

abeyance: suspended action; temporary cessation or suspension

abolish: cancel; put an end to; destroy completely

abolition: ending; act of abolishing; act of doing away with

abridge: condense; shorten; reduce length of written text

abrogate: abolish, do away with, or annul, especially by authority

abrupt: broken off; very steep; having sudden transitions from one subject to another

absurd: preposterous; ridiculously incongruous or unreasonable; foolish

absurdity: quality of being absurd or inconsistent with obvious truth, reason, or sound judgment; logical contradiction

abundance: great or plentiful amount; fullness to overflowing

abundant: plentiful; possessing riches or resources

accede: agree; give consent, often at insistence of another; concede

accommodate: do a favor or service for; provide for; supply with; make suitable; adapt; allow for

accommodation: living quarters provided for public convenience

accord: settlement or compromise of conflicting opinions; written agreement between two states

accrue: increase, accumulate, or come about as a result of growth; accumulate over time

accusation: indictment; charge of wrongdoing that is made against a person or other party

acid: sour; water-soluble compounds having a sour taste; quality of being sarcastic, bitter, or scornful

acquaint: inform about; cause to come to know personally; make familiar

acquaintance: personal knowledge or information about someone or something

acquainted: known by or familiar with another; informed or familiar

acute: quickly perceptive; keen; having a sharp point or tip; extremely sharp or severe

adhere: stick fast; stick to firmly; be compatible or in accordance with

adjacent: adjoining; neighboring; close to; lying near

adjoin: be next to; be contiguous to; border on

adolescence: state of growing up from childhood to manhood or womanhood; transitional period between youth and maturity

adolescent: a juvenile between the onset of puberty and maturity;

adore: worship with profound reverence; pay divine honors to; regard with the utmost esteem and affection

adorn: enhance or decorate with or as if with ornaments

adornment: embellishment; decoration; something that beautifies or adorns; ornament

adversary: opponent in contest; someone who offers opposition

adverse: in opposing direction; harmful or unfavorable; acting or serving to oppose

adversity: state of misfortune, hardship, or affliction; misfortune

advocate: speak, plead, or argue in favour of; plead for; push for something

affection: fondness; tender feeling toward another; fondness

affectionate: having affection or warm regard; loving; fond; kindly inclined; zealous

affiliate: associate; incorporate

affirm: assert; confirm

affirmation: positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath

affirmative: confirmative; ratifying; giving assent or approval; confirming

aggravate: worsen; make worse or more troublesome

aggressor: one that engages in aggression; person who first attacks

agitate: cause to move with violence or sudden force; upset; disturb

agitation: anxiety; extreme emotional disturbance

agony: extreme pain of mind or body; anguish; last struggle of life; death struggle

ailment: sickness; illness; affliction

aisle: passageway between rows of seats, as in an auditorium or an airplane; wing of a building

ajar: half-open; slightly turned or opened

alien: dissimilar, inconsistent, or opposed in nature; very different place, society, or person

alienate: cause to become unfriendly or hostile; transfer property or ownership; isolate or dissociate emotionally

allot: parcel out in parts or portions; distribute to each individual concerned; assign as a share or lot

alloy: combine; mix; make less pure; lessen or moderate

ally: confederate; partner; collaborator

ambiguity: state of being ambiguous; doubtfulness or uncertainty

ambiguous: unclear or doubtful in meaning

amend: change for the better; improve; remove faults or errors

amends: compensation for a loss or injury; recompense; reparation

amiable: good-natured and likable; lovable; warmly friendly

amicable: exhibiting friendliness or goodwill; not quarrelsome

amid: in the middle of; among; surrounded by

ammunition: military stores or provisions; articles used in weapons, as powder, balls, shot, shells

ample: more than enough in size or scope or capacity; fairly large

amuse: occupy or engage the attention of; lose in deep thought

ancestor: forefather; forebear; forerunner or predecessor

anecdote: short account of amusing or interesting event; short narrative; secret story of history or biography

angular: sharp-cornered; consisting of an angle or angles; stiff in manner

antagonism: active resistance; condition of being an opposing principle, force, or factor

antagonist: one who contends with another, especially in combat; an adversary; opponent

antonym: word of opposite meaning; counter term

ape: imitate; mimic, as an ape imitates human actions

appreciable: considerable; perceptible

appreciate: be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of

appreciation: recognition; taste; judgment or opinion, especially a favorable one

appreciative: having or showing a just or ready appreciation or perception

apprentice: works for an expert to learn a trade; beginner; learner

apt: likely; exactly suitable; appropriate; quick to learn or understand

aptitude: inherent ability; quickness in learning and understanding

arbitrator: someone chosen to judge and decide disputed issue; one having ability or power to make authoritative decisions

archaeology: study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

ardent: displaying or by strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate

arduous: demanding great effort or labor; difficult

aristocracy: hereditary nobility; privileged class

aristocrat: one of the aristocracy or people of rank in a community; one of a ruling class; a noble

arrogance: overbearing pride; haughtiness; manifest feeling of personal superiority in rank, power, or estimation

arrogant: arising from feeling or assumption of one's superiority toward others

assassination: act of assassinating; killing by treacherous violence; murder of public figure by surprise attack

assault: attack; onslaught

assorted: varied; miscellaneous

assortment: variety; collection containing a variety of sorts of things

astonish: surprise; shock

astound: affect with wonder; surprise; shock

astray: away from the correct path or direction, either in a literal or in a figurative sense; wandering

astronomer: a physicist who studies astronomy

astronomical: enormously large or extensive; relating to astronomy

astronomy: branch of physics that studies celestial bodies and universe as a whole

atlas: a bound volume of maps, charts, or tables

attendance: act of being present

attendant: aide; servant; accompanying; person who participates in a meeting

attentive: alert and watchful; considerate; thoughtful

auditorium: area of theater or concert hall where audience sits

august: impressive; majestic; inspiring awe or admiration

autonomous: self-governing; not controlled by others or by outside forces; independent

autonomy: independence; self-government or the right of self-government; self-determination

auxiliary: helper, additional or subsidiary

avail: turn to advantage of; be of service to; profit; promote

avenge: take vengeance for something, or on behalf of someone

awe: mixed emotion of reverence, respect, dread, and wonder; fear, as of something evil

awful: causing fear, dread, or terror; extremely bad or unpleasant; terrible

awkward: difficult to handle or manage

awkwardly: in an uncomfortable, nervous or embarrassed way

axle: pin or spindle on which a wheel revolves, or which revolves with a wheel; transverse bar or shaft connecting the opposite wheels of a car or carriage

badge: distinctive mark, token, or sign worn on the person

badminton: game played on a court with light long-handled rackets

baffle: frustrate as by confusing or perplexing; impede force or movement of

baggage: trunks, bags, parcels, and suitcases in which one carries one's belongings while traveling; luggage

bait: harass; tease; lure, entice, or entrap

bald: hairless; lacking a natural or usual covering

bandage: strip of woven material, used in dressing and binding up wounds

banquet: feast; entertainment of eating and drinking

barber: haircutter; one whose business is to cut hair and to shave or trim beards

barge: flatboat; long, large boat for transporting freight that is unpowered and towed or pushed by other craft

baron: title or degree of nobility

barrel: vessel; large cylindrical container

barren: desolate; fruitless and unproductive; lacking

barter: trade goods or services without the exchange of money

basin: bowl-shaped vessel, usually used for holding food or liquids

batter: beat with successive blows; beat repeatedly and with violence

bazaar: market consisting of a street lined with shops and stalls, especially one in the Middle East

bead: small piece of material, such as glass, plastic, or wood, that is pierced for stringing

beak: nib ;horny projecting mouth of a bird

beforehand: in state of anticipation; in advance; by way of preparation

benevolent: generous in providing aid to others; charitable

bent: determined to do or have

bestow: give as gift; present

betray: be unfaithful; reveal unconsciously or unwillingly

bewilder: lead into perplexity or confusion; perplex with mazes

bitter: harsh or corrosive in tone; painful; acrid; acrimonious

bitterness: sharp and bitter manner

blacksmith: one who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

blast: explode; burst; gale; very strong gust of wind or air

blaze: brilliant burst of fire; destructive fire; flame

bleach: make white or colorless; blanch

bloom: flower; blossom; best time of youth; period of greatest prosperity or productivity

blossom: reproductive organ of plants, especially one having showy or colorful parts

blot: spot or stain, as of ink on paper; blur; weak point or failing

blunder: serious mistake typically caused by ignorance or confusion

blunt: having a dull edge or end; not sharp; lacking in feeling; insensitive

blush: become rosy or reddish; turn red, as if in embarrassment or shame

boast: show off oneself; speak of with excessive pride

boil: be agitated; pass from a liquid to vapor when heated; be excited with passion; heat in water

bold: brave; daring; intrepid; impudent

bond: link; connection; uniting force or tie; binding agreement; duty

boom: bonanza; prosperity; prosper; expand; flourish

booming: deep and resonant; flourishing; thriving

bore: drill; make a hole in or through, with or as if with a drill

bourgeois: middle class; selfishly materialistic; dully conventional

boycott: refrain from buying or using

brace: something which holds anything tightly or supports it firmly, as bandage, cord, or rod;

breach: breaking of contract or duty

breadth: measure or dimension from side to side; width; extent

breed: raise; produce offspring; give birth to or hatch; mate

breeze: light current of air; gentle wind; progress swiftly and effortlessly

bribe: something serving to influence or persuade; reward or gift with a view to prevent judgment

bridle: headgear with which a horse is directed and which carries a bit and reins

brim: brink; edge

brink: edge, margin, or border of a steep place verge

brisk: marked by speed, liveliness, and vigor; energetic; swift; keen or sharp in speech or manner

brittle: easily broken; having little elasticity

bronze: an alloy of copper and tin and sometimes other elements

brood: think long and anxiously; be in a state of gloomy, serious thought

brook: creek; stream

bruise: injure, as by a blow or collision; contuse; fight with the fists

bud: one that is not yet fully developed; sprout

bull: male of any species of cattle; large, strong, and aggressive person; optimist regarding business conditions

bullion: gold and silver in the form of bars

bump: impact as from a collision; lump on the body caused by a blow

bunch: clump; cluster; gathering

bureaucracy: over-regulated administrative system

burial: grave or tomb; ritual placing of a corpse in a grave; concealing something under the ground

butcher: one whose job is to kill animals for food; one who kills in large numbers, or with unusual cruelty

bygone: past; gone by

bypass: channel used to conduct gas or liquid around another pipe or a fixture; conductor having low resistance in parallel

cab: taxi; one-horse vehicle for public hire

cabin: small room on a ship or boat where people sleep

canal: artificial channel filled with water; tube or duct

canary: pale yellowish color; wine made in the Canary Islands; canary bird; quick and lively dance

candid: straightforward; frank; free from prejudice; impartial

cane: any plant with long, hard, elastic stems; walking stick

cannon: great gun; firearm for discharging heavy shot with great force

canon: law or rule; decision, regulation, code, or constitution made by ecclesiastical authority; books of the Bible officially accepted; a group of literary works

canteen: vessel used by soldiers for carrying water, liquor, or other drink; snack bar or small cafeteria, as on a military installation

canvas: heavy closely woven fabric; background against which events unfold, as in a historical narrative

canvass: determine votes; examine carefully or discuss thoroughly; scrutinize

cape: piece or point of land, extending beyond the adjacent coast into the sea or a lake; sleeveless outer garment

caption: title; chapter heading; text under illustration

captive: prisoner taken by force; one kept in power of another; one charmed or subdued by beauty, excellence, or affection

capture: act of seizing by force, or getting possession of by superior power; thing taken by force, surprise, or stratagem

cardinal: chief; serving as an essential component

cargo: freight carried by a ship, an aircraft, or another vehicle

carol: round dance; a song of joy; song of praise or joy, especially for Christmas

carrot: root of cultivated varieties of the plant, usually spindle-shaped, and of a reddish yellow color

carton: pasteboard for paper boxes; pasteboard box

cartoon: design or study drawn of full size to serve as a model for transferring or copying; drawing depicting a humorous situation

carve: cut; sculpt

carving: cutting away parts to create a desired shape

casual: informal; purposeless; occurring by chance

casualty: serious or fatal accident; someone injured or killed in an accident

catalyst: agent which brings about chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged

catastrophe: calamity; disaster; state of extreme ruin and misfortune

cater: supply what is needed or desired; provide food professionally for special occasion

cathedral: church; temple

catholic: broadly sympathetic; universal; related to Roman Catholic Church

cavalry: part of military force which serves on horseback

cavern: cave; large underground chamber, as in a cave

cavity: hole; cavern; hollow area within the body

cellar: room or rooms under a building, and usually below the surface of the ground

cement: any substances used for making bodies adhere to each other; bond of union

cemetery: place or ground set apart for the burial of the dead; graveyard

ensor: overseer of morals; official responsible for removal of objectionable or sensitive content

cereal: grass such as wheat, oats, or corn, the starchy grains of which are used as food.

ceremonial: ritual; ceremony or rite

ceremony: formal act or set of acts performed as prescribed by ritual or custom

chalk: soft, earthy substance, of a white, grayish, or yellowish white color, used as a drawing implement

chamber: cell; compartment; room

chap: crack, as in earth surface; splitting of skin, caused by cold or exposure; one of the jaws or cheeks; man or boy

charcoal: a stick of black carbon material used for drawing; a very dark gray color

charm: power or quality of pleasing or delighting; attractiveness; item worn for its supposed magical benefit

charter: license; authorize; hold under a lease or rental agreement of goods and services

cherish: harbor; treasure; treat with affection and tenderness; hold dear

chew: bite and grind with the teeth

chill: cool; freeze

chilly: cold

chin: central forward portion of the lower jaw; bottom of face

choke: breathe with great difficulty, as when experiencing a strong emotion; reduce the air supply

chop: hew; cut by striking with a heavy sharp tool, such as an ax

chorus: any utterance produced simultaneously by a group

circumference: boundary line of a circle, figure, area, or object

circus: public entertainment of performances by acrobats, clowns, and trained animals

clamp: any of various devices used to join, grip, support, or compress mechanical or structural parts

clap: applaud; slap; strike together with a sharp sound, as one hard surface on another

clash: make noise by striking against something; dash noisily together; meet in opposition

clasp: fastening device; firm grip

clay: very fine-grained soil that is plastic when moist but hard when fired

clench: close tightly; grasp or grip tightly; fasten with a clinch

climax: upward movement; steady increase; the highest point; the greatest degree

cling: hold fast or adhere to something; stick together and resist separation; remain emotionally

clip: small section of filmed or filed material

clumsy: awkward; showing lack of skill or aptitude

cluster: group; bunch; group of the same or similar elements gathered or occurring closely

clutch: grasp and hold tightly; attempt to grasp or seize

codify: arrange laws, rules as a code; classify; arrange or systematize

coherence: logical and orderly and consistent relation of parts; state of cohering or sticking together

coherent: adhesive; cohesive; sticking together ; logical; sound; capable of thinking and expressing yourself in a clear and consistent manner

cohesion: tendency to keep together

cohesive: cohering or tending to cohere; well integrated

coil: a series of connected spirals or concentric rings formed by gathering or winding; spiral pipe or series of spiral pipes

coinage: coins collectively

coincide: occur at the same time as; correspond

coincidence: two or more things occurring at the same time by chance

coincident: concerning; simultaneous

colonel: a commissioned military officer

colonial: of or relating to or characteristic of or inhabiting a colony

colony: region politically controlled by a distant country; a dependency; a community of social insects, as ants, bees

comedy: light and humorous drama with a happy ending

comic: arousing or provoking laughter; ridiculous; amusing; humorous

commemorate: serve as a memorial to; honor the memory of with a ceremony

commence: have a beginning or origin; originate; start; begin

commend: commit, intrust, or give in charge for care or preservation; recommend as worthy of confidence or regard

commit: do something that cannot be changed; cause to be admitted

commitment: pledge, undertaking; act of binding yourself to a course of action

committee: special group delegated to consider some matter

commodity: goods; article of trade; advantage; benefit.

commonplace: ordinary; having no remarkable features

compass: go about or entirely round; make the circuit of; enclose on all sides; surround

compel: force; coerce; necessitate or pressure by force

complement: complete; consummate; make perfect

compliance: readiness to yield; happy friendly agreement

compliment: praise; commendation; say something to someone that expresses praise

complimentary: expressing of praise, admiration, or congratulation; given free to repay a favor or as an act of courtesy

comply: yield assent; accord; agree, or acquiesce; adapt one's self; fulfill; accomplish

compound: combine; mix; constitute; pay interest; increase

comprehend: take in the meaning, nature, or importance of; grasp

comprehension: grasp; ability to understand

comprehensive: thorough; including all or everything; broad in scope

compulsory: mandatory; obligatory; required by rule

conceal: keep from being seen, found, observed, or discovered; secrete

concede: admit; yield; give up physical control of another

conceit: overly high self-esteem; feelings of excessive pride

conceited: endowed with fancy or imagination; entertaining a flattering opinion of one's self; vain

conceive: form or develop in the mind; devise; become pregnant with; begin or originate in a specific way

conception: beginning; forming of an idea; act of conceiving

concert: performance of music by players or singers not involving theatrical staging; harmony; accord

concerted: planned or accomplished together; combined

concession: act of yielding; point yielded; acknowledgment or admission

concise: brief and compact; expressing much in few words

condemn: blame; denounce; express strong disapproval of

condemnation: blame

cone: a shape whose base is a circle and whose sides taper up to a point

confer: bestow; present; have a conference in order to talk something over

conference: meeting for consultation or discussion; exchange of views

confess: acknowledge; admit

confession: public declaration of faith

confide: disclose; reveal; tell in confidence

confidence: feeling secure or certain about something

confident: assured; having or marked by assurance

confidential: treated with confidence; trusted in; trustworthy; secret

confine: restrict in movement; circumscribe

confinement: state of being confined; restraint within limits; any restraint of liberty by force

confirm: support or establish the certainty or validity of; verify

conform: comply with; follow; fit; meet

conformity: similarity in form or character; agreement

confront: be face to face with; oppose in hostility or competition; deal with

confrontation: state of being confronted, especially a meeting face to face; clash of opinions and ideas

conquer: gain or acquire by force; take possession of by violent means; gain dominion over

conquest: success in mastering something difficult

conscience: motivation deriving logically from ethical or moral principles; source of moral or ethical judgment

conscientious: diligent; responsible; reliable

conscious: awake; alert

consciousness: having knowledge of ; special awareness or sensitivity:

considerable: worthy of consideration; large in amount, extent, or degree

considerably: substantially; significantly; to a degree worth considering

considerate: thoughtful; marked by consideration or reflection; deliberate

consideration: considerate and thoughtful act

consign: give, transfer, or deliver in a formal manner, as if by signing over into the possession of another

consist: stand firm; be in a fixed or permanent state; be supported and maintained

consistency: harmonious uniformity or agreement among things or parts

consistent: being in agreement with itself; coherent; regular

console: cheer from distress or depression; alleviate grief and raise spirits of; relieve; comfort

consolidate: make solid; unite or press together into a compact mass; harden or make dense and firm

consonant: compatible; harmonious

conspicuous: noticeable; prominent; easy to notice; obvious

conspiracy: plot; intrigue; agreement to perform together an illegal, wrongful, or subversive act

constituent: component or part; citizen, voter

constitute: make up; form something

constitution: law determining the fundamental political principles of a government; the act of forming something

constraint: something that restricts or confines within prescribed bounds

contemplate: look at attentively and thoughtfully; observe deep in thought

contemplation: act of the mind in considering with attention; continued attention of the mind to a particular subject; meditation; expectation

contemporary: modern; belonging to the same period of time

contempt: state of being despised or dishonored; disgrace; disobedience to, or open disrespect of

contemptuous: scornful; expressing contempt; showing a lack of respect

content: volume; something contained; material, including text and images

contingency: condition of being dependent on chance; uncertainty; possibility

contradict: confront; oppose

contradiction: assertion of the contrary to what has been said or affirmed; denial of the truth of a statement or assertion

contrary: relation of direct opposition; very opposed in nature or character or purpose

contribute: provide; bestow a quality on

controversial: controvertible; disputable

controversy: contentious speech act; argument

convention: social or moral custom; formal meeting of members, representatives, or delegates; agreement between states

conventional: based upon tradition rules; formed by agreement or compact

conversant: familiar, as by study or experience; able to converse knowledgeably

conversation: general course of conduct; intimate fellowship or association; close acquaintance; informal

dialogue

converse: chat; talk informally; engage in a spoken exchange of thoughts

conversely: in a converse manner; with change of order or relation; reciprocally.

convey: carry from one place to another; bear or transport

conveyance: act of conveying; tools of conveying, especially vehicle for transportation

convict: find or declare guilty

conviction: judgment that someone is guilty of crime; strongly held belief

convince: overpower; force to yield assent to truth; satisfy by proof; prove guilty

convinced: certain, sure

cordial: gracious; showing warm and friendliness

cork: lightweight elastic outer bark, used especially for bottle closures, insulation, floats

correspond: be compatible, similar or consistent; exchange messages

correspondence: similarity or analogy; communication by the exchange of letters

correspondent: one who communicates information, especially, by letter or telegram to newspaper or periodical

corresponding: accompanying

corrode: destroy metal or alloy gradually, especially by chemical action; be eaten or worn away

corrosion: decay; erosion

corrupt: changed from sound to putrid state; spoiled; tainted

corruption: bribery; fraud

cosmic: pertaining to the universe; vast

cosmopolitan: sophisticated; of worldwide scope

cosmos: universe or universality of created things; ordered, harmonious whole

couch: sofa; arrange or dispose as in a bed

counsel: advise; suggest

countenance: give sanction or support to; tolerate or approve

countermand: cancel; revoke command or order; order or direct in opposition to; prohibit; forbid

counterpart: duplicate copy; analogue; one that closely resembles another

courteous: exhibiting courtesy and politeness; showing regard or thought for others

courtesy: polite behavior; act of civility or respect; consent or agreement in spite of fact

coward: person who lacks courage to face danger; timid

crab: a stroke of the oar that either misses the water or digs too deeply

cradle: small low bed for an infant, often furnished with rockers; infancy, or very early life

crash: smash; collision; falling down or in pieces with a loud noise of breaking parts

crate: large basket, used for moving china or similar wares; box or case whose sides are of wooden slats with interspaces

crave: ask with earnestness or importunity; ask with submission or humility; beg

creek: small stream, often a shallow tributary to a river; brook

creep: move slowly; move stealthily or cautiously

cricket: outdoor game played with bats, a ball, and wickets by two teams of 11 players each

crimson: bloody

cripple: person or animal that is partially disabled or unable to use a limb or limb

crisp: firm but easily broken or crumbled; brittle

crook: bend, turn, or curve; curvature; flexure

crooked: having or marked by bends or angles; not straight or aligned; curved

crop: the top, end, or highest part of anything, especially of plant or tree; grain or other product of field while standing; anything cut off or gathered

crouch: bend down; stoop low; lie close to the ground with the legs bent, as an animal when waiting for prey, or in fear

crude: being in an unrefined or natural state; raw; lacking tact or taste; blunt or offensive

cruise: sail back and forth on the ocean; sail as for protection of commerce, in search of an enemy, or for pleasure

crumb: small fragment or piece, especially, a small piece of bread or other food; broken or cut off

crumble: break into small pieces; cause to fall in pieces

crush: press between opposing bodies so as to break or injure; extract or obtain by pressing or squeezing

crust: outer layer ; covering; coat; shell

cubism: an artistic movement in France beginning in 1907 that featured surfaces of geometrical planes

cucumber: cylindrical green fruit with thin green rind and white flesh eaten as a vegetable; related to melons

cultivate: improve and prepare, as by plowing or fertilizing, for raising crops; promote the growth of

cultivation: production of food by preparing the land to grow crops

cunning: knowing; skillful; artful; designing; deceitful

cupboard: a small room or cabinet used for storage space

curb: bend or curve; guide and manage, or restrain

curl: form into coiled or spiral shape; twist into ringlets or coils; move in curve or spiral

curse: call upon divine or supernatural power to send injury upon; bring great evil upon

curtail: cut short or reduce; cut off end or tail, or any part

cushion: soft pillow or pad usually used for sitting, reclining, or kneeling

custody: keeping or guarding; care, watch, inspection, for keeping, preservation, or security

customary: agreeing with or established by common usage; conventional; habitual

dagger: knife; short pointed weapon with sharp edges

dainty: delicately beautiful or charming; exquisite; gratification or pleasure taken in anything

dam: barrier to prevent the flow of liquid, especially built across a water course

damp: humid; moist; slightly wet

daring: bold; brave

dart: move suddenly and rapidly

dash: throw with violence or haste; break, as by throwing or by collision; form or sketch rapidly

dazzle: overpower with light; confuse the sight of by brilliance of light; bewilder or surprise with brilliancy

dazzling: bright; brilliant

decay: decompose; break sown; disintegration; rottenness; decline; worsen; decadence

deceit: attempt or disposition to deceive or lead into error; any declaration, artifice, or practice, which misleads another, or causes him to believe what is false

deceive: fool; cause to believe what is not true; mislead

deception: act of deceiving

decompose: decay

decorate: adorn; embellish

decoration: act of decorating something; something used to beautify

decorative: ornamental; embellishing; serving an esthetic rather than a useful purpose

decree: order from one having authority; decision, order, or sentence by court

dedicate: set apart; devoted; consecrated

deduce: lead forth; reach a conclusion by reasoning; trace the origin or derivation of

deduct: lead forth or out; take away, separate, or remove, in numbering, estimating, or calculating; subtract

deed: something that is carried out; act or action; feat or exploit

deem: decide; judge; sentence; condemn

defiance: refusal to yield; readiness to contend or resist

deficiency: scarcity; lack or shortage, especially of something essential to health

deficient: inadequate; lacking an essential quality or element

deficit: inadequacy or insufficiency; sum of money falls short of required amount; shortage

deflate: reduce from an inflated condition; release contained air or gas from

deflect: turn aside; draw someone's attention away from something

deform: change shape by stress; become misshapen; make formless

deformation: alteration in the shape or dimensions; a change for the worse

defray: paycosts of; undertake payment of; make compensation to or for

defy: renounce or dissolve all bonds of affiance, faith, or obligation with; provoke to combat or strife

delinquency: failure or omission of duty; fault; misdeed; offense or crime

delinquent: failing in duty; offending by neglect of duty.

delusion: false belief; mistaken or unfounded opinion

demolish: raze; destroy; do away with completely; put an end to

demolition: act of overthrowing, pulling down, or destroying

denomination: class, society, or collection of individuals called by the same name; specifically, a religious sect

denote: indicate; signify directly; refer to specifically

denounce: condemn openly; criticize; make known in formal manner

dense: thick; crowded closely together; compact

dent: cavity; a depression scratched or carved into a surface

depart: take off; leave; set out

departure: act of departing

depict: represent in a picture or sculpture; portray in words; describe

deplete: decrease fullness of; use up or empty out

depreciate: lessen price or value of; think or speak of as being of little worth; belittle

depreciation: devaluation; decrease in price or value

deprive: deny; take away

deputy: one appointed as the substitute of another, and empowered to act for him; substitute in office

derive: obtain or receive from a source; trace the origin or development of

descend: move downward and lower; come from; be connected by a relationship of blood

descendant: offspring; person considered as descended from some ancestor or race

descent: ancestry; origin; the descendants of one individual; drop; fall; a movement downward

description: act of describing; sketch or account of anything in words

desert: area with little or no vegetation; forsake; abandon

desolate: unpopulated; providing no shelter or sustenance; devoid of inhabitants

despise: dislike intensely; regard with contempt or scorn

despite: lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike; disdain, contemptuous feelings, hatred

dessert: a dish served as the last course of meal

destination: ultimate goal; place to which one is going or directed

destine: decree or designate beforehand; fate

destiny: event that will inevitably happen in the future

detain: keep back or from; withhold; restrain from proceeding; stay or stop; delay

deteriorate: become worse; decline

detour: a turning; circuitous route; deviation from a direct course

detriment: harm; damage; injury; something that causes damage, harm, or loss

detrimental: causing damage or harm; injurious

deviate: turn away from a principle, norm; depart; diverge

dictate: prescribe; rule as a dictator

dictator: one who dictates; one who prescribes rules and maxims authoritatively for the direction of others.

diction: choice and use of words in speech or writing

diet: nutritional plan; nourishment; a prescribed selection of foods

digest: break down; make more concise; convert food into absorbable substances

digestion: process by which food is converted into substances that can be absorbed and assimilated by the body

dignity: quality or state of being worthy of esteem or respect.

diligent: assiduous; industrious; hard-working

dilute: weaken; make thinner or less concentrated by adding a liquid such as water

dim: emitting only a small amount of light; lacking in brightness

dime: a United States coin worth one tenth of a dollar

diminish: dwindle; reduce; make smaller or less or to cause to appear so

dine: eat principal regular meal of the day; take dinner; give a dinner to

dingy: darkened with smoke and grime; dirty or discolored

dip: insert into a fluid and withdraw again; immerse for baptism; wet, as if by immersing; moisten; appear to move downward

diploma: document certifying the successful completion of a course of study

diplomacy: tact; politics; negotiation between nations

diplomat: one who uses skill and tact in dealing with others, such as an ambassador, who has been appointed to represent a government in its relations with other governments

diplomatic: relating to diplomacy; marked by tact and sensitivity in dealing with others

disaster: catastrophe; misfortune

disastrous: extremely bad; terrible; dreadful

discern: detect; perceive

discourse: formal, lengthy discussion of a subject; verbal exchange; conversation

discreet: free from ostentation or pretension; distinct; distinguishable

discrepancy: lack of consistency; difference

discretion: knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress; trait of judging wisely and objectively

discriminate: make a clear distinction; distinguish; make sensible decisions; judge wisely

disdain: view with scorn or contempt; feel with aversion

disgrace: state of dishonor; bring shame or dishonor upon

disguise: dress or exterior put on for purposes of concealment or of deception

disgust: strong feelings of dislike; offend the taste or moral sense of

disinclined: not inclined; having a disinclination; being unwilling

disinfectant: substance which kills germs or viruses; agent for removing the causes of infection, as chlorine

dismal: causing gloom or depression; dreary; somber; melancholy

dismay: destroy courage or resolution by exciting dread; cause to lose enthusiasm

disparity: difference; condition or fact of being unequal, as in age, rank, or degree

dispel: scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

dispense: distribute; prepare and give out; deal out in parts or portions

disperse: move away from each other; cause to separate; cause to become widely known

displace: move or shift from the usual place or position, especially to force to leave a homeland

displacement: act of removing from office or employment

dispose: get rid of; settle or decide a matter; place or set in a particular order; arrange

disposed: prepared; inclined; be ready; being particular condition of body or of health

disposition: natural or acquired habit with tendency; act or means of getting rid of something

dispute: argument; angry altercation; quarrel; verbal controversy; debate

disregard: ignore; discount; take no notice of

dissimilar: different; unlike

dissipate: spend or expend wastefully; vanish by dispersion; drive away; disperse

distinct: definite; separate; different

distinction: excellence or eminence; note or mark of difference

distinctly: clear to the mind; in a distinct way

distinguish: characterize; differentiate; recognize

distinguished: prominent; celebrated, well-known or eminent because of past achievements

distract: cause to turn away from original focus; pull in conflicting emotional directions; unsettle

distraction: extreme mental or emotional disturbance; obsession; confusion of affairs; being drawn apart

distress: discomfort; cause strain, anxiety, or suffering to

ditch: trench made in the earth by digging; any long, narrow receptacle for water on the surface of the earth

dive: plunge, especially headfirst, into water; plummet

diver: one who works underwater

diverge: vary; go in different directions from the same point

divergence: difference; deviation; separation; the act of moving away in different direction

diverse: differing in some characteristics; various

diversion: act of turning aside; pastime; activity that relaxes or entertains

diversity: point or respect in which things differ; difference

divert: distract; withdraw money and move into a different location

divine: perceive intuitively; foresee future; have nature of or being a deity

dizzy: having or causing a whirling sensation

dock: deprive someone of benefits; remove or shorten the tail of an animal

doctrine: principles presented for belief, as by religious; principle of law; act of teaching; instruction

dodge: avoid a blow by moving or shifting quickly aside; shifty or ingenious trick

doll: small toy with human figure, normally for little child

dome: building or house, especially as great hall, church, or temple; anything shaped like cupola

domestic: house-hold; of or relating to the home ; within the country or home

dominant: major; important; outweighing

dominate: monopolize; command; rule; prevail; be prevalent in

doom: judgment; judicial sentence; penal decree; condemnation

dormitory: a college or university building for student living; a large bedroom where several people sleep

dose: quantity of medicine given; sufficient quantity; portion

doze: slumber; sleep lightly; be in dull or stupefied condition, as if half asleep; be drowsy

drain: draw out; flow out; waste

drainage: emptying accomplished by draining; gradual flowing off, as of a liquid

drama: play; literary work intended for theater

dramatic: striking; sensational in appearance or thrilling in effect

dramatize: represent something in a dramatic manner; add details to

drastic: radical; taking effect violently or rapidly

drawback: disadvantage or inconvenience; shortcoming; refund or remittance, such as a discount on duties or taxes

dread: fearful or distasteful anticipation; terror; horror

dreadful: very unpleasant; distasteful or shocking

dreary: gloomy; dismal; dark, colorless, or cheerless

drench: cause to drink, especially by force; put potion down throat of; steep in moisture; wet thoroughly

drift: float; moving aimlessly; wander

drill: bore; pierce; make a hole; practice; train

drip: process of falling in drops; liquid or moisture that falls in drops; sound made by liquid falling in drops

drought: dry period; aridity; long period of abnormally low rainfall

dubious: questionable; filled with doubt

dull: lacking responsiveness or alertness; intellectually weak or obtuse

duly: as it ought to be; properly; regularly

dumb: mute; lacking the power of speech

dump: sell at artificially low prices; throw away as refuse

dwarf: cause to seem small; check natural growth or development of

dwell: live as a resident; exist in a given place or state

dweller: a person who inhabits a particular place

dwelling: residence; place to live in; abode

dye: substance used to color materials

eager: avid; enthusiastic

earnest: seriousness; reality; fixed determination; eagerness; intentness

eccentric: departing from a recognized, conventional, or established norm or pattern

eccentricity: oddity; departure from that which is stated, regular, or usual; deviation from center

eclipse: darken; exceed in importance; outweigh

ecology: science of the relationships between organisms and their environments

ecstasy: intense joy or delight; any overpowering emotion

elaborate: marked by complexity and richness of detail; done with care and in minute detail

elaboration: production by gradual process; act of working out with great care in detail

elapse: slip or glide away; pass away silently

elastic: springing back; having the power of rebounding; able to return quickly to a former state or condition

elasticity: tendency of a body to return to its original shape after it has been stretched or compressed

elbow: hinge joint between the forearm and upper arm

ellipsis: omission of words from text; mark or series of marks used in writing to indicate omission

elliptical: rounded like an egg; in a shape reminding of an ellipse; oval

eloquence: powerful and effective language; persuasive speech

eloquent: vividly or movingly expressive; persuasive

elusive: difficult to describe; difficult to detect or grasp by mind

emancipate: free from bondage, oppression, or restraint; liberate

emancipation: freeing someone from the control of another

embargo: ban on commerce or other activity

embark: commence; go on board a boat or airplane; begin a journey

embarrass: humiliate; shame; cause to feel self-conscious or ill at ease; disconcert

embassy: diplomatic building where ambassadors live or work; diplomatic representatives headed by an ambassador

embody: give a bodily form to; represent in bodily or material form; incorporate

embrace: hug; adopt or espouse; accept readily; hold close with the arms, usually as an expression of affection

embroider: decorate with needlework; add details to

embroidery: elaboration by the use of decorative detail; ornamentation of fabric with needlework

eminent: standing out above other things; high in rank, office, or worth

emit: give off; send out; give out as sound

empirical: derived from experiment and observation rather than theory

enchant: charm by sorcery; get control of by magical words and rites

encircle: form a circle about; inclose within a circle or ring; surround

endanger: threaten; jeopardize; do something that may damage it or destroy it

endeavor: attempt by employing effort

endorse: acknowledge by signing a bill, draft, or other instrument

endorsement: act of endorsing; support; formal and explicit approval; signature that validates something

endow: grant; award; give qualities or abilities to

engrave: carve or cut into a block or surface, as used for printing; impress deeply as if by carving

engraving: practice of incising a design onto a hard, flat surface, by cutting grooves into it

engulf: absorb or swallow up as in a gulf; flow over or cover completely

enlighten: supply with light; illuminate, as the sun enlightens the earth; make clear to the intellect or conscience

enthusiasm: great excitement for or interest in a subject or cause; feeling of excitement

enthusiastic: having or showing great excitement and interest

entreat: plead; make earnest request of; ask for earnestly

entrust: give over something to another for care, protection, or performance; give as a trust to someone;

envy: malice; ill will; discontent or uneasiness at another's excellence or good fortune, accompanied with hatred

epidemic: outbreak of a contagious disease that spreads rapidly and widely; widely prevalent

episode: a brief section of a literary or dramatic work that forms part of a connected series

epoch: particular period of history, especially one considered remarkable

eradicate: completely destroy; eliminate; exterminate

erosion: corrosion; a gradual decline of something

errand: short trip taken to perform a specified task; mission; embassy

erupt: explode; burst out; become violently active

eruption: outbreak; sudden, often violent outburst

escalator: stairway whose steps move continuously on a circulating belt

escort: one who conducts someone as attendant; guard; protection, care, or safeguard on a journey

essay: effort made for performance of anything; short literary composition on a single subject

essence: most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience

essential: necessary; critical; vital; constituting or being part of the essence of something

esteem: regard with respect; favorable regard

eternal: forever; being without beginning or end; existing outside of time; infinite

evaporate: vaporize; disappear; change into a vapor

evaporation: process of extracting moisture

exalt: raise in rank or dignity; praise

exalted: superior; elevated in rank, character, or status; of high moral or intellectual value

exasperate: make worse; irritate; make very angry or impatient; annoy greatly

excel: be superior; distinguish oneself

excess: amount or quantity beyond what is normal or sufficient; surplus

excessive: extreme; inordinate; too much

excursion: trip; usually short journey made for pleasure

executive: role of government which makes sure that laws are carried out; administrator

exemplify: serve as an example of; embody

exempt: not subject to duty or obligation; not subject to taxation

exert: cause; apply; exercise

exertion: effort; expenditure of much physical work

exhaust: gases ejected from an engine as waste products ; use up the whole supply of

exhausted: depleted; tired

exhaustion: act of draining out or draining off; act of emptying completely of the contents; state of being exhausted or emptied

exhaustive: treating all parts or aspects without omission; comprehensive

exile: force separation from one's native country

exonerate: acquit; free from blame; discharge from duty

expedient: suitable; appropriate to a purpose; serving to promote your interest

expedite: process fast and efficiently; execute quickly and efficiently

expedition: journey organized for a particular purpose

expel: oust; discharge; force or drive out

expend: lay out, apply, or employ in any way; consume by use; use up or distribute, either in payment or in donations; spend

expenditure: payment or expense; output

exploit: make use of, sometimes unjustly

exploitation: unfair use of someone's work giving little in return

expose: set forth; set out to public view

exposition: exhibition; part of a play that provides the background information; opening section of a fugue

exposure: risk, particularly of being exposed to disease; unmasking; act of laying something open

expressive: demonstrative; indicative

expressly: particularly; specifically; in an explicit manner

exquisite: excellent; flawless; acutely perceptive or discriminating

exterior: outside; external or outward appearance

extinct: no longer existing or living; vanished; dead

extinction: death of all its remaining members

extinguish: quench; put out, as a light or fire; cause to die out; put an end to; destroy

extraordinary: exceptional; remarkable; beyond what is ordinary or usual

extravagant: wandering beyond one's bounds; exceeding due bounds; wild; excessive; unrestrained

fabric: cloth; stuff; artifact made by weaving or synthetic fibers; structure; framework

fabricate: build; put together out of components or parts

facilitate: help bring about; make less difficult

facility: service, space, and equipment provided for a particular purpose

faction: a party of persons having a common end in view

fade: disappear; die out; lose color; lose freshness

faint: lacking strength or vigor ; weak

faith: loyalty or allegiance to a cause or a person; complete confidence

faithful: believer; follower

fame: favorable public reputation; great renown

famine: shortage of food; starvation

fanatic: person who is zealously enthusiastic for some cause; showing evidence of possession by a god or demon

fancy: capricious notion; something many people believe that is false

fantastic: excellent; extraordinary; strange in form, conception, or appearance

fare: food and drink; diet; transportation charge; a paying passenger

farewell: acknowledgment at parting; goodbye; act of departing or taking leave

fascinate: cause to be interested or curious; captivate

fascination: capacity to attract intense interest

fasten: attach; affix

fathom: measure the depth; come to understand

fatigue: physical or mental weariness; exhaustion

feasible: capable of being accomplished or brought about

feast: a festival or holiday; festive or joyous meal; something highly agreeable; entertainment

feat: achievement; accomplishment

feeble: lacking vigor, force, or effectiveness; faint; frail

ferocious: fierce; savage; wild; indicating cruelty

ferry: shuttle; transport by boat or aircraft

fertile: rich; fruitful; inventive; creative; intellectually productive

fertilizer: any substance used to make soil more fertile

fervent: extremely hot; sincerely or intensely felt

feud: bitter quarrel between two parties

fierce: ferocious; savage; extremely severe or violent; terrible

fig: small fruit tree with large leaves, known from the remotest antiquity

figurative: not literal, but metaphorical; using figure of speech

figure: model of a bodily form; impression produced by a person; written or printed symbol representing a number

filth: foul matter; anything that soils or defiles; dirt; corruption; pollution

filthy: nasty; dirty; polluted; foul; impure

fir: any of various evergreen trees of the genus *Abies*

fishery: business or practice of catching fish; fishing; a place for catching fish; the right to take fish at a certain place

fist: hand with the fingers doubled into the palm; closed hand

flake: flat thin piece or layer; chip; small piece; small crystalline bit of snow

flame: stream of burning vapor or gas, emitting light and heat; passion of love

flap: flat, usually thin piece attached at only one side; act of waving or fluttering; blow given with something flat; slap

flare: sudden outburst of emotion; glare; shine; shine with sudden light

flask: a small bottle-shaped vessel for holding fluids; narrow-necked vessel of metal or glass

flatter: compliment someone, often insincerely and sometimes to win favor; enhance someone's vanity by praising them

flaw: crack or breach; gap or fissure; defect; fault; sudden burst of noise and disorder

flee: run away, as from danger or evil; avoid in alarmed or cowardly manner

fleece: rob; strip of money or other property unjustly, especially by trickery or fraud; ask unreasonable price

fleet: a group of steamships under the same ownership; a group of vessels or vehicles

flicker: flutter; flap the wings without flying; waver unsteadily, like a flame in a current of air

fling: throw with force or recklessness; throw or cast away; move in an abrupt

flock: group; herd; crowd; gather; crowd; throng

flour: fine powdery foodstuff; soft, fine powder

flourish: grow well; decorate with ornaments; be in a period of productivity

fluctuate: rise and fall in or as if in waves; shift; vary irregularly

fluctuation: a wave motion

fluency: quality of smoothness of flow; quality of being fluent in language

fluent: easy and graceful in shape; graceful; smooth and unconstrained in movement

flush: turn red, as from fever, embarrassment, or strong emotion; glow, especially with a reddish color; flow suddenly

flutter: vibrate or move quickly; drive in disorder; throw into confusion

flux: flowing; series of changes; state of being liquid through heat

foam: white substance, consisting of an aggregation of bubbles, which is formed on the surface of liquids

fodder: coarse food for cattle or horses

foe: enemy; one who entertains hatred, grudge; adversary

fog: droplets of water vapor suspended in air near ground ; haze

foggy: obscured by fog; indistinct or hazy in outline

fold: make something double; bend or lay so that one part covers the other

foliage: masses of leaves; a cluster of leaves, flowers, and branches

forefather: ancestor; forebear

foremost: leading; main; primary; first in time or place

foresee: anticipate; predict

foretell: tell of or indicate beforehand; predict

forge: workplace where metal is worked by heating and hammering

forgery: act of forging, especially the illegal production of something counterfeit

forgive: give wholly; cease to feel resentment against; excuse for a fault or an offense; give up; resign

formidable: arousing fear; threatening; difficult to undertake or defeat

forsake: leave someone who needs or counts on you

fort: a fortified defensive structure; permanent army post

forthcoming: ready or about to appear; making appearance

fortitude: bravery; force; power to attack or to resist attack

fortnight: a period of fourteen consecutive days

fortress: fort; castle; fortified place, especially a large military stronghold, often includes a town

fossil: remnant; remains of a plant or animal that existed in a past geological age

foster: rear; promote the growth of; help develop

foul: act that violates of the rules of a sport

fountain: spring of water issuing from the earth; artificially produced jet or stream of water

fraction: segment; fragment; a small proportion of

fracture: break into pieces; crack; destroy; violate or abuse

fragile: easy to destroy, delicate, not strong

fragment: small part broken off or detached; fraction

fragrance: scent; aroma; distinctive odor that is pleasant

fragrant: pleasant-smelling; odorous

frail: physically weak; easily broken

fret: cause to be uneasy; wear away

friction: clash in opinion; rubbing against; conflict

frightening: inspiring with fear; causing fear; of capable of causing fear; scary

fringe: margin; periphery; decorative border of hanging threads, cords, or strips, often attached to a separate band

frontier: part of a country which fronts or faces another country or an unsettled region; border, confine, or extreme part of a country

frost: ice crystal; weather cold enough to cause freezing; provide with a rough surface or appearance

frown: look angry; wrinkle one's forehead; regard something with disapproval or distaste

frugal: sparing; economical; costing little; inexpensive

frustrate: make null; bring to nothing; prevent from taking effect or attaining fulfillment

frustration: disappointment; failure; act of frustrating

fumble: feel or grope about; make awkward attempts to do or find something; play childishly; \turn over and over

funeral: ceremony held in connection with burial; burial procession accompanying body to grave; end of existence

furious: extreme anger; raging; full of activity; energetic or rapid

furnace: enclosed place in which heat is produced; place or time of punishment or great trial

furnish: provide; supply; equip with what is needed, especially to provide furniture for

furniture: movable articles in a room or an establishment that make it fit for living or working

furrow: trench in the earth made by a plow; any trench, channel, or groove, as in wood or metal; wrinkle on the face

further: get greater distance; make more in advance

furthermore: in addition; moreover

fury: violent anger; rage; uncontrolled action; turbulence

fuse: combine; blend; become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

fuss: angry disturbance; excited state of agitation; needlessly nervous or useless activity; protest; quarrel

fussy: easily upset; given to bouts of ill temper; full of superfluous details

gale: very strong wind; gust of wind; emotional outburst as laughter or tears

gallop: move or run rapidly or carelessly, as by a quadruped, particularly by a horse lifting alternately the fore feet and the hind feet, in successive leaps or bounds

gang: group of criminals who band together for mutual protection and profit; herd of buffalo or elk

gaol: place of confinement, especially for minor offenses or provisional imprisonment

gap: opening through mountains; pass; conspicuous difference or imbalance

garment: any article of clothing, as coat or gown

gaze: fix the eyes in a steady and earnest look; look with eagerness or curiosity, as in admiration, astonishment

gem: precious stone; jewel; pearl or mineral that has been cut and polished for use as an ornament

genius: exceptional creative ability; unusual mental ability; someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field

genuine: authentic; real; true

gigantic: exceedingly large; huge; very large or extensive

giggle: laugh with short catches of the breath or voice; laugh in light, affected, or silly manner

ginger: plant of the genus *Zingiber*, of the East and West Indies

gleam: cause to emit a flash of light

glide: slide; move in a smooth, effortless manner

glimpse: glance; a quick look ; see briefly; a brief or incomplete view

glisten: sparkle or shine, especially shine with a mild, subdued, and fitful luster; emit a soft, scintillating light; gleam

glitter: bright, sparkling light; brilliant and showy luster; brilliancy

gloom: partial or total darkness; thick shade; obscurity; shady, gloomy, or dark place or grove; cloudiness or heaviness of mind

gloomy: imperfectly illuminated; dusky; dim; clouded

glorify: cause to seem more splendid; beautify

glorious: having or deserving glory; famous; characterized by great beauty and splendor; magnificent; wonderful

glossary: brief explanation of words, often placed at back of book

glow: shine with an intense or white heat; give forth vivid light and heat; exhibit a strong, bright color

glue: be fixed as if by sticky substance; join or attach with or as if sticky substance

glut: fill beyond capacity, especially with food; swallow greedily

gnaw: bite or chew on with the teeth

gorge: stuff oneself; overeat; make a pig of oneself

gorgeous: dazzlingly beautiful; magnificent

gossip: rumor; malicious report about other people; light informal conversation for social occasions

gown: loose, flowing upper garment; ordinary outer dress of woman; official robe of certain professional men

grab: take or grasp suddenly; snatch; capture

gracious: beneficent; merciful; disposed to show kindness or favor

grand: large and impressive in size, scope, or extent

granite: common, coarse-grained, light-colored, hard igneous rock consisting chiefly of quartz; unyielding endurance

grasp: grip; take hold of or seize firmly with or as if with the hand

grasshopper: terrestrial plant-eating insect; young student in initial stages of training

grateful: thankful; appreciative of benefits received

gratify: give pleasure to; satisfy; indulge; make happy

gratis: free, without charge; costing nothing

gratitude: state of being grateful; warm and friendly feeling toward a benefactor; thankfulness

grave: place for the burial; death or extinction

gravel: small stones, or fragments of stone; very small pebbles, often intermixed with particles of sand

graze: scrape gently; feed on growing grasses and herbage

grease: oil; fat; state of being covered with unclean things

greedy: wanting to get more than one can reasonably get

greenhouse: house in which tender plants are cultivated and sheltered from the weather

grief: pain of mind; mental suffering arising from any cause, as misfortune, loss of friends; sorrow; sadness

grieve: cause to be sorrowful; distress

grim: unrelenting; rigid; dismal and gloomy; cold and forbidding

grin: act of withdrawing lips and showing teeth; broad smile

grind: crush; scrape; reduce to small pieces or particles by pounding or abrading

grip: hold fast or firmly; seize as in a wrestling match

groan: give forth a low, moaning sound in breathing

groove: long narrow furrow or channel; settled routine; very pleasurable experience

grope: search blindly or uncertainly; reach about uncertainly; feel one's way

gross: of huge size; excessively large; coarse; rough; not fine or delicate

grove: group of trees smaller than a forest; orchard

growl: utter a deep guttural sound, as angry dog; give forth an angry, grumbling sound; emit low guttural sound

grudge: be unwilling or reluctant to give or admit; be envious; show discontent

grumble: utter or emit low dull rumbling sounds

guarantee: pledge that something will happen or that something is true

guardian: one who guards, preserves, or secures; one who has, or is entitled to custody of person or property

guilt: state of one who has broken a moral or political law; crime; criminality; offense against right

guilty: deserving of blame; adjudged to have committed crime

gulf: an arm of a sea or ocean partly enclosed by land; larger than a bay

gulp: swallow; utter or make a noise, as when swallowing too quickly

gust: blast; outburst

gutter: channel at the eaves of a roof for conveying away the rain; eaves channel; eaves trough

gymnasium: place or building where athletic exercises are performed; a school for gymnastics

gymnastics: sport that involves exercises intended to display strength and balance and agility

habit: established disposition of the mind or character; distinctive dress, especially of a religious order

haggard: wasted away; showing wearing effects of overwork or suffering

haggle: argue about prices; bargain, as over the price of something

hail: call for; salute; greet; praise vociferously

hairy: bearing or covered with hair; made of or resembling hair; rough with hair

hallmark: sign; feature; mark indicating quality or excellence

hamper: put at disadvantage; prevent progress or free movement of

handful: a small number

handicap: disadvantage; physical disability; cripple; hinder; impede

haphazard: not thorough, constant or consistent; by chance

harbor: provide a refuge for; hide; give shelter to

harden: become hard or harder

hardy: in robust and good health; able to survive under unfavorable conditions

harmonious: concordant; accordant; suitable and fitting

harmony: compatibility in opinion and action; an agreeable sound property

harness: stable gear consisting of an arrangement to an animal so that it can be attached to and pull a cart

harsh: rough; coarse; severe; unpleasantly stern

harvest: gather; yield from plants in a single growing season

haste: hurry; rapidity of action or motion

hasten: accelerate; quicken

hasty: easily angered; irritable; made too quickly to be accurate or wise

hatch: breed; emerge from the egg

haughty: high; lofty; bold; arrogant; overbearing

haul: draw slowly or heavily; pull or drag forcibly; shift direction

haunt: be a regular or frequent visitor to a certain place; bother; disturb

hay: grass or other plants, cut and dried for fodder

hazard: danger; risk

heading: course or direction in which a ship or aircraft is moving; title, subtitle, or topic that stands at the top or beginning

headlong: uncontrollably forceful or fast; done with head leading; headfirst

heal: cure; make or get healthy again

heap: crowd or throng; a great number of persons; pile or mass

heave: cause to move upward or onward by a lifting effort; lift; raise; hoist; throw

hedge: thicket of bushes, usually thorn bushes

hedgehog: small European insectivore, and other allied species of Asia and Africa, having the hair on the upper part of its body mixed with prickles or spines

heed: pay attention to; listen to and consider

heel: back part of the human foot; lower end of a ship's mast

heighten: enhance; hoist; raise or increase the quantity or degree of; intensify

heir: person who inherits some title or office

heiress: woman who is an heir, especially to great wealth

helicopter: aircraft without wings that obtains its lift from the rotation of overhead blades

hell: place of the dead, or of souls after death where sinners suffer eternal punishment; any place of pain and turmoil

helmet: defensive covering for head; hat, made of cork, felt, or metal, worn as uniform of soldiers, firemen

hemisphere: halves; half of a sphere bounded by a great circle

hence: from this place; from this time; from this reason; as an inference or deduction

henceforth: from this time forward; henceforward

herald: proclaim; announces important news; messenger

herb: plant lacking a permanent woody stem, some having medicinal properties

herd: flock; crowd; group of cattle or other domestic animals

hideous: frightful, shocking, or offensive to the eyes; offensive to moral sensibilities; despicable

hijack: stop and rob a vehicle in transit; seize control of by use of force

hike: long walk usually for exercise or pleasure

hinder: put at a disadvantage; tie up; hamper; prevent the progress

hindrance: something that holds back or causes problems with something else; obstacle

hinge: a joint that holds two parts together so that one can swing relative to the other

hint: allusion; clue; brief or indirect suggestion

hinterland: region; remote and undeveloped area

hiss: prolonged sound like that letter s, made by forcing out the breath between the tongue and teeth

hitchhike: travel by getting free rides from passing vehicles; be carried along with something else

hitherto: to this place; to a prescribed limit; up to this time; as yet; until now

hoarse: having a harsh, rough, grating voice or sound, as when affected with a cold; making a rough, harsh cry or sound

hobby: auxiliary activity; activity or interest pursued outside one's regular occupation

hoe: weed, cultivate, or dig up with a tool, which has flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle

hoist: raise; lift; elevate

hold: keep from departing; take and maintain control over; stop dealing with

hollow: sound as if echoing in a empty space; void; vain; not solid; having a space or gap or cavity

homely: of home; domestic; familiar; intimate; plain; unpretending; rude in appearance; unpolished

hook: a piece of metal, or other hard material, bent into curve or at angle, for catching, holding, or sustaining anything

hop: move by successive leaps, as toads do; spring or jump on one foot

horn: one of the bony outgrowths on the heads of certain ungulates

hose: a flexible pipe for conveying a liquid or gas

hospitable: disposed to treat guests with warmth and generosity; receptive

hospitality: act or practice of one who is hospitable; reception and entertainment of strangers or guests without reward

hostile: unfriendly; showing the disposition of an enemy

hound: a variety of domestic dog, having large, drooping ears; side bar used to strengthen portions of gear of a vehicle

hover: hang about; wait nearby; remain floating

howl: utter a loud, mournful sound or cry, as dogs and wolves often do; utter a sound expressive of distress; cry aloud and mournfully

hull: outer covering of anything, particularly of a nut or of grain; outer skin of a kernel; husk

hum: low, prolonged sound; humming noise; singing with shut mouth

humane: marked by kindness, mercy, or compassion

humanitarian: philanthropic; one devoted to the promotion of human welfare and to social reforms

humanity: kindness; virtue; all of the inhabitants of the earth

humble: low or inferior in station or quality; modest

humid: containing a high amount of water or water vapor

humidity: dampness; moisture

humiliate: cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of

humorous: employing or showing humor; funny; amusing

hunger: strong desire for something; feel the need to eat

hurl: throw with great force; cast; toss

husband: use economically; conserve; save

hush: make silent or quiet; keep from public knowledge; suppress mention of

hustle: bustle; cause to move furtively and hurriedly

hydrogen: a nonmetallic univalent element that is normally a colorless and odorless highly flammable diatomic gas

hygiene: cleanliness; sanitation

hymn: song of praise or adoration, especially, a religious ode, a sacred lyric

hypocrisy: act or practice of a hypocrite

hypothesis: assumption; theory

hypothetical: based on assumptions; supposed

hysteria: behavior exhibiting excessive or uncontrollable emotion, such as fear or panic; mental disorder

idiom: expression whose meaning differs from meanings of its individual words; distinctive style

idiomatic: having the nature of an idiom; characteristic of a given language

idle: useless; vain; trifling; unprofitable; thoughtless; given rest and ease; avoiding work or employment; lazy

idol: image used for worship; image of divinity; representation or symbol; false notion or conception

ignite: kindle; cause to start burning; set fire to

ignorance: lack of knowledge or education

ignorant: lacking education or knowledge; unaware

ignore: refuse to pay attention to; disregard; overlook; neglect

illusion: misleading vision; being deceived by a false perception or belief

illusive: deceptive; misleading; based on or having the nature of an illusion

imitate: copy the actions, appearance, mannerisms, or speech of; mimic; use or follow as a model

imitation: emulation; copying the actions of someone else

immense: enormous; boundless; so great as to be beyond measurement

immerse: plunge into anything, especially a fluid; sink; dip

immoral: not moral; contrary to conscience or the divine law; wicked; unjust; dishonest

immortal: not mortal; exempt from liability to die; undying; imperishable; lasting forever

impart: reveal or tell; grant a share of; bestow

impartial: not biased; fair; showing lack of favoritism

imperative: having power command or control; critically importance; some duty that is essential and urgent

implication: something hinted at or suggested; act of implying; condition of being implied

implore: beg for urgently; make an earnest appeal

imply: express or indicate indirectly; signify

impose: demand; force; compel to behave in a certain way

imprisonment: confinement; putting someone in prison or in jail as lawful punishment

impulse: act of applying force suddenly; an impelling force or strength

inaugurate: start; initiate; induct into office by formal ceremony

incense: enrage; infuriate; cause to be extremely angry

incentive: something, such as the fear of punishment or the expectation of reward

inclination: preference; tendency; inclined surface; slope

incline: cause to lean, slant, or slope; deviate from the horizontal or vertical

inclined: tending or leaning toward; bent; having preference or tendency

incredible: unbelievable; beyond belief or understanding

incredulous: difficult to believe; incredible; skeptical

indebted: morally, socially, or legally obligated to another; under a legal obligation to someone

indent: nick; set in from margin; impress or stamp

indifference: unconcern; disinterest; lack of enthusiasm

indifferent: having no particular interest or concern; being neither good nor bad

indigestion: a disorder of digestive function; difficulty in digesting

indignant: affected with indignation; wrathful; passionate; irate; feeling wrath by unworthy or unjust treatment

indignation: anger aroused by something unjust

indispensable: essential; requisite; impossible to be omitted or remitted

individual: single person or thing; human regarded as a unique personality

induce: persuade; bring about; reason or establish by induction

inducement: act of inducing, or the state of being induced; a motive or consideration that leads one to action or induces one to act

indulge: be complacent toward; give way to; not to oppose or restrain; yield to the desire of

industrious: diligent; hard-working; busy and laborious

inertia: property of matter by which it tends when at rest to remain so, and when in motion to continue in motion, and in the same straight line or direction

infer: deduce; conclude from evidence or premises; lead to as a consequence or conclusion

inference: inferring by deduction or induction; truth or proposition drawn from another which is admitted or supposed to be true; conclusion; deduction

inferior: poor; lower than a given reference point; low or lower in order, degree, or rank

inferiority: state of being lower than or not as good as

inflation: general increase in the prices of goods and services in a country

inflict: impose something unpleasant; cause

influence: power affecting person or thing; effect of one thing on another; flowing in or upon; influx

influential: important; powerful; having or exercising influence or power

influenza: an acute febrile highly contagious viral disease

inform: impart information to; make aware of something; be a pervasive presence in; animate

informal: absence of ceremony; casual

informative: instructive; illustrative; providing or conveying information

infringe: act contrary to, as a law, right, or obligation; annul or hinder

ingenious: clever; having inventive or cunning mind

ingenuity: quality or power of ready invention; quickness or acuteness in forming new combinations

inhabit: live in; occupy; reside in

inhabitant: resident; someone or thing who lives in a place

inherent: firmly established by nature or habit

inherit: receive from an ancestor by legal succession or will; receive by bequest or as a legacy

injustice: unjust act; practice of being unjust or unfair

inland: within the land; more or less remote from the ocean or from open water; interior

innovate: change or alter by bringing in something new

innovation: introduction of something new

innumerable: countless; numerous

inquire: ask a question; seek for truth or information by putting queries

inquiry: investigation; search for knowledge

insane: exhibiting disordered of mind; deranged in mind; very foolish

insolvent: bankrupt; unable to repay one's debts

inspiration: sudden intuition as part of solving a problem; arousing to a particular emotion or action

inspire: encourage; inspirit; fire the imagination of

installment: monthly payment; a part of a published serial

instinct: inborn pattern of behavior ; nature

instinctive: unthinking; prompted by instinct; spontaneous

instrument: tool; one used by another to accomplish a purpose; device used to produce music; legal document

instrumental: serving or acting as a means or aid; helpful; relating to musical instruments

insulate: make an island of; place in a detached situation, or in a state having no communication with surrounding objects; isolate; separate

insulation: act of insulating; separation; state of being detached, from other objects

interfere: disrupt; hinder; be or create a hindrance or obstacle

interference: obstruction; prevention; act or an instance of hindering, obstructing, or impeding

interior: inside; inner part; internal; inner

intermediate: middle; lying between two extremes

intervene: get involved; come, appear, or lie between two things

intimate: give to understand; imply as a possibility; make known subtly and indirectly

inundate: overwhelm; cover with water, especially floodwaters

invaluable: valuable under estimation; inestimable; priceless

invariably: constantly; always

inverse: opposite; reversed in order, nature, or effect; turned upside down

irony: expression by deliberate contrast between apparent and intended meaning; witty language used to insult

irrevocable: unalterable; irreversible; impossible to retract or revoke

irrigate: supply land with water artificially; clean a wound with a fluid

irrigation: supplying water to the land to help crops grow

irritate: rouse to impatience or anger; annoy; provoke

ivory: teeth of elephant

jam: crush or bruise; get stuck; press tightly together

jar: pitcher; vase; small, cylindrical container for food, normally made of glass or clay

jealous: resentful or bitter in rivalry; envious

jealousy: envy; jealous attitude or disposition

jelly: substance having the consistency of semi-solid foods

jeopardize: endanger; imperil; put at risk

jerk: pull, or move with a sudden movement; move with abrupt, seemingly uncontrolled motions

jettison: throw overboard; eject from boat, submarine, aircraft, or spaceship

jog: run or ride at a steady slow trot; give a push or shake to

jumble: assemble without order or sense; confused multitude of things; chaos; mess; mixture

jury: committee appointed to judge a case

juvenile: youth; adolescent; not fully grown or developed

kangaroo: animal that having large powerful hind legs and a long thick tail

keen: acute; incisive; sharp ; express grief verbally

kerosene: flammable hydrocarbon oil used as fuel in lamps and heaters

kidney: glandular organ which excretes urea and other waste products from the animal body

kindle: build or fuel a fire; cause to glow; light up; inspire

kneel: bend the knee; fall or rest on the knees

knit: contract into wrinkles; grow together; form into fabric by intertwining

knob: hard protuberance; hard swelling or rising; bunch; lump

knot: fastening together of one or more threads, cords, ropes; lump or loop formed in thread; ornamental tie

laborer: worker; someone who works with their hands

lace: delicate decorative fabric woven in an open web of symmetrical patterns; rope; cord that is drawn through eyelets

lag: delay; drag; the act of slowing down or falling behind

lamb: the young of the sheep; simple, unsophisticated person

lame: moving with pain or difficulty because of injury; disabled so that movement is difficult or impossible

lap: take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently

lapse: gliding, slipping, or gradual falling; unobserved or imperceptible progress; slip or error; failing in duty

lark: any of various small, singing passerine birds of the family Alaudidae; one who wakes early; one who is up with the larks

latent: present or potential but not evident or active; dormant; hidden

latitude: freedom from normal restraints; angular distance north or south of the earth's equator

leaflet: small leaf; leaf like organ or part

league: association; union

lean: bend or slant away from the vertical; rely for assistance or support

leap: jump; hop; place jumped over or from

legend: explanatory list of symbols on a map; unverified story handed down from earlier times

legendary: mythical; fabled; extremely well known; famous or renowned

legislation: lawmaking; the act of making or enacting laws ; law enacted by a legislative body

legitimate: accordant with law; lawful; based on logical reasoning; reasonable

leopard: large feline of African and Asian forests usually having a tawny coat with black spots

lever: bar, applied to a rotator piece to turn it

levy: impose fine or tax; collect payment

lick: draw or pass the tongue over; pass or lap quickly and rapidly; beat thoroughly in a competition or fight

limb: arm; leg; any of the main branches arising from the trunk or a bough of a tree

limestone: rock consisting chiefly of calcium carbonate or carbonate of lime

limousine: any of various large passenger vehicles, especially a luxurious automobile; van or small bus on regular route

limp: walk lamely, especially with irregularity, as if favoring one leg; move or proceed haltingly or unsteadily

linen: fabric woven with fibers from the flax plant; thread made from fibers of the flax plant

liner: vessel belonging to a regular line of packets, as ship or plane

linger: be slow in leaving; continue or persist; stay

linguistics: humanistic study of language and literature

literacy: reading and writing; ability to read and write

literal: according to the letter or verbal expression; exactly as stated

literally: with meaning; word for word; letter by letter

literary: knowledgeable about literature; of or relating to or characteristic of literature

literate: educated; schooled; one who can read and write

literature: imaginative or creative writing, especially of recognized artistic value; art or occupation of a literary writer

litter: make untidy by discarding rubbish carelessly; scatter about

livelihood: subsistence; financial means whereby one lives

lively: busy; energetic; vigorous

liver: large and complicated reddish-brown glandular organ located in upper right chest

livestock: any animals kept for use or profit

loaf: any thick lump, mass, or cake, especially, a large regularly shaped or molded mass, as of bread

lobby: a group of people who try to influence legislation; hall; room; a large entrance or reception room or area

lobster: any large macrurous crustacean used as food

locality: place; district; surrounding or nearby region; particular neighborhood

locomotive: of or relating to locomotion; a wheeled vehicle consisting of a self-propelled engine

locust: any one of numerous species of long-winged, migratory insects, of the family Acrididae

lodge: small house on the grounds of an estate or a park, used by a caretaker or gatekeeper

lodging: accommodation; lodging

lofty: high, tall, having great height; idealistic, implying over-optimism

longevity: long life; great duration of life; long duration or continuance, as in an occupation

longitude: an imaginary great circle on the surface of the earth passing through the north and south poles

loom: appear or take shape, usually in enlarged or distorted form

lounge: public room with seating where people can wait; living room; lobby

lumber: move heavily or clumsily; cut down timber of

luminous: shining; emitting light, especially emitting self-generated light

lump: a small mass of matter of irregular shape; irregular or shapeless mass; small cube of sugar

lunar: pertaining to the moon; affecting the moon

luxurious: rich and superior in quality; lavish

luxury: something that is an indulgence rather than necessity; excessively expensive

mackintosh: waterproof long coat made of rubberized cloth

magistrate: civil officer with power to administer and enforce law

magnificent: grand or noble in thought or deed; outstanding of its kind

magnify: intensify; increase; make greater in size; enlarge

magnitude: extent; greatness of rank, size, or position

maize: tall annual cereal grass bearing kernels on large ears

malady: disease, disorder, or ailment; unwholesome condition

malaise: general sense of depression or unease; vague feeling of bodily discomfort, as at beginning of illness

malice: enmity of heart; malevolence; ill will; spirit delighting in harm or misfortune to another

malicious: deliberately harmful; spiteful; proceeding from extreme hatred

manifest: clearly apparent to understanding; obvious

manifestation: revelation; indication of the existence, reality, or presence of something

manifesto: public declaration of principles; statement of policy

manipulate: operate with one's hands; control or play upon people, forces artfully

mansion: dwelling-house of the better class; a large or stately residence

marble: hard crystalline metamorphic rock that takes a high polish

margin: border; rim; room

marginal: of or pertaining to a margin; written or printed in the margin

marsh: swamp; bog; low lying wet land with grassy vegetation

marshal: put in order; arrange or place something in line

martyr: one who makes great sacrifices or suffers to further belief or principle; one who endures great suffering

marvel: wonder; strong surprise; astonishment

masculine: of the male sex; not female; having the qualities of a man

massacre: killing of a considerable number of human beings under circumstances of atrocity or cruelty

mast: fruit of the oak and beech, or other forest trees; nuts; acorns; a pole, or long, strong, round piece of timber, or spar, set upright in a boat or vessel, to sustain the sails, yards, rigging

mature: develop and reach maturity; grow old or older

maturity: state or quality of being mature; ripeness; full development; arrival of the time fixed for payment

meadow: tract of low or level land producing grass; any field on which grass is grown for hay

medieval: very old-fashioned; as if belonging to the Middle Ages

meditate: dwell on anything in thought; think seriously; keep the mind fixed upon; purpose; intend

meditation: lengthy intent consideration; long and thoughtful observation; contemplation of spiritual matters

meek: quiet and obedient; showing patience and humility

melancholy: gloomy; feeling of thoughtful sadness; affected by depression

melody: tune; pleasing succession or arrangement of sounds; poem suitable for setting to music or singing

menace: danger; a threat or the act of threatening; something that is a source of danger; threaten; intimidate

mend: make repairs or restoration to; fix; improve

mercantile: trading; commercial; of or relating to trade or traders

merchandise: objects for sale; goods

merchant: one who traffics on a large scale, especially with foreign countries; trafficker; trader

mercy: compassionate treatment of unfortunate and helpless; willingness to spare or to help; disposition to be kind

merit: virtue; admirable quality or attribute; credit

mermaid: legendary sea creature having the head and upper body of a woman and the tail of a fish

mess: soft semi liquid food; a quantity of food set on a table at one time; provision of food for one meal

meticulous: excessively careful; marked by extreme care in treatment of details

metropolitan: city center; one who lives in a city center

migrant: habitually moving from place to place especially in search of seasonal work; wandering

miller: one who keeps or attends a flour mill or gristmill; milling machine

mince: cut into very small pieces; chop fine; suppress or weaken the force of

mingle: be all mixed up or jumbled together;

miniature: very small; model that represents something in a greatly reduced size

minor: of lesser importance or stature or rank; not of legal age; limited in size or scope

minority: a group of people who differ racially or politically from a larger group

miracle: wonderful thing; something that excites admiration or astonishment

miraculous: astonishing; amazing

miscarriage: failure of administration or management; failure to attain a desired result or reach a destination

mischievous: behavior that causes discomfiture or annoyance in another; tendency to play pranks or cause embarrassment

miserable: very unhappy; full of misery; wretched

misery: great unhappiness; extreme pain of body or mind

misfortune: bad fortune or ill luck; bad luck

misgiving: feeling of doubt, distrust, or apprehension

mishap: unfortunate accident; bad luck

mislead: deceive; misguide

missile: weapon that is thrown or projected; rocket carrying instruments or warhead

mission: assignment that is given to a person or group; operation that is assigned by a higher headquarters; job; task

mist: visible watery vapor suspended in atmosphere, at or near the surface of the earth; fog

moan: a low prolonged sound of grief or pain, whether articulate or not; groan softly and continuously

mock: treat with ridicule or contempt; mimic; frustrate hopes of

moderate: temperate; gentle; mild; make less fast or intense ; preside over

modest: humble; less ambitious; moderate

modulate: tone down in intensity; regulate; change from one key to another

module: standard or unit of measurement; self-contained component of a system; unit of education covering a single topic

moist: slightly wet; damp or humid

moisture: wetness caused by water

molecular: of molecules; relating to simple or basic structure or form

molecule: the smallest particle of substance, having all the properties of that substance

momentary: done in a moment; continuing only a moment; lasting a very short time

momentous: very important; of outstanding significance or consequence

monarch: king; sole and absolute ruler; sovereign, such as a king or empress

monastery: house of religious retirement, or of seclusion from ordinary temporal concerns, especially for monks

monetary: of or relating to money; nation's currency; financial

monitor: observe; watch; keep an eye on

monopolize: dominate; occupy; have and control fully and exclusively

monopoly: exclusive control or possession of something; domination

monotonous: boring; dull; tediously repetitious or lacking in variety

monotony: uniformity or lack of variation; continual increase, or continual decrease; tedium as a result of repetition

monstrous: marvelous; strange; extraordinary on account of ugliness, viciousness, or wickedness

monument: structure erected to commemorate persons or events; memorial

monumental: massive; taking a great amount of time and effort to complete; in manner of a monument

moor: dark-colored person generally; broad area of open land, often high but poorly drained

morale: confidence; mood or spirit of a group that makes the members want the group to succeed

morality: set of social rules, customs, traditions, beliefs, or practices which specify proper, acceptable forms of conduct

mortal: man, human being; liable or subject to death; accompanying death

motto: short, suggestive expression of a guiding principle; maxim

mould: crumbling, soft, friable earth; soil

mount: go up or advance; fix onto a backing; put up or launch

mourn: express or to feel grief or sorrow; grieve; be sorrowful

mournful: feeling or expressing sorrow or grief; sad; gloomy

mourning: expression of deep sorrow because someone has died

moustache: hair growing on the human upper lip, especially when cultivated and groomed

muffle: bare end of nose between nostrils

muffler: heavy scarf worn around the neck for warmth; anything used in muffling; part of the exhaust pipe of a car that dampens the noise

multitude: a great number; many

municipal: metropolitan; civic; having local self-government

murmur: make low, confused, and indistinct sound, like that of running water

muscular: having or suggesting great physical power; of or relating to or consisting of muscle

muse: be absorbed in one's thoughts; consider or say thoughtfully

mushroom: multiply, grow, or expand rapidly

mute: refraining from producing speech or vocal sound; unable to speak; expressed without speech; unspoken

mutton: sheep; flesh of a sheep; loose woman; prostitute

myriad: of very large or indefinite number; of ten thousand

mysterious: beyond ordinary understanding

myth: legend; fable; a traditional story accepted as history

mythology: study of myths; collection of myths

nap: a period of time spent sleeping

narrator: someone who tells a story

nasty: very dirty, foul; disgusting; nauseous

nausea: feeling of sickness in stomach by an urge to vomit; strong aversion; disgust

naval: relating to, or adjacent to the sea; relating to marine shipping or navigation

navigable: wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; able to be steered

needy: poor; indigent; being in need; impoverished

negate: cancel out; make ineffective or invalid; deny

negation: act of denying; assertion of the nonrealistic or untruthfulness of anything

negative: adverse; involving disadvantage or harm; pessimistic

neglect: disregard; ignore; pay little or no attention to

negligence: neglect; failure to take reasonable care; state or quality of being negligent

negligent: careless; inattentive

negligible: so small, trifling, or unimportant that it may be easily disregarded

neutral: impartial; not supporting one side over another

neutron: elementary particle with 0 charge and mass about equal to a proton

nevertheless: not the less; notwithstanding; in spite of that; yet

nickel: coin worth one twentieth of a dollar

nitrogen: colorless nonmetallic element, tasteless and odorless, comprising four fifths of the atmosphere by volume

nobility: quality or state of being noble; superiority of mind or of character; commanding excellence; eminence

nominal: in name only; insignificantly small

nominate: designate; appoint

nomination: act of naming or nominating; designation of a person as a candidate for office

nonsense: silliness; words or signs having no intelligible meaning

notorious: disreputable; known widely and usually unfavorably; infamous

notwithstanding: nevertheless; in spite of

nought: nonexistence; nothingness; zero

nourish: provide with nourishment; provide with food or other substances necessary for life and growth

nourishment: a source of materials to nourish the body

novel: previously unknown; strikingly new, unusual, or different; young

novelty: quality of being novel; newness; something new and unusual

nuclear: of, relating to, or forming a nucleus of an atom; pertaining to, or using nuclear weapons

nucleus: central or essential part around which other parts are gathered or grouped; core

nuisance: something that annoys or gives trouble and vexation; something that is offensive or noxious

null: invalid; void; nullified; having no legal force; invalid

nullify: make invalid; make null; invalidate; counteract force or effectiveness of

nylon: any of a family of high-strength, resilient synthetic polymers

oak: any tree or shrub of the genus *Quercus*; durable wood of any of these trees or shrubs

oar: long, thin, usually wooden pole with a blade at one end, used to row or steer a boat

oath: solemn promise; commitment to tell the truth

obedient: subject in will or act to authority; willing to obey; submissive to restraint, control, or command

obligation: act of binding oneself by a social, legal, or moral tie; written promise to repay a debt

oblige: force; bind by an obligation; cause to be indebted; do a service or favor for

obliterate: destroy completely; do away with completely so as to leave no trace

oblong: having greater length than breadth, especially when rectangular

obscure: darken; make dim or indistinct; conceal in obscurity

observance: act or practice of observing or noticing with attention; an act, ceremony, or rite, as of worship or respect

obstinate: stubbornly adhering to an attitude or opinion; hard to control or treat

obstruction: act of obstructing; any structure that makes progress difficult

occur: take place; be found to exist ; come to one's mind

occurrence: an event that happens

odour: any smell, whether fragrant or offensive; scent; perfume

offence: act of causing anger, resentment, displeasure, or affront; violation or infraction of moral or social code

offend: strike against; attack; assail; make angry; affront

offensive: causing anger, displeasure, resentment, or affront

offspring: descendant

omen: any indication or action regarded as a foreshowing; phenomenon supposed to portend good or evil

ominous: threatening; foreshadowing evil or tragic developments

omission: act of omitting; neglect or failure to do something required by propriety or duty

omit: leave undone or leave out ; bypass; neglect; fail to include or mention

onset: beginning or early stages; offensive against enemy

opaque: impenetrable by light; not transparent; not reflecting light; having no luster

opera: a drama set to music and consists of singing

operative: having power of acting; exerting force, physical or moral; active in the production of effects

opportune: timely; just in time; suited or right for a particular purpose

opportunity: favorable or advantageous circumstance; chance for progress or advancement

optimistic: hopeful; positive; expecting the best in all possible ways

optimum: most favorable or advantageous

orbit: path; circle; move in an orbit; encircle

orchard: garden; area of land devoted to the cultivation of fruit or nut trees

orchestra: band

orderly: conformed to order; in order; regular; well-regulated

ore: mineral that contains metal that is valuable enough to be mined

ornament: decoration; something used to beautify

ornamental: decorative; any plant grown for its beauty or ornamental value

outcome: result; end or consequence; result of a random trial

outermost: far most; utmost; outmost; most distant from the center or inside

outlandish: unconventional; strikingly unfamiliar; located far from civilized areas

outlaw: person excluded from the benefit of the law, or deprived of its protection; fugitive from the law; habitual criminal

outlet: an opening that permits escape or release; activity that releases creative energy or emotion

outline: line that appears to bound an object

outrage: act of extreme violence or viciousness; offense

outrageous: of the nature of an outrage; exceeding the limits of right, reason

outright: altogether; entirely; without reservation or exception

outset: beginning; start; origin; time at which something is supposed to begin

oval: elliptic; rounded like an egg

overcast: covered or obscured, as with clouds or mist; gloomy; melancholy

overcome: defeat another in competition or conflict; conquer; prevail over

overhear: hear more of anything than was intended to be heard; hear again

overlook: ignore; disregard; fail to notice ; watch over

overseas: beyond or across the sea; abroad

oversight: unintentional omission or mistake; watchful care or management; supervision

overtake: come up with in a course, pursuit, progress, or motion; catch up with; come upon from behind; capture; overcome

overthrow: throw over; overturn; upset; turn upside down; cause to fall or to fail

overwhelm: defeat; cover completely or make imperceptible; overcome by superior force ; charge someone with too many tasks

overwhelming: overpowering in effect or strength; very great or intense; extreme

owl: any species of raptorial birds of the family Strigidae

oxide: binary compound of oxygen with an atom or radical, or a compound which is regarded as binary

oxygen: a nonmetallic bivalent element that is normally a colorless odorless tasteless nonflammable diatomic gas

oyster: marine mollusks having a rough irregular shell

pale: not ruddy; dusky white; pallid; not bright or brilliant

palm: inner surface of the hand between bases of fingers and wrist; tropical evergreen trees of the family Palmae

pamphlet: brochure; leaflet; a small book usually having a paper cover

pan: criticize harshly; wash in pan; cook in pan

pane: framed section of window or door that is filled with a sheet of glass or others; panel in a wall or door

panorama: complete view in every direction.

panoramic: related to unobstructed and comprehensive view; with a wide view

pant: breathe quickly or in a labored manner; respire with heaving of the breast; sigh

pantry: apartment or closet in which bread and other provisions are kept

pants: trousers; underwear; garment extending from waist to knee or ankle

par: amount or level considered to be average; standard; equality of status, level, or value

parachute: rescue equipment consisting of a device that fills with air and retards your fall

parade: march in a procession; ceremonial procession; visible display

paradise: garden of Eden; any place of complete delight and peace

paralyse: make unable to move or act; impair the progress or functioning of

parasite: animal or plant living on another

parliament: discussion; formal conference on public affairs; general council, especially an assembly of representatives of a nation

participant: people who take part in

participate: take part in something; share in something

particle: a tiny piece of anything

passion: strong feeling or emotion ; fervor

passionate: zealous; enthusiastic; filled with or motivated by zeal

passive: lacking in energy or will; peacefully resistant in response to injustice

pasture: field covered with grass; meadow

patent: open for the public to read; obvious; plain

pathetic: causing sadness, compassion, or pity

patriot: one who loves and defends his or her country

patriotic: inspired by love for one's country

patriotism: love of country; devotion to welfare of one's country; virtues and actions of patriot

patron: benefactor; regular customer

patronage: sponsorship; support; state of being a sponsor

peach: small tree in *Prunus persica* widely cultivated at temperate regions, having pink flowers and edible fruit

pebble: small smooth rounded rock

peck: pick; hit lightly with a picking motion; eat like a bird

peculiar: special; characteristic; unusual; odd; bizarre

peculiarity: eccentricity; oddness; an odd or unusual characteristic; private ownership; proprietorship

pedestrian: lacking wit or imagination; ordinary

peel: come off in flakes or thin small pieces; strip the skin off; get undressed

peer: gaze; stare; look searchingly; company with

pension: something paid or given; payment to a person in consideration of past services

perceive: become aware of through the senses; detect

perception: understanding; feeling; effect or product of perceiving

perch: a place high up; an elevated place serving as a seat

perfume: pleasing, agreeable scent or odor

peril: danger; risk; hazard; jeopardy; exposure of person or property to injury, loss, or destruction

perimeter: outer boundary length; closed curve bounding a plane area

perish: be destroyed; pass away; become nothing

perpendicular: vertical; upright; intersecting at or forming right angles; extremely steep

perpetual: everlasting; continuing without interruption

perplex: baffle; confuse

persecute: pursue in a manner to injure, grieve, or afflict; beset with cruelty or malignity; harass; annoy

persecution: act or practice of persecuting on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or beliefs that differ from those of the persecutor

perseverance: endurance; steady persistence in adhering to a course of action

persevere: endure; be persistent, refuse to stop

persist: continue; insist; persevere

persistence: endurance; tenacity; state or quality of being persistent; persistency

perspective: appearance of things; view, outlook, or vista

pertain: belong; have connection with, or dependence on

pertinent: having precise or logical relevance; pertaining or relating

perturb: disturb greatly; make uneasy or anxious; throw into great confusion

peruse: read or examine, typically with great care

pest: persistently annoying person; organism that injures livestock or crops

petition: plea; formal message requesting something

petroleum: dark oil consisting mainly of hydrocarbons

petty: trivial; of small importance; very small

phonetics: branch of acoustics concerned with speech processes including its production and perception and acoustic analysis

picturesque: scenic; striking or interesting in an unusual way

pier: landing place; platform built out from shore into water and supported by piles; provides access to ships

pigment: substance used as coloring; dry coloring matter

pilgrim: traveler; one who travels far, or in strange lands, to visit some holy place or shrine as a devotee

pill: a dose of medicine in the form of a small pellet; something that is unpleasant or offensive

pillar: column; post

pillow: a cushion to support the head of a sleeping person

pilot: one who guides a course of action for others; one who operates or is licensed to operate an aircraft in flight

pinch: clutch; squeeze between the thumb and a finger, the jaws of a tool, or other edges

pine: have desire for something or someone; yearn; grieve or mourn for

pineapple: large sweet fleshy tropical fruit with a terminal tuft of stiff leaves

pious: devout; religious; exhibiting strict, traditional sense of virtue and morality

pirate: robber on seas; one who by open violence takes the property of another on seas

pistol: the smallest firearm used, intended to be fired from one hand

piston: sliding piece which either is moved by, or moves against

pit: confront; set into opposition or rivalry

pitch: action or manner of throwing something

pitcher: container for liquids, having a handle and a lip or spout for pouring; player who throws the ball from the mound to the batter

plague: epidemic disease with a high death rate; annoyance

plantation: farm; an area under cultivation; a group of cultivated trees or plants

plaster: cover conspicuously, as by pasting something on; adhesive tape used in dressing wounds; a hardened surface as on a wall or ceiling

plastic: capable of being molded; capable of being shaped or formed; easily influenced

plateau: highland; upland; relatively flat highland

playwright: someone who writes plays

plea: request for help; excuse or pretext

plead: appeal or request earnestly; enter a plea; offer as an excuse

pledge: promise solemnly and formally; binding commitment to do something

plight: condition or state, especially a bad state or condition

plot: small extent of ground; secret scheme or strategy

plough: plow

pluck: pull or draw, especially, to pull with sudden force or effort, or to pull off or out from something

plug: something, such as a cork or a wad of cloth, used to fill a hole tightly; stopper

plumb: checking perpendicularity; exactly vertical

plumber: craftsman who installs and repairs pipes and fixtures and appliances

plume: feather, especially a soft, downy feather, or a long, conspicuous, or handsome feather; an ornamental tuft of feathers; token of honor or achievement

plump: sound of a sudden heavy fall; well-rounded and full in form

plunder: take goods of by force, or without right; spoil; sack; strip; rob

plunge: dive; submerge; become suddenly lower; decrease dramatically; throw oneself into a substance or place

ply: bend; lay on closely, or in folds; work upon steadily, or with repeated acts; press upon

pneumonia: inflammation of the lungs

poke: push at, as with a finger or an arm; search or look curiously; proceed in slow or lazy manner; thrust forward

polar: pertaining to one of the poles of the earth; of the poles

pole: a long rod; one of two divergent or mutually exclusive opinions

polish: remove flaws from; perfect or complete

poll: voting; survey; number of votes cast or recorded

ponder: weigh; weigh in the mind; view with deliberation; examine carefully; consider attentively

pony: small horse; small glass of beer; word for word translation of a foreign language text

porcelain: ceramic ware made of a more or less translucent ceramic

porch: covered and enclosed entrance to building; covered passage

pore: gaze intently; stare; scrutinize; read or study carefully and attentively

portrait: portraiture; picture; likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

portray: depict; describe; draw

posterity: descendants; future generations

postulate: essential premise; underlying assumption

pot: metallic or earthen vessel for boiling meat or vegetables, for holding liquids, or for plant

potent: powerful; having power to influence or convince; having great control or authority

potential: existing in possibility; expected to become or be

potentiality: inherent capacity for coming into being; an aptitude that may be developed

poultry: domestic fowls reared for eating, or for their eggs or feathers, such as cocks and hens, capons, turkeys, ducks, and geese

poverty: lack of money; state of being poor; lack of the means of providing material needs or comforts

prairie: treeless grassy plain; extensive area of flat or rolling

preach: advocate; speak, plead; argue in favor of

precaution: prevention; measure taken beforehand; act of foresight

precede: come before; antecede

precedence: fact, state, or right of preceding; priority; previous occurrence, or existence before; preceding act or speech

precedent: act or instance that may be used as example in subsequent similar cases

preceding: ahead; prior to

predecessor: former occupant of post; ancestor or forefather

predominant: most frequent or common; having superior power and influence

preferable: favored; better; more desirable or worthy than another; preferred

preference: a strong liking; favorite

prejudice: opinion formed without due examination; leaning toward one side of a question

prelude: introduction; forerunner; preliminary or preface

premature: too soon; too early; occurring before a state of readiness

premium: having or reflecting superior quality or value

preservation: conservation; protection

preserve: uphold; retain; maintain in safety from injury, peril, or harm

preside: be set, or to sit, in the place of authority; to occupy the place of president, chairman, moderator, director; direct, control, and regulate, as chief officer

prestige: impression produced by achievements or reputation; recognized distinction or importance

presumably: assumedly; supposedly

presume: take for granted as true in absence of proof; venture without authority

pretense: act of giving a false appearance; imaginative intellectual play

pretentious: intended to attract notice and impress others; making unjustified claims; overly ambitious

prevail: induce; be greater in strength or influence; triumph; win out

prevailing: most frequent; widespread; predominant

prevalent: widespread; widely or commonly occurring, existing, accepted

prey: target of a hunt; animal hunted or caught for food

prick: penetrate or puncture by a sharp and slender thing

prime: first in excellence, quality, or value; at the best stage; peak; first in degree or rank; chief

primitive: belonging to an early stage; simple or naive in style; primeval

principal: highest in rank, authority, character, importance, or degree

principle: basic truth or law or assumption; rule or law of nature; rule of personal conduct

probe: explore with tools; investigate; search

proceed: follow a certain course; move ahead; travel onward

proceeding: a sequence of steps by which legal judgments are invoked

proceeds: profit, money made from selling something; income arising from land or other property

procession: act of proceeding, moving on, advancing, or issuing; regular, orderly, or ceremonious progress; continuous course

proclaim: declare; announce

procure: bring into possession; cause to accrue to, or to come into possession of; cause to come; bring

proletarian: member of working class; blue collar person

prolong: make longer; draw out; lengthen

prominence: relative importance; property of being prominent; a standing out from the surface of something

prominent: conspicuous; immediately noticeable; sticking out; widely known

prone: inclined; lying face downward; having a tendency

propaganda: organization or plan for spreading a particular doctrine or a system of principles

propagate: cause something to multiply or breed; cause to extend to broader area or larger number

propel: drive forward; cause to move forward or onward; push

propeller: machine for propelling an aircraft or boat; one who propels

prophet: one who speaks by divine inspiration or as the interpreter through whom the will of a god is expressed

proportion: percentage; quotient obtained when a part is divided by the whole; part considered in relation to the whole

proposition: plan suggested for acceptance; a matter to be dealt with; subject for discussion or analysis

proprietor: one who has legal title to something; owner

proprietorship: an unincorporated business owned by a single person who is responsible for its liabilities and entitled to its profits

prose: essay; ordinary speech or writing; commonplace expression or quality

prosecute: seek to obtain or enforce by legal action; carry out or participate in an activity; be involved in

prosecutor: one who carries out legal action, especially criminal proceedings; one who prosecutes any purpose, plan, or business

prospect: possibility of future success; belief about future

prosperity: good fortune; financial success; physical well-being

prosperous: successful; thriving; having or characterized by financial success or good fortune

protein: any of a large group of nitrogenous organic compounds that are essential constituents of living cells

protocol: code of correct conduct ; rules governing socially acceptable behavior; record of transaction

prototype: original work used as a model; original type

provision: stipulated condition; act of supplying or fitting out; something provided

provisional: temporary; provided for present need only

provocation: unfriendly behavior that causes anger or resentment; aggravation

provoke: stir to anger; give rise to; stir to action or feeling

prudence: quality or state of being prudent; wisdom in the way of caution and provision; good judgment

prudent: cautious; careful in regard to one's own interests

psychology: science that deals with mental processes and behavior

pumpkin: usually large pulpy deep-yellow round fruit of the squash family

punch: blow; drive forcibly; pierce; hit with a sharp blow of the fist

pupil: a learner who is enrolled in an educational institution

puppy: young dog; pup; doll; puppet

purify: refine; make pure or free from sin or guilt; become clean

purity: condition of being pure; freedom from foreign admixture or deleterious matter; cleanness

purse: gather or contract into wrinkles or folds; contract one's lips into a rounded shape

pursue: follow in; go in search of or hunt for

pursuit: follow after; follow with a view to obtain; endeavor to attain

puzzle: difficult question or problem

pyramid: a massive memorial with a square base and four triangular sides; built as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

qualitative: relating to quality; having the character of quality

quantitative: expressed or expressible as a quantity; relating to measurement of quantity

quartz: a hard glossy mineral consisting of silicon dioxide in crystal form

quay: dock; landing place; reinforced bank where ships are loaded or unloaded

queer: odd or unconventional, as in behavior; eccentric; mysterious; suspicious; questionable

quench: put out a fire; extinguish; put an end to; destroy

quest: act of searching for something

quilt: bedding made of two layers of cloth filled with stuffing

quiver: shake with slight, rapid, tremulous movement

quota: limitation on imports; ration; prescribed number

quotation: passage or expression that is quoted or cited; practice of quoting from books

quote: cite or repeat a passage from; repeat or copy the words of another

racket: thin strip of wood, having the ends brought together, forming elliptical hoop, across which a network of catgut or cord is stretched; broad wooden shoe or pattern for a man or horse, to enable him to step on marshy or soft ground

radiant: brilliant; delighted

radical: drastic; extreme; arising from or going to a root or source; basic

radius: right line drawn or extending from the center of a circle to the periphery

rage: something that is desired intensely; state of extreme anger

rail: scold; express objections or criticisms in bitter, harsh, or abusive language

rally: call up or summon; call together for a common purpose

ramble: wander aimlessly; move about aimlessly; walk about casually or for pleasure

ranch: farm consisting of a large tract of land

random: without definite purpose, plan, or aim; having no specific pattern

rapture: seizing by violence; hurrying along; rapidity with violence; state or condition of being rapt, or carried away from one's self by agreeable excitement

ratify: approve formally; confirm; verify

ration: allotment; allowance; portion; allot; distribute in rations

rational: consistent with; based on; using reason

rattle: a rapid series of short loud sounds; loosely connected horny sections

ravage: bring heavy destruction on; devastate

readily: easily; quickly; in a prompt, timely manner; promptly

realm: kingdom; domain ruled by a king or queen

reap: gain; harvest a crop from; get or derive; obtain as a result of effort

reassure: give or restore confidence in; cause to feel sure or certain

rebel: one who takes part in an armed group against the constituted authority; revolt;

rebellion: organized opposition to authority

rebuke: scold harshly; criticize severely

recede: move back; retreat; withdraw a claim or pretension

receipt: act of receiving; acknowledgment of goods delivered or money paid

reception: act of receiving; manner in which something is greeted

receptionist: secretary whose main duty is to answer the telephone and receive visitors

recession: withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity

recipe: medical prescription; a set of directions for making or preparing something, especially food

recipient: receiver; one that receives or is receptive

reciprocal: concerning each of two or more persons or things; exchangeable; interacting

recite: repeat, as something already prepared, written down, committed to memory; rehearse, as a lesson to an instructor

reckless: headstrong; rash; indifferent to or disregarding of consequences

reckon: compute; take account of; have faith or confidence in

reclaim: bring into or return to a suitable condition for use; claim back; make useful again

recollection: memory; remembrance; power of recalling ideas to the mind

recompense: render an equivalent to, for service, loss; requite; remunerate; compensate; give in return; pay back

reconcile: correct inconsistencies; become friendly after a quarrel; become compatible or consistent

reconnaissance: gain information about enemy; inspection or exploration of an area

recourse: one that is turned or applied to for aid or security; resort for help or protection; access or admittance

recreation: amusement; entertainment

recruit: enlist; register formally as a participant; engage for military service

rectify: set right; correct by calculation or adjustment

recur: reappear; happen or occur again

recurrence: act of recurring, or state of being recurrent; return

redeem: purchase back; regain possession of by payment; ransom or rescue from captivity; pay penalty; make amends for

reed: tall woody perennial grasses with hollow slender stems

reef: chain or range of rocks lying at or near the surface of the water

reel: frame with radial arms, or a kind of spool, turning on axis, on which threads or lines are wound

refrain: abstain from; resist; hold oneself back

refreshment: activity that refreshes and recreates; snacks and drinks served as a light meal

refute: disprove; prove to be false or incorrect

regime: form of government; government in power; administration; prevailing social system or pattern

regiment: government; mode of ruling; rule; authority

rehearsal: act of rehearsing; exercise or practice to prepare for a public performance

rehearse: practice; drill; engage in preparation for a public performance

reign: sovereignty; rule; dominance or widespread influence

reimburse: pay back for some expense incurred

rein: strap or rope attached to the bridle or bit, used to control a horse or other animal; instrument or means of curbing, restraining, or governing

reinforce: give more force or effectiveness to; strengthen; enhance

reiterate: say, state, or perform again or repeatedly

rejoice: feel joy; experience gladness in a high degree; have pleasurable satisfaction; be delighted; enjoy

relinquish: give up something with reluctance; retire from; give up or abandon

relish: take keen or zestful pleasure in; enjoy the flavor of; give spice or flavor to

rely: rest with confidence; have confidence; depend

remarkable: worthy of notice; extraordinary

remedy: a medicine or therapy; ; cure; fix; repair; provide relief for

reminiscence: recollection; process of remembering

remit: send back; give up; surrender; resign; restore; transmit or send, especially as money in payment of a demand

remittance: transmitting money, bills, especially to a distant place, as in satisfaction of a demand, or in discharge of an obligation

remnant: remainder; small part or portion that remains after the main part no longer exists

renaissance: revival; renewal; revival of learning and culture

render: deliver; give or make available; provide; represent in a drawing or painting

repeal: revoke or annul, especially by official or formal act

repel: force or drive back; disgust; offer resistance to; fight against

repent: cause to feel remorse or regret; feel regret or self-reproach for

repetition: act of doing or performing again

replenish: fill or make complete again; add a new stock or supply to

reproach: express disapproval or disappointment; bring shame upon; disgrace

reptile: cold-blooded vertebrate including tortoises turtles snakes lizards alligators crocodiles

repudiate: disown; refuse to acknowledge; reject validity or authority of

repute: ascribe a particular fact or characteristic to; consider; suppose

requisite: necessary requirement; indispensable item

rescind: cancel; make void; repeal or annul

rescue: free from harm or evil; take from legal custody by force

resemblance: likeness; similarity in appearance or external or superficial details

resemble: be similar to; take after; look like

resent: feel bitter; consider as injury or affront; be in angry

resentment: indignation; deep sense of injury; strong displeasure

reservoir: tank used for collecting and storing a liquid; holding pond; lake used to store water for community use

reside: dwell; live in a place permanently or for an extended period

residence: official house; large house; act of dwelling in a place

resident: one who resides in a place permanently or for an extended period; dweller

resign: sign back; return by a formal act; yield to another; abandon

resignation: act of resigning or giving up, as a claim, possession, or office; surrender

resolute: firm, unyielding, or determined; having decided purpose

resolution: determination; resolving to do something; formal statement of a decision

resolve: determination; formal expression by a meeting; agreed to by a vote

resort: vacation spot; act of turning to for assistance

restless: never resting; unquiet; uneasy; continually moving; eager for change; discontented

restrain: keep under control; hold back ; place limits on

restraint: moderation or limitation; controlling force; loss of freedom; control of feelings

retain: keep; maintain possession of; hire by payment of a fee; keep in mind; remember

retort: reply, especially to answer in a quick, caustic, or witty manner

retroactive: extending in scope or effect to a prior time or to prior conditions

reveal: make known; disclose or show

revenge: do punishment in return for injury or insult; avenge

revenue: money which returns from an investment; annual income; reward

reverence: profound respect and esteem mingled with fear and affection, as for a holy being or place; disposition to revere; act of revering

reverse: overturn; turn inside out or upside down; turning in the opposite direction

revert: return to a former condition, practice, subject, or belief; backslide; turn back to

revive: restore from a depressed; renew

revoke: void or annul by recalling, withdrawing, or reversing; cancel; retract

revolt: organize opposition to authority; make revolution

rhythm: pattern; beat; recurring at regular intervals

rib: one of the curved bones attached to the vertebral column and supporting the lateral walls of the thorax

ribbon: fillet or narrow woven fabric, commonly of silk; narrow strip of fine material used for trimming

riddle: pierce with numerous holes; perforate; permeate or spread throughout

ridge: long, narrow upper section or crest; chain of hills or mountains

ridicule: words or actions intended to evoke contemptuous laughter; make fun of

ridiculous: completely lacking of wisdom or good sense

rifle: shoulder firearm with a long barrel

righteous: morally justified; equitable; free from wrong, guilt, or sin

rigor: strictness or severity, as in temperament, action, or judgment; something hard to endure

rigorous: full of rigors; harsh; rigidly accurate; precise

rim: border, edge, or margin of a thing, usually of something circular or curving

rinse: cleanse with water; flush; wash lightly without soap

riot: state of disorder involving group violence; rebellion

rip: tear or be torn violently; criticize or abuse strongly and violently

ripe: ready; fully developed; mature

ripen: grow ripe; cause to ripen or develop fully

ripple: form or display little undulations or waves on the surface, as disturbed water does

risky: involving risk or danger; hazardous

rival: compete; be equal to in quality or ability; match

rivalry: competition; the act of competing as for profit or a prize

roam: wander; ramble; stroll

roar: bellow; rumble; make a loud noise

roast: cook with dry heat, usually in an oven; subject to laughter or ridicule

robe: outer garment; dress of rich, flowing, and elegant style or make; dress of state, rank, office

rod: stick; a long thin implement made of metal or wood

roll: a list of names

rooster: adult male chicken

rot: become decomposed by a natural process; perish slowly; become corrupt

rouse: pull or haul strongly and all together, as upon a rope, without the assistance of mechanical appliances

rub: move over the surface with pressure and friction; spread a substance thinly over

ruin: fall or tumble down; destroy; devastate; exterminate

ruinous: causing, or tending to cause, ruin; destructive; baneful; pernicious

ruthless: pitiless; cruel; having no compassion or pity; merciless

sack: bag made of paper or plastic for holding customer's purchases; enclosed space

sacred: concerned with religion; worthy of respect or dedication

sacrifice: offering of something to god; victim offered to god; surrender or loss of profit for higher object

saddle: load or burden; put harness onto animal's back to ride

sag: sink, in the middle, by its weight or under applied pressure, below a horizontal line or plane

salmon: several species of fish of the Salmonidae family; reddish yellow or orange color, like the flesh of the salmon

salute: give a sign of good will; compliment by an act or ceremony, as a kiss, a bow; honor

sandy: loose and large-grained in consistency

sanitary: relating to health or the protection of health

sarcasm: cutting, often ironic remark intended to wound; stinging rebuke; form of humor by mocking with irony

sarcastic: ironic; expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds

satire: form of literature in which irony and ridicule are used to attack human vice and folly

sauce: stewed fruit served with other foods; appetizing ingredients for meat, fish or puddings

saucer: dish; small shallow dish having a slight circular depression in the center for holding a cup

savage: in a state of nature; wild; untamed; uncultivated; inhuman; brutal; not civilized; lacking polish; rude

scandal: publicized incident that brings about disgrace; damage to reputation by disclosure of improper behavior

scar: mark of damage; mark left on the skin after injury

scarce: hard to find; absent or rare; limited

scarcely: hardly; barely; only just

scare: frighten; alarm; strike with sudden fear

scarf: long piece of cloth worn about the head, neck, or shoulders

scarlet: bright red

scatter: sprinkle; disseminate; cause to separate and go in different directions

scene: structure on which something is shown; part of theater where the acting is done; place, time, or circumstance in which anything occurs

scenery: landscape; view; view or views of natural features, especially in open country

scenic: constituting or affording pleasing views of natural features; beautiful

scent: distinctive odor that is pleasant; fragrance; perfume

scoff: mock; ridicule; show or express scorn; eat quickly and greedily

scold: find fault or rail with rude clamor; utter harsh, rude, boisterous rebuke

scorch: burn superficially; parch, or shrivel, the surface of, by heat; affect painfully with heat; burn

scorn: extreme and lofty contempt; haughty disregard

scotch: put an abrupt end to; block to prevent rolling or slipping

scout: find paths through unexplored territory

scramble: unceremonious and disorganized struggle; rushing about hastily in an undignified way

scrap: small piece or bit; fragment; fragment; leftover bits of food; remnant

scrape: gather something together over time; scratch repeatedly

scratch: cut the surface of; cause friction

scrub: rub hard; wash with rubbing

scrutiny: close examination; minute inspection; critical observation.

sculptor: artist who creates sculptures

sculpture: statue; creating figures or designs in three dimensions

seam: line of junction formed by sewing together two pieces; line across a surface, as a crack; scar

seaport: sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo

sensation: feeling; perception associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition

sensational: arousing or intended to arouse strong curiosity, interest, or reaction

sentiment: thought prompted by passion or feeling; feeling toward or respecting some person or thing; disposition prompting to action or expression

sentimental: emotional; Resulting from emotion rather than reason or realism

serene: completely clear and fine

serenity: calmness of mind; quietness; stillness; peace

shabby: torn or worn to rags; poor; mean; ragged

shaft: axes; vertical passage into a mine; long narrow stem or body of a spear or arrow

sham: pretend; put on false appearance of; feign

shatter: destroy; break up; break into many pieces

shave: act of removing hair with a razor; thin slice or scraping

shear: cut or clip hair; strip of something; remove by cutting or clipping

shed: get rid of ; cast off; cause to pour forth

sheer: very thin or transparent; very steep; absolute or pure

sheet: bed linen consisting of a large rectangular piece; any broad thin surface

shepherd: a herder of sheep; someone who keeps the sheep together in a flock

sheriff: chief officer of a shire or county, to whom is entrusted the execution of the laws

shipwreck: destruction of a ship, as by storm or collision; complete failure or ruin

shiver: shake with or as if with cold; tremble; break into fragments or splinters

shove: drive along by the direct and continuous application of strength; push along, aside, or away, in a careless manner

shovel: tool consisting of a broad scoop, or hollow blade, with a handle, used for lifting and throwing loose substances

shrewd: clever; characterized by keen awareness, sharp intelligence

shriek: sharp, shrill outcry or scream; shrill wild cry such as is caused by sudden or extreme terror, pain, or the like

shrill: acute; sharp; piercing; having or emitting a sharp, piercing tone or sound

shrine: case or box, especially one in which are deposited sacred relics, as the bones of a saint; sacred place, as altar or tomb

shroud: hide from view; wrap for burial; shut off from sight; shelter

shrub: bush

shrug: draw up or contract the shoulders, especially by way of expressing dislike, dread, doubt, or the like

shuffle: disorder; move back and forth; mix so as to make a random order or arrangement

shun: avoid deliberately; keep away from

shutter: a hinged blind for a window

shuttle: public transport that consists of a bus or train or airplane that run between two points; spacecraft

siege: seat, especially a royal seat; throne; rank; grade; sitting before a fortified place; surrounding or investing of a place by army

sieve: a utensil for separating the finer and coarser parts; a kind of coarse basket

sift: separate with a sieve, as the fine part of a substance from the coarse; examine critically or minutely; scrutinize

sigh: inhale a larger quantity of air than usual, and immediately expel it; make a deep single audible respiration, especially to express fatigue, exhaustion, grief, or sorrow

simulate: make a pretence of; reproduce someone's behavior or looks

simultaneous: existing, happening, or done at the same time

singular: unique; extraordinary; being only one

skeleton: framework; internal supporting structure that gives an artifact its shape

sketch: draw or describe briefly; give the main points; summary of

skim: pass near surface of; brush surface of; glide swiftly along surface of; read or examine superficially and rapidly, in order to cull the principal facts or thoughts

skirmish: minor battle in war; minor or preliminary conflict or dispute

skull: bony skeleton of the head of vertebrates

skyrocket: increase rapidly; rise quickly; soar

skyscraper: very tall building with many stories

slack: area of still water; lack of tension; cord, rope, or cable that is hanging loosely; unused capacity; casual trousers

slam: shut with force and a loud noise; strike with force

slander: defamation; false and malicious statement or report about someone

slap: sharp blow from a flat object as an open hand; smack; sharp insult

slaughter: act of killing; extensive, violent, bloody, or wanton destruction of life; carnage

slay: put to death with a weapon, or by violence; kill; put an end to; destroy; overwhelm, as with laughter or love

slender: having little width in proportion to height or length; long and thin

slight: almost no; very little; deliberate discourtesy

slightly: a little; a bit

slim: small in quantity; being of delicate or slender build

slit: long, straight, narrow cut or opening; slot; pocket

slogan: phrase used repeatedly, as in advertising or promotion

slum: a district of a city marked by poverty and inferior living conditions

slumber: sleep; state of inactivity or dormancy

slump: sudden falling off or decline, as in activity, prices, or business; gross amount; mass

smash: break in pieces by violence; dash to pieces; crush

smog: air pollution by a mixture of smoke and fog

snack: eat light informal meal; eat lightly

snap: make a sharp sound; break suddenly as under tension; utter in angry or sharp tone

snatch: grasp or seize hastily, eagerly, or suddenly

sneak: creep or steal privately; come or go meanly, as a person afraid or ashamed to be seen

sneer: show contempt by turning up the nose, or by a particular facial expression; speak derisively; show mirth awkwardly

snob: vulgar person who affects to be better, richer, or more fashionable, than he really is; one who apes his superiors.

snobbish: of or pertaining to a snob; vulgarly pretentious

soak: cause or suffer to lie in a fluid; absorb; drain; drink intemperately or gluttonously

sober: not extreme; marked by seriousness or gravity; not affected by use of drugs; self-restraint

sociable: gregarious; friendly; inclined to or conducive to companionship with others

sociology: branch of philosophy which treats of the constitution, phenomena, and development of human society; social science

sock: plowshare; short stocking reaching a point between ankle and knee; hard blow or punch; comic drama

solemn: serious; somber; deeply earnest, serious, and sober

solicitor: petitioner who seeks contributions or trade or votes; chief law officer of a city, town, or government department

solidarity: union of interests, purposes, or sympathies among members of a group; accord

solitary: isolated; existing, living, or going without others; alone; unaccompanied

solitude: state of being alone; seclusion; lonely or secluded place

solo: composed or performed by a single voice or instrument; unaccompanied; single

solvent: able to pay all debts; capable of meeting financial obligations

soothe: cause to feel better; give moral or emotional strength to

sore: skin infection; hurting; inflamed and painful; source of pain, distress, or irritation

sour: taste experience when vinegar or lemon juice; showing ill humor

souvenir: token of remembrance; memento; something of sentimental value

sovereign: having supreme rank or power; self governing; excellent; independent

sovereignty: autonomy; independence

sow: plant; place seeds in or on

spare: give up what is not strictly needed; hold back from; withhold or avoid; save or relieve from action

spark: flash; sparkle; emit or produce sparks

sparkle: be brilliant in performance; give off or reflect flashes of light; glitter

sparrow: any of several small dull-colored singing birds feeding on seeds or insects

spear: a long, pointed weapon, used in war and hunting, by thrusting or throwing

species: a specific kind of something

specimen: model; sample; an example regarded as typical of its class

spectacle: demonstration; show

spectacular: impressive or sensational; lavishly produced performance; grand

spectator: observer; audience; one who looks on

speculate: assume to be true without conclusive evidence; engage in buying or selling of a commodity for profit

speculation: speculating; examination by eye; intellectual check; business venture in unusual risks, with a chance for large profits

sphere: ball; globe; a particular aspect of life or activity

spill: pour; sudden drop from an upright position; flow or run out

spiral: rotary; curled; moving in a zigzag course; moving in shape of a coil

spiritual: not tangible or material; belonging to religion; sacred; supernatural

spit: expel or eject from the mouth; rain gently

spite: ill-will or hatred toward another, accompanied with the disposition to irritate, annoy, or thwart

spoil: go bad; rot; decay; become unfit for consumption or use

sponge: soaking up; small absorbent contraceptive pad, used for bathing or cleaning

spontaneous: arising without external cause; growing without cultivation or human labor

sprain: violent wrenching of the soft parts surrounding a joint; injury caused by pushing or pressing; painful injury to a joint caused by a sudden wrenching of its ligaments

sprout: have new growth of a plant such as a new branch or a bud; shoot up

spur: urge a horse; incite or stimulate; ride quickly by spurring a horse; proceed in haste

squash: a game played in an enclosed court by two or four players who strike the ball with long-handled rackets; crush; press; depress

squat: stocky; short and thick; low and broad

squirrel: a kind of arboreal rodent having a long bushy tail

stab: pierce with a pointed weapon; wound or kill by pointed instrument

stadium: large, usually open structure for sports events with tiered seating for spectators

stagger: sway; walk as if unable to control one's movements

stain: soiled or discolored; symbol of disgrace or infamy; natural spot of a color different from the ground

stake: money risked on gamble; pole set up to mark something; right or legal share of something

stale: having lost freshness; lacking originality or spontaneity

stalk: go through an area in search of prey; pursue; walk with a stiff or angry gait; move threateningly

stall: small area set off by walls for special use; booth

stammer: make involuntary stops in uttering syllables or words; hesitate or falter in speaking; speak with stops and difficulty

startle: move suddenly, or be excited; excite by sudden alarm, surprise

starvation: act of depriving of food or subjecting to famine

starve: hunger; deprive of food

stationary: fixed; immobile; static; not capable of being moved

stationery: paper cut to right size for writing letters; writing materials and office supplies

statue: sculpture representing a human or animal

status: position relative to others; standing

statute: law enacted by legislature; decree or edict, as of a ruler

steamer: vessel propelled by steam; steamship or steamboat; road locomotive for use on common roads

steep: soak; make thoroughly wet

stem: stop flow of a liquid; make headway against

stern: hard, harsh, or severe in manner or character; firm or unyielding

steward: man employed in a large family, a large estate, a hotel, a club, or on board a ship to manage service

stimulate: encourage; motivate; arouse; spur; excite or invigorate with a stimulant

stimulation: arousing an organism to action

sting: pierce painfully with sharp pointed structure or organ; cause to suffer keenly in the mind or feelings

stink: strong, offensive smell; disgusting odor; stench

stipulate: specify or arrange in agreement; express demand in agreement; promise in agreement

stipulation: provision; an agreement made by parties in a judicial proceeding

stitch: sew; knit; fasten or join with or as if with thread

stoop: bend forward and down from the waist or the middle of the back

stout: dependable; stocky; euphemisms for fat

strain: group of organisms within a species; tension; pressure

strait: difficult; stressful; narrow; not broad; tight; close; closely fitting

strand: complex of fibers that twisted together to form a cable, rope, thread; land bordering a body of water; single filament

strap: belt; band that goes over the shoulder and supports a garment or bag

streak: a line or long mark of a different color from the ground; stripe; vein

stride: step; pace; significant progress

strife: act of striving; earnest endeavor; exertion or contention for superiority; contest of emulation, either by intellectual or physical efforts

strike: a group's refusal to work in protest against low pay or bad work conditions

striking: dramatic; outstanding; arresting attention and producing a vivid impression

string: lightweight cord; a collection of objects threaded on a single strand; plant fiber

strip: remove the surface from

stripe: a kind or category; band; ribbon

strive: endeavor; struggle or fight forcefully; exert much effort or energy

stroke: blow; light touch; sudden loss of consciousness for brain blood vessel lacking oxygen

stroll: wander on foot; ramble idly or leisurely

stubborn: unreasonably, often perversely unyielding; persistent; difficult to treat

studio: workplace for the teaching or practice of an art

stuff: unspecified objects; tangible substance

stuffy: stout; lacking sufficient ventilation; close; dull and boring

stumble: miss a step and fall or nearly fall; walk unsteadily

sturdy: robust; strong; substantially made or constructed

subdue: quiet or bring under control by physical force or persuasion; make less intense; tone down

subordinate: occupying lower rank; inferior; submissive

subsidiary: subordinate; secondary; serving to assist or supplement

substantial: fairly large; in essentials; material; true or real; not imaginary; solidly built

substantiate: establish by evidence; make firm or solid; support

substitute: exchange; put in the place of another

suburb: outskirts; usually residential area or community outlying a city

succession: act of succeeding, or following after; following of things in order of time or place, or a series of things so following; sequence

successive: consecutive

successor: one who or that which succeeds or follows; one who takes the place which another has left

suffice: be enough, or sufficient; meet the need; be equal to the end proposed; be adequate; satisfy

sufficient: adequate; enough; being as much as is needed

sullen: lonely; solitary; desolate; gloomy; dismal; affected with ill humor

sultry: burning hot; extremely and unpleasantly hot

summit: utmost height; highest point of a mountain

summon: call, bid, or cite; notify to come to appear; call upon to surrender

superb: of unusually high quality; excellent; wonderful

superficial: trivial; of little substance; involving a surface only

superintendent: director; person who has the authority to supervise or direct; janitor or custodian in a building

superstition: excessive reverence for, or fear of, that which is unknown or mysterious; worship of a false god; false religion

supreme: most outstanding; highest; superior

surgeon: one who performs manual operations on a patient

surgery: medical treatment that involves cutting open a person's body

surmise: guess; infer something without sufficiently conclusive evidence

surpass: be or go beyond, as in degree or quality; exceed

suspend: hang freely; postpone; delay

suspense: uncertain cognitive state; uncertainty

sustain: admit as valid; keep in existence; lengthen or extend in duration or space

swallow: take back what one has said ; enclose or envelop completely

swamp: low land that is seasonally flooded; low land region saturated with water

swarm: dense moving crowd; large group of honeybees

sway: swing; move back and forth or sideways; win approval or support for; convince

swear: affirm or utter a solemn declaration; make promise or resolve on oath

swell: bulge; expand abnormally; increase in size; become filled with pride or anger

swing: sway or move from one side to another; turn round by wind or tide; be hanged

syllable: a unit of spoken language larger than a phoneme

symphony: large orchestra; harmony, especially of sound or color

symptom: sign; indication; any sensation or change in bodily function that is experienced by a patient

synonym: two words that can be interchanged in a context

tack: small, short, sharp-pointed nail, usually having a broad, flat head

tackle: apparatus for raising or lowering heavy weights, consisting of a rope and pulley blocks; act of stopping an opposing player carrying the ball

tact: sense of touch; feeling; stroke in beating time; sensitive mental touch; peculiar skill or faculty

tactics: strategy; policy; plan for attaining a particular goal

tally: record by making a mark; reckon or count; keep score

tame: domesticated; very restrained or quiet; make less strong or intense; soften

tan: yellowish-brown color; brown color imparted to the skin by exposure to the sun

tangle: uniting or knitting together confusedly; knot of threads, or other thing, united confusedly, or so interwoven as not to be easily disengaged

tap: draw upon; strike lightly; make good use of

tar: sailor or seaman; thick, black, viscous liquid obtained by the distillation of wood, coal

tear: separate or be separated by force; divide or disrupt; fill with tears or shed tears

tease: tear into pieces; raise the fibers of

temper: moderate; tone down or restrain; bring to a desired consistency; adjust finely

temple: church; place of worship

tempt: give rise to a desire by being attractive

temptation: act of tempting, or enticing to evil; seduction

tender: offer formally; extend; propose a payment

tenor: general, usual, or prevailing course or direction; settled or prevailing or habitual course of a person's life

tense: stretch or force to the limit; tight

tension: action of stretching something tight; anxiety; feelings of hostility

tentative: hesitant; not fully worked out or developed; experimental; not definite or positive

terrace: row of houses built in a similar style; level shelf of land with steep slopes

theatrical: of or pertaining to theater, or to scenic representations; resembling manner of dramatic performers; histrionic; artificial

thereby: thus; accordingly; by that means; because of that

thigh: part of the leg between the hip and the knee

thorn: something that causes irritation; a sharp-pointed tip on a stem or leaf

thrash: beat severely; discuss or examine repeatedly; use a machine or flail to separate grain or seeds from straw

thrifty: careful about money; economical

thrill: feel sudden intense sensation or emotion; tremble as from fear or excitement

thrive: make steady progress; prosper; flourish

throng: large group of people gathered or crowded closely together

thrust: push; force used in pushing ; activity or idea is the main or essential thing it expresses

tidy: being in proper time; timely; arranged in good order; orderly; appropriate; neat; kept in proper

timber: wood; lumber; trees or wooded land considered as a source of wood

timid: shy; craven; lacking self-confidence; shy

toast: dry and brown by heat of fire; warm thoroughly; drink to the health or in honor

toe: one of digits of the foot; forepart of a foot or hoof

toil: exhausting labor or effort; any thread, web, or string spread for taking prey

toll: take away; vacate; annul; entice; allure; cause to sound, as a bell, with strokes slowly and uniformly repeated; call, summon, or notify

torrent: rushing stream; flood; heavy downpour

torture: extreme pain; anguish of body or mind

toss: throw carelessly; throw to see which side comes up; move or stir about violently

towel: rectangular cloth or paper for drying or wiping

tragedy: disaster; event resulting in great loss and misfortune

traitor: one who violates his allegiance and betrays his country

tramp: travel or wander through; cleanse clothes in water

trample: destroy; step on

tranquil: free from disturbance; pacific

transport: carry from one place to another; carry away; deport

trap: catch; hold or catch as if in a hole

tread: step on; mate with; place the foot

treason: disloyalty; betrayal of trust or confidence

treaty: act of treating for the adjustment of differences; negotiation

tremble: shake involuntarily, as with fear, cold, or weakness; quake; quiver; shiver; shudder

trench: canal; deep furrow or ditch; long, steep-sided valley on the ocean floor

trend: popular taste; general direction in which something tends to move

tribe: family, race, or series of generations, descending from the same direct ancestor, and kept distinct

tribute: payment in money made by one ruler or nation; tax; mark of respect; praiseworthy quality

trick: cunning or deceitful activity; attempt to get others to do something foolish

trickle: flow in drops; run or flow slowly; drip

trifle: a thing of very little value or importance

triumph: victory; win; expressing great joy

trivial: unimportant; of little significance or value; ordinary; commonplace

tropic: one of the two small circles of the celestial sphere, situated on each side of the equator, and parallel to it, which the sun just reaches at its greatest declination north or south; region lying between these parallels of latitude

tropical: relating to region on either side of the equator; hot and humid

trumpet: brass musical instrument with brilliant tone

trunk: stem, or body, of a tree; main stem, without the branches; body of animal apart from the head and limbs

tub: a large open vessel for holding or storing liquids

tuck: make one or more folds in; store in a safe spot; put in a snug spot

tug: pull or draw with great effort; draw along with continued exertion; haul along; tow

tuition: teaching pupils individually; fee for instruction, especially at a formal institution of learning

tumble: fall down, as if collapsing

tumult: noise, as made by a crowd; riot or uprising

turbulent: characterized by unrest or disorder

tutor: guide; give individual instruction

twig: small branch or division of a branch

twilight: light perceived before the rising, and after the setting, of the sun; faint light; dubious or uncertain medium through which anything is viewed

typhoon: tropical cyclone occurring in the western Pacific; violent whirlwind

tyranny: oppression; cruel government; office or authority of an absolute ruler; absolute power

tyrant: absolute ruler; sovereign unrestrained by law or constitution

ultraviolet: wave lengths shorter than light but longer than X rays

unanimous: uniform; in complete agreement

unbearable: unendurable; so unpleasant, distasteful, or painful as to be intolerable

unconscious: lacking awareness; senseless; unaware

undergo: experience; suffer; pass through

undermine: weaken by wearing away base or foundation; injure or impair; dig a mine or tunnel beneath

undertake: take on; embark on; assume

undertaking: task or assignment undertaken; career

undue: not due; not yet owing; not just, proper, or legal; ; excessive

unprecedented: having no previous example; novel; unparalleled

unwarranted: having no justification; groundless; not guaranteed to be good, sound, or of a certain quality

uphold: support; preserve; hold aloft; raise

urban: metropolitan; of, relating to, or located in a city

utensil: instrument, implement, or container for practical use, especially in kitchen or laboratory

utmost: farthest point or extremity; most distant; extreme

utter: speak; express; send forth with the voice

utterance: vocal expression; power of speaking; last or utmost extremity

vaccinate: perform or produce immunity

vacuum: empty area or space; electrical home appliance that cleans by suction

vague: imprecise; indistinct; not clearly expressed; inexplicit

vain: having no real substance, value, or importance; empty; void; worthless; unsatisfying

vanity: quality or state of being vain; emptiness; feelings of excessive pride; conceit

vapor: gas; steam; barely visible or cloudy diffused matter, such as mist or smoke

varnish: deceptively attractive external appearance; paint to coat a surface with a hard, glossy, transparent film

vast: large; broad; extensive; very great in size, number, amount, or quantity

vault: arched brick or stone ceiling or roof; burial chamber usually underground

veil: a length of cloth worn by women over the head, shoulders, and often the face; cover; hide

vein: blood vessel that carries blood

vengeance: punishment inflicted in return for an injury or an offense; retribution

ventilate: freshen; circulate through and freshen

ventilation: act of supplying fresh air and getting rid of foul air

verge: extreme edge or margin; border; enclosing boundary; space enclosed by such a boundary

verse: a piece of poetry

version: written work in a new form; edition; interpretation of a particular viewpoint

vessel: craft; ship; container for liquids

veteran: someone who has given long service

veto: rejection; vote that blocks a decision; deny; prohibit; command against

vex: annoy; disturb, especially by minor irritations; be a mystery or bewildering to

vicinity: state of being near in space or relationship; proximity

vicious: by vice or defects; defective; imperfect; having the nature of vice; evil, immoral, or depraved

vigor: active strength of body or mind; imaginative lively style, especially style of writing; exertion of force

vigorous: robust; strong; energetic, and active in mind or body

vine: weak-stemmed plant that derives support from climbing

virtue: goodness, moral excellence; good quality

viscous: sticky; gluey; having high resistance to flow

vocation: career; profession

vogue: popular fashion; current state or style of general acceptance and use

volley: flight of missiles; round of gunshots; tennis return made by hitting the ball before it bounces

voucher: a piece of substantiating evidence; proof; written authorization or certificate

vow: solemn promise made to God; promise of fidelity; pledge of love or affection

vowel: speech sound made with the vocal tract open

voyage: long journey to a foreign or distant place, especially by sea; aviation

vulgar: common; low; coarse; belonging or relating to the common people, as distinguished from the cultivated or educated; lacking cultivation or refinement

vulnerable: susceptible to wounds; capable of being wounded or hurt

wade: paddle; walk through relatively shallow water

wag: move one way and the other with quick turns; shake to and fro; move in vibrating; cause to vibrate

waist: narrowing of the body between the ribs and hips

ward: guard; defender; protector; state under guard; division of a county; division of a hospital

wardrobe: tall cabinet, closet, or small room built to hold clothes

warrant: guarantee; assurance by seller; authorization or certification

waver: play or move to and fro; move one way and the other; swing; be unsettled in opinion

wax: increase gradually in size, number, strength, or intensity; show a progressively larger illuminated area

weary: tired; exhausted; physically or mentally fatigued

weave: pattern or structure by weaving ; knit; interlace

weaver: craftsman who weaves cloth

web: textile fabric; complex, interconnected structure or arrangement; the World Wide Web; radio or television network

wedge: a piece of metal, or other hard material, thick at one end, and tapering to a thin edge at the other, used in splitting wood, rocks

whereas: considering that; it being the case that; since

whip: overlay with other cords going round and round it; take or move by a sudden motion; clean completely

whirl: act of rotating or revolving rapidly; state of confusion; tumult

whisper: speaking in a quiet voice; soft speech produced without full voice; secretly expressed belief, rumor, or hint

whistle: make a kind of musical sound by lips; emit a similar sound from mouth as birds

wholesome: conducive to sound health or well-being; beneficial

wicked: evil in principle or practice; contrary to moral or divine law; addicted to vice or sin

wield: handle (a weapon or tool, for example) with skill and ease. exercise effectively; handle; have power over; rule; manage

wilderness: a tract of land, or a region, uncultivated and uninhabited by human beings, whether a forest or a wide, barren plain; wild or desert

willow: trees having usually narrow leaves

winding: twisting or turning; spiral

wit: intellect; mental ability; natural ability to perceive and understand

wither: shrivel; decay; lose freshness, vigor, or vitality; loss of moisture

woe: deep, inconsolable grief; affliction; suffering; deep distress or misery, as from grief

wool: dense, soft, often curly hair forming the coat of sheep and certain other mammals

wrath: forceful, often vindictive anger; fury; just punishment of an offense or crime

wreck: destruction; destroy; smash or break forcefully

wrench: twist or turn suddenly and forcibly; move, extract, or force free by pulling violently

wrestle: contend by grappling with, and striving to trip or throw down an opponent; struggle or strive earnestly

wretched: very miserable; sunk in, or accompanied by deep affliction or distress; calamitous; woeful; worthless

wring: twist; squeeze; compress, especially so as to extract liquid

wrinkle: a minor difficulty; a slight depression in the smoothness of a surface

wrist: joint between the hand and the forearm

yacht: light ship used for private pleasure trips

yawn: open the mouth wide with a deep inhalation, usually involuntarily from drowsiness, fatigue, or boredom

yearn: pain; grieve; vex; be pained or distressed; feel deep pity, sympathy, or tenderness

yeast: foam, or troth (top yeast), or the sediment (bottom yeast), of beer or other in fermentation

yoke: join together, unite; harness a draft animal to; join securely; force into heavy labor

yolk: nutritive material; greasy substance found in unprocessed sheep's wool; yellow part of an egg

zeal: intense interest; eagerness to accomplish some object

zealous: enthusiastic; filled with or motivated by zeal

aberration: something that differs from the norm

abhor: fill with horror and loathing; horrify; hate

acquiesce: assent; agree without protesting

alacrity: cheerful promptness or willingness; eagerness; speed or quickness

amiable: good-natured and likable; lovable; warmly friendly

appease: bring peace, quiet, or calm to; satisfy or relieve

arcane: secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated

avarice: greediness for wealth; insatiable desire of gain

brazen: having loud, usually harsh, resonant sound; shameless

brusque: abrupt and curt in manner or speech; rudely abrupt, unfriendly

cajole: influence or urge by gentle urging or flattering

callous: emotionally hardened; unfeeling

candor: frankness; quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech

chide: scold mildly so as to correct or improve; express disapproval

circumspect: carefully aware of all circumstances; cautious

clandestine: secret; conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods

coerce: restrain by force, especially by law or authority; repress; curb

coherent: adhesive; cohesive; sticking together ; logical; sound; capable of thinking and expressing yourself in a clear and consistent manner

complacency: feeling of contented self-satisfaction, especially when unaware of upcoming trouble

confidant: a person entrusted with secrets

connive: to plot, scheme

cumulative: increasing by successive addition

debase: reduce in quality or value; lower in esteem; degrade

decry: express strong disapproval of; disparage

deferential: showing deference; respectful and considerate

demure: modest and reserved in manner or behavior

deride: ridicule; make fun of; laugh at with contempt

despot: tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; eastern Orthodox bishop

diligent: assiduous; industrious; hard-working

elated: overjoyed; extremely happy and excited

eloquent: vividly or movingly expressive; persuasive

embezzle: appropriate fraudulently to one's own use, as property entrusted to one's care; apply to one's private uses by a breach of trust

empathy: understanding and entering into another's feelings

enmity: ill will; hatred; quality or state of being hostile

erudite: learned; scholarly, with emphasis on knowledge gained from books

extol: praise highly; glorify; celebrate

fabricate: build; put together out of components or parts

feral: not domestic; wild; existing in wild or untamed state

flabbergasted: astonished; appalled, amazed, or stunned

forsake: leave someone who needs or counts on you

fractious: inclined to make trouble; disobedient; irritable

furtive: marked by quiet and caution and secrecy

gluttony: excess in eating; extravagant indulgence of the appetite for food; voracity

gratuitous: given freely; unwarranted; granted without recompense; unearned

haughty: high; lofty; bold; arrogant; overbearing

hypocrisy: act or practice of a hypocrite

impeccable: faultless; incapable of sin or wrongdoing

impertinent: improperly forward or bold; rude

implacable: incapable of being pacified; not to be relieved;

impudent: casually rude, insolent, impertinent

incisive: penetrating, clear, and sharp, as in operation or expression

indolent: lazy; slow to heal, grow, or develop; inactive

inept: lacking of judgment, sense, or reason; unsuited; inappropriate; foolish

infamy: notoriety, extreme ill repute

inhibit: restrain; prevent or forbid; hold back

innate: possessed at birth; inborn

insatiable: not easily satisfied; impossible to satiate or satisfy; greedy

insular: of isolated people, especially having a narrow viewpoint

intrepid: fearless; indicating or springing from courage

inveterate: deep-rooted; firmly and long established; habitual

jubilant: happy; merry; joyful and proud especially because of triumph or success

knell: the solemn sound of a bell, often indicating a death

lithe: flexible; moving and bending with ease

lurid: causing shock or horror; gruesome

maverick: one that refuses to abide or be independent; an unbranded range animal

maxim: proverb; formulation of fundamental principle or general truth

meticulous: excessively careful; marked by extreme care in treatment of details

modicum: limited quantity; small or moderate amount; any small thing

morose: ill humored; sullen; depressingly dark; gloomy; persistent

myriad: of very large or indefinite number; of ten thousand

nadir: lowest point; point on sphere opposites zenith diametrically

nominal: in name only; insignificantly small

novice: beginner; person new to a field or activity

nuance: subtle or slight degree of difference

oblivious: inattentive or unmindful; lacking all memory; forgetful

obsequious: slavishly attentive; attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery

obtuse: lacking in insight or discernment; stupid

panacea: remedy for all diseases, evils, or difficulties; a cure-all

parody: work or performance that imitates another work or performance with ridicule or irony; make fun of

penchant: strong inclination; definite liking

perusal: a careful examination, review

plethora: excess; overfullness in any respect; superabundance

predilection: condition of favoring or liking; tendency towards; preference

quaint: odd; old-fashioned; picturesque; unfamiliar or unusual in character

rash: hasty, incautious

refurbish: to restore, clean up

repudiate: disown; refuse to acknowledge; reject validity or authority of

rife: excessively abundant or numerous; in widespread existence, practice, or use

salient: prominent or protruding; projecting outwardly; moving by leaps or springs

serendipity: gift for finding valuable or desirable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck

staid: sober; serious, organized, and professional; characterized by dignity and propriety

superfluous: being beyond what is required or sufficient

sympathant: one who attempts to win favor by flattering influential people; bootlicker; yes man

taciturn: silent or reserved in speech; saying little; not inclined to speak or converse

truculent: disposed to fight; belligerent; aggressively hostile

umbrage: resentment, offence

venerable: deserving high respect; impressive by reason of age; profoundly honored

vex: annoy; disturb, especially by minor irritations; be a mystery or bewildering to

vociferous: offensively loud; noisy; making outcry

wanton: unrestrained; willfully malicious; immoral or unchaste

zenith: point directly overhead in sky; summit