>  |
| <b>permeable</b>     | that which can be permeated<br><i>“The skin is a semi-<b>permeable</b> membrane.”</i>  |
| <b>permission</b>    | formal consent; allowing to leave or go<br><i>“We were required to have parental <b>permission</b> to ride the bus.”</i>                               |
| <b>pernicious</b>    | fatal; deadly<br><i>“The common cold is usually not a <b>pernicious</b> disease.”</i>  |
| <b>perpetuity</b>    | the state or quality of being perpetual<br><i>“<b>Perpetuity</b> is implied in the fundamental law of all national governments.”</i>                   |
| <b>persiflage</b>    | light, frivolous or flippant style of writing or speaking<br><i>“Comedians commonly use <b>persiflage</b> in their acts.”</i>                          |

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| <b>persuade</b>   | urge to do something; to convince<br><i>"It was not easy to <b>persuade</b> him to go with the crowd."</i>  |
| <b>pertinent</b>  | having a connection with; to the point; relevant<br><i>"We thought the action was <b>pertinent</b> for the results we desired."</i>   |
| <b>phenomenal</b> | highly remarkable<br><i>"Abraham Lincoln had a <b>phenomenal</b> memory."</i>   |
| <b>phenomenon</b> | any extremely unusual or extraordinary thing or occurrence<br><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<br><i>"The mixture of honey and lemon helped to rid his throat of <b>phlegm</b>."</i>                               |
| <b>pinion</b>     | to confine or shackle<br><i>"The police threatened to <b>pinion</b> the suspect."</i>   |
| <b>pittance</b>   | small amount or share, such as money<br><i>"The <b>pittance</b> received for his labor was not enough to live on."</i>  |
| <b>pixilated</b>  | eccentric, daft, whimsical, puckish<br><i>"Walt Disney's <b>pixilated</b> characters entertain everyone."</i>   |
| <b>plagiarize</b> | to take (ideas, writings, etc.) from (another) and pass them off as one's own<br><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<br><i>"An original remark when repeated over and over again may become a <b>platitude</b>."</i> |
| <b>platter</b>    | large, shallow dish for serving food<br><i>"We needed the largest <b>platter</b> for the turkey."</i>   |
| <b>plausible</b>  | seemingly true; seemingly honest, trustworthy, etc.<br><i>"The story he gave us sounded <b>plausible</b>."</i>  |
| <b>plebeian</b>   | vulgar, coarse, or common<br><i>"She has such a <b>plebeian</b> taste in home decorating."</i>  |
| <b>plebiscite</b> | a direct vote by the entire people to accept or refuse the measure or program<br><i>"It was decided by <b>plebiscite</b> to continue with the old form of government."</i>            |
| <b>plenary</b>    | for attendance by all members<br><i>"The <b>plenary</b> session of the association was called to order by the president."</i>   |

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| <b>plentiful</b>   | sufficient or more than enough; abundant<br><i>"At the picnic, food was <b>plentiful</b> and delicious."</i>  |
| <b>plurally</b>    | several; more than one<br><i>"So many songs were played <b>plurally</b> that it was difficult to hear when one ended and the other began."</i>  |
| <b>poinsettia</b>  | Mexican and Central American plant with yellow flowers surrounded by tapering red leaves resembling petals<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"There is a <b>possibility</b> that our next trip will be to Disneyland."</i>   |
| <b>potpourri</b>   | a medley, miscellany, or anthology<br><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<br><i>"The <b>pottery</b> is not ready for use until hardened by heat."</i>  |
| <b>practically</b> | in a workable way; almost; nearly<br><i>"He had <b>practically</b> finished all the tasks he had been given."</i>   |
| <b>precipitate</b> | to cause to happen before expected<br><i>"The jolt may <b>precipitate</b> an explosion."</i>  |
| <b>precursor</b>   | a person or thing that goes before<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The lawyer will <b>premise</b> his client's defense on temporary insanity."</i>  |
| <b>prestigious</b> | having or imparting prestige or distinction<br><i>"The <b>prestigious</b> writer had a great following."</i>  |
| <b>pretense</b>    | false claim or profession<br><i>"His <b>pretense</b> to the inheritance was exposed."</i>   |

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| <b>prevision</b>     | foresight or foreknowledge<br><i>“Facing the downpour, she was thankful for her <b>prevision</b> to bring an umbrella.”</i>   |
| <b>privilege</b>     | a right, advantage, favor or immunity granted to one; option to buy or sell<br><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<br><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<br><i>“Mozart was a child <b>prodigy</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>profession</b>    | vocation or occupation requiring advanced education or training<br><i>“The <b>profession</b> of medicine involves intellectual skills as well as education.”</i>  |
| <b>profligate</b>    | extremely wasteful; recklessly extravagant<br><i>“The <b>profligate</b> spender was soon penniless.”</i>  |
| <b>progeny</b>       | children, descendants, or offspring collectively<br><i>“The old man’s <b>progeny</b> gathered at his home to celebrate.”</i>  |
| <b>proliferate</b>   | to multiply rapidly<br><i>“As nuclear weapons <b>proliferate</b>, we are all concerned.”</i>  |
| <b>propitiate</b>    | appease or conciliate<br><i>“His action will <b>propitiate</b> the striking union members.”</i>   |
| <b>propriety</b>     | conformity with what is proper or fitting<br><i>“An etiquette book gives rules of <b>propriety</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>proscenium</b>    | the apron of a stage<br><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<br><i>“For dinner he made fettuccini with <b>prosciutto</b> and peas.”</i>   |
| <b>pseudo</b>        | sham; false; spurious; pretended; counterfeit<br><i>“He was a <b>pseudo</b> expert in karate.”</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<br><i>“The <b>psychosomatic</b> patient was receiving therapy for his emotional problems.”</i> |

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| <b>publicly</b>      | open to all; commonly known or observed<br><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<br><i>"The <b>pursuit</b> of her career left little time for a social life."</i> |
| <b>qualms</b>        | sudden brief feelings of sickness, faintness, nausea; feelings of doubt<br><i>"He had <b>qualms</b> about having cheated on the test."</i>  |
| <b>quarrel</b>       | cause for dispute or disagreement; to find fault; complain heatedly<br><i>"A <b>quarrel</b> can break up friendly relations."</i>   |
| <b>quasi</b>         | having a likeness to something; resembling<br><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<br><i>"The <b>questionnaire</b> was lengthy but fun to do."</i>   |
| <b>quixotic</b>      | extravagantly chivalrous or romantically idealistic<br><i>"Patrolling the streets with knights in white armor is the <b>quixotic</b> method of solving crime."</i>                  |
| <b>raillery</b>      | light, good-natured ridicule or satire<br><i>"Sir Winston Churchill's <b>raillery</b> often provoked laughter."</i>   |
| <b>rappro</b>        | relationship, esp. a close one; agreement; harmony<br><i>"She and her sister enjoyed a friendly <b>rappro</b>."</i>   |
| <b>rapscallion</b>   | a rascal; rogue<br><i>"The <b>rapscallion</b> ran off with the money."</i>  |
| <b>rasher</b>        | a thin slice of bacon or, rarely, ham, for frying or broiling<br><i>"A greasy <b>rasher</b> popped and sizzled in the pan."</i>   |
| <b>ratiocinate</b>   | to reason logically and methodically<br><i>"Fred needed to <b>ratiocinate</b> in order to win the debate."</i>  |
| <b>really</b>        | in fact; actually; truly or genuinely<br><i>"They did not <b>really</b> understand the danger involved."</i>  |
| <b>rebellion</b>     | act or state of armed resistance; defiance of authority<br><i>"The <b>rebellion</b> was well armed and organized."</i>  |
| <b>receipt</b>       | written acknowledgement; to mark paid<br><i>"The <b>receipt</b> showed the invoice had been paid in full."</i>  |
| <b>receptacle</b>    | container; vessel to hold something<br><i>"The antique hall stand had a metal <b>receptacle</b> for wet umbrellas."</i>   |

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| <b>recipe</b>         | a list of ingredients and directions for preparing a dish; procedure<br><i>“The <b>recipe</b> for carrot cake was one of her grandmother’s favorites.”</i>           |
| <b>reclamation</b>    | reclaiming or being reclaimed<br><i>“The <b>reclamation</b> program for the eroded land was successful.”</i>   |
| <b>reconnaissance</b> | an exploratory survey or examination<br><i>“The corporal led a special squad on a <b>reconnaissance</b> mission.”</i>  |
| <b>recycle</b>        | to use and reuse again and again<br><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<br><i>“I liked the <b>redolence</b> of the pine boughs.”</i>  |
| <b>regenerate</b>     | renewed or restored<br><i>“The award will <b>regenerate</b> her dedication to practice.”</i>   |
| <b>rejuvenate</b>     | to make seem fresh or new again<br><i>“A long vacation will <b>rejuvenate</b> him.”</i>  |
| <b>relegate</b>       | to refer, commit, or hand over for decision, action<br><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<br><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<br><i>“We sat at the table to <b>reminisce</b> about our childhood experiences.”</i>                  |
| <b>repartee</b>       | a quick, witty reply<br><i>“The first rule of <b>repartee</b> is better never than late.”</i>  |
| <b>repatriate</b>     | to send back or return to the country of birth, citizenship, or allegiance<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The ball player’s <b>repertoire</b> was amazing.”</i> |
| <b>replicate</b>      | to repeat or duplicate<br><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<br><i>“The jewels were missing from the <b>repository</b>.”</i>                         |

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| <b>repossess</b>      | reclaim; get back<br><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 reprehended<br><i>“Assassination is a <b>reprehensible</b> crime.”</i>  |
| <b>rescind</b>        | to revoke, repeal, or cancel<br><i>“The officers of the company will <b>rescind</b> the ruling.”</i>  |
| <b>resilient</b>      | recovering strength, spirits, good humor, etc., quickly; buoyant<br><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<br><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.<br><i>“The deep <b>resonance</b> of his voice was his radio trademark.”</i>   |
| <b>responsibility</b> | obligation; accountability; dependability<br><i>“Getting her homework in was her <b>responsibility</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>restitution</b>    | a making good for loss or damage<br><i>“The settlement was a fair <b>restitution</b> for the accident.”</i>   |
| <b>retaliate</b>      | to return like for like<br><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<br><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<br><i>“Her <b>reverie</b> was broken by his loud arrival.”</i>  |
| <b>revolving</b>      | circling around; regularly replenished as a charge account<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The <b>rhythm</b> of the story kept our attention.”</i> |
| <b>righteous</b>      | just, upright manner of acting; morally justifiable<br><i>“The minister stormed in <b>righteous</b> anger from the pulpit.”</i>   |

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| <b>rigmarole</b>  | a foolishly involved, fussy, or time-wasting procedure<br><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<br><i>“He wore a <b>rosette</b> in the buttonhole of his lapel.”</i>  |
| <b>rubbery</b>    | elastic; toughness<br><i>“The weight of the parcel caused the <b>rubbery</b> plastic to break loose.”</i>  |
| <b>ruckus</b>     | noisy confusion; uproar; row; disturbance<br><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<br><i>“One <b>rudiment</b> of singing is proper breathing.”</i>  |
| <b>sacrosanct</b> | very sacred, holy, or inviolable<br><i>“The congregation felt the church was <b>sacrosanct</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>salient</b>    | noticeable; conspicuous<br><i>“Major Richard outlined briefly the <b>salient</b> feature of the new recruiting plan.”</i>  |
| <b>sanguinary</b> | bloodthirsty<br><i>“Some corsairs were very <b>sanguinary</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>sapphire</b>   | hard, transparent precious stone of deep blue color<br><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<br><i>“We prefer the <b>scallion</b> rather than the large white or yellow onion.”</i>  |
| <b>scarcity</b>   | inadequate supply; rarity; uncommonness<br><i>“During the hot spell of summer, we had a <b>scarcity</b> of water.”</i>   |
| <b>scathing</b>   | searing; withering; harsh or caustic<br><i>“The Prince of Wales launched a <b>scathing</b> attack on British industrialists.”</i>  |
| <b>schism</b>     | a split or division in an organized group or society<br><i>“The selection of a new minister caused a <b>schism</b> in the church.”</i>   |
| <b>schooner</b>   | a ship with two or more masts rigged fore and aft<br><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<br><i>“She had <b>sciatica</b> due to a back injury she sustained.”</i> |
| <b>scintilla</b>  | a particle; the least trace: used only figuratively<br><i>“Wild charges flourished without a <b>scintilla</b> of evidence.”</i>  |



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| <b>sciolism</b>    | superficial knowledge<br><i>"His <b>sciolism</b> was in keeping with his character as a charlatan."</i>  |
| <b>scissors</b>    | a cutting instrument; having two blades which work against each other<br><i>"The <b>scissors</b> used by the kindergarteners have blunt ends."</i>                           |
| <b>scrimmage</b>   | rough and tumble fight; confused struggle; football play<br><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<br><i>"Not a crumb of the <b>scrumptious</b> cake was left."</i>  |
| <b>secrecy</b>     | the condition of being concealed; kept secluded<br><i>"Everyone involved in the <b>secrecy</b> of the surprise party did his part."</i>                                      |
| <b>semaphore</b>   | an apparatus or system for signaling<br><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<br><i>"They were understanding and <b>sensible</b> parents."</i>   |
| <b>sepulcher</b>   | tomb<br><i>"Many thousands of pilgrims visited the <b>sepulcher</b> of Saint Thomas Becket."</i>   |
| <b>sequel</b>      | something that follows<br><i>"Will there be a <b>sequel</b> to the movie?"</i>   |
| <b>seraglio</b>    | the palace of a Turkish sultan<br><i>"The crown jewels were located in the <b>seraglio</b>."</i>   |
| <b>serene</b>      | not disturbed or troubled<br><i>"The <b>serene</b> lake did not have a ripple on the surface."</i>   |
| <b>serviette</b>   | a table napkin<br><i>"A <b>serviette</b> depicting Christmas scenes was at everyone's place."</i>  |
| <b>shibboleth</b>  | any phrase, custom, etc., distinctive of a particular party, class, etc.<br><i>"The Piedmont accent along the east coast is the <b>shibboleth</b> of the landed gentry."</i> |
| <b>shimmer</b>     | shine with unsteady light; glimmer<br><i>"The reflection from waves made the dim light <b>shimmer</b>."</i>  |
| <b>shrubbery</b>   | place of low-growing, woody plantings<br><i>"We lost the ball when it went into the <b>shrubbery</b>."</i>   |
| <b>silhouette</b>  | an outline of a figure, garment, etc.<br><i>"Jean's face was a <b>silhouette</b> against the screen."</i>  |

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| <b>silverware</b>   | tableware made of or coated with silver<br><i>"The <b>silverware</b> showed clearly the care taken to polish it."</i>  |
| <b>similar</b>      | nearly but not exactly the same; resemblance<br><i>"Our new shoes were <b>similar</b>."</i>  |
| <b>skimmer</b>      | that which is used to remove floating matter from a liquid<br><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<br><i>"She wore a <b>sleeveless</b> sweater called a vest."</i>   |
| <b>smidgen</b>      | a small amount; a bit<br><i>"A <b>smidgen</b> of pepper should be added next."</i>   |
| <b>solicitor</b>    | one who seeks contributions or trade<br><i>"He came to the door as a <b>solicitor</b> for the Heart Fund."</i>   |
| <b>solicitous</b>   | showing care, attention, or concern<br><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<br><i>"In the northern hemisphere, the winter <b>solstice</b> comes just before Christmas."</i> |
| <b>somnolent</b>    | sleepy; drowsy<br><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<br><i>"The <b>sophomoric</b> antics of our government were exposed."</i>  |
| <b>spanning</b>     | to extend, reach or cross over, etc.<br><i>"The bridge <b>spanning</b> the mighty river was teeming with traffic."</i>   |
| <b>spasmodic</b>    | having an involuntary contraction, temporarily or intermittently<br><i>"She had a <b>spasmodic</b> tic in her right eyelid."</i>   |
| <b>spectroscopy</b> | the use of the spectroscope to study optics<br><i>"The study of optics is aided by <b>spectroscopy</b>."</i>   |
| <b>speechless</b>   | unable to talk; silent, as from shock<br><i>"The sight of the Grand Canyon made him temporarily <b>speechless</b>."</i>  |
| <b>splutter</b>     | making hissing sounds; speak hurriedly; utter sounds of confusion<br><i>"Being excited or embarrassed caused her to <b>splutter</b>."</i>  |
| <b>spoonfuls</b>    | as much as a spoon will hold<br><i>"The plates were filled by heaping <b>spoonfuls</b>."</i>   |

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| <b>spotter</b>        | person or thing that removes stains; watcher for aircraft<br><i>"In the dry cleaning shop, he had a position as a <b>spotter</b>."</i>         |
| <b>spume</b>          | foam, froth, or scum<br><i>"The water will <b>spume</b> out of the pipe indicating a soapy condition."</i>                                     |
| <b>statute</b>        | established rule; legislation passed<br><i>"The <b>statute</b> was passed by the state legislative body."</i>                                  |
| <b>strategic</b>      | favorable planning; maneuvering advantageously<br><i>"Winning at chess consists of <b>strategic</b> moves."</i>                                |
| <b>strictly</b>       | precisely; exactly; closely enforced<br><i>"The diet must be followed <b>strictly</b> as ordered."</i>   |
| <b>stymie</b>         | to block; impede<br><i>"Bad weather may <b>stymie</b> our picnic plans."</i>   |
| <b>subcutaneous</b>   | being, used, or introduced beneath the skin<br><i>"He located the sliver in the <b>subcutaneous</b> part of his finger."</i>                   |
| <b>substantive</b>    | of considerable amount or quantity; substantial<br><i>"His donation of \$5000 was <b>substantive</b>."</i>                                     |
| <b>succinct</b>       | clearly and briefly stated<br><i>"The commander's orders to his men were <b>succinct</b>."</i>   |
| <b>succumb</b>        | give away to; yield or submit<br><i>"We expected him to <b>succumb</b> to persuasion."</i>   |
| <b>superfluous</b>    | not needed, unnecessary, irrelevant<br><i>"I have cut down every <b>superfluous</b> expense."</i>  |
| <b>superintendent</b> | person in charge; supervisor, custodian<br><i>"The <b>superintendent</b> was found to be honest and trustworthy."</i>                          |
| <b>supervisor</b>     | manager; director<br><i>"The <b>supervisor</b> is in charge of the courses and the teachers."</i>  |
| <b>surreptitious</b>  | acting in a secret, stealthy way<br><i>"The conspirators held a <b>surreptitious</b> meeting."</i>   |
| <b>surveillance</b>   | supervision or inspection<br><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<br><i>"A <b>sycophant</b> will try to attach himself to a celebrity."</i> |
| <b>syllipsis</b>      | a grammatical construction<br><i>"A <b>syllipsis</b> is used to modify two or more words in the same sentence."</i>                            |

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| <b>sympathize</b>    | to share or understand another's feelings; express pity<br><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<br><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<br><i>"We studied the condition of <b>syzygy</b> in astronomy."</i>  |
| <b>technical</b>     | technical arts or applied sciences; the practical arts<br><i>"Only a <b>technical</b> expert would be aware of the meaning of those terms."</i>   |
| <b>tenacious</b>     | persistent, stubborn<br><i>"He had <b>tenacious</b> courage as he faced the endless pile of papers on his desk."</i>  |
| <b>tenuous</b>       | not substantial, slight, flimsy<br><i>"The <b>tenuous</b> bridge was washed away in the storm."</i>   |
| <b>therapeutic</b>   | serving to cure or heal; curative<br><i>"The <b>therapeutic</b> treatment hastened his recovery."</i>   |
| <b>tranquilizer</b>  | a person or thing that tranquilizes<br><i>"The doctor gave his nervous patient a <b>tranquilizer</b>."</i>  |
| <b>transition</b>    | a passing from one condition, form, stage, activity, place to another<br><i>"The <b>transition</b> from fall to winter was marked by a storm."</i>  |
| <b>transmission</b>  | something transmitted<br><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<br><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<br><i>"His manner was <b>unctuous</b> as he tried to talk her out of the car keys."</i>  |
| <b>unprecedented</b> | unheard-of; novel<br><i>"The president took <b>unprecedented</b> steps toward peace."</i>   |
| <b>unscathed</b>     | not hurt, uninjured, unharmed<br><i>"She was <b>unscathed</b> by their criticism."</i>  |
| <b>utilitarian</b>   | of or having to do with utility; usefulness<br><i>"A garbage can is a very <b>utilitarian</b> gift."</i>  |

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| <b>vengeance</b>      | revenge<br>“ <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<br>“ <i>The <b>verdigris</b> on the city hall dome must be removed.</i> ”                                       |
| <b>verisimilitude</b> | the appearance of being true or real<br>“ <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<br>“ <i>With too much stress, she suffered from <b>vertigo</b>.</i> ” |
| <b>vicissitude</b>    | shifting circumstances<br>“ <i>A <b>vicissitude</b> of public life is the election process.</i> ”   |
| <b>vignette</b>       | a short, delicate literary sketch<br>“ <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<br>“ <i>The <b>visionary</b> described a utopia that could never exist.</i> ”                                 |
| <b>wobbly</b>         | shaky; trembly<br>“ <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<br>“ <i><b>Xenophobia</b> limits people from learning about others.</i> ”   |
| <b>xylophone</b>      | a musical percussion instrument<br>“ <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<br>“ <i>The <b>zealot</b> was dedicated to the cause.</i> ”   |

# **LEVEL III**

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| <b>aardvark</b>     | burrowing African mammal; earth pig<br><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<br><i>"They built a new <b>abattoir</b> on the outskirts of the city."</i>   |
| <b>abecedarian</b>  | beginning student; learning the alphabet<br><i>"The <b>abecedarian</b> in his class had never attended school until now."</i>   |
| <b>abeyance</b>     | temporary suspension, as of an activity or function<br><i>"Due to the rain, the rodeo was in <b>abeyance</b>."</i>  |
| <b>abhorrence</b>   | loathing; detestation; something repugnant<br><i>"She watched with <b>abhorrence</b> as the snakes were fed live mice."</i>   |
| <b>abnegate</b>     | deny or refuse; renounce; to give up all claim to<br><i>"He said he would <b>abnegate</b> all claims to the property."</i>  |
| <b>abolitionist</b> | one who favored giving up slavery<br><i>"He was from the north and a known <b>abolitionist</b>."</i>  |
| <b>abreact</b>      | to relieve emotion by talking about it<br><i>"She decided to <b>abreact</b> her feelings by talking to her sister."</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<br><i>"The <b>abscissa</b> is the value of all x coordinates."</i> |
| <b>acanthoid</b>    | spiny or spiny-shaped<br><i>"The cactus plant is an <b>acanthoid</b>."</i>  |
| <b>acappella</b>    | without instrumental accompaniment<br><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<br><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<br><i>"He was accused as an <b>accessory</b> to the crime."</i>   |
| <b>accumbent</b>    | lying down<br><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<br><i>"Her friend spoke in an <b>accusatorial</b> tone thinking she was to blame."</i>  |
| <b>acidulous</b>    | somewhat sarcastic<br><i>"The comedian's stare of <b>acidulous</b> contempt embarrassed the man in the front row."</i>  |

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| <b>acme</b>           | the highest point<br><i>"Pitching that no-hitter represented the <b>acme</b> of Lefty's career."</i>   |
| <b>acolyte</b>        | one who assists in a religious service; follower<br><i>In the days of the political machine, the party boss and his <b>acolyte</b> ran the city."</i>                      |
| <b>acquiescent</b>    | agreeing or consenting without protest, but without enthusiasm<br><i>"Most of the class was <b>acquiescent</b>."</i>   |
| <b>acuate</b>         | having a sharp point<br><i>"The guard dog bared his murderously <b>acuate</b> teeth."</i>  |
| <b>adamant</b>        | unyielding<br><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<br><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<br><i>"He specialized in <b>aeronautics</b> in college, because he was fascinated with flying."</i> |
| <b>aeroneurosis</b>   | nervous disorder of airplane pilots caused by the tension of flying<br><i>"His abdominal pains were suggestive of <b>aeroneurosis</b>."</i>                                |
| <b>affectionately</b> | devotedly; lovingly; warmly<br><i>"His daughter patted him <b>affectionately</b> as she left the room."</i>  |
| <b>affidavit</b>      | written statement made before a notary public<br><i>"She willingly signed the <b>affidavit</b> the same day."</i>  |
| <b>aficionado</b>     | a devoted follower of some sport, art, etc.<br><i>"He was a football <b>aficionado</b>."</i>   |
| <b>agape</b>          | with or as with the mouth wide open, in surprise, wonder, etc.<br><i>"The news reporters were <b>agape</b> at the President's speech."</i>                                 |
| <b>agglutinated</b>   | stuck together as with glue; joined by adhesion<br><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<br><i>"She felt <b>aggrieved</b> by the treatment she received from her family."</i>                                      |
| <b>agitated</b>       | shaken; perturbed; excited<br><i>"He was <b>agitated</b> at the extent of the damage the earthquake caused."</i>   |



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| <b>agitprop</b>    | of or for agitating and propagandizing<br><i>“David was a foreign-trained <b>agitprop</b> who infiltrated the trade unions.”</i>  |
| <b>agonistic</b>   | contesting; combative<br><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<br><i>“The psychiatrist sees patients with severe <b>agoraphobia</b> in their homes since they are too fearful to come to her office.”</i>                               |
| <b>aiguille</b>    | peak of rock shaped like a needle<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>“Chemicals help to keep <b>algae</b> from growing in the swimming pool.”</i>  |
| <b>alignment</b>   | arrangement in a straight line<br><i>“He was engineering a ground plan of <b>alignment</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>allegiance</b>  | obligation of support and loyalty<br><i>“A citizen owes <b>allegiance</b> to his government.”</i>   |
| <b>allonym</b>     | another name, usually historical, adopted by an author<br><i>“The writer’s <b>allonym</b> was Socrates.”</i>  |
| <b>alopecia</b>    | loss of hair on the head; baldness<br><i>“Because he suffered from <b>alopecia</b>, he wore a wig.”</i>   |
| <b>altruistic</b>  | unselfish<br><i>“Some thought his campaign donations <b>altruistic</b>, others interpreted them as self-serving.”</i>   |
| <b>alyssum</b>     | plant in the mustard family<br><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<br><i>“He was a very skilled <b>amateur</b> athlete.”</i>  |

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| <b>amaurosis</b>          | partial or total blindness<br><i>"He walked everywhere through the city though he suffered from <b>amaurosis</b>."</i>   |
| <b>ambiance</b>           | an environment or its distinct atmosphere<br><i>"The <b>ambiance</b> of New Orleans is very European."</i>   |
| <b>ambulatory</b>         | able to walk and not confined to bed<br><i>"He was <b>ambulatory</b> six weeks after surgery."</i>   |
| <b>ameliorate</b>         | to make or become better; improve<br><i>"The children at the orphanage thought the new wing would <b>ameliorate</b> the current conditions."</i>                       |
| <b>amenity</b>            | pleasant quality; attractiveness<br><i>"Scarlett O'Hara got what she wanted without forsaking a single <b>amenity</b> of plantation life."</i>                         |
| <b>amethyst</b>           | a purple or violet variety of quartz used for jewelry<br><i>"The Greeks believed that the <b>amethyst</b> prevented intoxication."</i>                                 |
| <b>amoeba</b>             | microscopic one-celled animal<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The doctors had to locate and remove the <b>aneurysm</b>."</i>   |
| <b>anguished</b>          | distressed; in great pain; suffering from worry<br><i>"She showed an <b>anguished</b>, tear-stained face as she lifted her head."</i>                                  |
| <b>annihilate</b>         | to bring to nothing; destroy completely<br><i>"Nuclear war would <b>annihilate</b> the earth."</i>   |
| <b>anodyne</b>            | relieving or lessening pain; soothing<br><i>"Though said without feeling, her <b>anodyne</b> words comforted his bruised ego."</i>                                     |

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| <b>antediluvian</b>    | of or relating to the time before the biblical flood; made or developed a long time ago<br><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<br><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<br><i>“We embroidered flowers from a printed cloth to <b>applique</b> on her sweater.”</i>  |
| <b>arabesque</b>       | a complex and elaborate design of intertwined flowers, foliage, geometrical patterns, etc., painted or carved in low relief<br><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<br><i>“Resorting to feminine wiles, she chose an <b>arachnoid</b> dressing gown for her date with the foreign diplomat.”</i>                  |
| <b>arboreal</b>        | living in trees or adapted for living in trees<br><i>“Monkeys are <b>arboreal</b> creatures.”</i>   |
| <b>archipelago</b>     | a group or chain of many islands<br><i>“We visited the Philippine <b>archipelago</b> last year.”</i>  |
| <b>arenaceous</b>      | sandy<br><i>“The cactus grows well in <b>arenaceous</b> soil.”</i>  |
| <b>assentation</b>     | immediate and usually flattering or hypocritical assent<br><i>“The junior executive ingratiated himself with his superiors because of his constant <b>assentation</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>assiduous</b>       | diligent; persevering<br><i>“Jack’s <b>assiduous</b> study habits made up for his notable lack of gray matter.”</i>   |
| <b>asthenic</b>        | designating or of a constitutional body type of slender physique<br><i>“The psychologist, Thompson, theorized that the <b>asthenic</b> body type indicated a weak character.”</i>   |
| <b>autarky</b>         | national policy of getting along without imports<br><i>“In its disastrous attempt to achieve <b>autarky</b>, the Cambodian government abolished foreign trade.”</i>   |
| <b>bacchant</b>        | a drunken carouser<br><i>“The sleeping <b>bacchant</b> lay propped against the column of the hall.”</i>   |

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| <b>balalaika</b>    | stringed instrument like a guitar but with only three strings<br><i>"The <b>balalaika</b> is a favorite instrument of the Russian people."</i>   |
| <b>banquet</b>      | elaborate meal; formal dinner for many people<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The pillow fight turned the nursery into <b>bedlam</b>."</i>  |
| <b>behoove</b>      | to be morally necessary or proper<br><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<br><i>"All of the parish knew of his <b>beneficence</b>."</i>   |
| <b>bequeathed</b>   | left to another in a will; handed down or passed on<br><i>"He <b>bequeathed</b> his money to his son."</i>   |
| <b>bespeak</b>      | to be indicative of<br><i>"The endless warnings he issues his children <b>bespeak</b> a paternal concern bordering on the compulsive."</i>   |
| <b>bevy</b>         | any group or collection<br><i>"A <b>bevy</b> of beautiful maidens caught Frederick's roving eye."</i>  |
| <b>bezique</b>      | a card game resembling pinochle<br><i>"We enjoyed learning how to play <b>bezique</b>."</i>  |
| <b>bibliophile</b>  | person who loves or admires books; collector of books<br><i>"She is a <b>bibliophile</b> and never wants to part with any of her books."</i>   |
| <b>bivouac</b>      | temporary encampment, esp. in the open<br><i>"We decided this would be a good place to <b>bivouac</b> for one night."</i>  |
| <b>blitzkrieg</b>   | sudden overwhelming attack<br><i>"The <b>blitzkrieg</b> resulted in a quick victory."</i>  |
| <b>bloodletting</b> | bleeding; bloodshed<br><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<br><i>"The thugs were each armed with a <b>bludgeon</b>."</i>   |

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| <b>bolus</b>        | a large pill<br><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<br><i>"He was happy to be a member of the class known as <b>bourgeois</b>."</i>   |
| <b>boutonniere</b>  | flower or flowers worn in a buttonhole<br><i>"He wore a carnation <b>boutonniere</b>."</i>   |
| <b>bowdlerize</b>   | to remove passages considered offensive from (a book, etc.)<br><i>"The strait-laced teacher tried to <b>bowdlerize</b> Genesis for his Sunday school class."</i>                         |
| <b>brachial</b>     | of or like an arm; a wing or fin<br><i>"He swung arm over arm in a <b>brachial</b> movement from one limb to another."</i>   |
| <b>brilliance</b>   | brightness; radiance; intensity<br><i>"The moon shone with almost the <b>brilliance</b> of day."</i>   |
| <b>broccoli</b>     | vegetable plant related to the cauliflower<br><i>"We like <b>broccoli</b> cooked with a cheese sauce."</i>   |
| <b>bromide</b>      | a trite saying or statement<br><i>"He bored everyone with his <b>bromide</b> about pennies saved and foolish pounds."</i>  |
| <b>brumal</b>       | of winter; wintry<br><i>The <b>brumal</b> temperatures produced frost blossoms on the window panes."</i>   |
| <b>buoyancy</b>     | ability or tendency to float; cheerfulness<br><i>"The <b>buoyancy</b> of the life jacket would keep her afloat."</i>   |
| <b>businesslike</b> | efficient; methodical<br><i>"The <b>businesslike</b> manner of the applicant secured him the job."</i>   |
| <b>cacography</b>   | bad handwriting; incorrect spelling<br><i>"His <b>cacography</b> always brought his grades down."</i>  |
| <b>cairn</b>        | a conical heap of stones built as a monument or landmark<br><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<br><i>"Bureaucracy and old age have caused the Soviet leadership to <b>calcify</b> its conservatism."</i> |

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| <b>caliginous</b>     | dark; gloomy; obscure<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The bell in the <b>campanile</b> rang loudly."</i>                            |
| <b>cancellous</b>     | having a porous or spongy structure; close network of veins<br><i>"Some plants have <b>cancellous</b> leaves."</i>                                    |
| <b>canescent</b>      | become white or grayish<br><i>"The leaves of some plants become <b>canescent</b>."</i>  |
| <b>cantankerous</b>   | disagreeable to deal with; contentious; peevish<br><i>"Unfortunately, his time there had turned him into a cynical, <b>cantankerous</b> old man."</i> |
| <b>capriciousness</b> | a change without apparent reason; erratic behavior<br><i>"Her <b>capriciousness</b> was evident as soon as she appeared at dinner."</i>               |
| <b>carillon</b>       | a set of stationary bells each producing one tone of the chromatic scale<br><i>"The church <b>carillon</b> peeled out one melody after another."</i>  |
| <b>carrefour</b>      | crossroads or intersection; public square or plaza<br><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.<br><i>"We went to the <b>cartographer</b> to get maps of the islands."</i>   |
| <b>castellated</b>    | built with turrets and battlements<br><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<br><i>"The editor checks for <b>catachresis</b>."</i>  |
| <b>catfalque</b>      | temporary wooden framework on which a coffin is placed<br><i>"Under the coffin, the <b>catfalque</b> was draped in white satin."</i>                  |
| <b>catechism</b>      | a formal series of questions<br><i>"The prospective church member studied his <b>catechism</b>."</i>  |
| <b>caterwaul</b>      | shrill howling sound like a cat; screech<br><i>"In the quiet of the night, a <b>caterwaul</b> broke the silence."</i>                                 |

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| <b>catharsis</b>      | the purifying of the emotions or relieving of emotional tensions, esp. by art<br><i>"For Nietzsche, Wagner's Ring cycle triggered a <b>catharsis</b> that led to tears."</i>                                  |
| <b>celerity</b>       | swiftness in acting or moving; speed<br><i>"Sitting on the tack made him jump up with comic <b>celerity</b>."</i>   |
| <b>cellophane</b>     | thin, transparent cellulose material<br><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<br><i>"The <b>chameleon</b> blended so well with its surroundings that it was hard to find."</i>  |
| <b>champaign</b>      | a broad plain, level and open country<br><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<br><i>"The <b>chancellor</b> of the consulate was ordered to return to his country."</i>  |
| <b>characteristic</b> | distinguishing trait, feature or quality; peculiarity<br><i>"It was <b>characteristic</b> of the detective that he wasted no time in giving orders to his men."</i>   |
| <b>charismatic</b>    | of, having, or resulting from charisma, the power of winning devotion of large numbers of people<br><i>"Churchill was a <b>charismatic</b> speaker who captured people's imagination."</i>                    |
| <b>chauffeur</b>      | driver of a private automobile for someone else<br><i>"The <b>chauffeur</b> drove her to school each day."</i>  |
| <b>chelicera</b>      | the first pair of appendages of spiders<br><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<br><i>"Many painters use <b>chiaroscuro</b> to heighten the drama in their paintings."</i> |
| <b>chide</b>          | to scold<br><i>"Sam's parents <b>chide</b> him regularly for letting his room look like a cave."</i>  |
| <b>chignon</b>        | a knot or coil of hair worn at the back of the neck<br><i>"She kept her hair from her eyes by knotting it into a <b>chignon</b>."</i>   |

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| <b>chinoiserie</b>    | ornate style of decoration for furniture, textiles, ceramics, etc.<br><i>"In 18<sup>th</sup> century Europe, <b>chinoiserie</b> was very popular."</i>                          |
| <b>chlorophyll</b>    | the green pigment found in plants<br><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<br><i>"His editor was prone to <b>choleric</b> fits provoked by spelling errors."</i>                                      |
| <b>chortle</b>        | to make, or utter with, a gleeful clucking or snorting sound<br><i>"When his horse finished in first place, he began to <b>chortle</b> in delight."</i>                         |
| <b>chronological</b>  | in order of occurrence<br><i>"I'm trying to achieve a <b>chronological</b> album of snapshots."</i>   |
| <b>chuff</b>          | a boor, churl<br><i>"With his accent and clothes, Will Rogers played the shrewd <b>chuff</b>."</i>  |
| <b>cicerone</b>       | a guide who explains the history and chief features of a place to sightseers<br><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<br><i>"When asked where she had been, their daughter responded with an outrageous <b>circumlocution</b>."</i> |
| <b>circumspect</b>    | cautious; careful<br><i>"Eisenhower's <b>circumspect</b> attitude toward the presidency guaranteed a quiet decade."</i>   |
| <b>cirriped</b>       | subclass saltwater crustaceans such as barnacles<br><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<br><i>"He had an excellent job as a <b>civilian</b> employee of the Air Force."</i>                                    |
| <b>coalesce</b>       | to grow together; to unite or merge into a single body, group, etc.<br><i>"The splint would help the broken bones to continue to <b>coalesce</b>."</i>                          |
| <b>coetaneous</b>     | contemporary<br><i>"We selected the <b>coetaneous</b> furniture."</i>   |
| <b>colloquialism</b>  | conversational style or usage; informal idiom<br><i>"<b>Colloquialism</b> is mistakenly thought to be substandard which it is not."</i>   |



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| <b>comestible</b>    | edible<br><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<br><i>"In the union of the <b>commensurable</b> organisms, one is benefited, and the other neither benefits nor is harmed."</i>   |
| <b>commodious</b>    | offering plenty of room; spacious<br><i>"The <b>commodious</b> office building housed twelve thousand workers."</i>   |
| <b>contumelious</b>  | insulting and humiliating<br><i>"Oscar Wilde bore the <b>contumelious</b> remarks of his critics with admirable dignity."</i>   |
| <b>corroborate</b>   | confirm; bolster; support; prove validity<br><i>"The evidence will <b>corroborate</b> her testimony."</i>   |
| <b>costermonger</b>  | a person who sells fruits or vegetables from a cart or street stand<br><i>"A <b>costermonger</b> is not renowned for his delicacy."</i>   |
| <b>crenelated</b>    | furnished with crenelations, in the manner of a battlement<br><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<br><i>"Stonehenge, the most famous <b>cromlech</b>, rises from the Salisbury plain."</i>   |
| <b>cryptic</b>       | mysterious; baffling<br><i>"From his <b>cryptic</b> replies, she could never tell what he did for a living."</i>  |
| <b>crystallize</b>   | to give definite form to; to coat with sugar<br><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<br><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<br><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.<br><i>"Our hero found himself lost in a <b>darkling</b> wood."</i>  |
| <b>dastardly</b>     | mean; cowardly<br><i>"Letting his brother take the rap was a <b>dastardly</b> thing to do."</i>   |

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| <b>decant</b>      | to pour from one container into another<br><i>"He tried to <b>decant</b> the vintage wine as gingerly as if it were nitroglycerine."</i>  |
| <b>deficiency</b>  | absence of something essential; incompleteness<br><i>"There was a <b>deficiency</b> of protein in the diet he followed."</i>  |
| <b>defunct</b>     | dead or extinct<br><i>"Naturalists fear the condor may become <b>defunct</b>."</i>  |
| <b>deglutition</b> | the act or process of swallowing<br><i>"Painful <b>deglutition</b> is one of the after-effects of a tonsillectomy."</i>   |
| <b>deleterious</b> | harmful to health; injurious<br><i>"Eating too much of the wrong foods can be <b>deleterious</b>."</i>  |
| <b>denouement</b>  | any final revelation or outcome<br><i>"The hero's death provided a moving <b>denouement</b> of the novel."</i>  |
| <b>deprecate</b>   | to depreciate; belittle<br><i>"The tutor tended to <b>deprecate</b> his pupil's efforts to write fiction."</i>  |
| <b>desuetude</b>   | discontinuance from use or exercise<br><i>"Some families have allowed the traditions of Passover to fall into <b>desuetude</b>."</i>  |
| <b>dichotomy</b>   | division into two parts, groups, or classes, esp. when these are sharply distinguished or opposed<br><i>"The universities and the armed forces represented a <b>dichotomy</b> of purpose in pre-1914 German society."</i> |
| <b>dilettante</b>  | a person who follows an art or science only for amusement and in a superficial way<br><i>"The needs of the <b>dilettante</b> were satisfied by the Los Angeles artistic community."</i>                                   |
| <b>doyen</b>       | the senior member, or dean, of a group<br><i>"For years, Bob Hope has been the <b>doyen</b> of American comedians."</i>   |
| <b>dudgeon</b>     | anger or resentment<br><i>"Offended by the rebuke, he left the house in high <b>dudgeon</b>."</i>   |
| <b>dyslexia</b>    | impairment of the ability to read<br><i>"The problem of <b>dyslexia</b> can be overcome."</i>   |
| <b>eclectic</b>    | selecting from various systems, doctrines, or sources<br><i>"The great movie palaces of the twenties were <b>eclectic</b> extravaganzas of Spanish, Egyptian, and Indian architecture."</i>                               |

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| <b>eclecticism</b>  | using or upholding a chosen system or method<br><i>“The professor’s <b>eclecticism</b> of his philosophy was easily understood.”</i>   |
| <b>effervescent</b> | bubbling up; foaming; vivacious<br><i>“Her happy and <b>effervescent</b> mood made all of us happier, too.”</i>  |
| <b>efficiency</b>   | ability to produce with a minimum of effort, expense or waste<br><i>“His secretary’s <b>efficiency</b> was more than welcome in the latest project.”</i>   |
| <b>eidolon</b>      | an image without real existence; apparition<br><i>“The horse and rider appeared out of the fog like an <b>eidolon</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>embrocate</b>    | to moisten and rub with an oil liniment, etc.<br><i>“The coach used rubbing alcohol to <b>embrocate</b> the runner’s leg.”</i>   |
| <b>emollient</b>    | something that has a softening or soothing effect<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The ancient <b>encaustic</b> portraits still looked newly painted.”</i>  |
| <b>enchiridion</b>  | handbook, manual<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>The typists fought <b>ennui</b> by doing whatever they could to alter their daily routine.”</i>  |
| <b>ephemeral</b>    | short-lived; transitory<br><i>“Since current fashion trends are <b>ephemeral</b>, I select more classic styles.”</i>   |

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| <b>epistemology</b> | the study or theory of the origin, nature, methods, and limits of knowledge<br><i>“According to Kant’s <b>epistemology</b>, all knowledge is shaped by pre-existing categories in the human mind.”</i> |
| <b>eponym</b>       | a real or mythical person from whose name the name of a nation, institution, etc., is derived<br><i>“Romulus is the <b>eponym</b> for the city of Rome.”</i>   |
| <b>equanimity</b>   | the quality of remaining calm and undisturbed<br><i>“During the stock market crash of 1929, few people maintained their <b>equanimity</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>equilibrist</b>  | performer who does tricks of balancing<br><i>“The <b>equilibrist</b> on the tightrope high above us held us enthralled.”</i>   |
| <b>equipoise</b>    | state of balance or equilibrium<br><i>“The nuclear arms race has produced a perilous <b>equipoise</b> in Soviet-American relations.”</i>   |
| <b>equipollent</b>  | equal in power, effectiveness or significance<br><i>“The weights had to be <b>equipollent</b> on the scales.”</i>  |
| <b>escritoire</b>   | a writing desk or table<br><i>“The <b>escritoire</b> in the museum was very old and well preserved.”</i>   |
| <b>espionage</b>    | the act of spying<br><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<br><i>“The blockage of light by the newly erected building next door caused Mary’s geraniums to <b>etiolate</b>.”</i>                                     |
| <b>euphemism</b>    | use of a word considered less distasteful even though less direct<br><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<br><i>“Oscar Hammerstein is noted for his graceful <b>euphony</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>exigency</b>     | a situation calling for immediate action or attention<br><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<br><i>“The conspirators could <b>expunge</b> the traitor’s name from their membership records as soon as he left the room.”</i>   |

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| <b>extrapolate</b>  | to arrive at conclusions or results by hypothesizing from known facts or observations<br><i>“From odd comments in the office, he was able to <b>extrapolate</b> the onset of a major power struggle.”</i> |
| <b>exuviae</b>      | castoff coverings of animals<br><i>“The students studying the <b>exuviae</b> of the snake found it fragile and almost transparent.”</i>   |
| <b>facetiae</b>     | witty sayings<br><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<br><i>Royalty regarded most of the laws as <b>facultative</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>fanfaronade</b>  | empty boasting; bluster<br><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<br><i>“The new play was an agreeable <b>farrago</b> of ballet, song, and poetry.”</i>   |
| <b>fasciate</b>     | marked by broad colored bands<br><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<br><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.<br><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<br><i>“The musical instrument, the <b>flageolet</b>, is not a popular one today.”</i>   |
| <b>flexuous</b>     | winding or weaving<br><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<br><i>“Modern technology uses x-ray <b>fluorescence</b>.”</i>               |
| <b>footpad</b>      | a highway robber or hold-up man who travels on foot<br><i>“A <b>footpad</b> crept from the bushes to attach the unsuspecting stroller.”</i>   |

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| <b>fremitus</b>     | a vibration esp. one felt in a palpitation of the chest<br><i>"The bass' low C triggered a <b>fremitus</b> that buckled his ribs."</i>  |
| <b>fribble</b>      | to waste time; trifle<br><i>"He seemed destined to <b>fribble</b> away a fortune on hare-brained schemes."</i>  |
| <b>fructiferous</b> | producing fruit; fruit bearing<br><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<br><i>"Near the crater's edge, the scientist came upon a small, steaming <b>fumarole</b>."</i>  |
| <b>funambulist</b>  | a tightrope walker<br><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<br><i>"The administration was unprepared for the <b>fusillade</b> that greeted the announcement of its latest tax hike."</i>      |
| <b>fustigate</b>    | to beat with a stick; cudgel<br><i>"Each spring, it was her practice to <b>fustigate</b> her carpets."</i>  |
| <b>gadfly</b>       | a person who annoys others or rouses them from complacency<br><i>"The <b>gadfly</b> pestered Hollywood producers to buy his documentary."</i>   |
| <b>galimatias</b>   | meaningless talk; gibberish<br><i>"A baby's <b>galimatias</b> is understood only by the mother."</i>  |
| <b>gasconade</b>    | boastful or blustering talk<br><i>"The <b>gasconade</b> of the athlete stopped with his defeat."</i>  |
| <b>gerrymander</b>  | to divide so as to give one political party a majority in as many districts as possible<br><i>"The city boss engineered a <b>gerrymander</b> that caught the conservative suburban vote."</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<br><i>"The moon turned <b>gibbous</b> and lost the brilliance of its full phase."</i> |
| <b>gimcrack</b>     | showy, but cheap and useless<br><i>"a <b>gimcrack</b> was substituted for the Tricia diamond."</i>  |
| <b>girandole</b>    | revolving cluster of fireworks, water jet; branched candleholder<br><i>"The Fourth of July <b>girandole</b> lasted about ten minutes."</i>  |

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| <b>gratuitous</b>  | given or received without charge or payment; free<br><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<br><i>"Baboons are <b>gregarious</b> animals, seldom found in isolation."</i>   |
| <b>grisette</b>    | a French working girl<br><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<br><i>"The blue of the <b>grosgrain</b> ribbons on her bonnet matched her eyes in color."</i>   |
| <b>groundling</b>  | a person lacking critical ability and taste<br><i>"The <b>groundling</b> crowded into the Globe Theatre to guffaw at the slapstick in Shakespear's plays."</i>  |
| <b>guerrilla</b>   | member of small defensive force of irregular soldiers<br><i>"He volunteered to be a <b>guerrilla</b> and take part in the surprise raids behind enemy lines."</i>   |
| <b>gustation</b>   | the act of tasting; the sense of taste<br><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<br><i>"To this day, the Swiss Guards of the Vatican are attired in the colorful Renaissance <b>habiliments</b> fashioned by Michelangelo."</i> |
| <b>habitually</b>  | frequently; often used; customarily; continually<br><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<br><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<br><i>The bosun began to <b>harangue</b> the slow-moving stevedores."</i>   |
| <b>heft</b>        | to try to determine the weight of by lifting<br><i>"The porter began to <b>heft</b> each of the bags looking for the lightest."</i>   |
| <b>heinous</b>     | outrageously wicked or evil; abominable<br><i>"Everyone was appalled at the <b>heinous</b> crime."</i>  |
| <b>heteronym</b>   | word with same spelling but different in meaning and pronunciation<br><i>"Some English words are especially hard to learn, because a <b>heteronym</b> will not always have the same meaning."</i>                     |

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| <b>hibernaculum</b>   | a structure in which a dormant animal passes the winter<br><i>"The bear retreated to his <b>hibernaculum</b> in a North Woods cave."</i>  |
| <b>hierarchy</b>      | a group of persons or things arranged in order of rank, grade, class, etc.<br><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<br><i>"The ancient Egyptians' <b>hieroglyphical</b> pictures are continuing to be found and translated."</i>   |
| <b>hoary</b>          | white, gray, or grayish white<br><i>"In his final years, Robert Frost was the perfect image of a <b>hoary</b> old poet."</i>  |
| <b>homiletics</b>     | the branch of theology dealing with the writing and preaching of sermons<br><i>"His inspired and instructive manner of communicating helped him excel at <b>homiletics</b>."</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<br><i>"Before they began to <b>homogenize</b> milk, our quarts of it, left by the milkman, used to freeze, and the cream would be pushed up out of the bottle."</i> |
| <b>homunculus</b>     | a little man; a dwarf; manikin<br><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<br><i>"Our favorite <b>hors d'oeuvre</b> was the cheese."</i>   |
| <b>hummock</b>        | a low, rounded hill<br><i>"The manor on the <b>hummock</b> commanded a fine view."</i>  |
| <b>hypaethral</b>     | open to the sky; roofless<br><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<br><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<br><i>"Our property line extended along the <b>hypotenuse</b> of the triangle."</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<br><i>"She was an <b>iconoclast</b> for her rebellious ideas."</i>   |



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| <b>idyllic</b>        | pleasing and simple; pastoral or picturesque<br><i>"We spent an <b>idyllic</b> vacation in the country."</i>                                      |
| <b>illation</b>       | inference; the conclusion drawn<br><i>"Inexperienced writers sometimes use 'therefore' to point out an obvious <b>illation</b>."</i>              |
| <b>imbricate</b>      | overlapping evenly, as tiles or fish scales<br><i>"The <b>imbricate</b> pattern of the large woman's dress made her look like a house."</i>       |
| <b>imbroglio</b>      | involved and confusing situation; confused misunderstanding<br><i>"Things were so totally mixed up it became an <b>imbroglio</b>."</i>            |
| <b>imbrute</b>        | to make or become brutal<br><i>"Years of unaccustomed drudgery can <b>imbrute</b> a once fine mind."</i>  |
| <b>immutable</b>      | never changing or varying; unchangeable<br><i>"We could set our clocks by his <b>immutable</b> daily walking schedule."</i>                       |
| <b>impecunious</b>    | having no money; penniless; poor<br><i>"In this <b>impecunious</b> state, he was forced to seek help from his family."</i>                        |
| <b>imperceptible</b>  | not plain or distinct to the eye or mind; not easily seen<br><i>"The scar on her face had healed so well it was almost <b>imperceptible</b>."</i> |
| <b>impressionable</b> | capable of being influenced intellectually, emotionally; sensitive<br><i>"His strong influence would affect her <b>impressionable</b> mind."</i>  |
| <b>inappropriate</b>  | not suitable; not proper or fitting<br><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<br><i>"The proposed city ordinance was <b>inchoate</b>, therefore not in effect."</i>      |
| <b>incoherent</b>     | lacking cohesion; disjointed; rambling<br><i>"During her attack of fever, she became <b>incoherent</b> and rambling in her speech."</i>           |
| <b>incommensurate</b> | without a common standard of comparison<br><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<br><i>"The spy attempted to enter the room in an <b>inconspicuous</b> manner."</i>                                    |
| <b>incorruptible</b>  | morally sound; upright; honest<br><i>"The priest was very well liked and certainly <b>incorruptible</b>."</i>                                     |

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| <b>indigenous</b>     | existing, growing or produced naturally in a region or country; inborn<br><i>“The cactus plant is <b>indigenous</b> to the desert areas of California.”</i>  |
| <b>indispensable</b>  | absolutely necessary; required<br><i>“For his studies, the dictionary became almost <b>indispensable</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>individually</b>   | one at a time; separately; singly; distinctively<br><i>“They worked well in groups, but were <b>individually</b> characteristic.”</i>  |
| <b>inexplicable</b>   | cannot be explained, understood or accounted for<br><i>“We tried to discover the reason for his <b>inexplicable</b> terror of the dark.”</i>   |
| <b>infrastructure</b> | a substructure of underlying foundation<br><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<br><i>“Bringing apples to the teacher may not <b>ingratiate</b> you with her.”</i>   |
| <b>innuendo</b>       | an indirect remark, gesture, or reference, usually implying something derogatory<br><i>“He has been criticizing me through <b>innuendo</b>, which I didn’t realize until later.”</i>                               |
| <b>insectivore</b>    | generally small mammals, mainly active at night, that feed on insects<br><i>“Moles, shrews, hedgehogs are some of the <b>insectivore</b> order.”</i>   |
| <b>inspissate</b>     | to thicken, as by evaporation<br><i>“Kathy’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<br><i>“The ring, set with an ornate <b>intaglio</b>, doubles as a seal.”</i>                                  |
| <b>intelligence</b>   | ability to acquire and retain knowledge; reasoning ability<br><i>“The <b>intelligence</b> quotient is the mental age (as shown by intelligence tests) multiplied by 100 and divided by the chronological age.”</i> |
| <b>intelligentsia</b> | A group of intelligent and well-educated people who guide, or try to guide, the political<br><i>“Her latest book containing her new theories on human evolution was embraced by the <b>intelligentsia</b>.”</i>    |
| <b>interlard</b>      | to intersperse<br><i>“The President will <b>interlard</b> his address to the nation with quips and smiles.”</i>  |

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| <b>interregnum</b>    | interval between two successive reigns; period without the usual ruler<br><i>“Queen Anne of England had no heirs and died without naming her successor, so there was a short <b>interregnum</b> before King James was crowned.”</i> |
| <b>interrogatory</b>  | expressing or implying a question; set of questions<br><i>“The interview included a long <b>interrogatory</b> section.”</i>   |
| <b>intumesce</b>      | to swell, bubble up, as with heat<br><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<br><i>“At the City Council meeting, one man began to <b>inveigh</b> all his thoughts against the planning that changed the zoning of his property.”</i>             |
| <b>irenic</b>         | promoting peace; peaceful<br><i>“Despite the king’s <b>irenic</b> efforts, the treaty went unsigned.”</i>   |
| <b>iridescence</b>    | a play of lustrous, changing colors<br><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<br><i>“Both persons refused to compromise their <b>irreconcilable</b> differences.”</i>  |
| <b>irremissible</b>   | cannot be excused or pardoned; cannot be shirked<br><i>“His was an <b>irremissible</b> crime, and we expected him 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<br><i>“He had a map of the Earth’s surface showing the <b>isoseismal</b> lines where an earthquake might be expected.”</i>                   |
| <b>jai alai</b>       | a game like handball, popular in Latin America<br><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<br><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.<br><i>“After years as a cook, he felt <b>jaundice</b> toward restaurant chefs.”</i>   |
| <b>jeopardy</b>       | great danger; peril; exposure to conviction<br><i>“A person on trial is in <b>jeopardy</b> of conviction and punishment.”</i>   |

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| <b>jetsam</b>        | that part of cargo thrown overboard to lighten a ship in danger<br><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<br><i>“His <b>jodhpurs</b> were made loose and full above the knees.”</i>   |
| <b>juxtaposition</b> | side by side; close together<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The widow felt it was her duty to <b>keen</b> over the corpse all night.”</i>   |
| <b>kerf</b>          | the cut or channel made by a saw<br><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<br><i>“Her talk on the <b>kinesiology</b> of African dance was highlighted by films of tribal ceremonies.”</i> |
| <b>knout</b>         | leather whip used for flogging, esp. in Russia<br><i>“Criminals in Russia were flogged with a <b>knout</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>labile</b>        | liable to change; unstable<br><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<br><i>“A <b>labyrinth</b> of mirrors was fun but scary.”</i>   |
| <b>lachrymator</b>   | a substance that irritates the eyes and produces tears<br><i>“The SWAT team used tear gas as a <b>lachrymator</b> to force the men out.”</i>  |
| <b>lamentation</b>   | the act of lamenting; outward expression of grief<br><i>“The Indian made a <b>lamentation</b> as he was forced to leave his land.”</i>  |
| <b>lanate</b>        | having a woolly or hairy covering or appearance<br><i>“He wore a tightly curled, <b>lanate</b> beard.”</i>  |

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| <b>laryngitis</b>  | inflammation of the larynx<br><i>"His temporary loss of voice was caused by <b>laryngitis</b>."</i>   |
| <b>latifundium</b> | large landed estate<br><i>"He owned a <b>latifundium</b> somewhere in Latin America which was worked by the natives under an overseer."</i>                                   |
| <b>legalese</b>    | conventional language of legal forms, documents, etc.<br><i>"The special vocabulary or <b>legalese</b> is often thought of as incomprehensible to the layman."</i>            |
| <b>leguminous</b>  | of the family of plants bearing legumes or pods<br><i>"Peas and beans belong to the <b>leguminous</b> family."</i>  |
| <b>lenity</b>      | the quality or condition of being lenient; mildness<br><i>"The <b>lenity</b> of his boss's reprimand surprised him."</i>  |
| <b>leprechaun</b>  | Irish folklore fairy in the form of a little old man<br><i>"The story went that if you could catch a <b>leprechaun</b>, he could show you a buried crock of gold."</i>        |
| <b>lethargic</b>   | dull or sleepy; sluggish, or lacking energy<br><i>"His lethargic feeling was caused by fatigue and overeating."</i>   |
| <b>linguistics</b> | science of language; study of the structure, etc. of languages<br><i>"<b>Linguistics</b> are usually divided into descriptive, historical, comparative and geographical."</i> |
| <b>litigious</b>   | quarrelsome<br><i>"His <b>litigious</b> nature involved him in five lawsuits at the same time."</i>   |
| <b>looby</b>       | a big, clumsy fellow, lout<br><i>"He acted like a regular <b>looby</b>, spilling his coffee and breaking the cup."</i>  |
| <b>loquacious</b>  | very talkative; fond of talking<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The role called for the actress to wear a <b>lovelock</b> at her temple."</i>                                     |
| <b>lucubration</b> | laborious work, study or writing; learned and elaborated work<br><i>"His literary composition was a <b>lucubration</b> chiefly written late at night."</i>                    |

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| <b>macabre</b>      | grim and horrible<br><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<br><i>"The Sister was continuously striving for <b>magnanimity</b>."</i>   |
| <b>magniloquent</b> | boastful or bombastic<br><i>"Joe McCarthy's <b>magniloquent</b> delivery could not hide the absurdity of his accusations."</i>   |
| <b>mahlstick</b>    | long light stick used by painters<br><i>"Using the <b>mahlstick</b> to rest and steady his hand, the artist was able to work longer."</i>  |
| <b>maladroitly</b>  | awkwardly; clumsily; badly handled<br><i>"She came to the rescue with a remedy for the situation which she could see was being <b>maladroitly</b> handled."</i>                              |
| <b>malapropos</b>   | at an awkward or improper time or place; inopportune<br><i>"His <b>malapropos</b> manner in school caused many problems."</i>  |
| <b>maneuverable</b> | controlled or planned strategy; can be moved by skilled or shrewd plan<br><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<br><i>"The window dresser was busy dressing the <b>mannequin</b> in the store window."</i>   |
| <b>mansuetude</b>   | gentleness, tameness<br><i>"Ghandhi's unflagging <b>mansuetude</b> turned nonviolence into an effective political tool."</i>   |
| <b>manumission</b>  | liberation; emancipation<br><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<br><i>"The waitress served us some <b>marinara</b> to eat with our pasta."</i>   |
| <b>marionette</b>   | puppet; little jointed doll moved by strings or wires<br><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<br><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> |

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| <b>marsupial</b>   | mammal having a pouch in which newborn young are carried and nourished<br><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<br><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<br><i>“From way back there had always been a ‘Rebecca’ in the family, so the newborn child was christened ‘Rebecca’, a <b>matronymic</b> name.”</i>              |
| <b>matutinal</b>   | of or in the morning; early<br><i>“Watching the sun come up was part of the reason for his preference of a <b>matutinal</b> walk.”</i>  |
| <b>maw</b>         | anything thought of as consuming, devouring, etc., without end<br><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<br><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<br><i>“<b>Mayonnaise</b> is sometimes made with vinegar instead of lemon juice.”</i>  |
| <b>meander</b>     | an aimless wandering<br><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<br><i>“She wore the <b>medallion</b> on a gold chain around her neck.”</i>   |
| <b>medieval</b>    | characteristic of the Middle Ages; suggestive of<br><i>“He was a devoted student of <b>medieval</b> customs, beliefs and history.”</i>  |
| <b>meerschaum</b>  | soft, white, heat-resisting clay-like mineral<br><i>“His favorite pipe was of <b>meerschaum</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>megalopolis</b> | extensive, heavily populated area, including any number of cities<br><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<br><i>“The <b>megillah</b>, he began to tell us, was a ‘shaggy-dog’ story which we became bored with before he was half finished.”</i>  |

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| <b>meliorate</b>     | to make or become better<br><i>“Their efforts to <b>meliorate</b> the conditions of the homeless were successful.”</i>   |
| <b>memento mori</b>  | any reminder of death<br><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<br><i>“We were suspicious of some of the information he gave us because we knew he could be <b>mendacious</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>mensuration</b>   | the act, process, or art of measuring<br><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<br><i>“We always used <b>Mercurochrome</b> for small cuts and scratches.”</i>  |
| <b>meretricious</b>  | vulgar; enticing<br><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<br><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<br><i>“He studies metallography since his was the <b>metalliferous</b> business.”</i>   |
| <b>methodical</b>    | orderly; systematic<br><i>“She kept very <b>methodical</b> filing records.”</i>  |
| <b>methoxychlor</b>  | insecticide used against flies and mosquitoes<br><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.<br><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<br><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<br><i>“We always had borders of <b>mignonette</b> in our flower garden.”</i>  |
| <b>milch</b>         | kept for milking<br><i>“The <b>milch</b> cow was very productive.”</i>   |



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| <b>millennium</b>    | any period of 1000 years; of great happiness, peace or prosperity<br><i>"The looked-for <b>millennium</b> is the so-called Golden Age."</i>   |
| <b>mimetic</b>       | of or characterized by imitation<br><i>"The child's <b>mimetic</b> action of the care of her doll is that of a mother with her child."</i>  |
| <b>miscellaneous</b> | various; mixed; many sided<br><i>"The drawer contained a <b>miscellaneous</b> collection of odds and ends."</i>   |
| <b>mischievous</b>   | prankish; teasing; full of tricks<br><i>"The <b>mischievous</b> child was hiding in the closet."</i>  |
| <b>misogamy</b>      | hatred of marriage<br><i>"The strong feeling of <b>misogamy</b> kept him a happy bachelor for thirty years."</i>  |
| <b>moil</b>          | confusion; turmoil<br><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)<br><i>"Her white <b>moiré</b> cape cascaded about her like a waterfall."</i> |
| <b>mollify</b>       | pacify; appease<br><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<br><i>"He seemed dazed, and his answers to questions were <b>monosyllabic</b>."</i>  |
| <b>moquette</b>      | carpet or upholstery fabric with a thick, soft, napped surface<br><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<br><i>"Linguistic <b>morphology</b> deals with the internal structure and forms of words."</i>  |
| <b>mozzarella</b>    | soft, white Italian cheese<br><i>"<b>Mozzarella</b> cheese is incorporated in many recipes and has a mild flavor."</i>  |
| <b>muliebrity</b>    | womanliness; womanhood; femininity<br><i>"The small girl was already exhibiting the qualities characteristic of <b>muliebrity</b>."</i>   |
| <b>multifarious</b>  | numerous and varied; manifold<br><i>"The conglomerate's <b>multifarious</b> divisions employ thousands."</i>  |

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| <b>multitudinous</b> | very numerous; many; manifold; crowded<br><i>“The <b>multitudinous</b> group filled the small auditorium to capacity.”</i>   |
| <b>munificent</b>    | very generous in giving; lavish<br><i>“The company was commended for its <b>munificent</b> attitude toward employees.”</i>   |
| <b>myriad</b>        | a great number of persons or things<br><i>“The defense raised a <b>myriad</b> of objections during the prosecutor’s examination.”</i>  |
| <b>mythopoeia</b>    | the making of myths<br><i>“The events of Washington’s lifetime give us a rich base for <b>mythopoeia</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>nacreous</b>      | iridescent; lustrous<br><i>“The Rolls-Royce was painted a rich <b>nacreous</b> gray.”</i>  |
| <b>nankeen</b>       | buff-colored, durable cotton cloth<br><i>“The farmwomen looked like sunflowers in their <b>nankeen</b> bonnets.”</i>   |
| <b>natatorial</b>    | of, characterized by, or adapted for swimming<br><i>“The Australian crawl was her only <b>natatorial</b> skill.”</i>   |
| <b>natatorium</b>    | an indoor swimming pool<br><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<br><i>“Only <b>nebulous</b> differences separated the two parties.”</i>   |
| <b>necessarily</b>   | unavoidably; inevitably; mandatory<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>“Each <b>neologism</b> expands our vocabulary.”</i>  |
| <b>nepotism</b>      | favoritism shown relatives<br><i>“The practice of <b>nepotism</b> flourished in Boss Tweed’s New York where jobs went from father to son.”</i>   |

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| <b>nescient</b>          | lacking knowledge; ignorant<br><i>"In religious matters, Voltaire cheerfully proclaimed to be <b>nescient</b>."</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<br><i>"The nagging pains of <b>neurasthenia</b> kept him out of the office for weeks."</i> |
| <b>nexus</b>             | a connection, tie or link between individuals of a group; members of a series, etc.<br><i>"Show people build their lives around the L.A.-New York <b>nexus</b>."</i>  |
| <b>nickeliferous</b>     | containing nickel<br><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<br><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.<br><i>"Many see in nuclear weapons a terrifying <b>nihilism</b>."</i>  |
| <b>niveous</b>           | snowy; snowlike<br><i>"We like the cold, brisk, <b>niveous</b> weather."</i>  |
| <b>noctambulism</b>      | walking in one's sleep<br><i>"He was a victim of <b>noctambulism</b> but so far had not come to any harm from walking in his sleep."</i>  |
| <b>nonchalant</b>        | showing cool lack of concern<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"Liberals condemned the President's proposed tax cut as an irresponsible <b>nostrum</b>."</i>  |
| <b>nubbin</b>            | anything small or undeveloped<br><i>"A <b>nubbin</b> of coal was found in his stocking."</i>  |

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| <b>obcordate</b>    | heart-shaped, with the attachment at the pointed end, as a leaf<br><i>"It is said that the first valentines were messages penned on <b>obcordate</b> leaves by the imprisoned St. Valentine."</i>   |
| <b>obeisance</b>    | homage; deference<br><i>"The famous paid <b>obeisance</b> to Somerset Maugham by flocking to Villa Mauresque."</i>  |
| <b>obfuscate</b>    | cloud over; obscure; unclear<br><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<br><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<br><i>"General Smith's <b>obsequious</b> staff is good for nothing but fawning and groveling on command."</i>   |
| <b>occasionally</b> | now and then; sometimes<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The <b>offal</b> is used by meat processors for dog food."</i>   |
| <b>olfactory</b>    | of the sense of smell<br><i>"Civilized life has blunted the keen <b>olfactory</b> facilities man once needed to stalk his prey."</i>  |
| <b>oligochaete</b>  | class of segmented worms lacking a definite head and few body bristles<br><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<br><i>"The disastrous coffee crop produced a high-priced <b>oligopsony</b>."</i>  |
| <b>olivaceous</b>   | of, or like the olive; olive green<br><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<br><i>"The <b>ombudsman</b> uncovered evidence of widespread bribery at City Hall."</i> |

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| <b>omnivorous</b>  | eating any sort of food; indiscriminate, as with the intellect<br>“ <i>She was an <b>omnivorous</b> reader.</i> ”   |
| <b>oneiric</b>     | of or having to do with dreams<br>“ <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<br>“ <i>He was fascinated by the study of <b>oneiromancy</b>.</i> ”                                    |
| <b>ophiology</b>   | branch of zoology dealing with snakes<br>“ <i>I had never liked snakes, so my class in <b>ophiology</b> was almost hated.</i> ”                                       |
| <b>opprobrious</b> | abusive; disrespectful; disgraceful<br>“ <i>His <b>opprobrious</b> conduct at the picnic led to another row with his guardian.</i> ”                                  |
| <b>oppugn</b>      | to call in question<br>“ <i>The strategy was to <b>oppugn</b> all arguments for a new school system.</i> ”  |
| <b>opuscule</b>    | a small or petty work<br>“ <i>An obscure <b>opuscule</b> came to light as I did my research.</i> ”  |
| <b>oriflamme</b>   | any symbol of courage or devotion<br>“ <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.<br>“ <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<br>“ <i>The Mesozoic era, called the age of <b>orogeny</b>, spawned the Rockies.</i> ” |
| <b>oscitancy</b>   | drowsiness, dullness, apathy, etc.<br>“ <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<br>“ <i>The lazy student hoped to learn by <b>osmosis</b>.</i> ” |
| <b>ostentation</b> | showy display, as of wealth, knowledge, etc.; pretentiousness<br>“ <i>The evident <b>ostentation</b> in some of the rooms was not in good taste.</i> ”                |
| <b>paduasoy</b>    | rich, corded silk cloth<br>“ <i>The garments were beautifully tailored of the <b>paduasoy</b> material.</i> ”   |
| <b>paginate</b>    | to number the pages of<br>“ <i>It was the clerk’s task to <b>paginate</b> the manuscript.</i> ”   |

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| <b>palatable</b>     | pleasant or acceptable to taste; acceptable to the mind<br><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<br><i>“<b>Paleolithic</b> man included Heidelberg, Neanderthal and Cro-Magnon man.”</i> |
| <b>palpate</b>       | to examine by touching, as for medical diagnosis<br><i>“Suspecting tuberculosis, the doctor began to <b>palpate</b> her patient’s back and chest.”</i>                                      |
| <b>paludal</b>       | of a marsh or marshes<br><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<br><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<br><i>“The new drug was a <b>panacea</b> for many people.”</i>   |
| <b>panegyric</b>     | formal speech of praise; laudation; tribute<br><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<br><i>“We can’t help but laugh when he marches through the office with his thumbs in his lapels, the proud <b>panjandrum</b> of all he surveys.”</i>     |
| <b>panoptic</b>      | including in one view everything within sight<br><i>“The mountaintop afforded a <b>panoptic</b> perch for the whole region.”</i>  |
| <b>paradigm</b>      | pattern; example; model<br><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<br><i>“A square is a <b>parallelogram</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>paralysis</b>     | any condition of helpless inactivity or of inability to act<br><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<br><i>“His warm, heavy robe was made by the Indians of <b>parfleche</b>.”</i>   |

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| <b>parochial</b>    | restricted to a small area of scope; narrow; limited<br><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<br><i>“The <b>parquetry</b> floor was beautifully polished.”</i>   |
| <b>parturient</b>   | giving birth or about to give birth to young<br><i>“As the cat looked for a safe place, we sensed she was soon to be <b>parturient</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>patina</b>       | any thin coating or color change resulting from age<br><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<br><i>“The Bishop’s immediate <b>patriarchate</b> was the city of Rome.”</i>   |
| <b>pavonine</b>     | of or resembling a peacock; rainbow-like in color like a peacock’s tail<br><i>“The peahen does not have the iridescent <b>pavonine</b> beauty of the peacock.”</i>                             |
| <b>peccadillo</b>   | minor or petty sin; fault<br><i>“The <b>peccadillo</b> she committed by forgetting to back out of the royal presence was forgiven.”</i>  |
| <b>peculate</b>     | to steal or misuse money or property entrusted to one’s care, esp. public funds; embezzle<br><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<br><i>“The <b>peignoir</b> was trimmed with lace and ribbons.”</i>  |
| <b>pendulous</b>    | hanging or bending downward<br><i>“The bulldog’s <b>pendulous</b> jowls flapped softly as he ran.”</i>   |
| <b>penetralia</b>   | the innermost parts, as of a temple<br><i>“The <b>penetralia</b> of corporate decision-making remained closed to him.”</i>   |
| <b>penury</b>       | extreme poverty, destitution<br><i>“The Depression reduced many families to <b>penury</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>peradventure</b> | by chance<br><i>“They were sure of the outcome beyond <b>peradventure</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>percipient</b>   | capable of or characterized by perceptions; discerning<br><i>“As a keen observer, Mother is a <b>percipient</b> judge of other people’s character.”</i>  |
| <b>perfuse</b>      | to sprinkle, cover over, or permeate with, or as with a liquid<br><i>“Please <b>perfuse</b> the cloth with the red dye.”</i>   |

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| <b>peripeteia</b>     | a sudden change of fortune or reversal of circumstances, as in a drama<br><i>“In ‘The Great Gatsby’, Myrtle’s accidental death is the <b>peripeteia</b> that signals the protagonist’s change of fortune.”</i> |
| <b>periphrasis</b>    | use of many words where one or a few would do; circumlocution<br><i>“His 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<br><i>“Drinking produced an unwelcome <b>permutation</b> in Mike’s personality.”</i>  |
| <b>peroration</b>     | the concluding part of a speech, in which there is a summing up and emphatic recapitulation<br><i>“In his <b>peroration</b>, the defense attorney highlighted the evidence that supported acquittal.”</i>      |
| <b>perspicacious</b>  | having keen judgment or understanding<br><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<br><i>“Most of the essays are vague and confused, but his is a little gem of <b>perspicuity</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>pertinacious</b>   | hold firmly to some purpose, belief, or action, often stubbornly or obstinately<br><i>“He remained a <b>pertinacious</b> socialist despite all their attempts to dissuade him.”</i>                            |
| <b>petroglyph</b>     | a rock carving, esp. a prehistoric one<br><i>“A <b>petroglyph</b> showed how the cavemen hunted bison and deer.”</i>   |
| <b>pharmaceutical</b> | of or by drugs or medicine<br><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<br><i>“He was <b>phlegmatic</b> and seemed to have no enthusiasm for the game.”</i>   |
| <b>phyletic</b>       | of or pertaining to a phylum or to an evolutionary line of descent<br><i>“Shockley’s theories about a <b>phyletic</b> basis to intelligence have yet to be proven.”</i>  |
| <b>phyllophagous</b>  | feeding on leaves<br><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<br><i>“The pianist played a <b>pianissimo</b> passage from his score.”</i>   |



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| <b>piassava</b>        | stiff, elastic palm fiber used in making brooms, brushes<br><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<br><i>"He viewed the narrative more as a <b>picaresque</b> romp than a serious treatment."</i>   |
| <b>picayunish</b>      | smallness; trivial; petty<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The <b>plaintive</b> melody of Kurt Weill's 'September Song' was sung beautifully by John Houston."</i>   |
| <b>plausibility</b>    | seemingly true; seemingly honest, trustworthy, often implying distrust<br><i>"We were suspicious of the <b>plausibility</b> of his story."</i>   |
| <b>plenipotentiary</b> | a person, esp. a diplomatic agent, given full authority to act as representative of a government<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The <b>plexus</b> of Mideast politics has baffled America since World War II."</i>   |

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| <b>pneumococcal</b>  | A bacterium causing lobar pneumonia and associated with certain other diseases like meningitis<br><br><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<br><i>“His recovery from <b>pneumonectomy</b> was faster than expected.”</i>   |
| <b>poignant</b>      | sharp smell; sharply painful to the feelings; piercing; biting<br><i>“Her <b>poignant</b> wit was always sure to hurt the feelings of someone.”</i>   |
| <b>pontificate</b>   | to speak or act in a pompous or dogmatic way<br><i>“The professor could <b>pontificate</b> for hours on art.”</i>   |
| <b>postiche</b>      | a substitute; counterfeit<br><i>“The jeans were a cheap <b>postiche</b> of designer originals.”</i>   |
| <b>precatory</b>     | of, having the nature of, or expressing entreaty<br><i>“Beggars raised <b>precatory</b> hands to the rich tourists.”</i>  |
| <b>predation</b>     | the act of plundering or praying<br><i>“Man survives by <b>predation</b> over the expanse of the entire planet.”</i>  |
| <b>preemptive</b>    | action taken to stop other action beforehand; seized ahead of others<br><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<br><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.<br><i>“Seeing the chairman without an appointment was his <b>prerogative</b>.”</i>                                  |
| <b>proboscis</b>     | elephant’s trunk or a long, tapering snout; person’s nose, esp. if large<br><i>“The elephant’s <b>proboscis</b> is used to pick up its food and for sensing.”</i>                                     |
| <b>prodigious</b>    | wonderful; amazing<br><i>“The flight of the Voyager is a <b>prodigious</b> accomplishment.”</i>   |
| <b>progressive</b>   | moving onward or forward; educational system stressing individualism<br><i>She was entered in a <b>progressive</b> school whose classes allowed students to move at their own pace.”</i>              |
| <b>prolegomenon</b>  | speak beforehand; preliminary remark or essay<br><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<br><i>“The <b>proliferation</b> of the buds on the rosebush was truly amazing.”</i>  |

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| <b>propaedeutic</b> | an elementary or introductory subject or study<br><i>“In some areas a <b>propaedeutic</b> class in Beginning Algebra is offered.”</i>  |
| <b>propinquity</b>  | nearness in time or place<br><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<br><i>“The <b>propylaeum</b> to the Acropolis is well known to architects.”</i>  |
| <b>prosody</b>      | the science or art of versification<br><i>“Her understanding of <b>prosody</b> was limited to the ode.”</i>  |
| <b>protean</b>      | very changeable<br><i>“Lon Chaney’s <b>protean</b> face enabled him to assume almost any guise he chose.”</i>  |
| <b>psalmist</b>     | composer of sacred songs or poems<br><i>“King David is the <b>psalmist</b> to whom all or certain of the Psalms are variously attributed.”</i>   |
| <b>ptarmigan</b>    | northern or alpine grouse which undergo seasonal color changes<br><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<br><i>“Her favorite dinosaur, by far, was the <b>pterodactyl</b>.”</i> |
| <b>pudency</b>      | modesty or prudishness<br><i>“New England <b>pudency</b> prevented her from milking the family cow.”</i>   |
| <b>pulchritude</b>  | physical beauty<br><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<br><i>“After the rain, purple and white crocuses began to <b>pullulate</b> in the wild garden.”</i>  |
| <b>punchy</b>       | forceful; vigorous<br><i>“The <b>punchy</b> article demanded reform.”</i>  |
| <b>purulent</b>     | of, like, containing or discharging pus<br><i>“The nurse cleaned the <b>purulent</b> wound with great care.”</i>   |
| <b>pythonic</b>     | of or like an oracle; prophetic<br><i>“For fashion trends, Calvin Klein has seeming <b>pythonic</b> powers.”</i>   |

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| <b>pyxis</b>        | a vase with a cover; small box or case; dry fruit whose top splits off like a lid<br><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<br><i>"The <b>quaestor</b> was the state treasurer in ancient Rome."</i>                |
| <b>quandary</b>     | a state of uncertainty<br><i>"Choosing between two suitors left her in a delightful <b>quandary</b>."</i>  |
| <b>quebracho</b>    | tropical tree of the cashew family in America<br><i>"The hard wood of the <b>quebracho</b> yields an extract used in tanning."</i>                             |
| <b>querulous</b>    | full of complaints; peevish<br><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<br><i>"She wore her hair in a <b>queue</b> that reached to her waist."</i>                              |
| <b>quiescent</b>    | quiet; still; inactive<br><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<br><i>"He thought she was the <b>quintessence</b> of loveliness in her wedding gown."</i>          |
| <b>quotidian</b>    | daily, recurring every day<br><i>"Occasionally she took a different route to work to vary her <b>quotidian</b> routine."</i>                                   |
| <b>raconteur</b>    | a person who is skilled at telling stories or anecdotes<br><i>"Bob's talent as a <b>raconteur</b> was helped by his knack for lying."</i>                      |
| <b>rambunctious</b> | wild, disorderly, boisterous, unruly, etc.<br><i>"With a substitute teacher, first-graders are even more <b>rambunctious</b> than usual."</i>                  |
| <b>rapparee</b>     | plunderer or robber<br><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<br><i>"We tried to <b>rarefy</b> the conversation by discussing the Picasso exhibit."</i>                     |
| <b>rebarbative</b>  | repellent, unattractive, forbidding, grim, etc.<br><i>"His <b>rebarbative</b> remarks finally provoked her."</i>   |
| <b>recalcitrant</b> | hard to handle or deal with<br><i>"Even the most <b>recalcitrant</b> students came to respect the teacher's authority."</i>                                    |

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| <b>recidivism</b>     | repeated relapse into crime<br><i>“Criminal <b>recidivism</b> rates are very high.”</i>  |
| <b>reciprocity</b>    | mutual action or exchange; interchange of equal value<br><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<br><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<br><i>“Political violence in Ireland began to <b>recrudescence</b> in 1971.”</i>  |
| <b>regrettable</b>    | unfortunate; to be remorseful for<br><i>“It was a <b>regrettable</b> accident, but could not be undone.”</i>   |
| <b>rejuvenescence</b> | renewal of youthfulness<br><i>“Her happiness in her marriage was apparent to all who could see the <b>rejuvenescence</b> in her face.”</i>   |
| <b>relevant</b>       | bearing upon the matter at hand; pertinent; to the point<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>“He was glad to be in <b>repossession</b> of the small car which had been loaned to his friend for several months.”</i>   |
| <b>requisition</b>    | a formal written order, request, or application, as for equipment, tools, etc.<br><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<br><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<br><i>“A Raymond Chandler heroine keeps lipstick, a pillbox, and a handgun in her <b>reticule</b>.”</i>  |

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| <b>rhapsody</b>    | a great delight; ecstasy<br><i>"She was in a <b>rhapsody</b> over her new dress."</i>   |
| <b>rhetor</b>      | a master or teacher of rhetoric; an orator<br><i>"The tongue-tied politician hired a <b>rhetor</b> to teach him to speak."</i>  |
| <b>rheumatism</b>  | painful condition of the joints and muscles<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"Told of Coolidge's death, Dorothy Parker's reputed <b>riposte</b> was 'How can you tell?'"</i>   |
| <b>risible</b>     | causing laughter<br><i>"After losing thirty pounds, he took on a <b>risible</b> appearance in his roomy suits."</i>   |
| <b>roentgenize</b> | to subject to the action of X-rays<br><i>"She had to be taken to the emergency room of the hospital so the injury to her ankle could be checked with a possibility of the necessity for them to <b>roentgenize</b> it."</i> |
| <b>roil</b>        | to stir up; agitate<br><i>"It was his habit to <b>roil</b> his subordinates."</i>   |
| <b>roorback</b>    | a false or slanderous story devised for political effect<br><i>"The opposition launched an election eve <b>roorback</b> on the candidate's personal finances."</i>  |
| <b>roustabout</b>  | an unskilled or transient laborer, as on a ranch or in an oil field<br><i>"The burly <b>roustabout</b> ran to the gushing well."</i>  |
| <b>rubefaction</b> | redness of the skin<br><i>"A biting mustard plaster produced <b>rubefaction</b> on the patient's chest."</i>  |
| <b>rutilant</b>    | to have a reddish glow<br><i>"An autumn sunset transformed the skyscrapers into <b>rutilant</b> towers."</i>  |
| <b>saccharin</b>   | sugar substitute; noncaloric sweetener<br><i>"<b>Saccharin</b> is a coal tar compound about 500 times sweeter than cane sugar."</i>   |

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| <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<br><i>"After telling the lie, he felt like donning <b>sackcloth</b>."</i> |
| <b>sacrilegious</b> | violation of something sacred; disrespectfulness of something religious<br><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<br><i>"The disgruntled dieter was allowed to eat nothing more <b>sapid</b> than jello."</i>  |
| <b>saponaceous</b>  | soapy or soaplike<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"They ate until their stomachs stretched with a pleasant <b>satiety</b>."</i>   |
| <b>saturnine</b>    | having a melancholy or surly disposition, sarcastic<br><i>"After sleeping twenty years, Rip Van Winkle was <b>saturnine</b>."</i>  |
| <b>scalawag</b>     | a scamp; rascal<br><i>Errol Flynn often played the role of an engaging <b>scalawag</b> whose heart beat true."</i>   |
| <b>scaphoid</b>     | navicular (any of various boat-shaped bones)<br><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<br><i>"After seeing the play, the critic plans to scarify the actors for their sloppy performances."</i>  |
| <b>schismatic</b>   | tending to or guilty of causing a split in an organized society or church<br><i>"Martin Luther was the <b>schismatic</b> force who founded the Lutheran Church."</i>   |
| <b>sconce</b>       | a bracket attached to a wall for holding a candle; candles, or the like<br><i>"There was a huge, wax-encrusted <b>sconce</b> on the wall of the castle's great hall."</i>  |

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| <b>scrim</b>       | a light, sheer, loosely woven cotton or linen cloth, used for curtains, upholstery, linings, etc.<br><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<br><i>“The sweaty <b>scullion</b> basted the huge turkey.”</i>  |
| <b>seignior</b>    | a feudal lord’s estate. The power and authority of a feudal lord.<br><i>“His <b>seignior</b> extended beyond his castle walls.</i>   |
| <b>seismograph</b> | instrument that records intensity and duration of earthquakes and tremors<br><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<br><i>“The tide’s <b>semidiurnal</b> shifting constantly exposed the old shipwreck.”</i>  |
| <b>seminal</b>     | being an early and influential example<br><i>“Beethoven’s ‘Eroica’ proved to be a <b>seminal</b> work.”</i>  |
| <b>semiotics</b>   | a general theory of signs and symbols<br><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<br><i>“Mammals are advanced <b>sentient</b> beings with complex nervous systems.”</i>  |
| <b>serried</b>     | crowded<br><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<br><i>“The effect of <b>sgraffito</b> on the ceramics we bought is really striking.”</i>                          |
| <b>shenanigans</b> | trickery; mischief<br><i>“Just before his birthday, Tom stops his <b>shenanigans</b> and becomes very good.”</i>   |
| <b>sidle</b>       | to move sideways<br><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<br><i>“She avoided black cats and ladders for fear of <b>sinistrous</b> influences.”</i>   |



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| <b>skirl</b>        | a shrill sound, as of a bagpipe<br><i>"The ghostly <b>skirl</b> of the pipes drifted over the moors."</i>   |
| <b>slough</b>       | moral degradation<br><i>"Dismissal plunged him into a <b>slough</b> of depression."</i>   |
| <b>slumgullion</b>  | any inexpensive stew or hash<br><i>"He used last night's pot roast to make a <b>slumgullion</b>."</i>   |
| <b>snaffle</b>      | a bit, usually light and jointed, attached to a bridle and having no curb<br><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<br><i>"A <b>sociopath</b> is rarely noticed until he or she explodes."</i>                     |
| <b>solecism</b>     | a violation of the conventional usage, grammar, etc.<br><i>"'Between he and I' is an annoying <b>solecism</b>."</i>   |
| <b>somnambulism</b> | sleepwalking<br><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<br><i>"A <b>sovereign</b> state is independent of all others."</i>                                     |
| <b>specious</b>     | plausible, but not genuine<br><i>"Critics found his dazzling arguments <b>specious</b>."</i>  |
| <b>spelunker</b>    | a person who explores caves as a hobby<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The <b>squamous</b> flesh of fish protects their inner parts."</i>   |
| <b>stertorous</b>   | characterized by a harsh snoring or grasping sound<br><i>"The next time my husband's <b>stertorous</b> breathing wakes me, I'll push him right out of the bed!"</i> |
| <b>stickle</b>      | to have objections<br><i>"He is always ready to <b>stickle</b> over the fine points of etiquette."</i>  |

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| <b>stipple</b>        | to paint, draw, engrave, or apply in small points or dots rather than in lines or solid areas<br><i>“Mary liked to <b>stipple</b> her canvases.”</i>                                 |
| <b>stoat</b>          | a large European weasel, esp. in its brown summer coat<br><i>“The dense fur of the <b>stoat</b> has lost its popularity in the fashion world.”</i>                                   |
| <b>stripling</b>      | passing into manhood<br><i>“A mere <b>stripling</b>, he was awkward but strong.”</i>   |
| <b>suborn</b>         | to induce or instigate (another) to do something illegal<br><i>“The foreign spy tried to <b>suborn</b> the diplomat into betrayal.”</i>  |
| <b>subterfuge</b>     | stragem; artifice<br><i>“Using a false name is a common <b>subterfuge</b> to dodge taxes.”</i>   |
| <b>subterranean</b>   | beneath the earth’s surface; underground<br><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<br><i>“The headquarters would have to be moved soon from this large, <b>superannuated</b> building.”</i>                          |
| <b>supercilious</b>   | disdainful or contemptuous<br><i>“I could see by his <b>supercilious</b> manner that he considered us unworthy of his company.”</i>  |
| <b>superfluity</b>    | a quantity or number beyond what is needed<br><i>“I considered her closetful of furs the worst kind of <b>superfluity</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>surrogate</b>      | a deputy or substitute<br><i>“The captain played <b>surrogate</b> for the absent fathers of the men in his command.”</i>   |
| <b>susceptibility</b> | capacity for receiving impressions<br><i>“We carefully selected stories with the child’s <b>susceptibility</b> in mind.”</i>   |
| <b>susurrant</b>      | whispering, murmuring<br><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<br><i>“The detective arranged for a <b>surveillance</b> to be kept on the suspect.”</i>  |
| <b>svelte</b>         | slender and graceful<br><i>“The beach was a composite of <b>svelte</b> bodies, languidly posed on chairs and towels.”</i>  |

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| <b>synchronous</b>   | happening at the same time<br><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.<br><i>“<b>Syncopation</b> 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<br><i>“To his coach, quitting was <b>synonymous</b> with failure.”</i>    |
| <b>tactile</b>       | that can be perceived by the touch<br><i>“At age 40, he still got a <b>tactile</b> thrill from making mudpies.”</i>  |
| <b>tangential</b>    | diverging or digressing<br><i>“The issue of cleaning subway cars is <b>tangential</b> to that of making them run.”</i>   |
| <b>tantivy</b>       | a full gallop<br><i>“The horsemen rode <b>tantivy</b> through the English countryside.”</i>  |
| <b>tarn</b>          | a small mountain lake<br><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<br><i>“The call for a ‘renaissance of renewal’ was the professor’s favorite <b>tautology</b>.”</i>           |
| <b>tawny</b>         | brownish-yellow; tan<br><i>“The Bermuda sun turned her skin <b>tawny</b> and freckled.”</i>  |
| <b>tenebrous</b>     | shut off from light; dark; hard to understand; causing or marked by gloom<br><i>“His warning was delivered in a <b>tenebrous</b> tone that filled us with dread.”</i>                |
| <b>tergiversate</b>  | to desert a cause, party, etc.; become a renegade; equivocate<br><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<br><i>“It was <b>terpsichorean</b> music, not just music to listen to.”</i>  |
| <b>terraqueous</b>   | consisting of land and water<br><i>“From our plane we looked down on a beautiful <b>terraqueous</b> area.”</i>   |
| <b>terrene</b>       | worldly; mundane<br><i>“Absorbed by his reflections on capital, Marx left the <b>terrene</b> frustrations of household finance to his long-suffering wife.”</i>                      |

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| <b>tessellated</b> | laid in small square blocks; arranged in a mosaic pattern<br><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<br><i>"The waiter gave us small mallets to crack the <b>testaceous</b> crab."</i>   |
| <b>thalassic</b>   | of the sea or ocean<br><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<br><i>"Dvorak relied on the cello's deep <b>timbre</b> for the melancholy in his music."</i> |
| <b>tincture</b>    | an alcoholic or water-alcoholic solution of a medicinal substance<br><i>"Laudanum, a <b>tincture</b> of opium, was widely used in nineteenth century homes."</i>   |
| <b>titular</b>     | nominal<br><i>"Though he was Emperor, Hirohito was only the <b>titular</b> ruler of Japan."</i>  |
| <b>topiary</b>     | designating or of the art of trimming and training shrubs or trees into unnatural, ornamental shapes<br><i>"The musician had <b>topiary</b> hedges that looked like giant notes."</i>  |
| <b>tractable</b>   | easily managed; taught; or controlled<br><i>"The <b>tractable</b> child never posed problems for her mother."</i>  |
| <b>trammel</b>     | to confine, restrain or shackle<br><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<br><i>"We walked up the aisle of the church to examine the alter piece which was a <b>triptych</b>."</i>  |
| <b>trope</b>       | the use of a word in a figurative sense<br><i>"The sentence, 'She gave him a look you could pour on a waffle' is the exuberant kind of <b>trope</b> typical of Ring Lardner."</i>  |
| <b>truckle</b>     | to be servile<br><i>"To get a raise, he had to <b>truckle</b> to his boss despite loss of pride."</i>  |
| <b>tumid</b>       | swollen; bulging<br><i>"The <b>tumid</b> area around his mouth signaled a dental problem."</i>   |
| <b>ubiquitous</b>  | present or seeming to be everywhere at the same time; omnipresent<br><i>"I knew it was in my mind, but it seemed that everywhere I looked I saw his <b>ubiquitous</b> face."</i>   |

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| <b>ululate</b>     | to wail or lament loudly<br><i>“It is natural for coyotes to <b>ululate</b> through the night.”</i>   |
| <b>umbrageous</b>  | shady; easily offended<br><i>“The <b>umbrageous</b> pepper tree had a park bench under it.”</i>   |
| <b>undulant</b>    | moving in or as in waves; undulating<br><i>“The <b>undulant</b> Blue Hills roll to meet the coast near Boston.”</i>   |
| <b>usurious</b>    | practicing usury<br><i>“<b>Usurious</b> loan sharks prey upon people in financial desperation.”</i>   |
| <b>vacillating</b> | wavering in motion or opinion<br><i>“We were inclined to not pay much attention to her <b>vacillating</b> ideas.”</i>   |
| <b>valedictory</b> | farewell speech, esp. one delivered at graduation<br><i>“The president’s <b>valedictory</b> speech pointed up the highlights of his term in office.”</i>                  |
| <b>velleity</b>    | a mere wish that does not lead to the slightest action<br><i>“The valet cheerfully ignored the <b>velleity</b> of his capricious master.”</i>                             |
| <b>velutinous</b>  | soft and velvety<br><i>“Thick moss turned the tree trunk into a <b>velutinous</b> couch.”</i>   |
| <b>venatic</b>     | of or engaging in hunting<br><i>“An antler-lined wall revealed his <b>venatic</b> passion.”</i>   |
| <b>verbiage</b>    | wordiness<br><i>“Cutting the <b>verbiage</b> left her with three pages of the original eight.”</i>  |
| <b>verdure</b>     | green growing plants and trees<br><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<br><i>“The <b>vernacular</b> of the South is dotted with colorful metaphors.”</i>                          |
| <b>versatile</b>   | competent in many things; many sided; adaptable to many uses<br><i>“Playing the piano was one of his many <b>versatile</b> accomplishments.”</i>                          |
| <b>vicarious</b>   | shared in or experienced by imagined participation in another’s experience<br><i>“When his son made the majors, the old bush-leaguer felt a <b>vicarious</b> thrill.”</i> |
| <b>viridescent</b> | slightly green; greenish<br><i>“He’s one of those helpless bachelors whose refrigerator holds only a few <b>viridescent</b> lumps of unknown origin.”</i>                 |

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| <b>visualize</b>   | form a mental image<br><i>"I could <b>visualize</b> his astonishment when he opened the gift."</i>  |
| <b>vitreous</b>    | of, having the nature of, or like glass<br><i>"Some new windows are made of unbreakable <b>vitreous</b> plastic."</i>   |
| <b>vociferous</b>  | characterized by clamor or vehement outcry<br><i>"The <b>vociferous</b> protests of Liberals could not stop the passage of Proposition 13."</i>   |
| <b>vulnerary</b>   | used for healing wounds, as herbs or other remedies<br><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<br><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<br><i>"Caught by the <b>weir</b>, the brook trout wriggled in the sun."</i>   |
| <b>weird</b>       | strange; strikingly odd; fantastic; mysterious<br><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.<br><i>"The struggling secretary tried to <b>wheedle</b> a well-earned raise from her unappreciative boss."</i>                                 |
| <b>whelp</b>       | a young dog<br><i>"The <b>whelp</b> chewed a hole in my socks before I caught him."</i>   |
| <b>whimsically</b> | oddly out of the ordinary; fanciful; freakish; unpredictable<br><i>"We were upset to find that although we were expected to stay overnight, he had <b>whimsically</b> decided we should repack the car and drive home."</i> |
| <b>wormwood</b>    | a bitter, unpleasant, or mortifying experience<br><i>"The family feud left him with a taste of <b>wormwood</b>."</i>  |
| <b>wrought</b>     | elaborated; embellished; not rough or crude<br><i>"DeMille's intricately <b>wrought</b> movie epics were breathtaking but laborious."</i>   |
| <b>xerophilous</b> | capable of thriving in a hot, dry climate<br><i>"The cactus is a <b>xerophilous</b> plant which grows in the desert."</i>   |
| <b>xyloid</b>      | of or like wood; woody<br><i>"The <b>xyloid</b> section of a plant gives the stem its structure."</i>   |

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| <b>yea</b>        | to bring forth (young); said of a sheep or goat<br><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<br><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<br><i>"The waiter tempted us with a delightful <b>zabaglione</b>."</i>           |
| <b>zucchetto</b>  | skull cap worn by Roman Catholic ecclesiastics<br><i>"The priest's <b>zucchetto</b> is black, the bishop's purple, the cardinal's red, and the pope's <b>zucchetto</b> is white."</i> |