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**bastion** :

stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism

**growl** :

low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)

**maverick** :

rebel; nonconformist (in a group)

**lethargic** :

drowsy; dull; N. lethargy: state of sluggishness and inactivity

**paraphernalia** :

equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity; personal belongings; Ex. photographic paraphernalia;  
CF. married woman's property exclusive of her dowry

**mores** :

conventions; moral standards; moral customs

**timidity** :

lack of self-confidence or courage

**understate** :

state with less truth than seems warranted by the facts; Ex. He understated the seriousness of the crime; N.  
understatement; OP. overstate

**protocol** :

diplomatic etiquette; ceremony and etiquette observed by diplomats; first copy of a treaty before its ratification;  
Ex. Protocol demands that the queen meet him at the airport.

**braid** :

plait; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; N: braided segment (as of hair)

**acquiesce** :

assent; agree passively; comply without protest

**favoritism** :

display of partiality toward a favored person

**wake** :

trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before; Ex. hunger followed in the wake of the war

**draught** :

current of air (through a room or to a fire); act of pulling roads; act of swallowing liquid or amount of liquid swallowed at a time

**betoken** :

signify; indicate; be a sign of

**aviary** :

enclosure for birds; large cage

**waggish** :

humorous; mischievous; tricky

**adapt** :

make or become suitable for a specific use; alter; modify; adjust; N. adaptation: act of adapting; composition recast into a new form; Ex. The play is an adaption of a short novel.

**bugaboo** :

bugbear; object of baseless terror

**foliage** :

masses of leaves; CF. defoliate

**satellite** :

small body revolving around a larger one

**bungle** :

mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior

**reinstate** :

restore to a previous condition or position

**mnemonic** :

pertaining to memory; assisting the memory; N: device, such as as formula or rhyme, used as a mnemonic aid

**conscript** :

drafter; person forced into military service; V.

**contend** :

struggle; compete; assert earnestly; state strongly

**functional** :

made for practical use only (without decoration); functioning; Ex. functional modern furniture; CF. functionalism

**punctilious** :

minutely attentive (perhaps too much so) to fine points; stressing niceties of conduct or form; N. punctilio, punctiliousness: careful attention payed to every small exact detail

**imbecility** :

weakness of mind; state of being an imbecile; N. imbecile: stupid person; fool

**rebuke** :

scold harshly; criticize severely

**facile** :

easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial; not deep; Ex. facile solution to a complex problem; Ex. facile speaker; N. facility: ability to do something easily and well; ease in doing resulting from skill or aptitude; something that facilitates an action; amenity; Ex. with great facility

**hardy** :

(of people or animals) sturdy; robust; (of plants) able to stand inclement(stormy) weather

**penury** :

extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy

**venal** :

capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF. vernal

**flit** :

fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower

**magnate** :

person of prominence or influence; powerful or influential person (in business or industry); Ex. oil magnate

**botch** :

mismanage; blow

**citadel** :

fortress

**libidinous** :

lustful

**mendicant** :

beggar; ADJ: living as a beggar

**oaf** :

stupid awkward person; CF. elf

**voyeur** :

Peeping Tom; person who derives sexual gratification from observing the sexual acts of others

**docile** :

obedient; easily managed; submissive

**vitiate** :

spoil the effect of; make inoperative; corrupt morally

**narrative** :

related to telling a story; N: narrated account; story; V. narrate: tell (a story); CF. narration

**derision** :

ridicule; ADJ. derisive; CF. derisory

**cupidity** :

greed (for wealth); CF. cupid; CF. Cupid

**savory** :

pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex. savory reputation

**rank** :

offensive in odor or flavor

**quisling** :

traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling

**tact** :

skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offence

**fallacious** :

false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument

**trim** :

make neat or tidy by clipping; reduce by removing what is unnecessary; ornament; decorate (round the edges); Ex. trim the cost; Ex. jacket trimmed with fur; N. ADJ; tidy; in good order

**compartment** :

one of the parts into which an enclosed space is divided

**squander** :

waste; spend foolishly

**colloquy** :

informal discussion; conversation

**refurbish** :

renovate; make clean, bright, or fresh (make new) again; make bright by polishing; Ex. refurbish an old theater; CF. furbish: polish

**desolate** :

make desolate; forsake; abandon and desert

**fumble** :

move the fingers and hands awkwardly (in search of something); mishandle or drop a ball that is in play; bungle; botch; spoil by mishandling; N.

**misapprehension** :

error; misunderstanding; V. misapprehend

**ameliorate** :

improve

**isthmus** :

narrow neck of land connecting two larger bodies of land

**skulduggery(skullduggery)** :

dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skulduggery in the election

**celibate** :

abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy

**odium** :

detestation; quality of being odious; hatefulness; disrepute (resulting from hateful conduct)

**deserts** :

what someone deserves

**nugatory** :

worthless; futile

**rendition** :

rendering; translation; artistic interpretation of a song, etc

**incursion** :

temporary invasion; CF. excursion: short journey

**terrestrial** :

on or relating to the earth

**stigma** :

token of disgrace; brand; V. stigmatize: mark with a stigma; characterize as disgraceful

**gross** :

total; fragrant; clearly wrong; (of people's behavior) coarse; corpulent; Ex. gross insolence/behavior; V: earn as a total amount; N: 12 dozens

**doctrine** :

teachings in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught; dogma; tenet; ADJ. doctrinal

**misnomer** :

wrong or improper name; incorrect designation

**proliferate** :

grow rapidly (in numbers); spread; multiply; N. proliferation

**hindsight** :

understanding the nature of an event after it has actually happened

**lucid** :

easily understood; clear; intelligible; N. lucidity

**impenetrable** :

not able to be pierced or entered; beyond understanding; impossible to understand; Ex. impenetrable mystery

**ghastly** :

horrible; terrifying; resembling ghosts; CF. aghast

**tremulous** :

trembling; wavering

**garish** :

overbright in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy

**euphony** :

sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious

**pithy** :

concise and meaningful; substantial; meaty

**girth** :

distance around something; circumference

**lap** :

take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently; Ex. waves lapping the shore; N: front area from the waist to the knees of a seated person

**asteroid** :

small planet

**adulation** :

flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved

**array** :

marshal; draw up in order; arrange in order; clothe splendidly; adorn; N: fine clothes; ordered group; Ex. in battle array

**redoubtable** :

formidable; causing fear

**approbation** :

approval

**attrition** :

rubbing away by friction; gradual decrease in numbers or strength; reduction in the work force without firing employees; wearing away of opposition by means of harassment; Ex. a war of attrition

**secession** :

withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from membership

**poignancy** :

quality of being deeply moving; keenness of emotion; ADJ. poignant: touching; deeply moving; (of sorrow, grief, etc.) painful; keenly distressing to the mind; Ex. poignant memory/anxiety; CF. prick

**fodder** :

coarse food for cattle, horses, etc.; feed for livestock; CF. food

**regale** :

entertain

**warren** :

tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live

**distant** :

reserved or aloof; cold in manner; Ex. distant greeting; ADV. distantly

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**entrance** :

put under a spell(condition caused by magical power); carry away(fill with strong feeling) with emotion; put into a trance; fill with delight

**heterogeneous** :

dissimilar; mixed; not homogeneous; consisting of dissimilar elements or plants

**temperate** :

moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF. temperance: moderation and self-restraint; abstinence of alcoholic drinks; Ex. temperance society

**glamor** :

compelling charm; ADJ. glamorous

**disinterested** :

unprejudiced; free from bias and self-interest; objective

**mosaic** :

picture made of small colorful inlaid tiles; ADJ.

**arboreal** :

of or living in trees

**uninhibited** :

unrepressed; free in behavior and feelings

**amnesty** :

pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)

**stint** :

supply; allotted amount of work; assigned portion of work; limitation; Ex. two-year stint in the army; Ex. without stint

**spin** :

rotate swiftly; make (thread) by twisting (cotton, wool, etc.); N.

**grumble** :

complain; mutter discontentedly; grouch; N.

**recondite** :

abstruse; not easily understood; profound; secret

**consonance** :

harmony; agreement

**enduring** :

lasting; surviving; V. endure: bear (pain or suffering) for a long time; remain alive (in spite of difficulties); last; survive

**concave** :

hollow; curved inwards; OP. convex

**forward** :

presumptuous or bold

**astigmatism** :

eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP. stigmatism

**singular** :

being only one; individual; unique; extraordinary; odd; Ex. singular beauty/behavior

**augury** :

omen; prophecy; sign of coming events; V. augur: predict; foretell; be a sign of (something in future)

**tribulation** :

suffering; ordeal; distress; trial

**cater** :

provide food and drink (for); cater to: try to satisfy (desires of a bad kind)

**sartorial** :

pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex. a man of great sartorial elegance; CF. sartor: tailor

**slur** :

slander; insult to one's character or reputation; V.

**quarry** :

person or animal of pursuit; victim; object of a hunt; prey

**queue** :

line (of waiting people or vehicles)

**funereal** :

sad; solemn; suitable for a funeral

**genre** :

particular variety of art or literature

**amphibian** :

able to live both on land and in water; N.

**ineluctable** :

irresistible; not to be escaped; unavoidable

**appall** :

dismay; shock deeply

**analgesia** :

condition of being unable to feel pain

**resign** :

give up (a position, right, or claim); submit (oneself) passively

**pang** :

sudden sharp feeling of pain

**incontinent** :

lacking self-restraint; not continent; licentious

**stickler** :

perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right

**inclined** :

tending or leaning toward; bent; V. incline: slant; dispose; be disposed; tend

**episodic** :

(of a story or play) loosely connected; made up of separate and loosely connected parts; N. episode: incident in the course of an experience

**seasonable** :

occurring at the proper time or season; opportune; Ex. seasonable intervention in the dispute

**astringent** :

binding; causing contraction (stopping bleeding); harsh or severe; stringent; Ex. astringent criticism

**quotidian** :

daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine

**stanza** :

division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)

**sentinel** :

sentry; lookout

**saga** :

Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative

**aristocracy** :

hereditary nobility; privileged class; government by nobility; N. aristocrat

**innuendo** :

indirect or subtle (derogatory) hint; insinuation; Ex. sexual innuendo

**rag** :

scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance

**conducive** :

helpful; contributive; V. conduce; Ex. conducive to/towards

**slight** :

insult to one's dignity; snub; V. treat as if of small importance; insult; snub; ADJ. small in size; of small importance

**tout** :

promote or publicize (one's goods or service); praise excessively (as a form of advertisement); CF. advertise

**repugnance** :

disgust; strong dislike; loathing; ADJ. repugnant: arousing disgust; repulsive

**cue** :

word or signal (as in a play to prompt another actor's speech or entrance); reminder or hint; V: give a cue to

**soliloquy** :

talking to oneself (esp. in a play); CF. monologue: soliloquy; long speech by one person (often monopolizing a conversation)

**fruition** :

bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization; Ex. come to/be brought to fruition

**termination** :

convincing

**flaunt** :

end; V. terminate

**intermittent** :

display ostentatiously; Ex. "Honey, if you've got it, flaunt it!"

**chaperon** :

periodic; on and off; stopping and starting at intervals

**jocose** :

older person who accompanies and supervises a young unmarried woman

**conspire** :

given to(having a tendency of) joking

**blasphemy** :

take part in a conspiracy; (of events) work together; combine; Ex. Events conspired to produce great difficulties.

**clemency** :

irreverence; sacrilege; cursing; bad language about God or holy things; V. blasphem; ADJ. blasphemous; CF. sacrilege

**consummate** :

disposition to be lenient in deciding punishments; mildness as of the weather; ADJ. clement

**nostrum** :

complete; V.

**consequential** :

questionable medicine; quack medicine; CF. our (remedy)

**scrutinize** :

self-important; significant; consequent; following as a result; Ex. consequential air; CF. subsequent

**gainsay** :

examine closely and critically; N. scrutiny

**archetype** :

deny

**abolish** :

prototype; primitive pattern

**trite** :

cancel; put an end to

**convivial** :

hackneyed; commonplace

**codify** :

pleasantly merry; festive; joyous; gay; characterized by joviality; jovial

**gawk** :

arrange (laws or rules) as a code; classify; N. code: system of words used instead of ordinary writing; collection of laws, rules, established social customs

**conflagration** :

stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe

**betray** :

great fire

**subliminal** :

be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly); Ex. Her trembling hands betray her anxiety.

**cession** :

below the threshold of conscious perception; Ex. subliminal advertisement

**duplicity** :

yielding to another; ceding

**cogent** :

double-dealing; hypocrisy; being dishonest and deceitful; ADJ. duplicitous

**epithet** :

word or phrase characteristically used to describe a person or thing; descriptive phrase to characterize a person (often contemptuous)

**peon** :

landless agricultural worker; bond servant; menial worker; N. peonage

**thematic** :

of a theme; relating to a unifying motif or idea

**plight** :

difficult condition; condition or state (esp. a bad state or condition); predicament

**cohorts** :

group of people who share some common quality; armed band; a group of between 300 and 600 soldiers under one commander (in the ancient Rome)

**labile** :

likely to change; unstable; Ex. emotionally labile; N. lability

**panegyric** :

formal praise; encomium; Ex. I don't deserve such panegyrics.

**apothecary** :

druggist; pharmacist

**requisition** :

formal demand or request; Ex. requisition for more computing equipment; V.

**ample** :

enough; abundant; spacious; large in size; Ex. ample opportunity/garden; N. amplitude: quality of being ample; abundance; largeness of space

**unassuaged** :

unsatisfied; not soothed

**exigency** :

urgent situation; ADJ. exigent

**voodoo** :

religion practiced chiefly in Haiti

**furrow** :

long shallow trench made by a plow; deep wrinkle in the skin; V.

**gerontocracy** :

government ruled by old people

**rarefied** :

made less dense (of a gas); V. rarefy: make less dense; N. rarefaction

**madrigal** :

pastoral song; song for several singers without instruments

**multilingual** :

having many languages; fluent in several languages

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**adept** :

expert at; very skilled

**suffocate** :

die or kill from lack of air; suppress

**deadlock** :

standstill resulting from the opposition of two unrelenting forces; stalemate

**laconic** :

brief and to the point; using few words; terse

**fake** :

not genuine; N. one that is not genuine; impostor; sham; V. counterfeit; Ex. fake the results of the experiment/the signature

**apparition** :

ghost; phantom

**scurrilous** :

abusive; obscene; indecent; Ex. scurrilous remark

**consanguineous(consanguine)** :

having a common ancestor

**diabolical** :

diabolic; devilish; fiendish

**wither** :

(of a plant) dry up from loss of moisture; lose freshness; shrivel; decay

**fresco** :

painting on wet plaster (usually fresh)

**masochist** :

person who enjoys his own pain; CF. masochism

**progenitor** :

ancestor

**odoriferous** :

giving off an odor

**asperity** :

sharpness; roughness; severity (of temper or weather); Ex. asperities of a Russian winter

**salient** :

prominent; projecting beyond a line; conspicuous; Ex. salient features

**brook** :

tolerate; endure; Ex. brook no interference; N: small stream

**ductile** :

malleable; pliable; (of metals) easily pulled into shape; flexible; (of someone) easily influenced or controlled

**subversive** :

tending to overthrow or ruin; V. subvert: overthrow completely (an established system); destroy completely;

CF. undermine ?

**monotony** :

sameness leading to boredom; monotonousness; ADJ. monotonous; CF. monotone

**inkling** :

hint; slight indication

**corrode** :

destroy or wear away gradually by chemical action (over a long period)

**nirvana** :

in Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in which the individual loses himself in the attainment of an impersonal beatitude

**ribald** :

marked by vulgar lewd humor; wanton; profane; N. ribaldry: ribald language or joke

**elastic** :

able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N: elastic material

**biennial** :

every two years

**pugilist** :

boxer; CF. pugilism: boxing

**eulogy** :

expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death; V. eulogize

**limp** :

walk lamely; ADJ: lacking firmness; weak

**coy** :

shy (flirtatiously); showing a (pretended) lack of self-confidence; modest; coquettish; CF. job offer를 받았을 때

**ordain** :

decree or command; grant holy orders; predestine; install as a minister, priest, or rabbi; N. ordainment; CF. ordination

**noisome** :

foul smelling; very unpleasant; unwholesome

**semblance** :

outward appearance; guise; Ex. We called in the troops to bring a /some semblance of order to the city.

**assert** :

state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful action); Ex. assert one's independence

**calamity** :

disaster; misery

**foil** :

defeat; frustrate; prevent from being successful; thwart; CF. fail

**invocation** :

prayer for help (used in invoking); calling upon as a reference or support; act of invoking

**retaliate** :

repay in kind (usually for bad treatment); V. retaliate

**complicity** :

participation; involvement (in a questionable act or a crime)

**tangible** :

able to be touched; real; concrete; palpable; possible to realize or understand; Ex. tangible proof

**numismatist** :

person who collects coins; N. numismatics: study or collection of money, coins, and medals

**supplant** :

take the place of unfairly; usurp; replace

**progeny** :

children; offspring; descendants

**list** :

tilt (as of a ship); lean over (to one side)

**invoke** :

call and bring into use (a right or law); call on/upon (a higher power or god) for help; ask for; beg for; conjure (a spirit); Ex. invoke the veto power; Ex. invoke one's advisor/God

**slither** :

slip or slide

**precedent** :

something preceding in time which may be used as an authority or guide for future action; V. precede; CF. unprecedented

**gaunt** :

lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; barren

**dishearten** :

discourage

**commensurate** :

equal in extent; of the same size

**ethereal** :

like a spirit or fairy; unearthly light; heavenly; unusually refined; Ex. She has an ethereal beauty; CF. ether: upper air

**archaic** :

antiquated; no longer used; belonging to the past; N.

**longevity** :

long life; long duration

**pan** :

criticize harshly

**quintessence** :

purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF. fifth essence

**scanty** :

meager; insufficient

**unseemly** :

unbecoming; not proper in behavior; indecent; Ex. leave with unseemly haste

**rebuff** :

reject bluntly; snub; beat back; Ex. She rebuffed his invitation; N.

**pulverize** :

crush or grind into very small particles

**canny** :

shrewd in money matters; thrifty

**influx** :

flowing into

**overwrought** :

nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF. wrought: made or done

**clientele** :

body of customers

**patent** :

obvious; easily seen; open for the public to read; of or protected by a patent; Ex. patent to everyone; N.

**wane** :

decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.

**fetter** :

shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot

**regeneration** :

spiritual rebirth; Ex. regeneration of the prisoners; V. regenerate: give or obtain new life; reform spiritually

**pedagogy** :

teaching; art of education

**jubilation** :

rejoicing; great joy

**mete** :

measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment

**pulmonary** :

pertaining to the lungs

**rift** :

narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds; OP. reconciliation

**exonerate** :

acquit; exculpate; free from blame or guilt

**untoward** :

unexpected and adverse; unfortunate or unlucky; Ex. untoward encounter

**ramp** :

slope; inclined plane or roadway (connecting two levels)

**juncture** :

crisis; point in time; joining point; joint; act of joining

**perspicuous** :

(of something) plainly expressed; easy to understand; Ex. perspicuous comments

**devoid** :

empty; lacking

**prefigure** :

be a sign of; foreshadow

**indicative** :

suggestive; implying; serving to indicate

**denigrate** :

blacken; defame

**lexicon** :

dictionary

**sober** :

serious; solemn; not drunken; abstemious or temperate; V. make or become sober

**bode** :

foreshadow; portend

**reparation** :

compensation (for loss or wrong); amends; Ex. make reparation for the damage; CF. repair

**odious** :

arousing strong dislike; hateful(causing hatred); vile

**maraud** :

move in search of plunder; Ex. marauding army

**meager** :

scanty; inadequate

**ceremonious** :

marked by formality; extremely formal and polite; CF. ceremony: conventional social courtesy

**autonomous** :

self-governing; N. autonomy

**vapid** :

lacking liveliness; dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless; Ex. vapid lecture

**propitiate** :

appease; conciliate; make peaceful; ADJ. propitiatory

**fledgling(fledgeling)** :

inexperienced; N: young bird that has acquired wing feathers and is learning to fly; inexperienced person

**immaculate** :

spotless; flawless; absolutely clean

**distinctive** :

clearly different from others of the same kind

**transpose** :

reverse the order or position of

**momentum** :

quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus; moving force

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**exploit** :

brave and successful act; deed or action, particularly a brave deed; CF. crossing the Atlantic ocean

**sibylline** :

prophetic; oracular; N. sibyl: woman prophet (in the ancient world)

**serrated** :

having a sawtoothed edge; Ex. serrated leaf

**cohere** :

stick together

**wistful** :

sadly thoughtful (because of desires or memories); sadly pensive; vaguely longing

**gamely** :

in a spirited manner; with courage; Ex. fight gamely against a superior boxer; ADJ. game

**spurn** :

reject disdainfully; scorn; Ex. She spurned all offers of help.

**conservatory(conservatoire)** :

school of the fine arts (especially music or drama); glass-enclosed area; CF. conservancy

**malcontent** :

person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs; discontented person; ADJ: discontented

**killjoy** :

grouch; spoilsport; one who intentionally spoils the pleasure of others

**discourse** :

serious speech, writing, or conversation; formal discussion (either written or spoken); conversation; V.

**bifurcated** :

divided into two branches; forked

**lucrative** :

profitable; producing wealth

**qualms** :

uneasy feelings; misgivings; uneasy fears especially about matters of conscience; Ex. I have no qualms about giving this assignment to Helen.

**fusion** :

union; coalition; V. fuse

**clarion** :

shrill, trumpetlike sound; kind of trumpet used in former times

**traverse** :

go through or across

**cherubic** :

angelic; innocent-looking; N. cherub; CF. seraph: winged angel of the highest order

**parasite** :

animal or plant living on another; toady; sycophant; CF. para-: beside

**decomposition** :

decay; V. decompose: decay; break and separate into simple parts

**industrious** :

diligent; hard-working; N. industry

**metallurgical** :

pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores; N. metallurgy: science that deals with extracting metals from ores

**dutiful(duteous)** :

(of people or their behavior) respectful; obedient (filled with a sense of duty)

**indices** :

signs; indications; Ex. indices of a student's potential; CF. index: something that reveals or indicates; sign; Ex. cost-of-living index

**disband** :

dissolve; disperse; (of a group) break up and separate; Ex. The club has disbanded.

**supposititious** :

assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical

**despot** :

tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; CF. despotism

**topple** :

become unsteady and fall down

**apprise** :

inform

**tardy** :

slow; sluggish; not on time; late; Ex. tardy arrival

**sheer** :

pure; thin and transparent; very steep

**optician** :

maker and seller of eyeglasses

**deposition** :

testimony under oath; deposing; dethroning

**legend** :

explanatory list of symbols on a map

**aseptic** :

preventing infection; having a cleansing effect

**farce** :

broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening; ADJ. farcical

**acrid** :

bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent

**raconteur** :

story-teller; one who tells stories with wit and skill

**reduce** :

diminish; bring to a weaker or more difficult condition; demote; lower in rank; separate into components by analysis; Ex. reduced to the ranks; Ex. reduce the house to rubble; N. reduction

**dart** :

move or throw suddenly and quickly

**scholarly** :

full of learning; erudite; like a scholar; Ex. scholarly journal

**cohesion** :

tendency to keep together

**epoch** :

period of time

**canard** :

unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report

**toss** :

throw lightly; move or lift (the head) with a sudden motion; flip (a coin) to decide something

**phalanx** :

formation of infantry carrying overlapping shields and long spears; group of men packed together (for attack or defense)

**bar** :

railing in a courtroom; legal profession; vertical line dividing a staff into equal measures; Ex. prisoner at the bar; V: shut in or out with bars; forbid; exclude; CF. barrister

**lineaments** :

features especially of the face; distinctive shape or contour of the face; CF. line

**validate** :

make valid; confirm; ratify

**compelling** :

overpowering; irresistible in effect; holding one's attention; that compels one to do something; Ex. a compelling adventure story; V. compel

**choreography** :

art of representing dances in written symbols; arrangement of dances

**furor** :

frenzy; great anger and excitement; CF. fury

**obituary** :

death notice (esp. in a newspaper); ADJ.

**dialectical** :

relating to the art of debate; mutual or reciprocal; Ex. dialectical situation; N. dialectic: art of arriving at the truth by the exchange of logical arguments

**oratorio** :

dramatic poem set to music; long musical work with singing but without acting; CF. cantata

**sloth** :

slow moving tree-dwelling mammal; laziness; ADJ. slothful: lazy; indolent

**simian** :

monkeylike; N: ape or monkey

**inter** :

bury; N. interment

**supersede** :

replace; cause to be set aside; make obsolete; N. supersession

**coroner** :

public official who investigates any death thought to be of other than natural causes

**perspicuity** :

clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity

**succulent** :

juicy; full of juice or sap; full of richness; N: succulent plant such as a cactus

**ransack** :

search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); Ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.

**dorsal** :

relating to the back of an animal; Ex. dorsal fin

**protean** :

able to take on many forms; versatile; CF. Proteus: sea god to change his shape at will

**conscientious** :

scrupulous; through and careful; Ex. conscientious worker

**gape** :

open widely; open the mouth wide; stare wonderingly with the mouth open; CF. agape

**perverse** :

purposely continuing to do something wrong; stubbornly wrongheaded; perverted; directed away from what is right; wicked and unacceptable; Ex. perverse satisfaction; Ex. Hannibal Lecter in a perverse mood; N. perversity

**nexus** :

connection

**mercantile** :

concerning trade or merchants

**inestimable** :

impossible to estimate; (apprec) invaluable; of immeasurable worth

**quixotic** :

idealistic but impractical; CF. Don Quixote

**antipathy** :

aversion; dislike or opposition

**chaste** :

morally pure; virginal; abstaining from illicit sexual acts; modest; simple (of a style of writing); not highly decorated; austere

**incident** :

event; event that causes a crisis

**distraught** :

upset; distracted by anxiety; very anxious and troubled almost to the point of madness; Ex. distraught with grief/worry

**recreant** :

disloyal; cowardly; N: disloyal and cowardly person

**disport** :

amuse; Ex. disport oneself; CF. divert

**proxy** :

authorized agent; authority to act for another

**leave-taking** :

farewell or departure

**tender** :

offer formally; extend; Ex. tender one's resignation/the exact fare; N: formal offer; money; Ex. legal tender; ADJ:

young and vulnerable; sensitive to the touch; sore; soft; delicate; Ex. child of tender years; Ex. tender wound

**brunt** :

main impact or shock (of an attack or blow); Ex. brunt of the argument

**junta** :

group of persons joined in political intrigue; cabal; group of military officers ruling a country after seizing power (by force)

**materialism** :

preoccupation with physical comforts and things; excessive regard for worldly concerns (rather than spiritual matters)

**analgesic** :

causing insensitivity to pain; N.

**jurisprudence** :

science of law

**dossier** :

file of documents on a subject or person; file; CF. bundle of papers labeled on the back

**transparent** :

permitting light to pass through freely; easily detected; obvious; clear; Ex. transparent lie

**virulent** :

(of a disease or poison) extremely harmful or poisonous; (of a feeling) hostile; bitter; N. virulence; CF. virus; CF. venom

**bluster** :

blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptily; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; CF. breeze, gust, gale

**capacious** :

spacious

**conspiracy** :

treacherous plot; secret plan against the law (by two or more people)

**lectern** :

reading desk or stand for a public speaker

**aria** :

operatic solo; a song sung by one person in an opera or oratorio

**unique** :

without an equal; single in kind

**posterity** :

descendants; future generations; Ex. go down to posterity; CF. posterior, anterior

**pacifist** :

one opposed to force; antimilitarist; ADJ. N. pacifism: opposition to war as a means of resolving disputes

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**insatiable** :

not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite

**exhilarating** :

invigorating and refreshing; cheering; V. exhilarate: make cheerful and excited; Ex. exhilarated by the ride in the sports car

**bohemian** :

unconventional (in an artistic way)

**ignoble** :

unworthy; not noble; dishonorable; Ex. ignoble deed

**career** :

rush wildly; go at full speed

**zeal** :

eager enthusiasm (to a cause or ideal); ADJ. zealous

**miscellany** :

mixture of writings on various subjects; collection of various items

**acquittal** :

deliverance from a charge; V. acquit: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner

**evocative** :

tending to call up (emotions, memories)

**titter** :

nervous giggle; nervous laugh; V.

**glut** :

overstock; fill beyond capacity (with food); fill to excess; N: oversupply

**devious** :

roundabout; erratic; deviating from the straight course; not straightforward; not completely honest; Ex. devious route

**imperturbable** :

unshakably calm; placid

**husbandry** :

frugality; thrift; economy; agriculture; farming; Ex. animal husbandry; CF. husbandman

**ingrate** :

ungrateful person (not expressing thanks)

**comport** :

bear one's self; behave; Ex. comport oneself; N. comportment

**reprobation** :

severe disapproval; CF. approbation

**arch-** :

chief; first; Ex. archbishop

**incendiary** :

arsonist; ADJ: causing fire; of arson; Ex. incendiary bomb

**glossary** :

brief explanation of words used in the text

**helm** :

steering wheel of a ship; position of control

**pretext** :

excuse

**solvent** :

able to pay all debts; N. solvency

**nauseous** :

causing nausea; feeling nausea

**valor** :

bravery; ADJ. valiant: possessing valor; brave

**impasse** :

predicament(dangerous condition) from which there is no escape; situation allowing for no further progress

**foreboding** :

premonition of evil; feeling of coming evil; V. forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)

**copious** :

plentiful

**overturn** :

turn over; capsize; topple

**fawning** :

courting favor by cringing and flattering; V. fawn: exhibit affection as a dog; seek favor or attention by obsequiousness

**allegory** :

story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable

**retain** :

keep; maintain possession of; employ (esp. a lawyer or advisor); N. retainer: servant; fee paid to retain an advisor

**mimicry** :

imitation

**extrinsic** :

external; not essential or inherent; extraneous; OP: intrinsic

**duration** :

length of time something lasts

**truism** :

self-evident truth

**absolve** :

pardon (an offense)

**arsenal** :

storage place for military equipment

**centrifugal** :

radiating; departing from the center

**alms** :

money or goods given to the poor

**shrew** :

scolding woman; very small mouselike animal

**sordid** :

filthy; foul; base; vile; Ex. sordid bed/story

**franchise** :

right or privilege granted by authority; right to vote; license to sell a product in a particular territory

**enhance** :

increase; make greater (as in value, reputation, or usefulness); improve

**anesthetic** :

substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness; N. anesthesia

**decadence** :

decay; fall to a lower level (of morality, civilization, or art); ADJ. decadent

**ejaculation** :

exclamation; abrupt ejection (to discharge sperm); V. ejaculate

**terse** :

concise; abrupt; pithy

**vintner** :

wine merchant; winemaker; seller of wine

**labyrinth** :

maze

**detain** :

keep waiting; prevent from leaving or going; N. detention

**self-indulgence** :

excessive indulgence of one's own desire

**philology** :

study of language or words

**recapitulate** :

summarize

**odorous** :

having an odor

**rustle** :

make slight sounds like silk moving or being rubbed together

**licentious** :

amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained

**physiognomy** :

face (as showing the character and the mind); art of judging human character from facial features

**awful** :

terrible; very bad

**ravenous** :

extremely hungry; voracious

**earmark** :

set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose

**unaccountable** :

unexplicable; impossible to account for; unreasonable or mysterious

**behoove(behove)** :

be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary; Ex. It behooves one to do.

**badger** :

pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N: a kind of mountain animal

**rumble** :

make or move with a deep rolling sound (as thunder or stomach)

**sojourn** :

temporary stay; V: stay for a time

**myopic** :

nearsighted; lacking foresight; N. myopia

**tortuous** :

winding; full of curves; Ex. tortuous mountain road

**cross** :

bad-tempered; showing ill-humor; angry

**murmur** :

low, indistinct, continuous sound; V. CF. mumble

**fret** :

be annoyed or vexed; Ex. fret over your poor grades; N: irritation of mind; ADJ. fretful

**gaffe** :

social blunder

**divest** :

strip (as of clothes); deprive (as of rights); dispossess; N. divestiture(divestment)

**beatitude** :

blessedness; state of great happiness

**sinecure** :

well-paid position with little responsibility; CF. sine cure: without care; CF. San Serif

**squat** :

short and thick; stocky; Ex. ugly squat tower; V. N.

**unintimidating** :

unfrightening

**provocative** :

arousing anger or sexual interest; annoying; Ex. provocative in tight jeans; V. provoke: incite to anger; cause (an unpleasant action or feeling); N. provocation

**discomfit** :

frustrate; put to rout; defeat; disconcert; embarrass; perturb

**tarry** :

linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle

**prosperous** :

successful; rich; affluent; well-to-do; well-off

**apotheosis** :

elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something

**pinnacle** :

small boat

**transition** :

going from one state of action to another

**maudlin** :

effusively sentimental

**chameleon** :

lizard that changes color in different situations

**aspersion** :

slandering remark; Ex. cast aspersions on

**ape** :

imitate or mimic (a person's behavior or manner)

**render** :

give; deliver; provide; represent in verbal or artistic form; depict; perform; make; translate; Ex. render the song beautifully

**galley** :

low ship with sails (rowed along by slaves)

**curb** :

chain or strap used with a bit to restrain a horse; something that checks; V: check; restrain

**buffet** :

strike forcefully; slap; batter; knock out; N: table with food set out for people to serve themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set

**seemly** :

(of behavior) proper; appropriate

**decrepitude** :

state of collapse or weakness caused by illness or old age

**protuberance** :

protrusion; swelling; bulge

**benefit** :

advantage; anything that brings help, advantage, or profit; money provided by the government to the people; fund-raising public entertainment; Ex. unemployment benefit; V. receive benefits; be beneficial to; give benefits

**memorialize** :

commemorate

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**condign** :

adequate; (of punishment) severe and well deserved

**oscillate** :

vibrate pendulumlike; waver

**theoretical** :

based on theory; not practical or applied; hypothetical

**pundit** :

authority on a subject; expert; learned person

**stereotype** :

one regarded as embodying a set image or type; fixed and unvarying representation; standardized mental picture often reflecting prejudice; Ex. stereotype of the happy slave; V. make a stereotype of; represent by a stereotype; Ex. It is wrong to stereotype people; Ex. stereotyped answer

**brawny** :

muscular; having well-developed muscles

**surfeit** :

sate; feed or supply to excess; stuff; indulge to excess in anything; N. surfeiting; excessive amount; Ex. surfeit of food

**hazard** :

venture; put in danger; risk; Ex. hazard a guess; N. possible source of danger

**eloquence** :

expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influenced

**fanciful** :

whimsical; visionary; imaginary; produced by imagination; Ex. fanciful scheme

**factious** :

inclined to form factions; causing dissension

**chassis** :

framework and working parts of an automobile; framework to which components are attached

**inopportune** :

untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly chosen

**alcove** :

nook; recess

**vendetta** :

blood feud (esp. between two families); CF. Nina Williams

**nemesis** :

someone seeking revenge; source of downfall or ruin; CF. Nemesis

**accrue** :

come to one as a gain; accumulate over time; come about by addition; Ex. benefits that accrue from scientific research; Ex. interest accruing in a bank account; N. accrual

**undertaker** :

funeral director; one whose business is to arrange burials

**complementary** :

serving to complete something

**jingoist** :

extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist; N. jingoism: extreme nationalism

**aquiline** :

curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex. aquiline nose

**lofty** :

very high

**mordant** :

biting; sarcastic; stinging; (apprec.) incisive; cutting; Ex. mordant pen/wit

**bombast** :

grandiloquent, pompous speech

**shift** :

change position or place; exchange (one thing) for another; change in direction or position; Ex. shift the stolen goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of such a group

**deft** :

neat; skillful

**homily** :

sermon; tedious moralizing lecture; serious warning; ADJ. homiletic

**rankle** :

irritate; fester; annoy

**mingle** :

mix together in close association

**indeterminate** :

uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite

**rotundity** :

roundness; sonorousness of speech

**enumerate** :

list; mention one by one

**congenial** :

pleasant; friendly; in agreement with one's tastes and nature; Ex. congenial weather

**gist** :

essence; main point; substance

**privation** :

lack of the basic necessities or comforts of life; hardship; want; CF. deprive

**cataclysm** :

deluge; upheaval; earthquake; violent and sudden event or change

**toxic** :

poisonous; N. toxicity

**mutter** :

utter (complaining words) indistinctly in low tones

**abjure** :

renounce upon oath

**extradition** :

surrender of prisoner by one state to another; Ex. extradition treaty; V. extradite

**quirk** :

sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate

**aspire** :

seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the leadership

**stratagem** :

deceptive scheme; clever trick

**arrogance** :

pride; haughtiness; ADJ. arrogant: unpleasantly self-important (with a strong confidence in one's own importance and a lack of respect for other people)

**commune** :

small (often rural) community whose members share work and income; V. exchange thoughts or feelings; Ex. commune with nature

**forestall** :

prevent by taking action in advance

**inundate** :

flood; overflow; submerge; cover completely; Ex. inundated with work

**fussy** :

fastidious; finicky; easily upset

**estranged** :

subside or moderate

**annul** :

separated; alienated; V. estrange: alienate (people in a family); N. estrangement

**jetsam** :

make void

**egotism** :

things thrown from a ship (to lighten the ship)

**bequeath** :

tendency to speak or write of oneself excessively; conceit; self-importance

**skeptic** :

leave to someone by means of a will; hand down in his will; N. bequest

**dauntless** :

sceptic; doubter; person who suspends judgment until he has examined the evidence supporting a point of view; ADJ. skeptical; N. skepticism; scepticism

**audacious** :

bold; fearless

**lien** :

daring; bold; N. audacity

**compost** :

legal claim or right on a property

**congruent** :

mixture of decaying organic matter used as fertilizer; V. put or make compost

**heresy** :

in agreement; harmonious; corresponding; coinciding exactly; CF. congruous

**expound** :

opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion; ADJ. heretical; CF. heretic

**high-flown** :

explain

**obtuse** :

highly pretentious or inflated

**maniacal** :

blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding

**detrimental** :

raging mad; insane; N. maniac: insane person; CF. mania: disorder of the mind; intense enthusiasm

**whorl** :

harmful; damaging; N. detriment

**mangy** :

ring of leaves around stem; ring; circular arrangement; Ex. whorls on the fingers

**petulant** :

shabby; wretched; suffering from mange; of bad appearance

**putrefy** :

touchy; peevish; ill-tempered

**decimate** :

make or become putrid; N. putrefaction

**hideous** :

kill (usually one out of ten or every tenth man); destroy or kill a large part of

**resolve** :

repulsive to the sight; ugly; repugnant; Ex. hideous face/scream

**abate** :

decide; settle; solve; separate; make a determined decision; N. resolution

**brave** :

face courageously; Ex. brave the storm

**viscous** :

talk idly; speak foolishly; boast idly

**cardinal** :

(of a liquid) thick and sticky; gluey; viscid; CF. consistency

**grovel** :

chief; most important; N: priest; cardinal number: number that shows quantity rather than order

**pastry** :

crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate; behave in a servile manner

**compliance** :

paste of flour and water (eaten when baked)

**betrot** :

conformity in fulfilling requirements; readiness to yield; disposition to yield to others; V. comply

**invalid** :

become engaged to marry

**valediction** :

one incapacitated (disabled) by a chronic illness; ADJ: incapacitated by illness; not valid; null; V. allow to leave (a military force) because of ill-health

**spurious** :

saying farewell; expression of leave-taking

**hygiene** :

false; counterfeit; forged; illogical; Ex. spurious arguments

**lechery** :

science and practice of the promotion and preservation of health; ADJ. hygienic: showing careful attention to cleanness (to prevent disease); Ex. hygienic condition

**elaboration** :

gross lewdness; lustfulness; ADJ. lecherous; N. lecher: lecherous man

**entomology** :

addition of details; intricacy

**homeostasis** :

study of insects

**molt(moult)** :

tendency of a system or organism to maintain relative stability or internal equilibrium; CF. homeo-: constant; Ex. homeotherm

**hostage** :

periodically shed or cast off hairs or feathers (for replacement by a new growth)

**expatiate** :

person who is kept as a prisoner by an enemy so that the other side will do what the enemy demands

**resentment** :

talk at length; speak or write in detail

**tribute** :

indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about

**palimpsest** :

tax levied by a ruler; payment made by one nation to another in acknowledgment of submission; mark of respect (such as praise or gift); Ex. pay tribute to

**askance** :

parchment or piece of writing material used for second time after original writing has been erased

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 **vaporize** :

with a sideways or indirect look (with disapproval or distrust); Ex. look askance at

**dour** :

turn into vapor (steam, gas, fog, etc.)

**lackadaisical** :

sullen; gloomy; stubborn

**prate** :

lacking interest or effort; lacking purpose or zest; lazy; halfhearted; languid

**casualty** :

serious or fatal accident; person killed or wounded in an accident or battle

**bulk** :

size or volume (esp. when very large); main part; Ex. The bulk of the work has already been done; ADJ. bulky: having great size

**rectitude** :

moral correctness; moral uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment

**vainglorious** :

boastful; excessively conceited; N. vainglory: great vanity

**filing** :

particle removed by a file

**inveigh** :

denounce; utter censure or invective; Ex. inveigh against the evils of drink

**pathetic** :

causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching

**agnostic** :

one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality

**supererogatory** :

superfluous; more than needed or demanded

**engross** :

occupy fully; absorb

**orgy** :

wild drunken revelry; unrestrained indulgence in an activity; Ex. orgy of shopping

**feral** :

(of an animal) not domestic; wild

**hilarity** :

boisterous mirth(merriment; laughter); ADJ. hilarious: full of laughter

**incandescent** :

strikingly bright; shining with intense heat; emitting visible light when heated; Ex. incandescent light bulb; CF. candle

**forebears(forbears)** :

ancestors

**disenfranchise** :

disfranchise; deprive of a civil right; OP. enfranchise

**slink** :

move furtively; ADJ. slinky: stealthy; furtive; sneaky (as in ambush)

**besmirch** :

soil; defile; make dirty

**brood** :

sit on in order to hatch; think deeply or worry anxiously; N: the young of certain animals; group of young birds hatched at one time

**beholden** :

obligated; indebted; owing thanks; obliged or indebted from gratitude

**flay** :

strip off skin; plunder; remove the skin from; criticize harshly

**sophomoric** :

immature; half-baked; like a sophomore

**exculpate** :

clear from blame or guilt

**perturb** :

disturb greatly

**variegated** :

(esp. of a flower or leaf) many-colored

**excerpt** :

selected passage (written or musical) taken from a longer work; V.

**insolvent** :

bankrupt; lacking money to pay; N. insolvency

**parley** :

conference (between opponents); CF. speak

**compendium** :

brief, comprehensive summary; ADJ. compendious

**gusty** :

windy

**benison** :

blessing

**don** :

put on; OP. doff

**chaffing** :

bantering; joking

**hive** :

box for bees; V. cause to go in a hive

**catapult** :

slingshot; hurling machine; V. fire from catapult

**aspirant** :

seeker after position or status

**magistrate** :

official with power to administer the law

**finite** :

limited

**suppliant** :

one who supplicates; ADJ.

**scrappy** :

quarrelsome

**intelligentsia** :

intellectuals; members of the educated elite (often used derogatorily)

**crochet** :

make (a piece of needlework) by looping thread with a hooked needle; N. CF. crotchet

**epitome** :

perfect example or embodiment; brief summary; Ex. epitome of good manners; V. epitomize: make an epitome of; be an epitome of; embody

**vagrant** :

wandering from place to place; roving; stray; moving in a random fashion; Ex. vagrant thoughts; N. vagrancy

**falter** :

hesitate; weaken in purpose or action; walk or move unsteadily through weakness; N.

**florid** :

ruddy; (of a complexion) reddish; flowery; very ornate; CF. rose

**philatelist** :

stamp-collector; N. philately: stamp collecting

**grotesque** :

fantastic; comically hideous; strange and unnatural (causing fear or amusement)

**avalanche** :

great mass of falling snow and ice

**accessible** :

easy to approach; obtainable

**inane** :

silly; senseless; Ex. inane remarks; N. inanity

**orientation** :

act of finding oneself in society; orienting

**acidulous** :

slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic

**crabbed** :

sour; bad-tempered; peevish; difficult to read as handwriting

**lagoon** :

shallow body of water or lake near a sea; lake separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs

**unprepossessing** :

unattractive

**airy** :

of air; high in the air; lofty; immaterial; unreal

**acuity** :

sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)

**integrate** :

make whole; combine; make into one unit

**dispatch** :

speediness; prompt execution; message sent with all due speed; V: send to a specified destination; finish promptly; kill

**knead** :

mix; work dough; mix and work into a uniform mass (with the hands); Ex. knead dough

**spry** :

(esp. of older people) vigorously active; nimble

**addiction** :

compulsive habitual need

**bizarre** :

fantastic; violently contrasting; noticeably odd; strikingly unconventional

**humane** :

marked by kindness or consideration; kind and compassionate; humanitarian

**sycophant** :

servile flatterer; bootlicker; yes man; ADJ. sycophantic

**swear-word** :

word considered offensive; Ex. "bloody"

**sedate** :

composed (with no excitement); grave; V: administer a sedative to; CF. sedative

**abet** :

assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage

**monograph** :

scholarly article

**preternatural** :

beyond what is normal in nature; supernatural; Ex. preternatural strength/forces

**jurisdiction** :

right and power to apply the law; authority

**despoil** :

plunder; sack; Ex. despoil the village

**voluminous** :

having great volume (as of a garment or container); bulky; large

**dapper** :

neat and trim (in appearance); (of small men) neat in appearance and quick in movements; neat; spry

**sleigh** :

large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice

**sullen** :

silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark; gloomy

**anathema** :

solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse; V. anathematize

**destitute** :

drifting wreckage

**eclipse** :

extremely poor; lacking means of subsistence; utterly lacking; devoid; Ex. destitute of any experience

**dismantle** :

darken; extinguish; outshine; surpass; cause an eclipse

**putative** :

take apart; disassemble

**imperative** :

supposed; reputed; generally regarded as such; Ex. putative father of the child

**gerrymander** :

absolutely necessary; that must be done; critically important; expressing command; Ex. It is imperative that; N: something that must be done

**disclaim** :

change voting district lines in order to favor a political party; N. CF. Elbridge Gerry + (sala)mander

**implicate** :

disown; renounce claim to; deny; CF. disclaimer

**indoctrinate** :

incriminate; involve incriminatingly; show to be involved (in a crime); Ex. implicate someone in the crime

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**oblivion** :

cause to accept a doctrine without questioning it; Ex. indoctrinated with mindless anti-communism

**indigence** :

obscurity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness

**incompatible** :

poverty

**interstice** :

inharmonious; N. incompatibility

**assent** :

narrow space between things

**abode** :

agree; accept; N. assessment

**momentous** :

dwelling place; home

**avuncular** :

very important; N. moment; CF. momentary

**seminal** :

of or like an uncle

**matinée(matinee)** :

related to seed or semen; germinal; creative; providing a basis for further development; influencing future developments; Ex. seminal research in a new field

**histrionic** :

dramatic or musical performance given in the afternoon

**welt** :

theatrical; excessively dramatic or emotional; affected; of actors or acting; N. histrionics: histrionic behavior

**stockade** :

raised mark from a beating or whipping

**strangle** :

wooden enclosure or pen; fixed line of posts used as defensive barrier

**stem** :

kill by choking or suffocating; suppress

**flotsam** :

stop or check (the flow of); Ex. stem the bleeding from the slashed artery; N: main axis of a plant; stalk

**vagary** :

capricious happening; caprice; whim; CF. wander

**inculcate** :

teach (ideas or principles); instill

**countermand** :

cancel; revoke (an order)

**insularity** :

narrow-mindedness; isolation; ADJ. insular: of an island; isolated; narrow-minded; CF. peninsula

**discriminating** :

able to see differences; discerning; prejudiced; N. discrimination

**vouchsafe** :

grant condescendingly; guarantee; Ex. vouchsafe your fair return on your investment

**rubble** :

fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)

**abeyance** :

suspended action

**sate** :

satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy

**asymmetric** :

not identical on both sides of a dividing central line

**rote** :

repetition; memorization through repetition without understanding; Ex. learn poetry by rote

**immolate** :

offer or kill as a sacrifice (by fire)

**malignant** :

tending to cause death; highly injurious; aggressively malevolent; Ex. malignant tumor

**dysentery** :

inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract

**fray** :

brawl; fight; V. wear away or unravel by rubbing; have loose threads developing; cause to become worn out (a person's temper or nerves); CF. rub

**agglomeration** :

collection; heap; V. agglomerate: gather into a rounded mass; N. agglomerate: jumbled mass; heap

**phylum** :

major classification, second to kingdom, of plants and animals; category ranking below a kingdom and above a class; division

**hiatus** :

gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break

**irrevocable** :

unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke

**contrivance** :

something contrived; machine or apparatus; clever deceitful plan; scheme

**apostate** :

one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs; N. apostasy

**ratify** :

approve formally; confirm; verify

**loft** :

room or space under the roof; attic

**defray** :

provide for the payment of; undertake the payment of; pay

**discerning** :

mentally quick and observant; having insight; perceptive; able to make good judgments; V. discern: perceive

**chagrin** :

annoyance and disappointment; vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride)

**magisterial** :

authoritative; imperious; commanding; of a magistrate; Ex. magisterial study of Roman law; Ex. magisterial manner

**warp** :

twist out of shape; N.

**phenomena** :

observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation; SG. phenomenon: observable fact; very unusual person, thing, or event; marvel; wonder; CF. phenomenons; ADJ. phenomenal: very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Ex. phenomenal strength

**plaudit** :

praise; enthusiastic approval; round(succession or series) of applause; ADJ. plauditory; CF. applaud

**litter** :

waste material thrown away (as bits of paper scattered untidily); V: cover untidily with scattered litter

**advent** :

arrival

**tenacious** :

holding fast (as to a belief); persistent

**touchstone** :

stone used to test the fineness of gold alloys; criterion; standard

**resound** :

(of a place) be filled with sound; (of a sound) sound loudly; sound back; echo; Ex. hall resounded with laughter

**aperture** :

opening; hole; adjustable opening in a camera that limits the amount of light

**coalition** :

partnership; league; union of separate political parties

**defame** :

harm someone's reputation; malign; speak evil of; slander; N. defamation; ADJ. defamatory

**nutrition** :

process of nourishing or being nourished; CF. malnutrition

**sustenance** :

sustaining; means of livelihood, support, food, nourishment; something that maintains life; food

**waive** :

give up temporarily; yield; N. waiver: waiving a right or claim; document that waives a right or claim

**facilitate** :

help bring about; make less difficult

**glean** :

gather leavings; gather grain left behind by reapers; gather bit by bit (facts or information) often with difficulty

**novelty** :

something new; newness; ADJ. novel: new; original

**avenge** :

take vengeance for something or on behalf of someone; Ex. They avenged his death by burning the village; Ex.

He swore to avenge his brother; Ex. They avenged themselves on their enemy.

**emanate** :

issue forth; come out

**shrivel** :

make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)

**swell** :

long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V.

**misconduct** :

immoral behavior; bad management; V.

**fell** :

cruel; (of a disease) deadly

**swear** :

vow; promise; use profane oaths; use offensive words

**immune** :

resistant to; free or exempt from; N. immunity

**decry** :

express strong disapproval of; condemn openly (something dangerous to the public); disparage; Ex. decry the violence of modern films

**nomenclature** :

terminology(system of specialized words); system of names or naming things

**bait** :

harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other lure used to catch fish or trap animals

**exposure** :

risk, particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying something open; Ex. exposure of governmental corruption

**ruminant** :

animal that ruminates; ADJ.

**scorch** :

sear; N.

**stock** :

standard; kept regularly in stock or supply; typical; routine; common; Ex. stock sizes of paper; Ex. stock excuse/character; N: goods for sale in a shop; OP. unique

**imperceptible** :

unnoticeable; impossible to perceive; undetectable

**collusion** :

conspiring in a fraudulent scheme to cheat or deceive others; V. collude

**depravity** :

extreme corruption; wickedness; V. deprave

**quorum** :

minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting

**allude** :

refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference

**pendulous** :

hanging; suspended

**pith** :

core or marrow; spongelike substance in the center of stems; essence; substance

**psychosomatic** :

of the influence of the mind on the body (esp. with respect to disease)

**nominal** :

in name only; of a name; trifling; (of a sum of money) very small; CF. nominate: propose as a candidate; appoint

**soar** :

rise or fly high in the air; Ex. The rocket soared into the sky.

**marred** :

damaged; disfigured; V. mar: spoil; disfigure

**etymology** :

study of word parts; study of the origins of words

**reprise** :

musical repetition; repeating of a piece of music; repeat performance; recurrent action; Ex. reprise in the finale;

Ex. constant reprises

**mammal** :

vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young

**allure** :

entice; attract; tempt

**fracas** :

brawl(noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; melee

**embitter** :

make bitter; fill with painful or bitter feelings; make sad and angry; Ex. He was embittered by many disappointments.

**saunter** :

stroll(go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.

**determinate** :

having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; invariable; fixed; conclusive; final

**alimentary** :

supplying nourishment

**adore** :

love deeply and respect highly

**condiments** :

seasonings; spices

**forlorn** :

sad and lonely; wretched; desolate

**certitude** :

certainty

**outcast** :

one that has been excluded from a society; ADJ.

**nether** :

lower; Ex. nether garments/regions

**comity** :

courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations

**bout** :

match; short period of great activity; Ex. wrestling bout; bout of drinking/flu

**fell** :

cut or knock down (a tree or a person); bring down (with a missile)

**barefaced** :

shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; unconcealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie

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**demented** :

insane

**subsume** :

include (as a member of a group); encompass

**shun** :

keep away from; avoid deliberately; Ex. She has been shunned by her neighbors.

**unimpeachable** :

that cannot be impeached; beyond doubt or question; blameless and exemplary

**retard** :

delay (in development); ADJ. retarded: (as of a child) slower in development

**toga** :

Roman outer robe

**decree** :

authoritative order; edict; judgment of a court of law; V: order or judge by decree

**conversant** :

familiar with; having knowledge of

**douse** :

plunge into water or liquid; dip; immerse; drench; wet thoroughly; extinguish; throw water over; douse

**brooch** :

ornamental clasp; pin

**indict** :

charge; N. indictment

**gossamer** :

sheer; very light; like cobwebs; N: soft and sheer fabric; cobweb

**pyromaniac** :

person with an insane desire to set things on fire

**husband** :

use sparingly; conserve; save; Ex. husband one's energy; CF. house holder

**ovoid** :

egg-shaped; CF. ovum; CF. ovulate

**desecrate** :

profane; violate the sanctity of

**relinquish** :

give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; Ex. relinquish power/the claim to the land/his hold on my arm

**pervasive** :

spread throughout; V. pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate

**ineffable** :

unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Ex. ineffable name/joy

**abstract** :

theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational

**disproportion** :

lack of proportion (between the parts); ADJ. disproportionate

**crevice** :

crack; fissure

**extenuate** :

weaken; mitigate; lessen the seriousness of (bad behavior)

**apathy** :

lack of caring; indifference; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Ex. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; ADJ. apathetic

**secrete** :

conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism; CF. secretive

**meteoric** :

like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Ex. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor

**vertex** :

summit; highest point; PL. vertices

**raspy** :

making a harsh noise; grating; harsh

**authoritative** :

having the weight of authority; regarded as providing knowledge that can be trusted; reliable; peremptory and dictatorial; Ex. authoritative dictionary/manner; CF. definitive

**tatter** :

torn piece of cloth; ADJ. tattered: (of clothes) old and torn; (of a person) dressed in old torn clothes

**discordant** :

not harmonious; conflicting

**recidivism** :

habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N. recidivist

**commonplace** :

ordinary; N: something ordinary or common; trite remark

**pandemic** :

widespread; affecting the majority of people; N: pandemic disease; CF. all people

**prodigious** :

enormous; marvelous; extraordinary; Ex. prodigious amount/memory

**glib** :

fluent (with insincerity or superficiality); facile; slick

**effusion** :

pouring forth; unrestrained outpouring of feeling; V. effuse: pour out; ADJ. effusive: pouring forth; gushing

**imprecation** :

curse; swearword

**replicate** :

reproduce; duplicate

**hibernal** :

wintry; wintery; of or like winter

**unsullied** :

untarnished; CF. sully

**figure** :

written symbols; number; amount represented in numbers; outline or silhouette of a thing or human body; person (well-known); impression; diagram; pattern; group in a dance; Ex. figure of speech; V. calculate with numbers; adorn with figures; appear; consider; Ex. My name did not figure in the list.

**goad** :

urge on; drive with a goad; cause (someone) to do something by continued annoyance; Ex. They goaded him into doing it by saying he was a coward; N: sharp-pointed stick for driving cattle; stimulus; CF. annoy continually

**sow** :

plant or scatter seed

**requite** :

make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. requittal

**flicker** :

burn unsteadily or fitfully; move waveringly; N: flickering movement or light; brief sensation; Ex. flicker of excitement

**reciprocal** :

mutual; given and received in return; exchangeable; interacting; Ex. reciprocal trade agreement

**laud** :

praise; N. ADJ. laudable: praiseworthy; ADJ. laudatory: expressing praise

**expunge** :

cancel; remove a word or name (from a book or list); erase

**notch** :

V-shaped cut in a surface; V.

**translucent** :

partly transparent

**repellent** :

driving away; disgusting; offensive; repulsive; unattractive; N.

**institution** :

instituting; (building for the) organization; established custom, practice, or relationship in a society; mental hospital; Ex. institution of marriage

**obstinate** :

stubborn; hard to control or treat; Ex. obstinate cough; N. obstinacy

**riveting** :

holding one's attention; absorbing; engrossing

**formality** :

ceremonious quality; ceremonious adherence to rules; something done just for form's sake; Ex. mere formality

**hinterlands** :

back country; inner part of a country; OP. foreland

**satyr** :

half-human, half-bestial being in the court of Dionysus (resembling a goat), portrayed as wanton (unrestrained) and cunning; lecher; CF. faun; CF. goat: lecherous man

**throttle** :

strangle; regulate the speed of with a throttle; N: valve that regulates the flow; CF. throat ?

**faction** :

party; clique (within a large group); dissension

**pinion** :

restrain or immobilize by binding the wings or legs; N: bird's wing

**filch** :

steal (things of small value)

**sportive** :

playful; frolicsome; merry; CF. sport: play or frolic; CF. sportsmanlike

**spontaneity** :

lack of premeditation; naturalness; freedom from constraint; ADJ. spontaneous: self-generated; unpremeditated; happening without being planned

**concede** :

admit; acknowledge as being true (often reluctantly); yield; grant; Ex. concede a goal

**galleon** :

large three-masted sailing ship

**dissemble** :

disguise; hide the real nature of; pretend

**missive** :

letter; written statement; CF. sent

**temporize** :

gain time as by postponing an action; avoid committing oneself

**veracity** :

truthfulness; adherence to the truth

**valedictory** :

pertaining to farewell; N: farewell address (esp. at graduation exercises)

**tithe** :

tax of one-tenth (contributed to a church); V: pay a tithe

**lexicographer** :

compiler of a dictionary; CF. lexicography: work of compiling a dictionary

**plumage** :

feathers of a bird;

**molecule** :

the smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance that has all the properties of that substance

**turmoil** :

extreme confusion; great commotion and confusion; Ex. throw the country into turmoil

**endue** :

provide with some quality; endow

**parsimony** :

stinginess; excessive frugality; ADJ. parsimonious

**gouge** :

tear out; cut out (as if with a gouge); Ex. gouge his eyes out; N: chisel for cutting out hollow areas in wood

**homely** :

not good-looking; unattractive

**trajectory** :

path taken by a projectile; Ex. trajectory of a bullet

**gallows** :

framework from which a noose is suspended (used for execution by hanging)

**ensorious** :

severely critical

**aggregate** :

sum; total; ADJ. V: gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars

**gnarled** :

twisted

**beeline** :

direct quick route

**baroque** :

highly ornate

**anecdote** :

short story of an amusing or interesting event

**serendipity** :

gift for finding valuable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck; CF. The Three Princes of Serendip

**lackluster** :

lacking luster(shine; gloss); dull

**flag** :

droop; grow feeble; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ. flagging; CF. unflagging

**egoism** :

excessive interest in one's self; belief that one should be interested in one's self rather than in others; selfishness;  
ADJ. egoistic, egoistical

**gazette** :

official periodical publication; newspaper

**scurvy** :

contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin C

**stringent** :

(of rules) binding; rigid; marked by scarcity of money; Ex. stringent economic conditions

**unwitting** :

not knowing; unaware; unintentional; Ex. She was their unwitting accomplice; Ex. unwitting insult; CF. wit;  
know

**patois** :

local or provincial dialect

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**exact** :

demand and obtain by force; Ex. exact a promise from him; N. exaction

**emaciated** :

thin and wasted (from hunger or illness)

**guileless** :

without deceit

**centaur** :

mythical figure, half man and half horse

**droop** :

bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.

**finished** :

properly made and complete; Ex. finished product/performance

**imbibe** :

drink in

**dissertation** :

formal essay; treatise

**discursive** :

(of a person or writing) digressing; rambling (without any clear plan)

**dappled** :

spotted

**servitude** :

slavery; compulsory labor imposed as a punishment

**humor** :

indulge; comply with the wishes of; N. quality that makes something amusing; state of mind; mood; Ex. in a bad humor; Ex. out of humor

**drudgery** :

hard unpleasant work; menial work

**apex** :

tip; summit; climax; highest point

**lancet** :

small surgical tool for making incisions

**smart** :

intelligent; quick and energetic; fashionable; Ex. smart pace/restaurant; V: cause or feel a sharp pain; N: smarting pain

**foul** :

very bad or disagreeable; very dirty; Ex. foul smell/ flavor/ temper/ language/ air/ deed/ weather/ means; N.  
act against the rules; V. make or become foul; commit a foul

**negate** :

cancel out; nullify; cause to have no effect; deny; N. negation

**comestible** :

something fit to be eaten

**plump** :

pleasantly fat; nicely rounded

**interdict** :

prohibit; forbid; N.

**urgent** :

compelling immediate action; pressing; persistent; importunate; Ex. urgent in his demands

**isotope** :

varying from of an element

**gusto** :

eager enjoyment; zest; enthusiasm

**nihilist** :

one who considers traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless; absolute skeptic; revolutionary terrorist; CF nihilism: belief that nothing has meaning or value; belief that destruction of existing political or social institutions is necessary for future improvement

**obliterate** :

destroy completely; wipe out; Ex. obliterate the village

**sleek** :

smooth and shining (as from good health); V.

**relapse** :

return to a former state (esp. after improvement); N.

**acetic** :

vinegary

**frivolous** :

lacking in seriousness; flippant; self-indulgently carefree; unworthy of serious attention; relatively unimportant; trivial

**anomaly** :

irregularity

**insouciant** :

without concern or care; unconcerned; indifferent

**commodious** :

spacious and comfortable

**prize** :

pry; move with a lever; value highly; esteem; Ex. his most prized possession; N: something captured during war-time (esp. an enemy ship)

**rapture** :

great joy and delight; ecstasy; ADJ. rapturous

**grotto** :

small cavern

**macerate** :

soften by soaking in liquid; waste away; Ex. macerate powdered wood to make paper

**incite** :

arouse to action; goad; motivate; induce to exist; Ex. incite a riot/ the crowd to rebellion

**crass** :

very unrefined; grossly insensible; crude and indiscriminating; Ex. crass behavior

**yore** :

time long past; Ex. in the days of yore

**calorific** :

heat-producing; N. calorie

**rake** :

immoral or dissolute person

**invective** :

abuse

**judicious** :

sound on judgment; wise

**categorical** :

without exceptions; made without any doubt in mind; unqualified; absolute

**chafe** :

warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.

**captious** :

faultfinding; too critical

**expropriate** :

take possession of (often for public use and without payment)

**palm** :

conceal in the palm of the hand; palm off: pass off; Ex. palm off some bad oranges onto the lady/the painting as a real Renoir

**intermediary** :

intermediate; acting as a mediator; N: mediator; go-between

**implode** :

burst inward; CF. vacuum tube

**credo** :

creed

**malapropism** :

comic misuse of a word; CF. Mrs. Malaprop

**pretension** :

pretentiousness; claim (without foundation); Ex. I make no pretensions to skill as an artist.

**stint** :

set limits in amount or number; be thrifty; ADJ. stinting, unstinting; CF. stint/savings

**lubricate** :

apply a lubricant to; N. lubricant: substance that reduces friction

**advert** :

refer

**comely** :

attractive; agreeable; having a pleasing appearance

**ambivalence** :

the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes or opinions

**bereaved** :

deprived of (someone beloved through death)

**glutton** :

someone who eats too much; ADJ. gluttonous: given to gluttony; greedy; CF. gluttony: habit of eating too much

**lurk** :

stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist unperceived

**profound** :

deep; not superficial; complete; Ex. profound thinker/remark/silence/deafness; N. profundity

**stipend** :

pay for services

**mountebank** :

charlatan; boastful pretender

**parchment** :

writing material made from the skin of a sheep or goat

**cursory** :

casual; hastily done with little attention to detail

**vilify** :

slander; speak evil of; N. vilification

**doom** :

breathing; exhalation; ADJ. respiratory

**charisma** :

condemnation to a severe penalty; ruin; fate (esp. a tragic or ruinous one); V.

**apposite** :

divine gift; great popular charm or appeal; magnetism

**empirical** :

appropriate; fitting

**hem** :

based on experience

**causal** :

surround tightly so that movement is impossible; Ex. hem in; N.

**venom** :

implying a cause-and-effect relationship; N. causality

**barterer** :

poison (of an animal); hatred; Ex. remarks full of venom; ADJ. venomous

**retort** :

trader; V. barter; trade; exchange good for other goods rather than money

**fundamental** :

quick sharp reply; V.

**saline** :

basic; primary; essential

**hostility** :

salty

**plausible** :

unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ. hostile

**breed** :

conceivably true; having a show of truth but open to doubt; specious

**gall** :

produce young; rear; bring up; produce (an undesirable condition); N: kind or sort of animal or plant

**gravity** :

annoy; exasperate; chafe; N: skin sore caused by rubbing (as on the skin of a horse); exasperation

**foster** :

seriousness; ADJ. grave

**enact** :

rear; bring up (for a certain period only); encourage; promote the development of (feelings or ideas); Ex. help

foster friendly relations; ADJ: giving parental care although not related by blood; Ex. foster parents

**mortician** :

make (a bill) into law

**demur** :

undertaker; CF. death

**legerdemain** :

object (because of doubts, scruples); raise an objection (showing qualms); hesitate; Ex. demur at the idea of working on Sunday

**manumit** :

sleight(dexterity) of hand; CF. light of hand

**obsessive** :

emancipate; free from slavery or bondage

**omnipresent** :

related to thinking about something constantly; of an obsession; preoccupying; N. obsession: compulsive pre-occupation with a fixed idea; compulsive idea; V. obsess: preoccupy the mind of excessively

**respiration** :

universally present; ubiquitous

**condole** :

express condolences; N. condolence: sympathy for someone who has experienced great sorrow

**sour** :

having a sharp or acid taste; acid; tart; bad-tempered; V.

**relic** :

surviving remnant (from an extinct culture); memento; keepsake; relics: corpse; Ex. ancient relics; Ex. relics of his travel; Ex. His relics are buried at X.

**reckon** :

count; calculate; regard as; think; suppose

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**hoax** :

trick which makes someone take action; practical joke; Ex. hoax mail; V.

**disparage** :

belittle

**sphinx-like** :

enigmatic; mysterious

**base** :

contemptible; morally bad; inferior in value or quality; Ex. base motives/conduct; Ex. base metal such as iron

**extant** :

(of something written or painted) still in existence

**puny** :

tiny; weak; insignificant

**epistemologist** :

philosopher who studies the nature of knowledge; N. epistemology

**sprightly** :

lively

**procurement** :

obtaining; V. procure: obtain by effort; obtain (a prostitute) for another

**eugenic** :

pertaining to the improvement of race; N. eugenics: study of hereditary improvement of the human race

**pedant** :

scholar who overemphasizes book learning, trivial details of learning, or technicalities

**hamper** :

obstruct; prevent the free movement of; N. 식료품이나 의복 등을 담은 바구니

**champion** :

support militantly; fight for; N: person who fights for or supports strongly (a principle, movement, person, etc.)

**jargon** :

language used by special group; technical terminology; gibberish; nonsensical or incoherent talk

**intuition** :

immediate insight; power of knowing without reasoning; ADJ. intuitive; V. intuit: know by intuition

**orthography** :

correct spelling; CF. ortho-: straight; correct; Ex. orthodontics

**rustic** :

pertaining to country people; unsophisticated; simple; crude; uncouth; (of furniture) rough with the bark left on; N. rural person; rustic person

**diffuse** :

wordy; verbose; rambling; spread out (like a gas); V. spread out in all directions; disperse; N. diffusion; CF. suffuse

**taper** :

very thin candle; gradual decrease in the width of a long object; V. make or become gradually narrower toward one end

**bearing** :

department; connection

**ideology** :

system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture

**sadistic** :

inclined to cruelty; N. sadism: delight in cruelty

**malady** :

illness

**lance** :

pierce with a lance; cut into; N: spearlike weapon

**advocacy** :

support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something

**trek** :

travel; journey; V: make a long difficult journey

**wage** :

begin and continue (a war)

**primogeniture** :

seniority by birth; state of being the first-born child; right of the eldest child (to inherit the entire property of one or both parents)

**execrable** :

very bad; detestable

**catharsis** :

purgings or cleansing of any passage of the body; purging and weakening of strong emotions as a result of experiencing a dramatic work of art

**malign** :

speak evil of; bad-mouth(criticize spitefully); defame; ADJ: harmful; Ex. malign influence

**resumption** :

taking up again; recommencement; V. resume: begin or take up again; take or occupy again; Ex. Kindly resume your seats.

**denounce** :

condemn; criticize; N. denunciation

**carat(karat)** :

unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold

**enmity** :

ill will; hatred; hostility

**demagogue** :

person who appeals to people's prejudice; false leader of people; CF. demagoguery

**misogynist** :

hater of woman; CF. misogyny

**lottery** :

contest in which winners are selected in a drawing of lots

**buffoon** :

stupid person; clown

**horticultural** :

pertaining to cultivation of gardens; N. horticulture: science or art of cultivating fruits, vegetables, or ornamental plants; CF. agriculture: science or art of farming or growing crops

**depredation** :

plundering; destruction

**headstrong** :

willful; stubborn; unyielding; determined to have one's own way; CF. no 'excessive'

**pellucid** :

transparent; limpid(crystal clear); clear in meaning; easy to understand

**cathartic** :

purgative; medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ.

**knell** :

tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V.

**welter** :

confusion; turmoil; confused mass; bewildering jumble; Ex. welter of data

**jaundice** :

medical condition in which the skin, the white part of the eyes, etc. turn yellow; V. affect with jaundice; affect with prejudice, envy, or hostility; bias

**deleterious** :

harmful

**insuperable** :

insurmountable; unbeatable; Ex. insuperable difficulties

**irksome** :

annoying; tedious; V. irk: annoy

**component** :

element; ingredient

**scintillate** :

sparkle; flash; be animated; be full of life; Ex. scintillating conversation

**corpus** :

collection (of writings or information); Ex. the corpus of Shakespear's works; Cf. corpse

**weird** :

eerie; strange; unnatural

**dawdle** :

loiter; hang around; waste time doing nothing

**nascent** :

incipient; coming into being or existence; Ex. nascent ability in music

**valid** :

logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; effective; Ex. valid reasoning/passport

**shambles** :

(place or scene of) complete disorder or ruin; wreck; mess; Ex. After the hurricane, the coast was a shambles.

**gloss** :

brief explanation note or translation of a difficult expression; V.

**commandeer** :

take (private property) for military use without needing permission or giving payment; draft for military purposes

**rig** :

arrangement of masts and sails; V. equip (a ship) with rigging; ADJ. rigging: ropes that hold up a ship's sails

**disbar** :

make (a lawyer) leave the bar or the legal profession

**fitful** :

spasmodic; intermittent; irregular

**altercation** :

noisy quarrel

**apropos** :

with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.

**checkered(chequered)** :

marked by great changes in fortune; with many changes of fortune; CF. checked: having a pattern of squares

**insinuate** :

hint; imply; suggest indirectly; creep in; introduce or insert (oneself) by artful means; Ex. insinuate himself into the boss's favor; CF. ingratiate

**muted** :

silent; muffled; toned down; Ex. muted traffic noise

**dys-** :

abnormal; impaired

**cornice** :

projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars); 처마 장식

**alchemy** :

medieval chemistry

**temper** :

moderate; make less severe; tone down or restrain; toughen (steel) as by alternate heating and cooling

**nefarious** :

very wicked

**mutilate** :

of a prophet or prophecy; having to do with predicting the future; N. prophecy; V. prophesy; N. prophet

**impassive** :

maim; injure lastingly; deprive of a limb or an essential part

**infernal** :

without feeling; expressionless; imperturbable; stoical; Ex. impassive face

**erode** :

pertaining to hell; devilish; N. inferno: place of fiery heat or destruction

**inflated** :

eat away; wear away gradually by abrasion; Ex. The sea erodes the rocks.

**provincial** :

exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with air or gas)

**polyglot** :

pertaining to a province; limited in outlook; narrow; unsophisticated

**trickle** :

speaking several languages; multilingual; Ex. polyglot person/society; N.

**hail** :

flow in drops or in a thin stream; N.

**frisk** :

frozen rain drop; V: salute or greet; precipitate hail

**bent** :

move about playfully; froric; ADJ. frisky: playful

**explicit** :

determined; Ex. bent on advancing in the business; N: natural talent or inclination

**vindictive** :

totally clear; definite; outspoken

**purse** :

disposed to revenge; vengeful; out for revenge; spiteful; intended to cause harm; malicious; Ex. vindictive streak

**perfunctory** :

pucker; contract (lips) into wrinkles; N: wallet

**engender** :

done routinely and with little care; superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; Ex. perfunctory kiss

**facade( façade )** :

cause; produce; give rise to

**queasy** :

front or face (of building); superficial or false appearance

**bawdy** :

experiencing nausea; nauseated; easily nauseated; squeamish; Ex. feel a little queasy

**bestial** :

indecent; obscene; about sex in a rude funny way; CF. bawd

**palliate** :

beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel

**din** :

ease pain (without curing); make less severe or offensive (a crime or illness)

**equitable** :

continued loud noise; V: make a din; instill by wearying repetition

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**belie** :

fair; impartial; OP. inequitable

**prophetic** :

contradict; give a false impression; disguise; Ex. The poor sales belied our high hopes; Ex. Her smile belies her true feeling of displeasure.

**rehabilitate** :

restore to proper condition (health or useful life); restore the former rank of

**bland** :

soothing or mild (food); agreeable; causing no trouble or offence

**compulsion** :

compelling; strong desire that is difficult to control; irresistible impulse

**venison** :

meat of a deer; CF. cow: beef; CF. pig: pork, ham, bacon; CF. calf: veal; CF. sheep: mutton; CF. lamb: lamb

**euphoria** :

feeling of exaggerated or unfounded (ungrounded; baseless) well-being; feeling of great happiness or well-being (when unreasonable); ADJ. euphoric

**tumid** :

(of a part of the body) swollen; distended; bombastic; pompous

**tempo** :

speed of music

**scapegoat** :

someone who bears the blame for others; whipping boy; CF. escape+goat

**shove** :

push forward; push roughly; Ex. pushing and shoving to get on the bus; N.

**tensile** :

capable of being stretched; of tension; Ex. tensile rubber

**bound** :

leap or spring; limit or confine; constitute the limit of; Ex. bounded by Canada; N: leap or jumping; boundary; ADJ: certain; having a duty to do something (legally or morally); confined by bonds; Ex. We are bound to be late; Ex. I am bound to say my opinion; CF. bounce, rebound

**tutelary** :

protective; pertaining to a guardianship; Ex. tutelary deities

**odyssey** :

long, eventful, adventurous journey

**abstemious** :

sparing in eating and drinking; temperate

**gale** :

windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughters, tears); Ex. gale of laughter

**sentimental** :

swayed by sentiment; appealing to the sentiments

**barb** :

sharp projection from fishhook, arrow, or other object; openly cutting remark

**beneficial** :

helpful; useful; advantageous

**billow** :

large wave of water; a great swell or surge (of smoke); V: surge, swell, roll in billows

**verisimilar** :

having the appearance of truth or reality; probable or likely to be true; plausible

**ravage** :

devastate; plunder; despoil; Ex. crops ravaged by storms

**disconsolate** :

hopelessly sad (at the loss of something)

**outmoded** :

no longer in fashion or use; no longer stylish; old-fashioned

**ruminate** :

chew over and over (mentally or, like cows, physically); mull over(ponder)

**epigram** :

witty thought or saying, usually short

**mealymouthed** :

indirect in speech (when something unpleasant must be said); hypocritical; evasive

**unerringly** :

infallibly; ADJ. unerring; making no mistakes

**arcane** :

esoteric; secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated; Ex. arcane ritual; Ex. arcane process closed to the uninitiated listener

**founder** :

person who establishes (an organization or business)

**disgruntle** :

make discontented

**monastic** :

related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns

**unfaltering** :

steadfast; firm; not changing

**porous** :

full of pores; like a sieve

**snip** :

short quick cut with scissors; V: cut with scissors

**canto** :

division of a long poem

**elliptical** :

elliptic; oval; of an ellipse; containing an ellipsis; ambiguous either purposely or because key words have been left out

**tractable** :

docile; easily managed; (of something) easily changed or molded; N. tractability

**tantamount** :

equivalent in effect or value; Ex. This invasion is tantamount to a declaration of war; CF. amount

**abbreviate** :

shorten

**superfluous** :

excessive; overabundant; unnecessary; N. superfluity

**unassuming** :

modest; Ex. the champion's unassuming manner

**mannerism** :

distinctive behavioral trait; affected style in art (according to a set of styles)

**inalienable** :

not to be taken away; nontransferable; Ex. inalienable rights

**ephemeral** :

short-lived; fleeting

**trough** :

long narrow container for feeding farm animals; lowest point (of a wave, business cycle, etc.); long narrow depression as between waves

**morbid** :

given to unwholesome or unhealthy thought; moody; characteristic of disease; Ex. morbid curiosity; N. morbidity; CF. disease

**grandiose** :

affectedly grand; pretentious; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated; impressive; great in size or scope; grand; Ex. grandiose ideas

**itinerant** :

wandering; traveling from place to place (to perform work); Ex. itinerant preacher

**onslaught** :

vicious assault; fierce attack; Ex. unexpected onslaught of the enemy

**executor** :

person designated to execute the terms of a will; 예술 작품의 제작자

**verbalize** :

put into words; ADJ. verbal: of words; spoken rather than written; oral; of a verb

**exemplify** :

show by example; furnish an example; serve as an example of; Ex. His pictures exemplify that sort of painting.

**expostulation** :

protest; remonstrance; reasoning with someone to correct or dissuade; V. expostulate

**temerity** :

boldness; nerve; rashness; Ex. temerity to ask for a pay increase after only three day's work

**misanthrope** :

one who hates mankind; misanthropist

**manipulate** :

operate with one's hands; control or play upon (people, forces, etc.) artfully; maneuver; Ex. how to manipulate publicity and men; ADJ. manipulative

**gall** :

bitterness of feeling; nerve; effrontery; 담즙(bile); CF. gall bladder

**obloquy** :

slander; disgrace; infamy

**tint** :

slight degree of color; V. give a tint to

**avarice** :

greediness for wealth

**flutter** :

(of a bird with large wings) wave (the wings) lightly, rapidly, and irregularly; vibrate rapidly or erratically; fly by waving quickly; flitter; N.

**transpire** :

(of a fact) become known; be revealed; happen; give off (watery waste matter) through pores

**gracious** :

kind in a generous way (to someone less important)

**console** :

lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort; allay the sorrow of; N. consolation

**bravado** :

swagger; assumed air of defiance; false show of bravery

**unsavory** :

distasteful; disagreeable; morally offensive; Ex. unsavory activity/reputation

**claustrophobia** :

fear of being locked in

**dispirited** :

lacking in spirit

**historical** :

connected with history; based on events in history (whether regarded as important or not)

**circuit** :

closed circular line around an area; circumference; regularly repeated journey from place to place

**elaborate** :

work out carefully; add more detail or information; ADJ.

**censure** :

blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N: severe criticism; strong disapproval

**vampire** :

ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living

**obnoxious** :

offensive; disagreeable; Ex. obnoxious smell

**cubicle** :

small chamber used for sleeping or work

**residual** :

remaining; left over; of a residue; N: residue

**vogue** :

popular fashion; Ex. Jeans became the vogue.

**cardiologist** :

doctor specializing in ailments of the heart

**purveyor** :

furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer; V. purvey: supply (eg. food); furnish; CF. provide

**spatial** :

relating to space

**trance** :

hypnotic state; ecstatic state; detachment from one's physical surrounding (as in contemplation or daydreaming); CF. transition

**frail** :

weak; N. frailty

**incorporeal** :

without a material body; insubstantial

**sear** :

burn the surface of; char or burn; brand; parch; cause (a plant) to wither

**chimerical** :

fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; N. chimera: unreal fancy; fire-breathing female creature

**megalomania** :

mania for doing grandiose things; mental disorder characterized by delusions of wealth, power, or importance

**caliber** :

ability; quality; diameter of the inside of a round cylinder; Ex. work of very high caliber

**discord** :

conflict; lack of harmony; dissonance (when musical notes are played)

**insubordination** :

disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. insubordinate

**granary** :

storehouse for grain

**moratorium** :

legal delay of payment or action; Ex. declare moratorium on the building of new houses

**intolerant** :

not willing to accept ways of thinking different from one's own; CF. tolerant; CF. tolerate

**contest** :

dispute; argue about the rightness of; compete for; try to win; Ex. contest the election results; Ex. contest a seat in Parliament; N.

**natty** :

neatly or smartly dressed; dapper; smart; Ex. natty dresser

**uxorious** :

excessively submissive or devoted to one's wife; CF. uxor: wife

**reproach** :

blame (not angrily but sadly); express disapproval or disappointment; N. ADJ. reproachful

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**onus** :

burden; responsibility

**rooster** :

cock; adult male chicken

**beguile** :

deceive; mislead or delude; cheat; pass time pleasantly; charm or attract; Ex. beguiling smile

**herbivorous** :

grain-eating; CF. herbivore

**battalion** :

army unit made up of four or more companies

**academic** :

related to a school; not practical or directly useful

**ambience** :

environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding;  
Ex. ambient temperature

**perfidious** :

treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery

**wring** :

twist (to extract liquid); extract by twisting; wrench painfully (necks or hands)

**dearth** :

scarcity

**deport** :

send out of the country; behave; N. deportation, deportment

**superannuated** :

retired or disqualified because of age; outmoded; obsolete

**wag** :

shake repeatedly from side to side; Ex. The dog wagged its tail; N: humorous person; wit

**bemused** :

confused; lost in thought; preoccupied

**probe** :

explore with a probe or tools; investigate; N: slender instrument used to explore a wound or body cavity; device designed to investigate an unknown region; thorough investigation; Ex. space probe

**wreak** :

inflict; Ex. wreak one's vengeance on

**swathe** :

swath; wrap around; bandage; Ex. one's head swathed in bandages

**choir** :

group of people who sing together (esp. during religious services); place for choir

**infringe** :

violate (a law); encroach (the right of another person)

**conundrum** :

riddle; difficult problem

**premeditate** :

plan in advance; Ex. premeditated murder

**pillage** :

plunder

**pen** :

fenced enclosure for animals; confining space; Ex. sheep pen; V: confine in a pen; enclose

**spangle** :

small shiny metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation

**avantgarde** :

group of artists whose work is based on the newest ideas and methods; CF. vanguard

**convention** :

social or moral custom; established practice; formal meeting; international agreement

**debilitate** :

weaken (esp. through heat, hunger, illness); enfeeble

**speck** :

small piece or mark; Ex. speck of dust in the eye

**unctuous** :

oily; bland; insincerely suave

**effete** :

having lost one's original power; barren; worn out; exhausted

**epaulet(epaulette)** :

ornament worn on the shoulder (of a uniform, etc.)

**clipper** :

sailing vessel built for great speed

**oculist** :

physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes

**rabble** :

mob; noisy crowd

**habituate** :

accustom or familiarize; addict

**broil** :

cook by direct heat; N.

**ingratiate** :

become popular with; bring (oneself) in favor of another; Ex. ingratiate himself with the boss

**accommodate** :

oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodative; CF. accommodating; helpful and obliging

**cognizance** :

knowledge; ADJ. cognizant; having knowledge; aware

**prolong** :

lengthen; extend; draw out

**herd** :

group of animals; crowd; one who looks after a herd; Ex. shepherd/goatherd; Ex. herd instinct; Ex. herdsman;  
V. come together in a herd; look after a herd; Ex. herd cattle

**equanimity** :

calmness of temperament; composure

**lethal** :

deadly

**apoplexy** :

stroke; loss of consciousness caused by too much blood in the brain

**fauna** :

animals of a period or region; CF. flora

**appreciate** :

be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of; ADJ. appreciable: enough to be felt; Ex. appreciable difference

**intransigence** :

refusal of any compromise; stubbornness; ADJ. intransigent: uncompromising

**intellect** :

higher mental powers; person of great intellectual ability

**credulity** :

belief on slight evidence; gullibility; naiveté; ADJ. credulous

**damn** :

condemn; criticize severely; condemn to everlasting punishment; doom; bring to ruin; N. damnation

**embark** :

commence; go on board a boat; begin a journey

**exult** :

rejoice

**concerted** :

mutually agreed on; done together by agreement; Ex. concerted effort; CF. in concert: working together

**innocuous** :

harmless

**minatory** :

menacing; threatening

**insurrection** :

rebellion; uprising

**evanescent** :

fleeting; vanishing; soon disappearing; V. evanesce

**hoard** :

stockpile; accumulate for future use; N: supply stored for future use

**stealth** :

action of moving secretly or unseen; slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ. stealthy

**incognito** :

with identity concealed; using an assumed name; ADJ.

**deflect** :

turn aside; turn away from a straight course

**refectory** :

dining hall; room where meals are served (in a school)

**exacerbate** :

worsen; aggravate; embitter

**diverse** :

differing in some characteristics (from each other); various; N. diversity: variety; dissimilitude; lack of resemblance

**ovation** :

enthusiastic applause

**plane** :

carpenter's tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat

**verbatim** :

word for word; in the same words; repeating the actual words exactly

**flagrant** :

conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous

**impale** :

pierce (with a sharp point); Ex. impaled by the spear

**vigor** :

active strength; energy; enthusiasm; ADJ. vigorous

**gourmet** :

connoisseur of food and drink; epicure

**precocious** :

advanced in development; N. precocity

**smug** :

self-satisfied; complacent

**seethe** :

be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.

**equilibrium** :

balance of opposing forces; balance of the mind; equanimity

**inextricable** :

from which it is impossible to get free; that cannot be untied; Ex. inextricable troubles; Ex. inextricable two histories

**composure** :

mental calmness

**inviolable** :

secure from corruption, attack, or violation(or profanation); unassailable; Ex. inviolable oath/rights; N. inviolability

**avid** :

greedy; extremely eager for; Ex. avid learner; N. avidity

**aureole** :

sun's corona; halo; bright circle of light

**holster** :

leather pistol case (that hangs on a belt around the waist)

**blunt** :

having a dull edge; abrupt and frank in speech or manner; brusque; V: make or become blunt

**championship** :

position of champion; defense or support; competition held to determine a champion

**incline** :

slope; slant; Ex. steep incline

**cog** :

tooth projecting from a wheel

**apprehensive** :

fearful; discerning

**actuate** :

motivate; activate; cause to act

**gerontology** :

study of the sociological phenomena associated with old age

**bard** :

poet

**larder** :

pantry; place where food is kept

**cleft** :

N: split

**rider** :

amendment or clause added to a legislative bill

**jostle** :

shove; bump; push against (someone) rather roughly; Ex. jostled by the crowds

**coquette** :

flirt; flirtatious woman; woman who tries to attract the admiration of men without sincere feelings; V.

**exhume** :

dig out of the ground; remove from a grave

**crypt** :

secret recess or vault usually used for burial; underground room (under a church)

**resurrect** :

revive

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**zenith** :

point directly overhead in the sky; summit; acme; highest point

**stamina** :

power of endurance; strength; staying power

**blurt** :

utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement

**extrapolation** :

projection; conjecture; V. extrapolate: infer (unknown information) from known information

**vagabond** :

wanderer (without a permanent home); tramp

**check** :

stop motion; curb or restrain

**sophisticated** :

worldly wise and urbane; refined; complex; N. sophistication; V. sophisticate

**solstice** :

point or time at which the sun is farthest from the equator

**amalgamate** :

(of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body

**auspicious** :

favoring success; giving signs of future success; Cf. auspices

**pediatrician** :

physician specializing in children's diseases; N. pediatrics

**elucidate** :

explain; make clear; clarify; enlighten; CF. lucid

**foolhardy** :

rash; reckless; foolishly daring

**erroneous** :

mistaken; wrong; incorrect

**title** :

name (of a book, film, etc.); mark of rank; formal appellation as of rank or office (such as Lord or General); right or claim to possession; championship; Ex. title as head of the family; Ex. title to the estate

**fallible** :

liable to err

**alimony** :

payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce

**hirsute** :

hairy; having a lot of hair

**militia** :

army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers

**sheaf** :

bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together

**rusticate** :

banish to the country; dwell in the country

**ardor** :

heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent

**sonic** :

of sound or its speed in air; CF. subsonic, supersonic

**leaven** :

add leaven to; cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven; N: agent, such as yeast, that causes dough to rise (by fermentation); element that lightens or enlivens

**suborn** :

persuade to act unlawfully (especially to commit perjury); N. subornation

**pare** :

cut away the outer covering or skin of (with a knife); trim; Ex. pare apples/expenses

**misdemeanor** :

minor crime; misdeed; wrongdoing

**tendentious** :

promoting a particular point of view; biased; having an aim; designed to further a cause; Ex. tendentious rather than truth-seeking; CF. tend: move in a certain direction

**throes** :

violent anguish

**nova** :

star that suddenly becomes much brighter and then returns to its original brightness

**savor** :

enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality

**apolitical** :

having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs

**emancipate** :

set free; liberate

**bovine** :

cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm

**expletive** :

meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word

**agape** :

openmouthed

**lampoon** :

ridicule; N: written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution

**forte** :

strong point or special talent in a person's character

**supple** :

flexible; limber; pliant

**demerit** :

fault; bad quality

**callus** :

area of thick hard skin

**defoliate** :

destroy leaves; deprive of leaves (by the use of chemicals); N. defoliant

**credence** :

belief

**flip** :

send (something) spinning, often into the air, by striking with a light quick blow; turn over; Ex. flip over

**prognosis** :

forecasted course of a disease; prediction; CF. prognostic

**flounder** :

struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter (as in water, mud, snow, etc.); proceed in confusion

**skiff** :

small light sailboat or rowboat

**demoniac(demoniacal)** :

fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil

**ruse** :

trick to deceive; stratagem

**sequester** :

isolate; segregate; seclude; retire from public life

**transgression** :

violation of a law; sin; V. transgress: go beyond (a limit); violate; do wrong

**analogous** :

comparable; similar

**eclectic** :

selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources; selecting individual elements from a variety of sources; N. eclecticism

**mangle** :

tear or cut to pieces; mutilate or disfigure; Ex. badly mangled bodies

**waver** :

move or swing back and forth; be uncertain or unsteady in decision or movement; Ex. wavering between accepting and refusing

**buccaneer** :

pirate

**placid** :

peaceful; calm; Ex. placid child/lake

**inscrutable** :

difficult to understand; impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious

**gaudy** :

flashy; showy

**pigment** :

coloring matter (usually powder to be mixed with water or oil)

**skittish** :

inconstant; capricious; frivolous; not serious; Ex. charming but skittish young woman; CF. skit

**precept** :

practical rule guiding conduct; Ex. mother's precept

**contumacious** :

stubborn and disobedient; resisting authority (esp. disobedient to an order made by a court)

**solace** :

comfort in sorrow or trouble; consolation; V. comfort or console in time of sorrow or trouble

**affliction** :

state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty

**gobble** :

state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V. afflict: inflict grievous suffering on

**introspective** :

eat very quickly

**unfetter** :

looking within oneself; N. introspection: self-examination

**contravene** :

liberate; free from chains; V. unfetter

**incarnation** :

contradict; oppose; violate (a rule, law, or custom); N. contravention

**daunt** :

act of assuming a human body and human nature; one who personifies something; personification; Ex. previous incarnation/reincarnation

**palette** :

intimidate; frighten; discourage; dishearten

**apogee** :

board on which painter mixes pigments(coloring matters)

**erudite** :

highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP. perigee

**mar** :

(of a person or book) learned; full of learning; scholarly; N. erudition

**askew** :

spoil the appearance of

**temperament** :

crookedly; slanted; at an angle

**ostensible** :

characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ. temperamental: of temperament; having frequent changes of temper; Ex. temperamental dislike of sports; Ex. temperamental actress

**misadventure** :

apparent; appearing as such; professed(pretended); pretended; Ex. ostensible purpose of the expedition

**cringe** :

mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure

**flick** :

shrink back as if in fear; cower

**perennial** :

light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex. flick the switch

**plenitude** :

something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring

**generate** :

abundance; plenty; great amount; completeness; fullness; CF. plenary, plenty

**preposterous** :

cause; produce; create

**appraise** :

absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous

**benefactor** :

estimate value of; N. appraisal

**executioner** :

gift giver; patron; person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose

**suspense** :

person administering capital punishment

**imperial** :

put in danger

**uncanny** :

strange; mysterious; Ex. uncanny knack

**sonnet** :

14-line poetic verse form with a fixed rhyme pattern

**compromise** :

adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of; put into danger, disrepute, or a dishonorable position; Ex. compromise one's principle; N.

**bestow** :

confer

**addendum** :

addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)

**anonymity** :

state of being nameless; anonymousness; ADJ. anonymous

**maritime** :

bordering on(adjacent to) the sea; nautical; of the ships or the sea; Ex. Maritime Provinces

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**solicit** :

entreat; request earnestly; seek to obtain; Ex. solicit votes; CF. solicitor: one who solicits; chief law officer

**fatuous** :

smugly and unconsciously foolish; inane; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness

**ingrained** :

deeply established; firmly rooted; Ex. ingrained dirt/prejudice

**inclement** :

stormy; unkind; unmerciful; CF. clement

**biting** :

sharply painful to the body or mind; Ex. biting wind/remarks

**pronounced** :

distinct; very noticeable; Ex. pronounced limp

**abstain** :

refrain; withhold from participation; intentionally not use one's vote; 기권하다

**meditation** :

reflection; thought; V. meditate

**unguent** :

ointment

**sift** :

put through a sieve to separate fine from coarse particles; sort or examine carefully

**authoritarian** :

subordinating the individual to the state; completely dominating another's will; Ex. authoritarian regime/father

**ruddy** :

reddish; (of the face) reddish and healthy-looking

**rig** :

fix or manipulate; manipulate dishonestly for personal gain; Ex. rig the election

**consort** :

associate with; keep company; N: husband or wife (or a ruler)

**kaleidoscope** :

tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass, etc. produce interesting symmetrical effects; series of changing events; Ex. kaleidoscope of European history; CF. beautiful

**deluge** :

flood; rush; V.

**devout** :

pious; deeply religious; sincere; earnest; Ex. my devout hope

**defection** :

desertion

**conclusive** :

decisive; ending all debate

**headlong** :

hasty; rash; headfirst; ADV.

**antique** :

made in an earlier period and usu. valuable; N: object that was made in an earlier period and that is rare or valuable

**handsome** :

large in quantity; generous; Ex. handsome reward

**pitfall** :

hidden danger; concealed trap

**dilettante** :

aimless follower of an art or a field of knowledge (not taking it seriously); amateur; dabbler; CF. delight

**assurance** :

firm statement that something is certainly true; promise or pledge; certainty; confidence in one's own ability; self-confidence; Ex. In spite of all his assurances, he did not come back; Ex. assurance of his loyalty; Ex. The teacher lacked assurance in front of his class; V. assure; tell firmly with confidence; ensure; make (something) certain to happen; make (someone) feel sure; give confidence to; ADJ. assured: self-assured; confident in one's own ability; showing certainty

**inordinate** :

beyond reasonable limits; unrestrained; excessive; Ex. inordinate demands

**macabre** :

gruesome; grisly; ghastly; CF. of death

**commemorate** :

honor the memory of; serve as a memorial to; Ex. commemorate the 100th anniversary/those who died in the war

**belabor** :

harp on; dwell on tediously; explain or go over excessively or to a ridiculous degree; assail verbally; beat severely; attack physically

**quiescent** :

dormant; temporarily inactive; at rest; N. quiescence

**complacency** :

self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ. complacent

**confiscate** :

seize; take possession of (private property) by official order (usu. as a punishment); commandeer

**hierarchy** :

arrangement by rank or standing; authoritarian body divided into ranks; body of persons having authority

**notable** :

conspicuous; worthy of note; remarkable; important; distinguished; noted

**shard** :

fragment generally of broken pottery (glass, clay bowl, or cup)

**abase** :

lower; degrade; humiliate; make humble; make (oneself) lose self-respect

**nonchalance** :

indifference; lack of concern; composure; ADJ. nonchalant: unconcerned; cool; indifferent; Ex. nonchalant attitude to his debts

**bargain** :

agreement between two groups or people; something for sale at a price advantageous to the buyer; V. negotiate; trade; Ex. bargaining power

**appellation** :

name; title

**awry** :

distorted; crooked; bent; Ex. Our plans have gone awry.

**diversion** :

act of turning aside; pastime; V. divert: turn aside from a course; distract; amuse

**retrieve** :

recover; put right; find and bring in; regain; Ex. retrieve the situation

**baffle** :

frustrate; perplex

**bluff** :

pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff; ADJ: rough but good-natured

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**trunk** :

main wooden stem of a tree; human body excluding the head and limbs; torso; prehensile nose of an elephant

**blasé** :

bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored

**sophist** :

teacher of philosophy; quibbler; employer of fallacious reasoning; N. sophism: plausible but fallacious argument

**dire** :

warning of disaster; disastrous; (of needs and dangers) very great; urgent; Ex. dire prediction/need of food

**sextant** :

navigation tool used to determine a ship's latitude and longitude (by measuring the altitudes of stars)

**prudent** :

cautious; careful; prudential

**seamy** :

sordid; base; filthy; unwholesome; Ex. seamy side of city life

**constituency** :

voters represented by an elected official; district so represented; group of supporters (or constituents)

**hindmost** :

furthest behind; farthest to the rear

**bog** :

soft wet land; V: hinder or be hindered; Ex. bogged down in the mud

**recluse** :

hermit; loner; ADJ. reclusive

**ventilate** :

admit fresh air into to replace stale air

**constraint** :

restraint; compulsion; repression of feelings; reticence; V. constrain: hold back; restrain; compel; oblige; confine forcibly; imprison

**horde** :

crowd; swarm

**pandemonium** :

wild tumult(commotion); wild noisy disorder; CF. Paradise Lost

**impropriety** :

improperness; unsuitableness

**ostracize** :

banish from a group; exclude from public favor; ban; Ex. His friends ostracized him. N. ostracism

**ravine** :

narrow valley with steep sides; gorge; CF. gully, canyon

**vigilant** :

watchful; on the alert; watchfully awake; alert to spot danger; N. vigilance

**sway** :

swing from side to side; influence (someone) to change one's opinion; N.

**ascertain** :

find out for certain; make certain

**eccentric** :

irregular; odd; unconventional; whimsical; bizarre; not concentric

**rasp** :

(of a sound) grate on (eg. nerves); make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; rub with something rough; Ex.

The cat's tongue rasped my hand.

**recast** :

reconstruct (a sentence, story, statue, etc.); fashion again

**effervescence** :

inner excitement or exuberance; showing high spirits; emitting bubbles forming inside; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation; ADJ. effervescent; V. effervesce

**succumb** :

yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex. succumb to the illness

**encipher** :

encode; convert a message into code; put into cipher

**complaisant** :

trying to please; obliging; willing to please others

**negligible** :

so small, trifling, or unimportant as to be easily disregarded

**import** :

significance; importance; meaning

**disinclination** :

unwillingness

**scale** :

climb up; ascend; remove or come off in scales; N. flake of epidermis; ascending or descending series of musical tones

**precipitous** :

steep; overhasty; precipitate

**torpor** :

lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy; ADJ. torpid: lethargic; lazy; inactive; (of an animal) dormant; hibernating

**bliss** :

complete happiness; ADJ. blissful

**buffoonery** :

clowning

**autocratic** :

having absolute unchecked power; dictatorial; N. autocrat, autocracy

**denomination** :

religious group; unit in a system; name or designation; CF. denominator: common trait or characteristic

**rickety** :

(of buildings) likely to break or fall apart; of rickets; CF. rickets; CF. vitamin D

**drone** :

talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee; N.

**impertinent** :

insolent; rude; not pertinent; N. impertinence

**enjoin** :

command; order; forbid

**commonwealth** :

nation governed by the people; republic; people of a nation

**idle** :

not working; not employed or busy; lazy; without purpose; useless; lacking substance; baseless; not based on truth; Ex. idle worker; Ex. talk idly; V.

**exhort** :

urge (by strong argument or advice); Ex. The general exhorted his men to fight bravely; N. exhortation

**rout** :

put to rout; stampede; drive out; N: complete defeat and disorderly retreat

**tundra** :

rolling treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America

**indisputable** :

too certain to be disputed; beyond doubt

**indulgent** :

humoring; yielding; lenient; showing indulgence

**arable** :

fit for growing crops; Ex. arable land

**imprudent** :

lacking caution; not prudent; injudicious

**impel** :

drive or force onward; drive to take action; urge to action

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**scrupulous** :

conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrupulous worker

**rigid** :

hard and unbending; stiff and unyielding; fixed in behavior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex. rigid rule

**versatile** :

having many talents; capable of working in many fields; having many uses or functions; N. versatility

**mediocre** :

ordinary; commonplace; neither good nor bad

**nourishment** :

something that nourishes; food

**orthodox** :

traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine

**adherent** :

supporter; follower

**hybrid** :

mongrel; mixed breed; V. hybridize

**glaze** :

cover with a thin and shiny surface; apply a glaze to; N: thin, smooth, shiny coating (as for pottery); Ex. unglazed

pottery

**memorial** :

something, such as a monument or holiday, intended to honor the memory of a person or event; ADJ: commemorative

**satiate** :

satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); satiate; N. satiety: condition of being satiated

**righteous** :

morally upright; just

**castigation** :

punishment; severe criticism or disapproval

**incarnate** :

endowed with flesh; invested with bodily form; personified; Ex. devil incarnate; V: give bodily form to; embody

**expeditious** :

done with speed; quick; N. expedition

**homespun** :

domestic; made at home; spun or woven at home; simple and ordinary; Ex. homespun philosophy

**abscission** :

cutting off; separation

**phoenix** :

symbol of immortality or rebirth; Ex. phoenix rising from its ashes

**perceptive** :

insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception

**taunt** :

deride or provoke; challenge in derision; N.

**polarity** :

state of having two opposite qualities

**constituent** :

supporter; voter; member of a constituency; component

**excise** :

cut away; cut out; N: government tax on good produced and used inside a country; N. excision

**prey** :

target of a hunt; victim; V: hunt and eat as prey; victimize; Ex. Cats prey on mice.

**obsolete** :

outmoded; no longer used

**vying** :

contending; CF. vie

**impuissance** :

powerlessness; feebleness

**distinct** :

clearly different; clearly noticed

**healthful** :

conducive to good health; Ex. healthful mountain air

**unequivocal** :

plain; clear; obvious

**profligate** :

wasteful (of money); dissipated; wildly immoral; dissolute; N: profligate person; N. profligacy

**opportunist** :

individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances; N. opportunism

**sovereign** :

ruler in a monarchy; ADJ: (of a country) independent and self-governing; having supreme power; supreme; excellent

**myriad** :

very large number; ADJ. CF. ten thousand

**unfledged** :

immature; not having the feathers necessary to fly; CF. fledgling

**rancid** :

having the odor of stale or decomposing fat; rank

**pecuniary** :

pertaining to money

**hurl** :

throw forcefully; shout out violently

**founder** :

fail completely; sink; CF. flounder

**sacrosanct** :

inviolably sacred; most sacred; inviolable

**conviction** :

judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief

**cornucopia** :

horn (or horn-shaped container) overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance; horn of plenty

**disgorge** :

surrender something (stolen); eject; vomit; OP. gorge

**emend** :

correct (usually a text); N. emendation; correction of errors; improvement

**hindrance** :

block; obstacle; V. hinder

**cistern** :

reservoir or water tank

**cipher** :

nonentity; worthless person or thing; zero; secret code; V.

**bristling** :

rising like bristles; showing irritation

**cadence** :

rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sounds); beat; regular beat of sound; rhythm

**outlaw** :

fugitive from the law (excluded from legal protection); V. declare (someone) to be an outlaw; deprive of the protection of the law; declare illegal; Ex. Drinking has been outlawed.

**gratis** :

free; without charge; ADJ.

**stalemate** :

deadlock; situation in which further action is blocked

**avert** :

prevent; avoid; turn away (eyes or thought); Ex. An accident was averted by his quick thinking; Ex. She averted her eyes from the terrible sight.

**bleak** :

cold or cheerless; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing

**liquidate** :

settle accounts; pay off (a debt); clear up; eliminate; kill or abolish

**concordat** :

formal agreement

**prance** :

move about in a spirited manner (proudly and confidently)

**conjecture** :

surmise; guess; V.

**prodigal** :

wasteful; reckless with money; profuse; Ex. a mind prodigal of ideas; N. prodigality

**dingy** :

(of things and place) dirty and dull; Ex. dingy street/curtain

**ferocious** :

fierce; violent; N. ferocity

**confidence** :

self-assurance; calm unworried feeling based on a strong belief in one's abilities; strong belief in the ability of a person or plan; trust or faith in a person or thing; something confided; secret; Ex. confidence in your ability; Ex. I'm telling you this in confidence; Ex. exchange confidences about their boyfriends; ADJ. confident

**preen** :

make oneself tidy in appearance; feel self-satisfaction or pride; (of a bird) smooth or clean (feathers) with the beak; Ex. preen oneself on; CF. prune

**adorn** :

decorate

**malingeringer** :

one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malingering: feign illness to avoid work

**crotchety** :

(of someone old) eccentric; odd; whimsical; bad-tempered; N. crotchety: odd or whimsical notion

**ancestry** :

family descent; ADJ. ancestral

**quack** :

charlatan; impostor

**inductive** :

pertaining to induction or proceeding from the specific to the general

**quietude** :

tranquillity; calmness

**spartan** :

without attention to comfort; lacking luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined; Ex. spartan living condition/life

**surreptitious** :

done secretly; secret; furtive; sneaky; hidden

**undermine** :

weaken gradually; sap; dig a mine beneath

**stultify** :

make stupid in mind; cause to appear or become stupid or inconsistent; suppress; frustrate or hinder; Ex. stultifying effect of uninteresting work; Ex. stultify free expression

**querulous** :

given to complaining; complaining; fretful; whining

**anodyne** :

vary; go in different directions from the same point; ADJ. divergent: differing; deviating

**indelible** :

drug that relieves pain or trouble; 진통제; opiate; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement

**comeuppance** :

not able to be erased

**hoodwink** :

deserts; well-deserved punishment or misfortune; rebuke

**largess** :

deceive; delude

**fabricate** :

generous gift (given to people who do not have enough)

**endorse** :

build; lie; make up (a story) in order to deceive; Ex. fabricate the whole story; CF. fabric: underlying structure; Ex. fabric of society

**minuscule(miniscule)** :

approve; support; write one's signature on the back of; N. endorsement; CF. dorsal

**pall** :

extremely small

**bigotry** :

become boring; grow tiresome

**frantic** :

stubborn intolerance

**forthcoming** :

wild; distraught as from fear or worry; Ex. frantic with fear

**voluptuous** :

happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming.

**seine** :

sensual; of or giving sensual pleasure; indulging in sensual pleasures; Ex. voluptuous lines; Ex. voluptuous life of the Romans; N. voluptuary: voluptuous person

**clip** :

seine net; net for catching fish

**enamored** :

cut off with shears; fasten; N: something clipped off (as a short extract from film); clasp or fastener

**podiatrist** :

in love; Ex. enamored of his own beauty; V. enamor: inspire with love

**stammer** :

doctor who treats ailments of the feet; chiropodist; N. podiatrics

**philistine** :

speak with involuntarily pauses or repetitions

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**hale** :

narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain; uncultured person who is indifferent to artistic and cultural values; member of an ancient people in Palestine; OP. aesthete

**assail** :

healthy

**regent** :

assault

**boost** :

a person who governs in place of a ruler who is ill, absent, or still a child; ADJ. Ex. the Prince regent

**ingenue** :

lift by pushing up from below; increase; raise; N: push upward; increase

**diverge** :

ingénue; young innocent girl

**grudge** :

deep feeling of dislike; Ex. grudge fight; V.

**lugubrious** :

mournful; sorrowful

**remit** :

transmit (money) in payment; free someone from a debt or punishment

**glaring** :

(of something bad) highly conspicuous; harshly bright; shining intensely and blindingly

**convene** :

come together; assemble; call to meet; Ex. convene the council

**obsequy** :

funeral ceremony

**subdue** :

less intense; quieter; Ex. subdued lighting; Ex. subdue: conquer; make less intense; quiet; Ex. subdue one's anger

**dominate** :

control; rule; enjoy a commanding position in; overlook from a height; 내려다보다

**acrimonious** :

stinging; caustic; bitter in words or manner; N. acrimony: bitter ill-natured animosity in speech or behavior

**inadvertently** :

unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly

**antiquated** :

obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated

**dregs** :

sediment in a liquid; lees; worthless residue

**peer** :

one who has equal standing with another; nobleman; V. look intently; N. peerage; CF. peeress

**rabies** :

disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)

**rabid** :

of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; CF. rabies; hydrophobia

**absolute** :

complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/ruler; CF. absolutism

**illicit** :

illegal

**inveigle** :

deceive; lead astray by deception; wheedle(cajole); Ex. inveigle her into joining the club; CF. interest dishonestly

**prosperity** :

good fortune and financial success; physical well-being

**blare** :

loud or harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light

**candor** :

frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid

**talisman** :

charm; object believed to give supernatural powers to or protect its bearer

**ubiquitous** :

being everywhere; omnipresent; N. ubiquity

**multiplicity** :

state of being numerous or multiple; large number; Ex. multiplicity of details; ADJ. multiple: of more than one element

**renovate** :

restore to good condition; renew

**natal** :

connected with birth; CF. prenatal; CF. postnatal

**nuptial** :

of marriage or the wedding ceremony; N; nuptials; wedding ceremony

**premonition** :

forewarning; presentiment; foreboding

**tempestuous** :

stormy; violent; impassioned; N. tempest: violent storm

**ballast** :

heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast

**accolade** :

award of merit; strong praise and approval

**gentility** :

those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteel

**retentive** :

holding; able to retain things (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory

**desperate** :

having lost all hope; despairing; reckless and violent because of loss of hope or despair; undertaken as a last resort

**manifesto** :

public declaration of principles; statement of policy

**covert** :

secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt

**overweening** :

arrogant; presumptuous

**extort** :

wring from; get money by threats, etc.; obtain by force or threats; CF. extortionate: exorbitant

**trifle** :

something of little importance or value; small amount; Ex. a trifle; V. treat without seriousness; flirt

**pungent** :

stinging; acrid; sharp in taste or smell; (of speech or writing) caustic; N. pungency

**encompass** :

surround; include; Ex. His activities encompass publishing and computers.

**surmise** :

guess; N.

**graze** :

(of an animal) feed on growing grass; cause (an animal) to feed on grass; scrape (esp. the skin) or touch lightly in passing; brush; Ex. We can't graze the cattle till summer; N. surface wound

**partiality** :

state of being partial; inclination; favorable bias; special fondness; preference

**reaper** :

one who harvests grain; Ex. the Grim Reaper; V. reap: cut and gather (crop); harvest a crop

**lull** :

moment of calm; period of reduced activity; Ex. a lull in the rain; V. cause to become less active; cause to sleep or rest; Ex. lull the opponents into a false sense of security; CF. lullaby

**politic** :

prudent; judicious; well judged; expedient; well devised

**papyrus** :

ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant

**specious** :

seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often intentionally)

**postulate** :

self-evident truth; something assumed without proof; V. assume the truth of (as a basis of an argument)

**genealogy** :

record of descent; lineage; ancestry; study of ancestry

**mellifluous** :

(of words or a voice) sweetly or smoothly flowing; melodious; having a pleasant tune

**leonine** :

like a lion

**assimilate** :

absorb; take (food) into the body and digest it; understand (knowledge) completely and be able to use properly; cause to become homogeneous (the people of a country or race in the way of behaving or thinking)

**dally** :

trifle with; toy with; treat without the necessary seriousness; procrastinate; waste time

**queer** :

strange; eccentric; deviating from the normal

**tribune** :

official of ancient Rome elected by the plebeians to protect their rights; protector of the people

**fathom** :

comprehend; investigate; determine the depth of; N. unit of measurement for the depth of water

**promulgate** :

announce; proclaim a doctrine or law; make known by official publication

**lateral** :

of or coming from the side

**onomatopoeia** :

words formed in imitation of natural sounds

**rudimentary** :

elementary; not developed; crude; N. rudiment: fundamental element or principle; Ex. rudiments of the language

**gambol** :

romp; skip about; leap about playfully; frolic; N.

**inclusive** :

tending to include all; all-inclusive; Ex. inclusive charge

**waffle** :

speak equivocally about an issue; N.

**sparse** :

not thick; thinly scattered; scanty

**melee** :

fight

**harrowing** :

agonizing; distressing; traumatic; V. harrow: break up and level (soil) with a harrow; inflict great distress on; agonize; N. farming machine to break up the earth

**partition** :

divide into parts

**soluble** :

able to be dissolved in a liquid; able to be worked out or solved

**supercilious** :

haughty; arrogant; condescending; patronizing; CF. eyebrow, cilium

**minute** :

extremely small; CF. minutes: official record of the proceedings at a meeting

**iridescent** :

exhibiting rainbowlike colors; Ex. iridescent oil slick; N. iridescence

**precise** :

exact

**depreciate** :

lessen in value; belittle; represent as of little value

**immutable** :

unchangeable

**winsome** :

charming (in a childlike way); agreeable; gracious; engaging

**optimist** :

person who looks on the bright side; N. optimism

**inaugurate** :

begin formally; install in office; induct into office by a formal ceremony; N. inauguration; ADJ. inaugural

**irrelevant** :

not applicable; unrelated

**quaint** :

odd in an old-fashioned way; odd; old-fashioned; picturesque

**studied** :

carefully contrived; calculated; unspontaneous; deliberate; thoughtful; Ex. studied remark

**concentric** :

having a common center

**pacify** :

soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue; bring peace to

**friction** :

clash or conflict in opinion; rubbing against

**scenario** :

plot outline; screenplay(script for a movie); opera libretto; outline of possible future events

**concession** :

an act of yielding; conceding; something conceded; point, right, etc. given unwillingly; privilege of maintaining a business in a certain place; Ex. oil concessions in the North sea; CF. concessionaire

**serenity** :

calmness; placidity; ADJ. serene

**menial** :

suitable for servants; lowly; mean; N: someone who does menial work (esp. servant in a house)

**amputate** :

cut off part of body; prune (a limb)

**incarcerate** :

imprison

**presumptuous** :

going beyond what is right; excessively forward; arrogant; taking liberties

**blithe(blithesome)** :

gay; joyous

**cognitive** :

having to do with knowing or perceiving related to the mental processes; N. cognition: the mental process of

knowing

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**plaintive** :

expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song

**rivulet** :

small stream; CF. rill ; rivulet ; river

**warranty** :

guarantee; assurance by seller

**equinox** :

period of equal days and nights; the beginning of spring and autumn; Ex. vernal/autumnal equinox; ADJ.

equinoctial

**vital** :

full of life; animated; vibrant and lively; critical; of great importance; necessary to stay alive; of life; living; breathing; N. vitality; V. vitalize

**impugn** :

dispute or contradict (often in an insulting way); attack as false or questionable; challenge; gainsay; CF. fight

**yen** :

strong desire; longing; urge; Ex. yen for travel

**retrench** :

cut down; cut down expenses; economize

**babble** :

chatter idly or foolishly; make continuous sounds like water running gently over rounded stone; N.

**gastronomy** :

art and science of preparing and serving good food; CF. gastronomie

**ventriloquist** :

someone who can make his or her voice seem to come from another person or thing (without moving lips or jaws); N. ventriloquism, ventriloquy

**deplete** :

reduce; exhaust

**necromancy** :

black magic; sorcery; dealings with the dead; art that professes to communicate with the spirits of the dead so as to predict the future; CF. necromancer; CF. necro+divination; CF. necro-: death; Ex. necropolis

**chasm** :

abyss; very deep crack

**maternal** :

motherly; N. maternity: motherhood

**daze** :

stun as with a blow or shock; bemuse; benumb; N.

**caste** :

one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society; social stratification; prestige

**immure** :

imprison; shut up in confinement; CF. wall

**rhapsodize** :

speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner; Ex. rhapsodize over the beauty of the scenery

**stupor** :

state of being stupefied; state of apathy; daze; lack of awareness

**deface** :

mar; disfigure

**revert** :

relapse; backslide; turn back to; return to the former owner; N. reversion

**parquet** :

floor made of wood strips inlaid in a mosaic like matter; CF. strip: long narrow piece

**fickle** :

changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless

**inimical** :

(of someone) unfriendly; hostile; (of something) harmful; detrimental; CF. enemy

**consonant** :

harmonious; in agreement; N.

**gauche** :

clumsy (in social behavior); coarse and uncouth

**falsify** :

make (something written) false by changing

**repine** :

fret; complain; be annoyed; Ex. repine over the undone work

**integral** :

complete; necessary for completeness; Ex. integral part

**ursine** :

bearlike; pertaining to a bear

**miasma** :

swamp gas; heavy vaporous atmosphere often emanating from decaying matter; pervasive corrupting influence; noxious atmosphere or influence

**deviate** :

turn away from (a principle, norm); move away from an accepted standard; swerve; depart; diverge; N. deviation; Ex. deviation of the path of light by a prism

**slapdash** :

hasty and careless; haphazard; sloppy (carelessly done)

**maim** :

mutilate; injure lastingly; disable; cripple; Ex. maimed for life

**decapitate** :

behead

**intractable** :

unruly; difficult to manage; Ex. intractable problem/child

**cordial** :

warmly friendly; gracious; heartfelt; Ex. cordial welcome

**unilateral** :

one-sided; involving or affecting only one side; Ex. unilateral declaration

**verbose** :

wordy; N. verbosity

**tonsure** :

shaving of the head especially by person entering religious orders; V.

**masticate** :

chew

**gestate** :

evolve as in prenatal growth; N. gestation: period of development from conception until birth

**rhetoric** :

art of effective communication; art of using language effectively and persuasively; style of speaking or writing; grandiloquent language; Ex. political rhetoric; ADJ. rhetorical; CF. rhetorical question: question to which no answer is expected as "Who knows it?"

**melancholy** :

gloomy; morose; blue; N. ADJ. melancholic; CF. melancholia

**retiring** :

shy and reserved (of a person); modest; Ex. her retiring personality

**agrarian** :

pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform

**visceral** :

felt in one's inner organs; N. viscera: internal body organs; CF. eviscerate

**palate** :

roof of the mouth; sense of the taste

**cleave** :

split or sever; cling to; remain faithful to; N. cleavage; ADJ. cloven

**detonation** :

explosion

**levitate** :

rise and float in the air (especially by magical means); CF. light

**fit** :

sudden outburst of an illness or feeling; convulsion caused by epilepsy

**default** :

failure to act; failure to perform a task or be present; V.

**stampede** :

sudden frenzied rush (of panic-stricken animals or people); V. participate in or cause stampede; Ex. stampede before the price rises

**factitious** :

artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears

**bastard** :

illegitimate child

**outlook** :

point of view; view from a particular place; expectation for the future; prospect; Ex. outlook on life; Ex. pleasing outlook; Ex. weather outlook

**dank** :

damp; unpleasantly wet

**brevity** :

conciseness; shortness of duration

**whimsy** :

whim; tendency to behave amusingly strangely; Ex. story full of whimsy

**gust** :

strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster

**trinket** :

knickknack; bauble; cheap jewelry

**extemporaneous** :

not planned; impromptu; extempore

**universal** :

characterizing or affecting all; general; present everywhere; of the universe; cosmic; Ex. universal agreement;  
Ex. a subject of universal interest

**interrogate** :

question closely; cross-examine; cross-question

**ferment** :

agitation; commotion (noisy and excited activity); unrest (of a political kind); V. produce by fermentation; undergo fermentation; cause (a state of trouble)

**apothegm (apophthegm)** :

pithy, compact saying

**transport** :

strong emotion; rapture; Ex. in a transport/ transports of; V. move to strong emotion; enrapture

**tickle** :

touch (the body) lightly so as to cause laughter; please

**chaff** :

worthless products of an endeavor; husk (outer seed cover) separated from grain; Ex. separate the wheat from the chaff

**irreverence** :

lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent

**trifling** :

trivial; unimportant

**chronicle** :

report; record (in chronological order)

**gourmand** :

epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink

**regal** :

royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner

**earn** :

gain for the performance of service or labor; gain (something that one deserves); deserve

**glower** :

scowl; glare; look or stare angrily

**prefatory** :

introductory; of a preface

**gruff** :

rough-mannered; (of a voice) rough; hoarse

**harangue** :

long, passionate, and vehement speech; V.

**carrion** :

rotting flesh of a dead body; CF. vulture

**broach** :

introduce as a subject; moot; open up

**enigma** :

puzzle; mystery; ADJ. enigmatic: obscure; puzzling

**disinter** :

dig up; unearth; OP. inter

**defrock** :

strip a priest or minister of church authority; unfrock

**craft** :

skill (esp. with one's hands); skill in deceiving people; guile; ADJ. crafty: cleverly deceitful; cunning

**collateral** :

security given for loan; ADJ: secondary; descended from the same person but through different sons or daughters

**reek** :

emit (an unpleasant odor or smoke); give off an unpleasant odor; give out smoke; Ex. reeking chimney; N: unpleasant odor; stench

**staid** :

serious and sedate; sober; Ex. staid during the funeral ceremony

**satire** :

form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack human vice and folly

**solicitor** :

lawyer in the lower court of law

**synthesis** :

combining parts or separate things into a whole; the whole so formed; PL. syntheses; V. synthesize

**mange** :

skin disease (esp. of domestic animals) marked by loss of hair

**camp** :

group sharing a common cause or opinion

**viable** :

capable of maintaining life; feasible; practical or workable; Ex. viable scheme

**obviate** :

make unnecessary; get rid of; Ex. obviate the need

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**confound** :

confuse; puzzle

**conifer** :

pine tree (usu. evergreen); cone-bearing tree; ADJ. coniferous; CF. deciduous; CF. evergreen

**dissonance** :

discord

**dehydrate** :

remove water from; dry out

**cauterize** :

burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection

**suture** :

stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing; V: sew together a wound

**epicure** :

connoisseur of food and drink; gourmet; ADJ. epicurean; CF. Epicurus

**prelate** :

church dignitary; priest of high position in the church (esp. bishop)

**defect** :

shortcoming; V: desert (in order to join the opposite one)

**incriminate** :

accuse of or implicate in a crime; serve as evidence against; cause to seem or make guilty of a crime; Ex. incriminating evidence

**sectarian** :

of a sect; narrow-minded; parochial; N: member of a sect; narrow-minded person

**forsake** :

desert; abandon; renounce

**inerrancy** :

infallibility

**somatic** :

pertaining to the body; bodily; physical

**die** :

metal block used for shaping metal or plastic; device for stamping or impressing; mold; CF. dice

**gavel** :

hammerlike tool; mallet(wooden hammer) used by a presiding officer or an auctioneer; V.

**monochrome** :

painting in only one color; ADJ.

**thrash** :

beat with a whip or flail; defeat utterly; talk about thoroughly in order to find the answer; move wildly or violently; Ex. The fishes thrashed about in the net.

**geriatrics** :

medical treatment and care of old age

**discretion** :

prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances; freedom of action or judgment; ADJ. discreet; CF. discretionary

**dictum** :

authoritative and weighty statement (made by a judge in court); saying; maxim; CF. obiter dictum: incidental, nonbinding remark (something said in passing)

**animus** :

hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition

**acclaim** :

applaud; praise; greet with great approval; announce with great approval; Ex. The new drug has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N: strong expression of approval and praise

**reprobate** :

morally disapproved person; person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency; CF. disapproved by God?

**kleptomaniac** :

person who has a compulsive desire to steal

**tycoon** :

wealthy and powerful businessperson; wealthy leader; magnate; Ex. business tycoon

**resignation** :

patiently submissiveness; statement that one is quitting a job; ADJ. resigned: acquiescent

**microcosm** :

small representative world; world in miniature; Ex. microcosm of English society

**prosaic** :

lacking in imagination; dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact(concerned with facts, not imagination or feelings); factual; CF. prose

**fuss** :

trouble or worry over trifles; make nervous; pay too much attention to; N: needless concern or worry (about a trivial thing); anxious nervous condition; display of attention; Ex. make a fuss over the baby

**compassion** :

sympathy for the suffering of others; ADJ. compassionate

**anthropoid** :

manlike; resembling a human being; N.

**pauper** :

very poor person

**fallow** :

(of land) plowed but not sowed (to improve the quality); uncultivated

**entreat** :

plead; ask earnestly

**disconcert** :

confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb

**unruly** :

disobedient; lawless; difficult to control

**potion** :

dose (of liquids); liquid dose

**bigot** :

one who is intolerant (in matters of religion or politics)

**ingenuous** :

naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid

**illusive** :

deceiving; based on illusion; causing illusion; deceptive

**orient** :

get one's bearings; adjust; make familiar with a situation; orientate

**raiment** :

clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.

**Bacchanalia** :

the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus

**pucker** :

gather into wrinkles or folds; N: wrinkle or fold

**casual** :

happening by chance; irregular; occasional; informal; showing or feeling little interest; Ex. casual reader/labor/remark

**pummel** :

pommel; beat or pound with fists

**curmudgeon** :

churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person

**coup** :

highly successful action or sudden attack; coup(s) d'état; CF. coup de grâce: deathblow or shot which kills

**glimmer** :

shine erratically; twinkle; N: dim or unsteady light; faint indication; Ex. glimmer of hope

**synchronous** :

similarly timed; simultaneous with; occurring at the same time; V. synchronize

**impudence** :

impertinence; insolence

**quaff** :

drink with zest; drink with relish(zest; hearty enjoyment); 꿀꺽꿀꺽 마시다; CF. sip

**paramount** :

foremost in importance; supreme; CF. para-: beyond; above; Ex. paranormal

**violate** :

break (a law); defile; desecrate; assault sexually; Ex. violate graves

**stellar** :

pertaining to the stars; of a star performer; outstanding; Ex. stellar attraction of the entire performance

**affected** :

artificial; pretended

**notoriety** :

disrepute; ill fame

**fluctuate** :

waver; shift; rise and fall as if in waves; change or vary irregularly

**slaughter** :

killing of animals for food; massacre; V: butcher (animals) for food; kill in large numbers

**levee** :

earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding; CF. raise

**embroider** :

decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embellish

**correlation** :

mutual relationship

**crossbreed** :

hybridize; N: hybrid; CF. interbreed; CF. inbreed

**centripetal** :

tending toward the center

**malefactor** :

mad with violent anger; frenzied; madly excited

**languish** :

evildoer; criminal

**loquacious** :

lose animation or strength

**outskirts** :

talkative; N. loquacity

**garrulous** :

fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston

**paranoia** :

loquacious; wordy; talkative; N. garrulity

**Occident** :

psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N: ADJ: paranoid, paranoiac

**paradox** :

the West

**lilliputian** :

something apparently contradictory in nature (that may nonetheless be true); statement that looks false but is actually correct

**infinitesimal** :

extremely small; CF. Lilliput in Gulliver's Travels

**prude** :

very small

**masquerade** :

excessively modest or proper person (who is easily shocked by improper things, esp. of a sexual nature); N. prudery; ADJ. prudish: excessively concerned with propriety

**pallid** :

wear a mask or disguise; pretend; N: costume party or ball at which masks are worn; pretense; disguise

**shade** :

pale; wan; Ex. pallid complexion

**flinch** :

slight difference in degree; nuance; degree of color; Ex. shades of meaning/grey

**merit** :

hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger.

**romp** :

good quality deserving praise; merits: aspect of character or behavior deserving approval or disapproval; Ex. judge each plan on its own merits; V: deserve; earn

**charlatan** :

play or frolic boisterously; gambol; N.

**acerbity** :

quack; pretender to knowledge (esp. in medicine)

**legacy** :

bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic: bitter; acrid (in taste, manner, or tone)

**cumulative** :

gift made by a will; something handed down from an ancestor

**suffuse** :

growing by addition; accumulative

**dignitary** :

spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks.

**prelude** :

person of high rank or position

**berserk** :

introduction; introductory performance or event; forerunner

**cursive** :

(of writing) flowing; running; having the successive letters joined

**alleviate** :

relieve (pain)

**hireling** :

one who serves for hire (usually used contemptuously); one who works solely for compensation; Ex. hireling politician

**palatial** :

of or suitable for a palace; magnificent

**execrate** :

curse; express abhorrence for; detest

**disheveled** :

untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel

**geniality** :

cheerfulness; kindness; sympathy; ADJ. genial: cheerful and good-tempered

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**sanguinary** :

bloody; with much bloodshed

**impediment** :

hindrance; stumbling-block; speech defect preventing clear articulation; Ex. speech impediment

**dolt** :

slow-thinking stupid person; CF. dull

**sacrilegious** :

desecrating; profane; N. sacrilege: desecration, misuse, or theft of something sacred

**nutritious** :

providing nourishment

**menace** :

threat; V. threaten

**dilapidated** :

falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined because of neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N. dilapidation

**cataract** :

great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight)

**usury** :

lending money at illegal high rates of interest

**impute** :

attribute; ascribe; charge; N. imputation

**jaundiced** :

yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs; Ex. with a jaundiced eye

**lace** :

cord used to draw and tie together two opposite edges (as of a shoe); delicate fabric made of fine threads; V. draw together by tying a lace

**prophylactic** :

used to prevent disease; N: something prophylactic; condom; N. prophylaxis: prevention of disease

**paroxysm** :

fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outburst

**transmute** :

transform; change; convert to something different

**submerge** :

place under water; dip; go under water; cover completely (as with water); Ex. submerged in work

**foppish** :

vain about dress and appearance; N. fop: man who takes too much interest in his clothes and appearance

**psychopathic** :

pertaining to mental dearrangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder

**porridge** :

soft food made by boiling oatmeal

**religious** :

of religion; (of a person) pious; having reverence for a deity

**cumbersome** :

heavy and awkward to carry or wear; burdensome; Ex. cumbersome parcel/uniform

**volley** :

simultaneous discharge of a number of shots; V.

**silt** :

sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor or by a bend in a river)

**catcall** :

shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V.

**sleep** :

one that achieves unexpected success; something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable

**replete** :

fully filled; filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed; abundantly supplied; Ex. report replete with errors

**rakish** :

jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolute; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.

**writhe** :

twist in coils; contort in pain

**satirical** :

using satire; mocking

**nauseate** :

cause to become sick; fill with disgust; fill nausea

**muddle** :

confuse; mix up confusedly; N: state of confusion

**varnish** :

paint used to coat a surface with a glossy film; glossy coating produced by using this substance; Ex. nail varnish; V.

**chortle** :

chuckle with delight; N.

**multiform** :

having many forms

**dilate** :

expand; dilate on/upon: speak or write at length on (a subject)

**monarchy** :

government under a single ruler

**layman** :

man who is not a cleric; man who is nonprofessional

**flair** :

talent

**fluke** :

unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune; accidental stroke of good luck; ADJ. fluky

**ornithologist** :

scientific student of birds; N. ornithology: scientific study of birds

**bank** :

heap; piled-up mass; embankment; lateral tilting (as of an aircraft in turning); V: pile up; protect with a bank; tilt in turning

**ruthless** :

pitiless; merciless; cruel

**entail** :

make necessary; require; necessitate; involve; limit the inheritance of (property) to a specified succession of heirs; Ex. entail A on/upon B

**prosody** :

art of versification; study of the metrical structure of verse

**acme** :

peak; pinnacle; highest point

**delusive** :

deceptive; likely to delude; misleading; raising vain hopes; Ex. delusive promises

**torso** :

trunk of statue with head and limbs missing; human trunk

**asinine** :

stupid; Ex. asinine remarks

**adulterate** :

make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted(contaminated) substances

**economy** :

efficiency or conciseness in using something; thrifty management of resources

**derelict** :

negligent; (of someone) neglectful of duty; (of something) deserted by an owner; abandoned; N: abandoned property; homeless or vagrant person

**lust** :

intense sexual desire; intense eagerness; V.

**ignite** :

kindle; light; catch fire or set fire to

**convex** :

curving outward

**vociferous** :

clamorous; noisy; V. vociferate: cry out loudly (when complaining)

**knack** :

special talent; art

**matrimony** :

state of being married

**self-righteous** :

sure of one's own righteousness; moralistic

**caustic** :

burning; corrosive; able to burn by chemical action; sarcastically biting; (of remarks) intended to hurt; bitter; harmful; OP. harmless

**icon(ikon)** :

religious image; idol; image or representation

**static** :

having no motion; unchanging; lacking development; N. stasis: stable state

**allege** :

state without proof

**victuals** :

food; provisions; V. victual: provide with food

**ennui** :

boredom; listlessness and dissatisfaction resulting from lack of interest; CF. annoy

**heyday** :

time of greatest success or power; prime

**obese** :

excessively fat; N. obesity

**maxim** :

proverb; truth pithily stated

**stupefy** :

stun; make numb (as with a drug); amaze

**ecstasy** :

rapture; very strong feeling of joy and happiness; any overpowering emotion; ADJ. ecstatic: causing or experiencing ecstasy

**impotent** :

weak; ineffective; lacking in physical strength or power

**tureen** :

deep dish for serving soup

**statute** :

law enacted by the legislature

**stoop** :

bend forward and down; lower or debase oneself; fall to a lower standard of behavior by doing something; condescend; Ex. stoop to lying

**aromatic** :

fragrant; having a sweet smell; N. aroma: strong pleasant smell

**frustrate** :

thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose

**hothead** :

person who does things too quickly without thinking; ADJ. hotheaded

**abut** :

border upon; adjoin

**litigation** :

lawsuit; N. litigant: one party in a lawsuit; V. litigate

**descry** :

catch sight of (something distant)

**squeamish** :

easily shocked or sickened by unpleasant things; fastidious; Ex. A nurse should not be squeamish.

**abrogate** :

abolish

**grill** :

question severely; cook on a grill; broil; N: cooking surface of parallel metal bars

**conciliatory** :

reconciling; soothing; V. conciliate: reconcile; soothe; win the friendly feelings (by removing anger)

**burgeon** :

grow rapidly; grow forth; send out buds; Ex. burgeoning computer industry; CF. bludgeon

**freebooter** :

pirate or plunderer who makes war in order to grow rich

**bruise** :

injure without breaking the skin; N.

**amorphous** :

formless; lacking shape or definition

**sedition** :

conduct or language inciting rebellion; rebellion; resistance to authority; insubordination; ADJ. seditious

**groom** :

man employed to take care of horses; V: make neat and trim; clean and brush (an animal)

**circuitous** :

roundabout

**determination** :

resolve; firmness of purpose; measurement or calculation; decision

**peerless** :

having no equal; incomparable

**mobile** :

movable; not fixed; N. mobility

**sultry** :

(of weather) hot; sweltering; sensual; voluptuous

**banal** :

hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd

**prehensile** :

capable of grasping or holding (esp. by wrapping around); Ex. prehensile tails

**unction** :

the act of anointing with oil; Ex. extreme unction

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**repulsion** :

distaste; disgust; act of driving back; ADJ. repulsive: causing disgust; tending to drive away; V. repel (not 'repulse')

**deliberate** :

consider; ponder; ADJ: done on purpose; slow

**carafe** :

glass water bottle; decanter

**permissive** :

allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society

**touching** :

causing a feeling of pity or sympathy; pathetic; V. touch: cause to feel pity or sympathy; ADJ. touched

**symmetry** :

arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity; ADJ. symmetrical

**serpentine** :

winding; twisting; of or like a serpent; Ex. serpentine course of the river; N. serpent: snake

**stymie** :

thwart; present an obstacle; stump

**canvass** :

determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region) to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.

**primary** :

first in rank or importance; principal; earliest in time; Ex. primary stages; N. CF. first

**consecrate** :

dedicate; sanctify; declare as sacred; Ex. consecrate one's life to helping the poor

**provisional** :

tentative; temporary

**marsupial** :

one of a family of mammals that nurse their offspring in a pouch(pocket of skin or leather); CF. kangaroo, opossum, wombat

**debunk** :

expose as false, exaggerated, worthless, etc.; ridicule

**bilk** :

swindle; cheat

**well-bred** :

of good upbringing; well-mannered and refined

**harbinger** :

forerunner (which foreshadows what is to come)

**ramshackle** :

(of a building or vehicle) poorly constructed; rickety; falling apart

**consensus** :

general agreement; opinion reached by a group

**postmortem** :

autopsy; ADJ: occurring after death; of a postmortem

**robust** :

strong; vigorous

**dismember** :

cut into small parts; cut (a body) apart limb from limb

**veneer** :

thin surface layer (of good quality wood, glued to a base of inferior material); cover; surface show; façade; V.

**capillary** :

having a very fine bore; resembling a hair; fine and slender; Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hairlike tube;  
CF. capillarity

**bust** :

piece of sculpture showing a person's head, shoulders, and upper chest; V: break up; arrest; Ex. crimebuster

**lot** :

object used in making a determination at random; fate; piece of land

**minion** :

servile dependent; obsequious follower

**incorrigible** :

uncorrectable

**fancied** :

imagined; unreal

**institutionalize** :

make into an institution; put or confine in an institution

**forfeit** :

something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N: forfeiture

**rendezvous** :

meeting place; meeting at a set time or place; V.

**replenish** :

fill up again

**defunct** :

dead; no longer in use or existence

**occlude** :

shut; close; obstruct; Ex. A blood clot occluded an artery.

**arboretum** :

place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited

**kindred** :

related; belonging to the same group; similar in nature or character; Ex. kindred languages; N: relative; kin;  
kinship

**intrude** :

put or force in without being asked; trespass; enter as an uninvited person; Ex. intrude one's own opinion into  
the report; CF. thrust in

**maul** :

handle roughly; batter; injure by beating; Ex. mauled by his overexcited fans; N: heavy long-handled hammer

**fructify** :

bear fruit; produce fruit

**rife** :

(of something bad) widespread; abundant; current

**niggardly** :

meanly stingy; parsimonious; N. niggard: stingy person

**doze** :

sleep lightly; nap

**ratiocination** :

reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises; V. ratiocinate: reason logically

**mollycoddle** :

pamper; coddle; baby; indulge excessively

**warble** :

(of a bird) sing; babble; N.

**anthem** :

song of praise or patriotism; Ex. national anthem

**defalcate** :

embezzle

**plutocracy** :

society ruled by the wealthy

**muse** :

ponder at length; N: source of inspiration (esp. of a poet)

**shed** :

small roofed structure for storage and shelter; V: pour forth; lose by natural process; repel without allowing penetration; radiate; cast; Ex. shed tears/light/water/skin/leaves

**jocular** :

said or done in jest or playfully; marked by joking

**appropriate** :

acquire; take possession of for one's own use without permission; set aside for a particular purpose; allocate; CF. misappropriate

**corrosive** :

eating away by chemicals or disease; (of language) fierce

**paucity** :

scarcity; dearth

**glutinous** :

sticky; viscous; gluey

**unkempt** :

disheveled; uncared for in appearance; not combed; CF. comb

**lionize** :

treat (a person) as a celebrity

**spare** :

give; use; refrain from harming; save from experiencing; exempt; Ex. spare me 5 minutes; Ex. Take this money and spare my life; Ex. The emperor was spared the onus; ADJ: kept in reserve; free for other use; unoccupied; Ex. spare time

**barrister** :

counselor-at-law or lawyer in the higher court of law; CF. bar

**turbid** :

(of a liquid) having the sediment disturbed; muddy; thick

**ram** :

male sheep; V. strike or drive against with a heavy impact

**subside** :

sink to a lower level; settle down; sink to the bottom (as a sediment); descend; grow quiet; become less; moderate; abate

**cower** :

shrink quivering as from fear; cringe

**careen** :

lurch; sway from side to side; move with irregular swinging movement; stagger

**pharisaical** :

pertaining to the Pharisees, who paid scrupulous attention to tradition; self-righteous; hypocritical

**warrant** :

justification; written order that serves as authorization (esp. a judicial writ); Ex. search/death warrant; V: justify; guarantee

**polemic** :

attack or defense of an opinion; controversy or refutation; argument in support of point of view; N. polemics: art of debate or controversy

**tipple** :

drink (alcoholic beverages) frequently; N: alcoholic drink

**pry** :

inquire impertinently (someone else's private affairs); use leverage to raise or open something; prize; N. prying: tool for prying

**hackneyed** :

commonplace; trite

**poise** :

good judgment with composure; balance; V: place in a carefully balanced position

**humility** :

humbleness of spirit

**snub** :

ignore or behave coldly toward; Ex. I made a suggestion but she snubbed me; N.

**fetid(foetid) :**

state of being alone; seclusion; ADJ. solitary: existing or living alone (esp. by choice); remote or secluded; single; sole; Ex. solitary life/inn; Ex. no solitary piece of proof

**allegiance :**

malodorous; foul

**slipshod :**

loyalty

**begrudge :**

slovenly; careless; sloppy; untidy; shabby; Ex. slipshod work

**fluted :**

envy; give or allow unwillingly; grudge; Ex. We shouldn't begrudge him his success.

**bereft :**

having vertical parallel grooves (as in a pillar); V. flute: make long parallel inward curves in; N. flute: long rounded groove incised on the shaft of a column

**gangrene :**

deprived of (something valuable); lacking

**faculty :**

decay of body tissue caused by insufficient blood supply (usually following injury); ADJ. gangrenous

**dynamic :**

mental or bodily powers; teaching staff

**infamous :**

energetic; vigorously active

**fanaticism :**

notoriously bad; notorious; well known for being bad; Ex. infamous behavior; N. infamy: infamous act; evil fame or reputation

**importunate :**

excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause; N. fanatic; ADJ. fanatic

**ambrosia :**

urging; always demanding; troublesomely urgent or persistent

**conformist :**

food of the gods

**zealot :**

person who uncritically conforms to the customs of a group; OP. nonconformist: one who does not conform to accepted beliefs or norms

**prank :**

one who is zealous; fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal

**inimitable :**

mischievous trick

**wily :**

matchless; not able to be imitated

**catalyst :**

crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile: deceitful stratagem

**merger :**

agent which brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged; CF. catalysis

**synthetic :**

combination (of two business corporations); act of merging

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**heedless :**

not natural; artificial; resulting from synthesis; Ex. synthetic fiber; N.

**grandiloquent :**

not noticing; disregarding

**provenance :**

(of a person or speech) using high sounding or important-sounding language; pompous; bombastic

**solitude :**

place of origin; origin or source of something; Ex. Gunpowder is of Chinese provenance; CF. come

**detached** :

emotionally removed; free from emotional involvement; calm and objective; physically separate; N. detachment;  
CF. attachment

**converse** :

opposite; ADJ.

**invalidate** :

weaken; destroy; make invalid; nullify

**invert** :

turn upside down or inside out; reverse the position or condition of

**plagiarize** :

steal another's ideas or writings and pass them off as one's own; Ex. ideas plagiarized from my article; N.  
plagiarism; CF. kidnap

**forensic** :

suitable to debate or courts of law; of or used in legal proceedings and the tracking of criminals; Ex. forensic  
science/medicine

**culvert** :

artificial channel for water; drain crossing under a road

**generic** :

characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus

**coalesce** :

combine; fuse; N. coalescence

**erotic** :

pertaining to passionate love or sexual love

**incense** :

enrage; infuriate(make furious); make extremely angry; outrage; N: aromatic substance burned to produce a  
pleasant odor

**prattle** :

talk idly; babble; N. CF. prate

**imbalance** :

lack of balance or symmetry; disproportion

**pseudonym** :

pen name; fictitious name assumed by an author; ADJ. pseudonymous

**supernumerary** :

person or thing excess of what is necessary; extra; ADJ: additional to the usual or necessary number

**transitory** :

transient; impermanent; fleeting; N. transitoriness

**alacrity** :

cheerful promptness without reluctance

**remittance** :

remitting of money; amount of money remitted

**timbre** :

quality of a musical tone produced by a musical instrument (which distinguishes it from others of the same  
pitch)

**resuscitate** :

revive; bring back to life or consciousness; Ex. resuscitate the drowned child

**culmination** :

highest point; climax; V. culminate in: reach the highest point in; end in; Ex. a series of minor clashes culminating  
in war

**figurine** :

small ornamental statuette(very small statue)

**ravel** :

fall apart into tangles; entangle; unravel or untwist

**stem from** :

arise from; originate from

**decipher** :

decode; CF. indecipherable

**endear** :

make beloved; Ex. endear her to everyone; ADJ. dear: loved; cherished; high-priced

**prohibitive** :

so high as to prohibit purchase or use; tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; prohibiting; inclined to prevent or forbid; Ex. prohibitive tax

**obdurate** :

stubborn; refusing to change one's belief

**millennium** :

thousand-year period (as in the New Testament); hoped-for period of happiness and prosperity

**pittance** :

small amount (of money); small allowance or wage

**admonish** :

warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove

**bane** :

poison; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous

**cliché** :

phrase dulled in meaning by repetition; platitude; ADJ. clichéd

**sovereignty** :

complete independence and self-government (of a country); supremacy of authority; power to govern

**juridical** :

of the law and its administration; CF. judicial: of courts of law; CF. judiciary

**mace** :

ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority; clublike medieval weapon

**incrustation** :

hard coating or crust; V. incrust: encrust; cover with a crust

**object** :

(of a condition) wretched; as low as possible; lacking pride; very humble; showing lack of self-respect; Ex. abject apology

**aberration** :

deviation from the normal; mental disorder

**desperado** :

reckless, desperate outlaw

**concurrent** :

happening at the same time; in agreement

**subservient** :

behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious; subordinate; N. subservience

**civil** :

having to do with citizens; not military or religious; courteous and polite; Ex. married in a civil ceremony; Ex. civil strife/disorder/law; N. civility; CF. civic

**sully** :

defile; soil; tarnish; Ex. sully one's hands in menial labor

**tend** :

have a tendency; take care of; minister; serve at; apply one's attention; attend

**prone** :

inclined to; likely to (suffer); prostrate; lying with the front downward; Ex. prone to disease/make mistakes; Ex. accident-prone

**sonorous** :

resonant; producing a full deep sound; producing sound

**chalice** :

goblet; consecrated cup

**blighted** :

suffering from a disease; destroyed

**lank** :

long and thin; Ex. Lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln

**migrant** :

changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N: one that migrates

**collage** :

work of art put together from fragments

**somnambulist** :

sleepwalker; V. somnambulate; N. somnambulism

**flush** :

redden; blush; flow suddenly and abundantly; wash out by a rapid brief flow of water; N: reddish tinge; blush; brief rush; rush of strong feeling; Ex. flush of pride; ADJ: having surfaces in the same plane; even; blushing

**dismiss** :

eliminate from consideration; no longer consider; put out of court without further hearing; reject; discharge from employment; direct to leave; ADJ. dismissive; N. dismissal

**benediction** :

blessing

**libretto** :

text of an opera or oratorio; CF. book

**vegetate** :

live in a monotonous way (without interests or activity); CF. vegetation: plants of an area; CF. vegetarian; CF. vegan

**navigable** :

(of a body of water) wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; (of a ship or aircraft) able to be steered

**salacious** :

lascivious; lustful; Ex. salacious monk

**neologism** :

new or newly coined word or phrase

**codicil** :

supplement to the body of a will; later addition to a will

**tension** :

stretching; condition of being stretched; mental strain; strained relationship between groups or people

**cordon** :

extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress; (어깨에서 겨드랑 밑으로 걸치는) 장식 리본; V.

**disjunction** :

act or state of separation; disunity; CF. disjunctive: expressing a choice between two ideas; CF. conjunction; CF. conjunctive

**wary** :

very cautious; watchful

**effectuate** :

effect; produce; achieve; Ex. effectuate a reconciliation

**vex** :

annoy; distress

**clapper** :

striker (tongue) of a bell

**décolleté** :

(of a dress) having a low-cut neckline; CF. décolletage: low neckline (on a dress)

**brag** :

boast

**injurious** :

harmful; causing injury

**ciliated** :

having minute hairs; CF. cilium; CF. cilia: eyelash

**precursor** :

forerunner; predecessor

**repudiate** :

disown; disavow; deny

**tome** :

large volume; book

**flirt** :

behave in a way that attracts (sexual) attention; deal triflingly with; N: one (or woman) given to flirting; ADJ.

flirtatious

**diligence** :

steadiness of effort; persistent hard work

**limn** :

draw; outline; describe; CF. line ?

**beset** :

harass or trouble from all directions; hem in

**platonic** :

purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire

**parallel** :

similar; analogous; corresponding; N: parallel line; person or thing that is parallel (to another); similarity; Ex. know of no parallel to the case; Ex. without parallel; V: be similar to; make parallel; Ex. Your experience parallels mine; CF. unparalleled

**restitution** :

returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury

**unsightly** :

ugly; unpleasant to look at

**domineer** :

rule over tyrannically

**billowing** :

swelling out in waves; surging

**aboriginal** :

being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native; indigenous; N. aborigine

**recount** :

narrate or tell (a story); count over again

**disarray** :

state of disorder; a disorderly or untidy state; Ex. with her clothes in disarray

**convoluted** :

coiled around; twisted; involved; complicated; intricate; complex; N. convolution: twist; one of the convex folds of the surface of the brain

**indulge** :

yield to; gratify; allow oneself a special pleasure; Ex. indulge one's every whim/a child/in a big cigarette; N. indulgence

**gesticulation** :

motion; gesture; V. gesticulate: make gestures (while speaking)

**vixen** :

female fox; ill-tempered woman; CF. shrew

**tarnish** :

make or become dull or discolored; N.

**hypercritical** :

excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)

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**officious** :

meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services; overly eager in offering unwanted services or advices; Ex. officious bellboy

**cow** :

terrorize; intimidate

**representational** :

(of a style of art) showing things as they actually appear in real life

**viscid** :

adhesive; gluey

**infraction** :

violation (of a rule or regulation); breach

**sunder** :

separate; part; CF. asunder

**stilted** :

bombastic; stiffly pompous; Ex. stilted rhetoric; CF. stiff: formal

**defile** :

pollute; make filthy or dirty; corrupt morally; profane; desecrate; N: narrow passage or gorge through mountains

**pine** :

long for; yearn; languish from longing or grief; decline

**revulsion** :

sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture

**refractory** :

unmanageable; disobedient and stubborn; Ex. refractory horse

**decorum** :

propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners; appropriateness of behavior or conduct

**tirade** :

long angry denunciatory speech; diatribe; harangue; extended scolding; denunciation

**paradigm** :

model; example that serves as a model; pattern; list of all the inflectional forms of a word

**sibling** :

brother or sister

**peripheral** :

of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex. peripheral nerve/interest

**snuff** :

produce a splashing sound (when stepping through mud); crush; squash; CF. 진흙을 위에서 밟을 때

**dislodge** :

remove (forcibly); force out of a position; Ex. dislodge the food caught in his throat; CF. lodge

**preeminent** :

outstanding; superior

**mesmerize** :

hypnotize; N. mesmerism; CF. Franz Mesmer

**lax** :

careless; negligent; not paying enough attention; Ex. lax service

**scoff** :

laugh (at); mock; ridicule; Ex. scoff at their threats

**infantile** :

childish; infantlike

**imperious** :

domineering; too commanding; haughty; CF. imperial/emperor

**pastoral** :

rural; of rural life; idyllic; of a pastor

**herald** :

messenger; sign of something to come; V. announce; proclaim; Ex. unheralded researcher

**hapless** :

unfortunate; luckless

**wan** :

having a pale or sickly color; pallid

**saboteur** :

one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property; N. sabotage: destruction of property (usually carried out secretly)

**curfew** :

regulation requiring all people to leave the streets at stated times; signal (as a bell) announcing the hour of a curfew

**pariah** :

social outcast; Ex. Mariah the pariah

**slake** :

satisfy (thirst); quench; sate

**unfeigned** :

genuine; real

**plebeian** :

common; vulgar; pertaining to the common people; N: common people in ancient Rome; CF. patrician

**mock** :

ridicule; deride; imitate often in derision

**coincidence** :

the chance occurrence, at the same time, of two or more seemingly connected events; V. coincide: happen at the same time; be in agreement; CF. coincident; CF. coincidental

**impregnate** :

make pregnant; fill thoroughly; saturate

**vacuous** :

empty; lacking in ideas; inane; stupid; Ex. vacuous expression; N. vacuity

**unobtrusive** :

inconspicuous; not blatant

**devotee** :

enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach

**veer** :

change in direction; swerve

**resonant** :

(of a sound) echoing; resounding(sounding loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice; N. resonance

**bullion** :

gold and silver in the form of bars

**somber** :

dark; gloomy; melancholy; depressing; CF. shadow

**amble** :

walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly

**impecunious** :

without money

**spectral** :

ghostly; N. specter: spectre; ghost; phantom

**dichotomy** :

division into two opposite parts; split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)

**hovel** :

shack; small wretched house

**artful** :

exhibiting art or skill; deceitful; cunning; CF. artifice

**deputize** :

work or appoint as a deputy; N. deputy: person who has the power to take charge when the leading person is away

**responsiveness** :

state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc.; ADJ. responsive: readily reacting; Ex. responsive to treatment

**precipice** :

cliff; dangerous position; Ex. on the edge of the precipice

**bauble** :

trinket; cheap jewel; trifle

**primate** :

group of mammals including humans

**sterile** :

recognize; admit

**ulcer** :

incapable of producing young; free from microorganism; V. sterilize

**occult** :

sore place appearing on the skin inside or outside the body; Ex. stomach ulcer; ADJ. ulcerous; V. ulcerate

**propound** :

mysterious; secret; supernatural; beyond human comprehension; CF. mysterious to human ?; OP. bare

**opus** :

put forth for consideration or analysis; set forth; Ex. propound a problem/theory

**affront** :

work (esp. musical composition); Ex. magnum opus: masterpiece; CF. opera

**fringe** :

insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect; V: insult or hurt the feelings of intentionally

**accelerate** :

decorative edge of hanging threads; edge

**whet** :

move faster

**beseech** :

sharpen; stimulate; Ex. whet someone's appetite

**knoll** :

beg; plead with

**prototype** :

little round hill; hillock

**graphite** :

original work used as a model by others

**aver** :

black form of carbon used in lead pencils

**diadem** :

state confidently; declare as true

**simile** :

crown

**peripatetic** :

comparison of one thing with another, using the word like or as

**unravel** :

walking about from place to place (to work); moving; Ex. peripatetic school of philosophy

**tenet** :

disentangle; solve

**deprecate** :

doctrine; dogma

**aloft** :

express disapproval of; deplore; protest against; belittle; ADJ. deprecatory

**ramification** :

upward; high up in the air

**nautical** :

branching out; subdivision; one branch of a system; one of the results following from an action or decision; Ex. ramifications of a business/the decision

**bandy** :

pertaining to ships or navigation

**acknowledge** :

discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words) heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words with

**disembark** :

debar; go ashore (from a ship); unload cargo from a ship; CF. embark

**blush** :

become red in the face (from embarrassment or shame); become red or rosy; N.

**abash** :

embarrass

**prevail** :

be widespread; triumph over; gain victory; prevail on: persuade; induce; Ex. Justice has prevailed; Ex. prevail on someone to do something

**raze** :

destroy completely; Ex. raze the city to the ground

**diaphanous** :

sheer; transparent

**mystic** :

of hidden meaning and spiritual power; Ex. mystic ceremonies; N. CF. mysticism

**concoct** :

prepare by mixing or combining; make up in concert; devise (something false) so as to deceive; Ex. concoct an elaborate excuse for being late; N. concoction

**guffaw** :

boisterous laughter; V.

**affiliation** :

joining; associating with

**trigger** :

set off; start

**emollient** :

soothing or softening remedy (for the skin); ADJ.

**wilt** :

lose freshness; droop

**iota** :

very small quantity

**quash** :

crush; suppress; squash; subdue; annul; Ex. quash a rebellion/the decision of the low court

**fleece** :

wool coat of a sheep; V. shear the fleece from; rob by a trick; swindle; plunder

**spoilsport** :

one who spoils the pleasure of others

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**protrude** :

stick out; jut; project; Ex. protruding teeth

**ellipsis** :

omission of words from a text; mark used to indicate an omission (when the meaning can be understood without them); PL. ellipses

**clasp** :

hold firmly within arms

**demeanor** :

behavior; bearing

**vassal** :

in feudalism, one who held land of a superior lord; subordinate or dependent

**stumble** :

trip and almost fall; proceed unsteadily; act falteringly; N.

**fastidious** :

difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky

**brittle** :

hard but easily broken; difficult; unstable; Ex. brittle situation

**dogged** :

determined; stubborn; stubbornly persevering; tenacious; Ex. Inspector Javert's dogged pursuit of Jean Valjean

**bully** :

one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.

**fluster** :

confuse; make nervous and confused; N.

**desultory** :

aimless; haphazard; digressing at random

**reimburse** :

repay; pay back

**raucous** :

(of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts

**baleful** :

evil; malignant in intent or effect; deadly; having a malign influence; portending evil; ominous; threatening; Ex. baleful look

**noose** :

loop formed in a rope

**clamber** :

climb by crawling with difficulties; scramble

**accede** :

agree

**fertile** :

producing many young, fruits, or seeds; (of land) producing good crops; V. fertilize

**staccato** :

played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt sharp sound; Ex. staccato applause

**weather** :

pass safely through (a storm or difficult period); endure the effects of weather or other forces

**cozen** :

cheat; hoodwink; swindle

**redress** :

remedy; compensation; Ex. seek redress for the damage to your car; V. put right; remedy or rectify (a wrong); make amends for

**dénouement** :

final outcome; final development of the plot of a play or other literary work; the end of a story when everything is explained

**subjective** :

influenced by personal feelings; occurring or taking place within the mind; unreal; Ex. subjective sensation of the ghostly presence

**decoy** :

lure or bait; V.

**exempt** :

not subject to a duty or obligation; free from a duty; V.

**qualify** :

reach a necessary standard; limit the meaning of something stated

**inroad** :

hostile invasion; advance that lessens the quantity or difficulty of something; Ex. The long illness made serious inroads on his savings; CF. raid

**apiarist** :

person who keeps bees

**deign** :

condescend; stoop

**travesty** :

copy or example of something that completely misrepresents the true nature of the real thing; comical parody or imitation; treatment aimed at making something appear ridiculous; Ex. travesty of justice; OP. paragon

**scrap** :

small bit or fragment; discarded waste material; fight; Ex. a scrap of paper/cloth; V. break into parts for disposal; discard as worthless; fight; quarrel

**inconsequential** :

insignificant; unimportant

**reconcile** :

make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one's political principles with one's religious beliefs

**bevy** :

large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets

**evoke** :

call forth (memory or feeling); Ex. That old film evoked memories of my childhood; N. evocation

**legislature** :

legislating branch of government; CF. legislate: make laws

**metaphor** :

implied comparison; CF. simile

**punitive** :

punishing; Ex. punitive measures

**vantage** :

position giving an advantage (such as a strategic point); CF. vantagepoint

**larceny** :

theft; Ex. petit larceny

**impromptu** :

without previous preparation; off the cuff(end of a sleeve); on the spur of the moment

**excoriate** :

scold with biting harshness; censure strongly; strip the skin off

**taint** :

contaminate; cause to lose purity; modify with a trace of something bad; Ex. tainted reputation; N: stain; touch of decay or bad influence; CF. touch

**stricture** :

severe and adverse criticism; critical comments; limit or restriction

**olfactory** :

concerning the sense of smell

**galvanic** :

of the production of electricity by the action of an acid on a metal; having the effect of an electric shock; Ex. galvanic cell; galvanic effect; CF. Luigi Galvani

**frock** :

long loose garment (worn by monks)

**implication** :

something hinted at or suggested; implying; implicating

**neophyte** :

recent convert; new member of a religious group; beginner; CF. plant

**conclave** :

private secret meeting

**distend** :

expand; swell out

**pell-mell** :

in confusion; disorderly; Ex. dash pell-mell

**luminous** :

shining (esp. in the dark); issuing light; Ex. luminous paint/road signs

**pallet** :

small poor bed; Ex. straw pallet

**bombastic** :

pompous; using inflated language

**reprisal** :

retaliation

**accomplice** :

partner in crime

**exiguous** :

small in amount; minute

**wretch** :

miserable person; bad or despicable person; ADJ. wretched: miserable; bad; contemptible; vile

**mundane** :

worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday; of the ordinary; Ex. mundane existence; CF. world

**internecine** :

mutually destructive

**orator** :

public speaker

**sanctuary** :

place of refuge; shelter; shrine; holy place; Ex. The outlaw was granted sanctuary in the church.

**diva** :

operatic singer; prima donna

**ambulatory** :

able to walk

**umbrage** :

resentment; anger; sense of injury or insult; Ex. take umbrage at his rudeness

**timorous** :

fearful; timid; demonstrating fear

**rousing** :

lively; inducing excitement; stirring; V. rouse: waken; arouse from sleep or depression; excite; stir up

**ogle** :

look at amorously; make eyes at; Ex. old men ogling young girls

**mottled** :

blotched in coloring; spotted; Ex. mottled face; V. mottle: mark with blotches of different colors

**token** :

outward sign; Ex. a token of our gratitude

**mote** :

small speck (esp. of dust)

**sheathe** :

place into a case; insert into or provide with a sheath; Ex. He sheathed his dagger; N. sheath: case for a blade

**attenuate** :

make thin; weaken

**earthy** :

unrefined; coarse; of earth; Ex. earthy remarks; OP. ethereal

**odds** :

chances; probability; disagreement; Ex. The odds are that it will rain. Ex. at odds with

**tangential** :

only slightly connected; not central; peripheral; digressing; showing divergence; CF. tangent

**eulogistic** :

praising; full of eulogy

**suavity** :

urbanity; polish; ADJ. suave: smooth and courteous

**mogul** :

powerful person; Ex. oil moguls; CF. Mogol, Moghul; CF. Mongolian

**imperial** :

like an emperor; related to an empire; CF. imperialism

**dumbfound(dumfound)** :

astonish (making dumb); ADJ. dumbfounded, dumfounded, dumbstruck

**sham** :

pretend; feign; ADJ: not genuine; fake; Ex. sham jewelry; N: something that is not what it appears; impostor;

pretense; Ex. The agreement was a sham.

**insightful** :

discerning; perceptive

**atrophy** :

wasting away; V. weaken and lose flesh and muscle (through lack of blood or lack of use)

**nectar** :

drink of the gods; sweet liquid collected by bees

**augment** :

increase; add to

**frond** :

fern leaf; palm or banana leaf

**saturnine** :

morose; gloomy; Ex. Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance.

**predilection** :

preference; partiality

**sybarite** :

lover of luxury; person devoted to pleasure and luxury; CF. Sybaris: an ancient Greek city in Italy

**bucolic** :

rustic; pastoral

**onerous** :

burdensome

**hypnosis** :

induced sleeping state; ADJ. hypnotic; V. hypnotize

**anneal** :

reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)

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**foray** :

raid; sudden raid or military advance; V.

**spasmodic** :

fitful; periodic; of or like a spasm; N. spasm: sudden involuntary muscular contraction; sudden burst of energy or emotion

**dwindle** :

shrink; reduce gradually

**equable** :

tranquil; of even calm temper; (of temperature) steady; uniform

**offhand** :

casual; done without prior thought or preparation

**affirmation** :

positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath; V. affirm; ADJ. affirmative;

CF. affirmative action: positive discrimination

**reparable** :

capable of being repaired

**malaise** :

uneasiness; vague feeling of ill health (without any particular pain or appearance of disease)

**fecundity** :

fertility; fruitfulness; ADJ. fecund: very productive of crops or young

**frieze** :

ornamental horizontal band on a wall

**canter** :

slow gallop; V. CF. trot

**reserve** :

self-control; self-restraint; formal but distant manner; reticence; Ex. without reserve: freely and openly; ADJ.

reserved: shy and uncommunicative

**whimsical** :

capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange

**feble-minded** :

deficient in intelligence; very stupid

**exodus** :

departure (of a large number of people)

**collate** :

examine and compare in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order (the sheets of a book before they are bound)

**whittle** :

pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim

**soporific** :

sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness; drowsy

**pterodactyl** :

extinct flying reptile; CF. wing+finger

**mass** :

Christian religious ceremony; CF. Mass: ceremony of the Eucharist

**coagulate** :

congeal; thicken; clot; N. coagulant

**metaphysical** :

pertaining to speculative philosophy; of metaphysics; N. metaphysics: branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality

**compulsive** :

resulting from compulsion

**incumbent** :

obligatory; imposed as an obligation; currently holding an office; N: person who holds an office

**swipe** :

hit with a sweeping motion; N.

**deify** :

turn into a god; make a god of; idolize; Ex. Kings were deified; CF. deity

**prodigy** :

highly gifted child; person with exceptional talents; marvel; wonder

**hazy** :

slightly obscure; misty; unclear; N. haze: light mist or smoke; confused state of mind

**incidental** :

not essential; minor; N: something incidental

**decrepit** :

weak and in bad condition from old age or hard use; Ex. decrepit old chair/man

**methodical** :

systematic; N. method: systematic method of procedure

**malapropos** :

inappropriate; ADV.

**capacity** :

mental or physical ability; role; position or duty; ability to accommodate; Ex. in my capacity as president

**preempt** :

prevent in advance; head off (forestall); forestall by acting first; appropriate for oneself before others; supplant; take the place of; displace; Ex. preempt any attempts; ADJ. preemptive

**testator** :

maker of a will; CF. testatrix

**libertine** :

debauched person; dissolute or licentious person; roué; CF. free

**consolidation** :

unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger; V. consolidate: merge; strengthen

**veto** :

vested power to reject a bill; exercise of this right; V: prevent or forbid by exercising the power of veto

**dishonor** :

disgrace; N. ADJ. dishonorable

**hull** :

husk; dry outer covering of a seed; frame or body of a ship

**inception** :

start; beginning

**grandeur** :

impressiveness; stateliness; majesty

**extirpate** :

root up; uproot; destroy completely

**bicker** :

quarrel

**euphemism** :

mild expression in place of an unpleasant one; ADJ. euphemistic

**ordeal** :

severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial(test of patience or endurance); affliction

**limber** :

flexible; supple; pliable; V.

**astronomical** :

enormously large or extensive

**presage** :

foretell; be a warning or sign of; N: presentiment; foreboding; omen

**uproar** :

noisy confusion

**nuptial** :

related to marriage or the wedding ceremony; N. nuptials: wedding ceremony

**chaotic** :

in utter disorder

**shack** :

crude cabin

**caucus** :

private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF. the Caucus club of Boston

**inveterate** :

deep-rooted; habitual; CF. grow old

**besiege** :

surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually

**relish** :

enjoy; savor; N: enjoyment; zest

**dull** :

(of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; boring; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V.

**monumental** :

massive; impressively large; built as a monument

**attire** :

clothe; N: clothing; array; apparel

**theocracy** :

government run by religious leaders

**cerebral** :

pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF. cerebrum

**affluence** :

abundance; wealth

**carnage** :

destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals

**whelp** :

young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.

**smother** :

kill from lack of air; suppress; cover thickly; Ex. smothered in little stickers

**granulate** :

form into grains or granules; N. granule: grain or particle

**tessellated** :

mosaic; inlaid; Ex. tessellated pattern

**mutability** :

ability to change in form; fickleness; ADJ. mutable: able to change; fickle; CF. mutate; CF. mutant

**Epicurean** :

believing that pleasure is good and suffering is bad and should be avoided; N.

**abyss** :

enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit

**retrograde** :

go backwards; recede; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.

**psychic** :

of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers

**encircle** :

surround

**tantrum** :

fit of bad temper; fit of petulance; caprice; Ex. The child went into tantrums.

**abhor** :

detest; hate

**lassitude** :

languor; weariness; listlessness

**wean** :

accustom a baby not to nurse; accustom (the young of a mammal) to take nourishment other than by suckling;

give up a cherished activity; cause to gradually leave (an interest or habit); Ex. wean oneself from cigarettes

**propellant(propellent)** :

substance which propels or drives forward (such as an explosive charge or a rocket fuel)

**sententious** :

pithy; terse; concise; aphoristic

**elysian** :

relating to paradise; blissful

**adversity** :

great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event

**hermetic** :

concerning alchemy or magic; obscure and mysterious; occult

**artisan** :

a manually skilled worker

**annex** :

attach; add to a large thing; take possession of; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force); N: building added to a large one

**refulgent** :

effulgent; brilliant; brightly shining; gleaming; Ex. refulgent moon

**enrapture** :

please intensely; fill with rapture and delight

**primp** :

groom oneself with care; adorn oneself

**resort** :

turn to for help; Ex. resort to violence; N.

**beget** :

father; become the father of; produce; give rise to

**rostrum** :

raised platform for speech-making; pulpit

**agility** :

nimbleness; ability to move quickly

**conjugal** :

public records; place where public records are kept

**impious** :

pertaining to marriage

**woeful** :

irreverent

**discompose** :

sad; (of something bad) deplorable; deplorably bad; Ex. woeful housing conditions

**oatmeal** :

disturb the composure of; confuse

**residue** :

crushed oats used for making porridge

**periphery** :

remainder; balance

**febrile** :

outside edge especially of a round surface; perimeter; Ex. periphery of the town

**chivalrous** :

feverish

**ebb** :

courteous; faithful; brave; N. chivalry

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**harry** :

(of the tide) recede; lessen; diminish; N. OP. flow: rise of tide

**frenetic(phrenetic)** :

harass, annoy, torment (by repeated attacks); raid

**prologue** :

frenzied; frantic

**bacchanalian** :

introduction (to a poem or play)

**piebald** :

drunken

**tantalize** :

of different colors; mottled; spotted in different colors (esp. in black and white); Ex. piebald horse; CF. pie+bald

**polemical(polemic)** :

tease; excite by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach; torture with disappointment; CF.

Tantalus: Greek mythological figure

**diminution** :

aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious (rather than simply expressing opinions)

**maroon** :

lessening; reduction in size; V. diminish

**solicitous** :

leave helpless on a deserted island or coast; ADJ. red brown

**talon** :

anxious; worried; concerned; eager; Ex. solicitous to do something; N. solicitude

**contiguous** :

claw of bird

**pander** :

adjacent to; touching upon

**refrain** :

cater to (the low desires of others)

**archives** :

abstain from; resist; forbear; N: chorus

**dissolution** :

disintegration; reduction to a liquid form; looseness in morals; sensual indulgence; debauchery; ADJ. dissolute:  
lacking in moral restraint; leading an immoral life

**elusive** :

evasive; not frank; baffling; hard to grasp, catch, or understand; V. elude: escape from; escape the understanding  
or grasp of; Ex. elude the hunter; Ex. His name eludes me.

**aegis** :

shield; protection; defense

**feline** :

of a member of the cat family; N.

**downcast** :

disheartened; dejected; sad; directed downward

**diatribe** :

bitter scolding or denunciation; invective; abuse

**license** :

official or legal permission; latitude of action or speech; excessive freedom that causes harm or damage; V.

**didactic** :

(of speech or writing) intended to teach a moral lesson; teaching; instructional; N. didacticism

**infiltrate** :

pass into or through; penetrate or enter (an organization) sneakily; Ex. infiltrate the troops into enemy territory;  
CF. infiltrator

**assumption** :

something taken for granted; the taking over or taking possession of; Ex. her assumption of power; V. assume

**encomiastic** :

praising; eulogistic; N. encomium: very high praise; eulogy

**behemoth** :

huge creature; something of monstrous size or power

**penology** :

study of prison management and criminal rehabilitation

**meticulous** :

excessively careful (with great attention to detail); painstaking; scrupulous

**embrace** :

hug; clasp with the arms; adopt or espouse; accept readily; encircle; include; Ex. embrace the cause/socialism;  
Ex. all-embracing; CF. brace; CF. bracelet

**luminary** :

celebrity (in a specific field); dignitary; object that gives light (as a celestial body)

**parry** :

ward off a blow; deflect; Ex. He parried the unwelcome question very skillfully; N. CF. 막는다는 개념이 아님

**desiccate** :

dry up

**dominant** :

exercising the most influence; high and easily seen; stronger than the other part of a system; not recessive

**poseur** :

person who pretends to be sophisticated, elegant, etc., to impress others; person who poses; CF. pose

**oblique** :

indirect; slanting (deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line); Ex. oblique reference

**reverie** :

daydream; abstracted musing

**corporeal** :

bodily (rather than spiritual); of a bodily form; material; tangible

**thresh** :

beat (cereal plants) with a machine or flail to separate the grains from the straw

**indemnify** :

make secure against damage or loss; compensate for damage or loss; CF. make uninjured

**scavenge** :

hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N. scavenger: one who scavenges; animal that feeds on refuse and carrion

**pulse** :

rhythmical throbbing of arteries; brief sudden change in a normally constant quantity; V: pulsate

**egress** :

exit; opening for going out; act of going out; OP: ingress

**gradation** :

series of gradual stages; degree in such a progression

**incredulity** :

tendency to disbelief

**manifold** :

many in number or kind; numerous; varied

**renegade** :

deserter; traitor; ADJ.

**haughtiness** :

pride; arrogance; ADJ. haughty

**graduate** :

arrange into categories or grades; divide into marked intervals (for use in measurement); Ex. graduated ruler

**amok(amuck)** :

in a state of rage; Ex. run amok

**verve** :

enthusiasm (as in artistic performance or composition); liveliness; vigor

**maelstrom** :

violent whirlpool; violent or turbulent situation; CF. stream

**centrifuge** :

machine that separates substances by whirling them

**homogeneous** :

of the same kind; uniform in composition throughout

**edict** :

decree (especially one issued by a sovereign); official command

**margin** :

border; room; allowance beyond what is needed; Ex. margin of safety

**vernal** :

pertaining to spring

**skulk** :

move furtively and secretly; Ex. He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city.

**drip** :

fall or let fall in drops; shed drops; N: action or sound of falling in drops; liquid that falls in drops

**rebuttal** :

refutation; response with contrary evidence; V. rebut: refute; disprove

**predetermine** :

determine in advance; predestine; settle or decide beforehand; influence markedly

**paraphrase** :

restate a passage in one's own words while retaining thought of author; N: restatement of a text in other words

**stoic** :

stoical; impassive; unmoved by joy or grief; N. CF. stoicism

**clap** :

strike the palms of the hands together with a sudden explosive sound; come together suddenly with a sharp sound; put or send promptly; Ex. clap the thief in jail; N: clapping; loud or explosive sound; CF. applause

**wanderlust** :

strong longing to travel

**pliable** :

flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable

**pedagogue** :

teacher; CF. child leader

**protagonist** :

(of a place) dilapidated; in a bad condition; (of a person) weak or exhausted

**swindler** :

leader or noticeable supporter of an idea; chief character in a play or story

**unmitigated** :

cheater

**nip** :

(of something bad) not moderated; unrelieved or immoderate; without qualification; absolute; Ex. unmitigated disaster

**obelisk** :

snip off; stop something's growth or development; bite; make numb with cold; Ex. nip the plan; Ex. A guard dog nipped the postman; Ex. fingers nipped by the extreme chill

**parvenu** :

tall column tapering(becoming gradually narrower toward the end) and ending in a pyramid

**blowhard** :

upstart; newly rich person

**impolitic** :

talkative boaster; braggart

**interpolate** :

not wise; not expedient; not politic

**remunerative** :

insert between

**anarchy** :

(of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V. remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble

**epic** :

absence of governing body; state of disorder

**felon** :

long heroic poem, novel, or similar work of art (celebrating the feats of a hero); ADJ: (of stories or events) resembling an epic; grand

**disparity** :

person convicted of a grave crime; CF. felony: serious crime

**braggadocio** :

difference; condition of inequality; OP. parity

**dispel** :

boasting

**curator** :

scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

**brand** :

superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)

**nimble** :

trademark; mark burned on the hide of an animal; mark burned into the flesh of criminals; mark of disgrace; V: mark with a brand; give a lasting bad name; stigmatize; Ex. The press branded him a liar.

**increment** :

quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind

**perdition** :

increase

**accost** :

damnation; complete ruin; hell

**cajole** :

approach and speak first to a person

**scad** :

persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle

**run-down** :

a great quantity; Ex. scads of clothes

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**abstinence** :

restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF. abstention: act of abstaining from vote

**slough** :

(of a snake) shed or cast off (dead outer skin); N: outer layer that is shed

**execute** :

put into effect; carry out; kill as a lawful punishment; N. execution

**parochial** :

narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes

**affidavit** :

written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)

**chaplain** :

clergyman attached to a chapel

**entourage** :

group of attendants; retinue; CF. surround

**induct** :

place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N. induction: inducting; process of deriving general principles from particular facts

**remote** :

distant in manner; aloof

**doldrums** :

blues; listlessness(lack of spirit or energy); slack(inactive) period; period of stagnation; ocean area near the equator where ships cannot move because there is no wind; Ex. in the doldrums

**dulcet** :

sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious

**dyslexia** :

word blindness; learning disorder marked by impairment of the ability to read

**malleable** :

(of a metal) capable of being shaped by pounding(beatng); pliable; (of someone) impressionable(easily influenced); easily controlled; tractable

**eventual** :

happening at last as a result; Ex. eventual victory

**imponderable** :

weightless; that cannot undergo precise evaluation; CF. pound

**pervert** :

corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural

**climactic** :

relating to the highest point; N. climax; CF. climatic

**superficial** :

of the surface; not deep; shallow; not thorough; trivial; Ex. superficial analysis/knowledge

**argot** :

slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people

**genus** :

division of animals or plants, below a family and above a species

**withdrawn** :

introverted; retiring; remote

**pore** :

study industriously; ponder; scrutinize; Ex. pore over the book; N.

**empathy** :

ability to identify with another's feelings, ideas, etc.; identification with and understanding of another's feelings; V. empathize; CF. sympathy

**demise** :

death

**hyperbole** :

exaggeration; overstatement; ADJ. hyperbolic: of hyperbole; of a hyperbola

**yoke** :

join together; unite; N: crossbar used to joining two draft animals

**lament** :

grieve; express sorrow; N. lamentation

**totem** :

animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex. totem pole

**autopsy** :

examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.

**venturesome** :

(of a person) bold; adventurous; daring; (of an action) risky

**indefatigable** :

tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired

**insensible** :

unconscious; unresponsive; insensitive; unaware; imperceptible; Ex. insensible of his danger/to pain; Ex. insensible change; CF. not the opposite of sensible

**squabble** :

minor quarrel; bickering; V: engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children

**volatile** :

changeable; of a quickly changing nature (as of temper); mercurial; tending to violence; evaporating rapidly; Ex. volatile character/situation in the street

**ewe** :

female sheep

**covetous** :

avaricious; desirous of (someone else's possessions); V. covet: desire eagerly (someone else's possessions)

**meek** :

submissive; patient and long-suffering

**impetuous** :

violent; hasty; rash; impulsive; without careful thought; Ex. impetuous decision

**sundry** :

miscellaneous; various; several; N. sundries: small miscellaneous items

**scurry** :

move hastily; hurry; move briskly

**ineffectual** :

not effective; not having a desired effect; weak

**potent** :

powerful; convincing; persuasive; greatly influential

**barrage** :

barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex. a barrage of criticism

**anchor** :

secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage

**graphic** :

pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described

**cunning** :

clever in deceiving; sly; N: cleverness in deceiving; deceit

**subjugate** :

conquer; bring under control

**turgid** :

swollen; distended (as from liquid)

**scabbard** :

case for a sword blade; sheath

**reactionary** :

strongly opposed to social or political change; opposing progress; politically ultraconservative; N. OP: radical

**illimitable** :

infinite; limitless

**undulating** :

acute pain; extreme suffering

**severity** :

moving with a wavelike motion; V. undulate; CF. und: wave

**pass off** :

harshness; intensity; sternness; austerity; ADJ. severe: harsh; strict; extremely violent or intense

**omnivorous** :

present falsely; represent falsely to be

**interloper** :

eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything

**smear** :

intruder; one who interferes

**concord** :

spread or cover with a sticky substance; N: mark made by smearing

**edifice** :

harmony; accord

**wade** :

building (of imposing size)

**hydrophobia** :

walk through a substance, such as water, that impedes movement

**delusion** :

fear of water; rabies

**grouch** :

false belief; hallucination; deluding; Ex. delusions of grandeur; Ex. under the delusion that

**sublime** :

bad-tempered complaint; person who keeps complaining; V: complain; grumble

**tedium** :

causing deep feelings of wonder, joy, respect, etc.; exalted; noble and uplifting; utter

**convoke** :

boredom; weariness; ADJ. tedious

**carcinogenic** :

call together; Ex. convoke Parliament; N. convocation

**effective** :

causing cancer; N. carcinogen

**adage** :

effectual; producing a strong response; striking; in operation; in effect; Ex. effective speech/photograph

**hortatory** :

wise saying; proverb

**obsidian** :

encouraging; exhortive; marked by exhortation; CF. exhort

**squalor** :

black volcanic rock

**pulpit** :

condition of being squalid; filthy; degradation; dirty neglected state; ADJ. squalid: dirty; sordid; morally repulsive; Ex. squalid story

**bivouac** :

raised platform used in preaching (in a church)

**luxuriate** :

temporary encampment; camp without tents; V.

**anguish** :

take pleasure in great comfort

**skim** :

read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid

**belligerent** :

quarrelsome

**vise** :

vice; tool for holding work in place; clamping device

**dissipate** :

squander; waste foolishly; scatter

**cascade** :

small waterfall

**tart** :

sharp to the taste; acid-tasting; caustic; sarcastic; Ex. tart apple/reply

**miscreant** :

wretch; wrongdoer; villain; Ex. kindness to the miscreant; CF. believe

**doggerel** :

poor verse

**atheistic** :

denying the existence of God; N. atheism

**uninhibited** :

having no inhibitions; free in behavior and feelings

**frolicsome** :

prankish; gay; playful; merry; frisky

**inexorable** :

relentless; unyielding; implacable; not capable of being changed by entreaty or efforts; Ex. inexorable price rises

**surge** :

powerful movement of or like a wave; V.

**surrogate** :

substitute; person or thing used in place of another; Ex. surrogate mother; ADJ.

**hue and cry** :

outcry; loud cry or clamor; strong protest; Ex. hue and cry against the new rule

**pachyderm** :

thick-skinned animal

**emetic** :

substance causing vomiting; ADJ.

**ironic** :

expressing irony; occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner

**discrete** :

separate; unconnected

**problematic** :

causing a problem; open to doubt; doubtful; unsettled; questionable; Ex. Whether the arena will ever be completed is problematic.

**purgatory** :

place of spiritual expiation; temporary state or place in which the souls must expiate their sins

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**insalubrious** :

unwholesome; not healthful; Ex. insalubrious place

**meddlesome** :

interfering; V. meddle: interfere

**cadet** :

student at a military school

**spruce** :

neat and trim in appearance; smart; Ex. Be spruce for your job interview; V.

**jumble** :

mix in a confused way

**grimace** :

facial distortion to show feeling such as pain, disgust, etc; V.

**humble** :

of low rank or position; modest; having a low opinion of oneself and a high opinion of others; unassuming; not proud; V. humiliate: make humble; cause to feel ashamed or to lose the respect of others

**lurid** :

wild; sensational; graphic; gruesome; horrible; Ex. lurid details of the murder

**application** :

diligent attention; diligence; V. apply oneself

**psychosis** :

mental disorder; ADJ. N. psychotic

**hoary** :

white with age

**vacillate** :

waver (in opinion); fluctuate; sway to and fro; N. vacillation

**sturdy** :

strong and firm (in the body)

**emblazon** :

ornament richly (a shield or flag); N. emblazonment

**optometrist** :

one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects

**impetus** :

moving force; momentum; force of a moving body; incentive; stimulus; impulse

**optional** :

not compulsory; left to one's choice; N. option: act of choosing; choice; freedom or power to choose; something available as a choice; Ex. have no option; Ex. two options

**nadir** :

lowest point; point on the celestial sphere diametrically opposite the zenith

**low** :

moo; make the sound of a cow

**pastiche** :

imitation of another's style in musical composition or in writing; work of art openly imitating the works of other artists

**selective** :

careful in choosing; having an effect only on certain things; not general; Ex. eclectic weed killer

**eddy** :

swirling current of water, air, etc.; V.

**languid** :

lacking energy or vitality; weary; sluggish; listless

**vestige** :

trace; remains; Ex. vestiges of some ancient religion

**partisan** :

one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party (with dislike of any others); N: strong supporter of a party; guerrilla

**implicit** :

understood but not stated; implied; unquestioning and complete; Ex. implicit trust

**thesis** :

opinion put forward and supported by reasoned arguments

**symbiosis** :

interdependent relationship (between groups, species) often mutually beneficial; ADJ. symbiotic; CF. together + life

**sneak** :

move, give, or take in a quiet, stealthy way; N: one who sneaks; ADJ. sneaky

**minutiae** :

petty or trivial details; CF. minutia

**passé** :

old-fashioned; past the prime

**dissent** :

disagree

**centigrade** :

denoting a widely used temperature scale (basically same as Celsius)

**whit** :

small amount; smallest speck; Ex. not a whit of

**arroyo** :

gully; narrow channel formed by rainwater

**splice** :

join together end to end to make one continuous length; fasten together; unite; Ex. splice two strips of tape; N.

**makeshift** :

temporary expedient or substitute (in the case of urgent need); Ex. makeshift shelter

**monochromatic** :

having only one color

**irate** :

angry; CF. ire: anger; wrath

**imposture** :

assuming a false identity; masquerade; CF. impostor

**flux** :

flowing; series of changes; fluctuation; Ex. in a state of flux

**bulwark** :

strong wall built for defense; earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends

**harping** :

tiresome dwelling on a subject; V. harp: dwell on(think or speak a lot about) tediously

**profane** :

violate; desecrate (something holy); treat unworthily; be profane for; ADJ: secular; nonreligious; irreverent for holy things

**mincing** :

affectedly dainty(delicate); V. mince: cut (esp. meat) into very small pieces; walk with exaggerated primness; walk in an unnatural way, taking little short steps; Ex. The actor minced across the stage; CF. mincemeat; CF. mincer

**partial** :

incomplete; favoring one side over another; having a liking for something

**sedentary** :

requiring sitting; done while sitting; not moving from one place to another; settled; Ex. sedentary job/population

**tan** :

convert (hide) into leather; make brown by exposure to the sun

**equipoise** :

balance; balancing force; equilibrium

**recuperate** :

recover; return to health; regain; Ex. recuperate losses

**fiat** :

command; arbitrary order; Ex. presidential fiat; CF. let it be done

**crave** :

desire; want intensely

**putrid** :

decayed and foul-smelling; foul; rotten; decayed; N. putridity

**puissant** :

powerful; strong; potent; N. puissance: power

**vendor** :

seller

**infirmity** :

weakness

**shoot** :

new growth from a plant

**arcade** :

a covered passageway usually lined with shops

**propriety** :

fitness; quality of being proper; correct conduct; conformity to prevailing customs and usages; CF. proprietor, proprietary

**medium** :

element that is a creature's natural environment; nutrient setting in which microorganisms are cultivated; appropriate occupation or means of expression; channel of communication; compromise; middle position between extremes; intervening substance through which something else is transmitted

**deploy** :

spread out (troops) in an extended though shallow battle line; distribute (persons or forces) systematically or strategically

**rectify** :

set right; correct; CF. rect-: right

**jabber** :

chatter rapidly or unintelligibly

**petrify** :

turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze

**condone** :

overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse

**strut** :

pompous walk; V: walk in a self-important manner

**collaborate** :

work together; cooperate treasonably with the enemy

**rationalize** :

make rational; devise false reasons for (one's behavior); offer an excuse; give a plausible reason for an action in place of a true, less admirable one; N. rationalization

**sensitization** :

process of being made sensitive or acutely responsive to an external agent or substance; V. sensitize: make or become sensitive

**underlying** :

lying below; fundamental

**bureaucracy** :

overregulated administrative system marked by red tape; ADJ. bureaucratic

**martinet** :

strict disciplinarian; person who demands total obedience to rules and orders; CF. Jean Martinet

**remediable** :

reparable

**urchin** :

mischievous child (usually a boy); CF. urchin: hedgehog; CF. porcupine: pig with spikes ?; CF. sea urchin

**squash** :

crush; quash; suppress

**impassioned** :

(of speech) filled with passion; fervent

**perpetuate** :

make perpetual; make something last for a long time; preserve from extinction; N. perpetuity

**anthropomorphic** :

having human form or characteristics

**nondescript** :

undistinctive; ordinary; ordinary-looking; Ex. nondescript fellow in a crowd

**prognosticate** :

predict (according to present indications)

**agog** :

highly excited; intensely curious

**apparent** :

evident; easily seen or understood; appearing as such; Ex. apparent improvement

**bogus** :

counterfeit; not authentic; intentionally false; Ex. bogus interview

**miserly** :

stingy; mean

**vanguard** :

forerunners; foremost position of an army; advance forces; foremost position in a trend or movement; CF. rear-guard

**mitigate** :

appease; moderate; make or become less in force or intensity

**objective** :

not influenced by emotions; fair; N: goal; aim

**acoustics** :

science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in

**savant** :

scholar; learned person; CF. savoir: know

**fraught** :

filled (with something unpleasant); full; Ex. fraught with danger and difficulties; CF. freight

**nonsense** :

speech or writing with no meaning; foolish behavior or language; Ex. make (a) nonsense of: spoil; cause to fail

**penance** :

self-imposed punishment for sin; Ex. do penance for one's sins; CF. penitent

**cede** :

yield (title or territory) to (esp. after losing a war); surrender formally; N. cession

**unanimity** :

complete agreement; ADJ. unanimous

**reprimand** :

reprove severely; rebuke; N.

**expertise** :

specialized knowledge (in a particular field); expert skill

**amicable** :

peaceful; politely friendly; not quarrelsome; Ex. amicable settlement

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**glitter** :

shine brightly with flashing points of light; Ex. glittering diamond ring; N: sparkling light; attractiveness; glamor; Ex. glitter of the sun on the waves

**dilatory** :

delaying; tending to delay

**inept** :

unsuited; inappropriate; lacking skill; incompetent; CF. inapt: (of statements or ideas) inappropriate

**gorge** :

stuff oneself (with food); glut; CF. gorgeous: dazzlingly beautiful

**vent** :

small opening; outlet (as of fumes or a gas); Ex. He gave vent to his anger by kicking the chair.

**skimp** :

provide or use scantily; live very economically; Ex. skimp on necessities; ADJ. skimpy: inadequate in amount; scanty; stingy; niggardly

**yeoman** :

man or farmer owning small estate; middle-class farmer

**construe** :

explain; interpret; Ex. construe her silence as meaning that she agreed; CF. misconstrue

**implement** :

put into effect; enforce; carry out; supply with tools; Ex. implement the plan/suggestion; N: tool or instrument

**audit** :

examination of accounts of a business; official examination; V.

**seedy** :

run-down; decrepit; disreputable; having many seeds; Ex. seedy downtown hotel

**juggernaut** :

irresistible crushing force; overwhelming advancing force that crushes everything in its path

**vertebrate** :

having a backbone or spinal column; N: group of animals having a segmented spinal column

**epitaph** :

inscription in memory of a dead person (as on a tombstone)

**mire** :

entangle; stick in swampy ground; stick or sink in mire; N: bog; deep mud; Ex. sucked deeper into the mire

**revoke** :

cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable

**peruse** :

read through with care; N. perusal

**indignation** :

anger at an injustice; Ex. righteous indignation; ADJ. indignant

**niggle** :

spend too much time on minor points (esp. when finding fault); find fault; Ex. niggle over details; ADJ. niggling

**slag** :

glassy residue from smelting metal; dross; waste matter

**asunder** :

into parts; apart; V. sunder

**sleazy** :

shabby and dirty; flimsy; insubstantial; Ex. sleazy back-street hotel/fabric

**hallucination** :

delusion; false idea; false perception of objects with a compelling sense of their reality; objects so perceived; V.

hallucinate; ADJ. hallucinatory

**impervious** :

impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed; incapable of being affected (in one's opinions); Ex.

impervious to water/criticism

**jaunt** :

trip; short journey

**solemnity** :

seriousness; gravity

**thermal** :

pertaining to heat; producing heat; warm; Ex. thermal bath; N: rising current of warm air

**scotch** :

stamp out(put an end to); thwart; hinder; Ex. scotch the rumor; CF. cut; CF. 활동을 줄이는 의미

**cameo** :

shell or jewel carved in relief; star's special appearance in a minor role in a film

**unwieldy** :

awkward (to carry or move); cumbersome; unmanageable

**stygian** :

unpleasantly dark; gloomy; hellish; deathly; CF. Styx: the chief river in the subterranean land of the dead

**touchy** :

oversensitive; easily offended; irascible; delicate; needing delicate handling; Ex. touchy situation

**skinflint** :

miser; stingy person

**insurgent** :

rebellious; N.

**replica** :

copy  
 **suckle** :

give or take milk at the breast or udder  
 **frolic** :

play and jump about happily; frisk; Ex. frolicking young lambs  
 **expatriate** :

exile; someone who has withdrawn from his native land; V: exile; banish; leave one's country  
 **maladroit** :

clumsy; not skillful; awkward; bungling  
 **lumen** :

unit of light energy (one candle's worth)  
 **sever** :

separate; cut off (a part) from a whole; break up (a relationship); N. severance; CF. severance pay: extra pay given an employee upon leaving a position  
 **diurnal** :

daily; occurring during the daytime  
 **predator** :

predatory animal or bird; predatory person; creature that seizes and devours another animal; person who robs or exploits others; ADJ. predatory: living by preying on other organisms; plundering; N. predation  
 **motility** :

ability to move spontaneously; ADJ. motile: moving spontaneously  
 **litotes** :

understatement for emphasis; Ex. "not bad(=pretty good)"  
 **renown** :

fame; ADJ. renowned  
 **blues** :

state of depression or melancholy; style of slow, mournful music (evolved from southern Black American songs)  
 **concomitant** :

that which accompanies; Ex. Deafness is a frequent concomitant of old age; ADJ: existing or happening together with something else

**conceit** :

vanity or self-love; too high opinion of one's own value; extravagant metaphor (in poetry)  
 **decelerate** :

slow down  
 **indigent** :

poor; destitute  
 **shrewd** :

clever; astute  
 **incredulous** :

withholding belief; skeptical; showing disbelief  
 **tremor** :

trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)  
 **concur** :

agree; coincide; happen at the same time  
 **smelt** :

melt (ore) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ores changing their chemical composition  
 **hap** :

chance; luck  
 **deducible** :

derived by reasoning; V. deduce: infer; derive by reasoning  
 **demolition** :

destruction; V. demolish  
 **aphorism** :

pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic  
 **motto** :

brief statement used to express a principle

**confluence** :

flowing together; the place where two rivers flow together; crowd; gathering together

**bludgeon** :

club; heavy-headed weapon; V.

**vile** :

despicable; unpleasant; disgusting; Ex. vile slander

**glare** :

shine intensely and blindingly; stare fixedly and angrily; N.

**convert** :

one who has adopted a different religion or opinion; V: change into another form; (persuade to) adopt a particular religion or belief

**chisel** :

swindle or cheat; N: wedgelike tool for cutting

**avocation** :

secondary or minor occupation

**finery** :

beautiful clothes for a special occasion

**lush** :

(of a plant or grass) growing very well

**marrow** :

soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells

**vulgar** :

of the common people; deficient in refinement; not refined; coarse; Ex. vulgar display of wealth; N. vulgarism:

vulgarity; crudely indecent word; CF. vulgarian: vulgar person; boor; lout

**emolument** :

salary; payment for an office; compensation

**abysmal** :

bottomless

**cavalcade** :

procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry

**idiosyncrasy** :

individual trait usually odd in nature; behavioral peculiarity; eccentricity; attitude, behavior, or opinion peculiar to a person; anything highly individual or eccentric; ADJ. idiosyncratic

**constitution** :

constituting; system of laws; composition of something; physical makeup or structure of a person; Ex. men with strong constitutions

**enterprising** :

full of initiative; showing enterprise

**invulnerable** :

incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure

**prime** :

period of ideal or peak condition; earliest or beginning stage; Ex. in the prime of life; Ex. prime of the year(spring); ADJ: first in importance or rank; first; V: make ready; prepare

**corollary** :

natural consequence (which naturally follows from something else)

**brocade** :

rich, figured(patterned) fabric

**laceration** :

torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound

**pretentious** :

ostentatious; showy; pompous; making unjustified claims; overambitious; Ex. pretentious films that claim to be art

**pharisee** :

Pharisee: member of an ancient Jewish group that emphasized strict observance of the Mosaic law (considering themselves very holy); hypocritical self-righteous person

**chore** :

daily domestic task (such as cleaning, cooking, and shopping); unpleasant task

**ethnic** :

relating to races

**cognate** :

having a common origin; related linguistically; allied by blood; similar or akin in nature; Ex. cognate languages; N.

**stagnant** :

(of water) not flowing (often bad-smelling); motionless; stale; not developing; inactive; dull; Ex. stagnant industrial output

**hide** :

skin of an animal

**consternation** :

great shock; dismay

**torrid** :

(of weather) hot or scorching; passionate; Ex. torrid love affairs

**delirium** :

mental disorder marked by confusion; uncontrolled excitement; ADJ. delirious

**wastrel** :

waster; profligate

**overthrow** :

topple; N.

**smattering** :

slight knowledge; small scattered number or amount; Ex. smattering of German

**throng** :

crowd (of people or things); V.

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**document** :

provide written evidence (for a claim); record with documents; N.

**mongrel** :

plant or animal (esp. a dog) of mixed breed; ADJ.

**dazzle** :

make blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder

**vouch** :

give a personal guarantee; Ex. I can vouch for his integrity; N. voucher

**lopsided** :

heavier or larger on one side than the other; Ex. lopsided way of walking

**indigenous** :

native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World

**rivet** :

metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V. fasten with a rivet; engross

**overture** :

musical introduction to a long musical piece; first offer or proposal (to begin talks in the hope of reaching an agreement); Ex. overtures for peace

**solecism** :

nonstandard grammatical construction; construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically; violation of social etiquette

**jaunty** :

cheerful and pleased with life; lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree; dapper in appearance; Ex. jaunty person/hat

**practical** :

based on experience; of or acquired through practice (rather than theory); useful; Ex. practical man

**factotum** :

handyman; person who does all kinds of work; CF. do everything

**parable** :

short simple story teaching a moral

**voluble** :

fluent; talkative; glib; N. volubility

**castrate** :

remove the sex organs (of a male animal or person)

**malevolent** :

wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence

**camaraderie** :

good-fellowship; CF. comrade

**implore** :

beg

**nettle** :

irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettlesome

**blackball** :

vote against (an applicant); ostracize; N. negative vote

**ecosystem** :

ecological community together with its environment

**discredit** :

defame; disgrace; destroy confidence in; disbelieve; N. CF. discreditable: causing discredit; shameful

**bilious** :

suffering from indigestion; sick from having too much bile; irritable; easily irritated

**rococo** :

ornate; highly decorated; N. CF. 18th century

**disapprobation** :

disapproval; condemnation

**shear** :

remove (fleece or hair) by cutting; remove the hair or fleece from; cut with or as if with shears; N. shears; pair of scissors

**verbiage** :

pompous array of words; too many unnecessary words; wordiness

**invincible** :

unconquerable

**truncate** :

cut the top off; shorten

**allay** :

calm; pacify

**disdain** :

treat with scorn or contempt

**surmount** :

overcome

**shoddy** :

made of inferior material; sham; not genuine; inferior; dishonest; Ex. shoddy goods/trick

**phlegmatic** :

calm and unexcitable; not easily disturbed; CF. phlegm: sticky mucus produced in the respiratory tract

**topography** :

physical features of a region (such as the shape and height); CF. topo-: place

**nurse** :

suckle; take care of (as a nurse); bear in mind; Ex. nursing mother; Ex. nurse a hope/grudge against someone

**fractious** :

unruly; peevish; cranky; bad-tempered; Ex. fractious horse

**negligence** :

neglect; failure to take reasonable care; ADJ. negligent: neglectful; lax; not taking enough care

**trappings** :

outward decorations; ornaments (as an outward sign of rank)

**amoral** :

nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong

**ascendancy** :

lover of mankind; doer of good; N. philanthropy

**amplify** :

controlling influence; position of controlling influence; CF. in the ascendant

**swelter** :

increase in size or effect; expand; broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger; Ex. amplify one's remarks with a graph

**perforate** :

(of a person) suffer from oppressive heat; be oppressed by heat

**exploit** :

pierce; put a hole through

**latent** :

make use of, sometimes unjustly; N. exploitation

**slap** :

present but not yet noticeable or active; dormant; hidden; N. latency; CF. potential

**blemish** :

hit quickly with the flat part of the hand; N. CF. smack

**magnitude** :

mar; spoil the beauty or perfection of; N. flaw or defect (that spoils perfection); Ex. blemishes in the crystal; CF. unblemished

**gibe** :

greatness (in size or extent); extent

**slander** :

mock; make jeering remarks; N. jeering remarks

**inebriate** :

defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements; V. ADJ. slanderous

**insomnia** :

make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person

**tertiary** :

wakefulness; inability to sleep

**florescence** :

third in order or rank

**wry** :

condition or period of flowering

**plenary** :

(esp. of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure)

**dowdy** :

(of power) complete; full; fully attended by all qualified members; Ex. plenary power

**portend** :

untidy (of a woman or clothes); slovenly; dressed in an unattractive way; shabby; CF. unattractive woman

**aphasia** :

foretell; presage; be a sign or warning of; N. portent: sign; omen; forewarning

**vaunted** :

loss of speech due to injury or illness

**coax** :

boasted; bragged; highly publicized; V. vaunt: boast; brag

**pernicious** :

persuade by flattery

**jeopardize** :

very harmful; deadly; very destructive; Ex. pernicious effect/anemia

**philanthropist** :

endanger; imperil; put at risk; N. jeopardy: danger

**congeal** :

freeze; coagulate

**recite** :

repeat aloud (something learned); describe; Ex. recite his complaints; N. recitation

**covenant** :

binding agreement between two groups or people; compact; V. enter into a covenant; promise

**primordial** :

existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary

**dynamo** :

generator for producing electricity; energetic person

**migratory** :

wandering; V. migrate: move from one region and settle in another; move periodically from one region to another

**promote** :

advance in rank; advance; help to flourish; advocate; help actively in forming; publicize or popularize; Ex. Milk promotes health; Ex. promote a match/bill; Ex. promote a new product

**clavicle** :

collarbone

**legato** :

(of music) played smoothly

**modicum** :

limited quantity; small amount; Ex. He does not have a modicum of sense; CF. moderate

**tacit** :

understood (without actually being expressed); not put into words; Ex. tacit agreement

**nicety** :

precision; accuracy; minute distinction or difference; Ex. to a nicety: exactly; precisely; Ex. distinguish between niceties

**mishap** :

unfortunate accident

**impiety** :

irreverence; lack of respect for God or piety

**amass** :

collect (gradually, in a very large amount)

**obfuscate** :

confuse; muddle; cause confusion; make needlessly complex; make so confused as to be difficult to understand

**sentient** :

capable of sensation and conscious; aware; sensitive; Ex. sentient creature; N. sentience

**grisly** :

ghastly; horrifying; Ex. grisly remains of the bodies

**vibrant** :

full of vigor or energy; vibrating

**atrocious** :

brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious

**sanctimonious** :

displaying ostentatious or hypocritical devoutness; N. sanctimony: hypocritical piety

**underscore** :

underline; emphasize

**groove** :

long narrow channel made in a surface to guide the movement of something; Ex. groove of the record

**incur** :

bring upon oneself

**addle** :

make or become confused; muddle; drive crazy; become rotten (egg)

**haggle** :

argue about prices (in an attempt to bargain)

**pious** :

devout; religious; N. piety

**lewd** :

lustful

**imbroglio** :

complicated situation (as in a play); painful or complex misunderstanding (as in a play); entanglement; confused mass (as of papers); V. embroil

**stentorian** :

(of the voice) extremely loud; CF. Stentor: a loud herald in the Iliad

**overwhelm** :

(of water) cover completely; defeat completely by much greater force; Ex. overwhelmed by grief

**hypochondriac** :

person unduly worried about his health; worrier without cause about illness; ADJ. CF. hypochondria: neurosis that one is or is becoming ill; CF. abdomen

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**confide** :

tell in confidence (to a person one trusts); be confident about

**steep** :

soak; saturate; Ex. steep the fabric in the dye bath; ADJ: precipitous

**fugitive** :

fleeting or transitory; lasting only a short time; roving(wandering); running away or fleeing as from the law; N: one who flees; Ex. fugitives at large

**importune** :

beg persistently; make repeated requests (in an annoying way)

**august** :

impressive; majestic

**oligarchy** :

government by a privileged few

**ruffian** :

violent scoundrel; bully

**obligatory** :

binding; required; compulsory; V. oblige: constrain; make grateful; do a favor; accommodate

**disquietude** :

uneasiness; anxiety; V. disquiet: make anxious

**adversary** :

opponent; enemy

**grueling** :

exhausting; Ex. grueling marathon race

**dissection** :

analysis; cutting apart in order to examine

**vivisection** :

act of dissecting living animals

**equestrian** :

rider on horseback; ADJ.

**wax** :

increase gradually (as the moon); grow

**adventitious** :

accidental; casual; happening by chance

**sarcasm** :

cutting ironic remark; scornful remarks; stinging rebuke; ADJ. sarcastic

**martyr** :

one who voluntarily suffers death for his or her religion or cause; great sufferer; Ex. martyr to his rheumatism

**repast** :

meal; feast; banquet

**ferret** :

drive or hunt out of hiding; hunt with ferrets; drive out (as from a hiding place); expel; uncover or discover by searching; Ex. ferret out the secret; N. small fierce animal which catches rats and rabbits by going into their holes

**rue** :

regret; lament; mourn; Ex. He will rue the day; N. ADJ. rueful

**abide** :

dwelt; abide by: comply with; put up with; tolerate; Ex. abide by the rules; Ex. I can't abide rude people.

**precarious** :

unsafe; lacking in stability; uncertain; risky; Ex. precarious living

**stun** :

make unconscious or numb as by a blow; amaze; astound

**expedient** :

suitable (for a particular purpose although not necessarily morally correct); practical; politic(prudent); N: something expedient

**gyroscope** :

apparatus used to maintain balance, ascertain direction, etc.

**irremediable** :

incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy

**shaving** :

very thin piece, usually of wood (cut from a surface with a sharp blade)

**unbridled** :

violent; uncontrolled; Ex. unbridled rage/greed

**cogitate** :

think over; ponder

**proselytize** :

(induce someone to) convert to a religion or belief; N. proselyte: new convert to a doctrine or religion

**amalgam** :

combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth

**expansive** :

(of a person) outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size

**gait** :

manner of walking or running; speed

**connoisseur** :

person competent to act as a judge of art, etc. (whose judgments are respected); a lover of an art

**alloy** :

mixture as of metals; something added that lowers in value or purity; V: mix; make less pure; lower in value or quality; spoil; CF. unalloyed: not in mixture with other metals; pure; complete; unqualified; Ex. unalloyed happiness

**wizardry** :

sorcery; magic

**abrasive** :

rubbing away; tending to grind down

**swill** :

drink greedily

**liability** :

drawback; handicap; debts; obligation; responsibility; condition of being liable; ADJ. liable: likely; responsible (for paying)

**precipitant** :

something that causes a substance in a chemical solution to separate out in solid form; 침전제; OP. solvent

**chastise** :

punish as by beating; criticize severely

**effulgent** :

shining brightly; brilliant

**lode** :

metal-bearing vein(long deposit of an ore)

**impair** :

injure; hurt; damage

**Elysium** :

place or condition of bliss

**adamant** :

hard; inflexible

**vicar** :

parish priest; representative

**ken** :

range of knowledge; Ex. beyond one's ken

**upshot** :

outcome; final result

**corpuscle** :

red or white cell in the blood

**plasticity** :

ability to be molded; ADJ. plastic: capable of being shaped or molded; Ex. plastic material such as clay

**espouse** :

adopt; support (an idea or aim); marry; N. espousal

**insubstantial** :

lacking substance; insignificant; frail; immaterial

**allocate** :

assign; set apart for a particular purpose

**sylvan** :

pertaining to the woods or the country

**sluice** :

artificial channel for directing or controlling the flow of water (with a gate to regulate the flow)

**wince** :

move back suddenly; shrink back; flinch; Ex. She winced as she touched the cold body.

**parish** :

area in the care of a single priest and served by one main church

**itinerary** :

plan of a trip; record of a trip

**modulate** :

tone down in intensity; change the intensity or tone of; regulate; change from one musical key to another; Ex. modulate from E to G

**regiment** :

military unit; V: subject to strict order; Ex. regimented society

**mayhem** :

injury to body; crime of willfully maiming or crippling a person; violent disorder; Ex. mayhem in the zoo; CF. maim

**wrangle** :

quarrel noisily; obtain through arguing; herd cattle; N.

**declivity** :

downward slope

**proclivity** :

inclination; natural tendency (esp. towards something bad)

**proscribe** :

prohibit; ostracize; banish; outlaw

**recumbent** :

reclining; lying down completely or in part

**draconian** :

extremely severe; Ex. draconian punishment; CF. Draco: Athenian politician

**dispassionate** :

calm; impartial; not influenced by personal feelings

**withstand** :

stand up against; resist successfully

**garner** :

gather; store up; amass

**mediate** :

settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate a cease-fire

**gibberish** :

nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk or writing; babbling

**resurge** :

rise again; flow to and fro; N. resurgence; ADJ. resurgent: (of ideas or beliefs) experiencing revival; surging again

**refuse** :

anything discarded or rejected as worthless; trash

**dogmatic** :

opinionated; holding stubbornly to one's opinion; arbitrary; doctrinal

**dispense** :

distribute; prepare and give out (medicines); N. dispensation: dispensing; religious system; official exemption from an obligation or a rule

**germinal** :

pertaining to a germ; creative; Ex. germinal idea

**connotation** :

suggested or implied meaning of an expression; V. connote

**equivocate** :

use equivocal language to deceive people; lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivocation

**débâcle** :

sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; complete disaster

**beneficiary** :

person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will

**grudging** :

unwilling; reluctant; stingy (giving reluctantly)

**bromide** :

platitude; chemical compound used to calm excitement

**jug** :

pitcher; container for holding liquids

**apocalyptic** :

prophetic; pertaining to revelations especially of disaster; N. apocalypse

**scourge** :

lash; whip (formerly used for punishment); source of severe punishment; V. whip; afflict

**fulsome** :

disgustingly excessive; offensively flattering; Ex. fulsome praise/expressions of admire

**guy** :

cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied; CF. guide

**jollity** :

gaiety; cheerfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry; gay

**subsistence** :

existence; means of subsisting; means of support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist; maintain life (at a meager level)

**shunt** :

move (a railway train) from one track to another; turn aside; divert; sidetrack; Ex. shunt traffic around an accident; N.

**grapple** :

wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar

**simplistic** :

oversimplified

**tenacity** :

firmness; persistence

**extrovert** :

person interested mostly in external objects and actions

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**pert** :

(esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; trim; jaunty; Ex. pert young miss/hat

**steadfast** :

steadily loyal; unswerving; steady

**wispy** :

thin; slight; barely discernible

**cartographer** :

map-maker

**perpetrate** :

commit an offense; do (something wrong)

**divulge** :

reveal

**disingenuous** :

not naive; not candid; sophisticated; worldly wise; OP. ingenuous

**recess** :

pause; temporary cessation; alcove; secret inner place; Ex. parliament in recess; V. CF. recessive

**cosmic** :

pertaining to the universe; vast

**gratify** :

please; satisfy; Ex. gratify a desire

**slack** :

moving slowly; sluggish; inactive; (of a rope) loose; negligent; lax; Ex. slack season; Ex. slack in one's work; N. V.

**truculence** :

aggressiveness; ferocity; ADJ. truculent: aggressive; pugnacious; fierce

**healthy** :

possessing good health; healthful

**mash** :

crush into mash; convert into mash; N: mixture of ground grain and nutrients fed to livestock and fowl

**humanitarian** :

one devoted to the promotion of human welfare; CF. humanism

**idyllic** :

charmingly carefree; simple and happy; Ex. idyllic scene

**chase** :

ornament a metal surface by indenting; follow rapidly to catch

**recline** :

lie down

**militate** :

work against; Ex. militate against the chances of promotion; CF. serve as a soldier

**astute** :

wise; shrewd; keen; seeing quickly something that is to one's advantage

**cantankerous** :

ill-humored; irritable

**berate** :

scold strongly

**artery** :

blood-vessel; CF. vein

**mantle** :

loose sleeveless outer garment; cloak; something that covers or envelops; the layer of the earth between the crust and the core

**unassailable** :

not open to attack; impregnable; not subject to question

**gnome** :

dwarf; underground spirit who guards treasure hoards

**limpid** :

crystal clear

**embed(imbed)** :

enclose; place in something; fix firmly in a surrounding mass

**lachrymose** :

producing tears; tearful

**creep** :

move with body close to the ground; move stealthily or slowly; N.

**confidant(confidante)** :

trusted friend (to whom one tells one's secret)

**fissure** :

crevice; crack

**draw** :

choosing of a lot or card

**sanction** :

approve; ratify; N: permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance

**amend** :

correct; change ; generally for the better

**irony** :

hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean; use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning

**galvanize** :

stimulate or shock by an electric current; stimulate by shock; shock into action; stir up; coat with rust-resistant zinc by using electricity

**efface** :

rub out; remove the surface of

**meander** :

wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly

**virtual** :

in essence; existing in essence though not in actual form; for practical purposes; Ex. virtual ruler/space

**shimmer** :

shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex. The moonlight shimmered on the water; N.

**visionary** :

produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical; showing foresight; N: one having foresight; one given to speculative impractical ideas

**prosper** :

become successful (esp. financially); thrive; grow well; Ex. children prospering under his care

**plait** :

braid; interwine; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex. plaited hair; N: braided length as of hair or fabric; CF: pigtail, ponytail

**mercurial** :

capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex. mercurial temper; CF mood

**historic** :

important in history; Ex. historic battle

**imminent** :

impending; near at hand

**wiggle** :

wriggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions

**curtail** :

shorten; reduce

**narcissist** :

conceited person; N. narcissism; CF. narcissus

**pejorative** :

(of a word or phrase) suggesting that someone is of little value; negative in connotation; having a belittling effect; Ex. Many women now considers "housewife" a pejorative expression, because it patronized them.

**ration** :

fixed portion; V. distribute as rations

**levity** :

lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner

**quagmire** :

bog; marsh; soft, wet, boggy land; predicament; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself

**aplomb** :

poise; composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence

**adhere** :

stick fast; be a devoted follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty

**doff** :

take off; OP. don

**corrugated** :

wrinkled; ridged

**esteem** :

respect; value; judge; N.

**ambiguous** :

unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation

**wrest** :

obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp

**spate** :

sudden flood or rush; Ex. spate of accidents

**inanimate** :

lifeless; not animate

**armada** :

fleet of warships

**polarize** :

split into opposite extremes or camps

**rolling** :

(of land) rising and falling in long gentle slopes; happening continuously by stages; Ex. rolling devolution of power to local governments

**practicable** :

feasible

**amiable** :

agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly

**roster** :

list (of names)

**delta** :

flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river

**bereavement** :

state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved; state of being bereaved or bereft

**loll** :

lounge about

**posthumous** :

after death (as of child born after father's death or book published after author's death); coming or occurring after one's death; Ex. posthumous fame/novel

**rapt** :

engrossed; absorbed; enchanted; Ex. rapt listener

**gentry** :

people of standing(rank or position); people of good family or high social position; class of people just below nobility

**idiom** :

expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its individual words; distinctive style (of expression); Ex. idiom of the modern popular music; ADJ. idiomatic

**recant** :

disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error; Ex. recant one's faith/a statement

**asylum** :

place of refuge or shelter; protection (religious or political)

**virus** :

disease communicator

**aberrant** :

abnormal or deviant

**hubris** :

arrogance; excessive self-conceit

**leniency** :

mildness; permissiveness; ADJ. lenient: not severe in judgment or punishment

**imply** :

suggest a meaning not expressed; signify

**syllogism** :

logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or specious argument

**propensity** :

natural inclination

**opaque** :

dark; not transparent; N. opacity

**fetish(fetich)** :

object believed to have spiritual powers; object of excessive attention or reverence; CF. fetishism

**hummock** :

small hill; hillock

**venial** :

(of a fault or sin) forgivable; trivial

**effrontery** :

rudeness without any sense of shame; shameless boldness; presumptuousness; nerve; cheek

**subtlety** :

perceptiveness; ingenuity; delicacy; ADJ. subtle: delicate; so slight as to be difficult to detect; able to make fine distinctions; clever; Ex. subtle mind/differences in meaning

**strew** :

spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter; Ex. flower girl strewing rose petals

**canine** :

related to dogs; doglike

**boisterous** :

violent; rough; noisy

**vituperative** :

abusive; scolding; V. vituperate: berate; scold; rail against abusively

**compress** :

force into less space; squeeze; contract; put into fewer words; N: thick mass of cloth pressed to part of the body to stop bleeding or swelling, reduce fever, etc.

**paste** :

smooth viscous mixture as of flour(powder made by crushing grain) and water (used as an adhesive); V: cause to adhere by applying paste

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**spendthrift** :

someone who wastes money; CF. thrift: accumulated wealth

**mannered** :

affected; not natural; Ex. mannered way of speech

**marginal** :

of a margin; barely within a limit; Ex. marginal effect/writing ability

**ultimatum** :

last demand; last warning; last statement of conditions that must be met; Ex. They have ignored our ultimatum.

**lascivious** :

lustful

**suspend** :

cause to stop for a period; interrupt; hold in abeyance; defer; hang from above; exclude for a period from a position; Ex. suspended state; Ex. suspend judgment; Ex. suspended from the team; N. suspension

**turncoat** :

traitor

**pique** :

irritation; resentment from wounded pride (eg. loss in a contest); V: provoke; arouse; annoy; cause to feel resentment; Ex. pique her curiosity

**discrepancy** :

lack of consistency or agreement as between facts; difference; Ex. discrepancy between two descriptions

**comprehensive** :

broad; including a lot or everything; thorough; inclusive

**dilemma** :

situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives

**initiate** :

begin; originate; receive into a group; introduce to a new field or activity; Ex. initiate someone into the mysteries of a secret religion; N: one who has been initiated

**osseous** :

made of bone; bony

**distract** :

absentminded; distracted

**calligraphy** :

beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

**halting** :

hesitant; faltering; not fluent; Ex. halting steps/voice; V. halt: proceed or act with uncertainty; falter; hesitate; waver; stop

**overt** :

open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert

**upright** :

(sitting or standing) straight up; honest; moral

**pathos** :

tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings; Ex. pathos that runs through the novel

**probity** :

uprightness; honesty; incorruptibility

**stratified** :

divided into classes; arranged into strata; V. stratify

**embroil** :

throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF. imbroglio

**exalt** :

raise in rank or dignity; praise highly; inspire; Ex. exalt the imagination; ADJ. exalted; N. exaltation

**scruple** :

hesitate for ethical reasons; fret about; Ex. She did not scruple to read his diary; N: uneasy feeling arising from conscience; conscience

**willful** :

wilful; intentional; headstrong

**sepulcher** :

tomb; V: place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral

**carping** :

petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble

**boor** :

rude, insensitive person

**lucre** :

money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre

**erie** :

weird; causing fear because strange

**archaeology** :

study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

**gamut** :

entire range

**plumber** :

one who installs and repairs pipes and plumbing(pipes)

**address** :

direct a speech to; speak to; deal with or discuss; direct one's efforts or attention to; make with a destination; N:

formal speech

**stamp** :

step on heavily (so as to crush or extinguish); put an end to; imprint or impress with a mark, design, or seal;

shape with a die; characterize; Ex. machine stamping out car bodies; Ex. newspaper stamping him as a liar; N:

stamping; implement used to stamp; impression stamped; mark; Ex. Her remarks bear the stamp of truth.

**inhibit** :

restrain; prohibit; retard or prevent; N. inhibition

**celerity** :

speed; rapidity

**detraction** :

slandering; aspersion; detracting; CF. detractor

**gruesome** :

grisly; horrible

**beneficent** :

kindly; doing good

**knotty** :

intricate; difficult; tangled; CF. knot

**prescience** :

ability to foretell the future; knowledge of actions before they occur; ADJ. prescient

**vicissitude** :

change (esp. from good to bad); change of fortune; CF. the last emperor of China

**debauch** :

corrupt morally; seduce from virtue; N. debauchery: wild behavior (with sex and alcohol)

**renege** :

break a promise; deny; go back on; Ex. renege on the contract/paying off the debt

**trivia** :

trifles; unimportant matters

**inert** :

inactive; lacking power to move; unable to move or act; Ex. chemically inert; N. inertia: state of being inert;

force which keeps a thing in the position or state

**arduous** :

hard; strenuous; Ex. arduous work

**browse** :

graze; feed on growing grass; skim or glance at casually

**pertinacious** :

holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn; persistent

**patrimony** :

property inherited from a father

**flail** :

beat with or as if with a flail; move wildly; thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; toss about; N: threshing tool

consisting of a stick swinging from the end of a long handle

**environ** :

enclose; surround; N. environs: surrounding area (as of a city)

**annihilate** :

destroy

**provision** :

act of providing; something provided; preparatory measure; provisions: necessary supplies (esp. food); stipulation; condition in an agreement; Ex. According to the provisions of the agreement

**balmy** :

soft and mild (of air); fragrant

**remorse** :

deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach

**fiend** :

evil spirit; devil

**incoherent** :

unintelligible; muddled; unable to express one's thoughts in an orderly manner; illogical; lacking cohesion; not coherent

**tyro** :

beginner; novice

**roil** :

make liquids murky by stirring up sediment; disturb

**idyll(idyl)** :

short poem idealizing rural life; simple happy period of life (in the country); scene from such a time; Ex. idyll of two young lovers

**repository** :

storehouse

**churlish** :

boorish; rude; N. churl: boor; yahoo

**discriminate** :

distinguish; make distinctions on the basis of preference

**repeal** :

revoke; annul

**sallow** :

(of the skin) yellowish and unhealthy-looking; sickly in color; Ex. sallow complexion due to jaundice

**havoc** :

widespread damage; disorder; chaos

**chary** :

cautious; unwilling to take risks; sparing or restrained about giving; OP: bold

**turbulence** :

state of violent agitation; ADJ. turbulent: violently agitated or disturbed

**lithe** :

flexible; supple; CF: limber

**pushy** :

disagreeably aggressive

**luxuriant** :

abundant; growing healthily and in large amounts; excessively ornate; rich and splendid; fertile; Ex. luxuriant forests/prose; CF: luxurious, luxuriate

**trample** :

step heavily with the feet; crush under the feet

**contrive** :

invent or fabricate in a clever way (by improvisation); manage; Ex. contrive to attract his attention

**instigate** :

start; urge; provoke; incite; Ex. instigate a search/quarrel

**braggart** :

boaster; bragger

**confine** :

shut in an enclosed space; restrict; keep within limits; N. confinement

**motif** :

theme; recurrent thematic element in a musical or literary work; single or repeated pattern; figure

**willowy** :

flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow

**apologist** :

one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia

**cloying** :

distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental; V. cloy: become unpleasant through too much sweetness or excess

**seep** :

pass slowly through small openings; ooze; trickle; N. seepage

**vicarious** :

experienced as if one were taking part in the experience of another; done by a deputy for other people; acting as a substitute; Ex. vicarious thrill at the movies; Ex. the vicarious sufferings of Christ

**finicky** :

too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food

**antithesis** :

contrast; direct opposite of or to; ADJ. antithetic or antithetical

**culpable** :

deserving blame; blameworthy

**quiver** :

tremble; shake; N.

**brawn** :

human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness

**chasten** :

discipline; punish in order to correct; CF. castigate

**infer** :

deduce; conclude; N. inference

**disburse** :

pay out (as from a fund); N. disbursement; CF. purse

**untenable** :

(of a position, esp. in an argument) indefensible; not able to be maintained

**demotic** :

of or pertaining to the people

**spat** :

squabble; minor dispute; minor quarrel

**persist** :

continue in existence; last; continue in a course of action in spite of opposition; Ex. persist in/with something;

ADJ. persistent

**cacophonous** :

discordant; inharmonious; N. cacophony: unpleasant mixture of loud sounds

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**filial** :

pertaining to or befitting a son or daughter; Ex. filial respect

**arrhythmic** :

lacking rhythm or regularity; N. arrhythmia

**plaster** :

paste that hardens to a smooth solid and is used for coating walls; V.

**nebula** :

diffuse mass of interstellar dust or gas; galaxy

**doddering** :

shaky; infirm from old age; V. dodder

**depict** :

portray

**juxtapose** :

dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex. burn an effigy of the President

**nutrient** :

place side by side; CF. next

**filth** :

nourishing substance; ADJ: providing nourishment

**bacchanal** :

dirty matter; ADJ. filthy

**devise** :

noisy party with a lot of drinking

**virtuoso** :

think up; invent; plan; bequeath; N: bequest

**brackish** :

highly skilled artist (esp. in music); Ex. piano virtuoso

**eccentricity** :

somewhat saline

**pontifical** :

oddity; idiosyncrasy

**benign** :

pertaining to a bishop or pope; pompous or pretentious; CF. pontiff: pope; bishop

**reverent** :

kindly; favorable; not malignant (disease); Ex. benign tumor

**wheedle** :

respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect

**shuffle** :

deceive, persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her

**intrinsic** :

mix together; jumble; move (something) from one place to another; slide (the feet) along the ground while walking; Ex. shuffle papers from one pile to another; N.

**dirge** :

essential; inherent; built-in

**placate** :

funeral song; slow mournful piece of music (sung over a dead person)

**Machiavellian** :

pacify; bring peace to; conciliate; appease

**menagerie** :

crafty; double-dealing; of the political doctrine of Machiavelli, which holds that craft and deceit are justified in pursuing political power

**belittle** :

collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo

**pulsate** :

disparage; depreciate

**patina** :

throb; beat regularly; vibrate regularly

**sere** :

green crust on old bronze works or copper; tone slowly taken by varnished painting

**mischance** :

sear; parched; dry

**throb** :

ill luck

**effigy** :

(of a heart or machine) beat rapidly or violently; N. Ex. hearthrob: heartbeat; sweetheart

**halfhearted** :

exhibiting little interest or enthusiasm

**patriarch** :

father and ruler of a family or tribe

**usage** :

act or manner of using; accepted practice; way in which words are actually used

**subaltern** :

subordinate

**hut** :

crude dwelling; shack

**infest** :

inhabit in numbers large enough to be harmful; Ex. Mice infested the house; Ex. shark-infested waters

**inevitable** :

unavoidable

**parity** :

equality; close resemblance; CF. disparate

**incontrovertible** :

indisputable; impossible to dispute; not open to question; unquestionable

**tether** :

tie (an animal) with a rope or tether; N: rope or chain to which an animal is tied; limit of one's endurance; Ex. the end of one's tether

**ebullient** :

showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm; boiling; N. ebullience; N. ebullition: state of boiling

**insidious** :

treacherous; stealthy; sly; working or spreading harmfully in a stealthy manner; Ex. insidious spreading of dry rot

**nausea** :

feeling of sickness and desire to vomit; disgust; CF. seasickness

**alienate** :

make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of

**esoteric** :

hard to understand; known only to the chosen few, esp. initiates; N. esoterica

**contortions** :

twistings; distortions; V. contort: twist violently out of shape; CF. contortionist

**corpulent** :

very fat; N. corpulence

**clamor** :

loud continuous noise; continuous demand or complaint made by a large number of people; V: make a clamor; express (a demand) continually and loudly; ADJ. clamorous

**amity** :

friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations

**sensuous** :

giving pleasure to the senses; pertaining to the physical senses; operating through the senses; sensuous feeling of soft velvet on the skin

**continence** :

self-restraint; sexual chastity; sexual abstinence; voluntary control over bladder and bowel functions; ADJ. continent

**anoint** :

consecrate; put oil on (in a religious ceremony)

**dermatologist** :

one who studies the skin and its diseases

**rational** :

(of a person) having reason; (of ideas) based on reason; logical

**fete(fête)** :

honor at a festival; celebrate or honor with a feast; N. (outdoor) festival or feast; CF. feast

**vortex** :

whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predicament into which one is inexorably plunged

**mason** :

one who builds or works with stone or brick; N. masonry: work of a mason; stonework or brickwork

**cadaver** :

corpse; dead human body

**exotic** :

not native; from another part of the world; strange; intriguingly unusual; Ex. exotic flower/dress

**exhale** :

breathe out; OP: inhale

**reverberate** :

echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley.

**rationale** :

fundamental reason or principle (on which a system or principle is based); fundamental reason or justification; grounds for an action

**humus** :

substance or rich soil formed by decaying vegetable matter; CF. soil

**defer** :

give in respectfully; submit; delay till later; exempt temporarily; N. deferment; CF. show respect, comply with, courteous

**carnivorous** :

meat-eating; N. carnivore; CF. herbivore

**venerate** :

revere; treat with great respect

**carefree** :

free from worries; having no problems

**subsidiary** :

serving to assist; subordinate; secondary; of a subsidy; N.

**disaffected** :

disloyal; lacking loyalty; V. disaffect: cause to lose affection or loyalty

**errant** :

wandering (esp. in search of adventure); straying from proper moral standards; Ex. knight-errant

**rake** :

angle of a slope; V: slant from the perpendicular

**assay** :

analyze (to discover what materials are present); evaluate (soil or ore)

**prompt** :

cause; urge; provoke; provide a cue (for an actor); ADJ: done without delay; done at the right time; punctual; on time; N: reminder or cue

**enclave** :

territory enclosed within an alien land

**bedraggle** :

wet thoroughly; ADJ. bedraggled: dragged

**holocaust** :

destruction by fire; CF. burnt whole; CF. Holocaust

**mawkish** :

mushy(sentimental) and gushy; icky-sticky sentimental; excessively and objectionably sentimental

**liaison** :

contact that keeps parties in communication; communication between groups; one that maintains communication; go-between; secret love affair; V. liaise: keep a connection

**matriculate** :

enroll (in college or graduate school); CF. matrix

**tutelage** :

guardianship; training; function of a tutor; instruction

**adjutant** :

staff officer assisting the commander; assistant

**callow** :

youthful; immature; inexperienced

**libido** :

psychic and emotional energy or urges behind human activity; sexual desire

**persevere** :

continue steadily in spite of difficulties

**galaxy** :

large isolated system of stars, such as the Milky Way; collection of brilliant personalities

**wholesome** :

conducive to mental or physical health; healthful

**heckler** :

person who verbally harasses others; V. heckle: verbally harass as with gibes (by interrupting a speaker or speech)

**substantive** :

substantial; essential; pertaining to the substance; substantial; considerable; Ex. substantive issues

**frenzied** :

madly excited; N. frenzy: violent wild excitement

**septic** :

of or causing sepsis; putrid; producing putrefaction; N. sepsis: poisoning of part of the body (producing pus)

**mime** :

pantomime(acted without dialogue); mimicry; mimer; V. mimic; pantomime

**misogamy** :

hatred of marriage

**blunder** :

error; stupid mistake

**dais** :

raised platform for speakers or other important people

**privy** :

secret; hidden; not public; made a participant in something secret; Ex. privy chamber government; Ex. be privy to a discussion; CF. private

**docket** :

program as for trial; book where such entries are made; list of things to be done; agenda; label fixed to a package listing contents or directions; V. describe in a docket

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**stifle** :

suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate

**patronize** :

support; act superior toward; treat in a condescending manner; be a customer of; N. patron: one that supports; regular customer; N. patronage; CF. boycott

**colloquial** :

pertaining to conversational or common speech; informal; N. colloquialism: colloquial expression

**fester** :

rankle; produce irritation or resentment; (of a cut or wound) generate pus or rot; Ex. His insult festered in my mind for days.

**skirmish** :

minor fight; minor battle in war; V.

**avow** :

declare openly; N. avowal

**emboss** :

produce a design in raised relief; decorate with a raised design

**latch** :

fastening or lock consisting of a movable bar that fits into a notch; V. close with a latch

**interim** :

meantime; Ex. in the interim; ADJ. taking place during an interim; Ex. interim paper

**fanfare** :

call by bugles or trumpets; showy display; spectacular public display

**craven** :

cowardly  
 **runic** :

mysterious; set down in an ancient alphabet; N. rune: one of the letters of an alphabet used by ancient Germanic peoples (cut on stone or wood); magic charm

**arid** :

(of land) dry; barren; unproductive

**pose** :

assume a particular posture; put forward; present; affect a particular attitude (to impress others); Ex. pose a threat; N.

**listless** :

lacking in spirit or energy; languid

**tautological** :

needlessly repetitious; Ex. "It was visible to the eye"; N. tautology: needless repetition of the same sense; statement that is always true

**plumb** :

exactly vertical; N: weight on the end of a line; V: examine very carefully or critically in order to understand; measure depth (by sounding); Ex. plumb the depth of

**prune** :

cut away; trim

**amphitheater** :

oval building with tiers of seats; CF. arena

**fulcrum** :

support on which a lever rests or pivots

**befuddle** :

confuse thoroughly

**heterodox** :

(of beliefs) against accepted opinion; unorthodox; unconventional

**germ** :

earliest form of an organism; seed or bud; something that may develop into something larger or more important; microbe

**flamboyant** :

ornate; highly elaborate; richly colored; ostentatious; showy; CF. flame

**magnanimity** :

generosity; ADJ. magnanimous: generous

**atypical** :

not normal; not typical

**enterprise** :

willingness to take new ventures; initiative; business organization; plan (that is difficult or daring); Ex. their latest enterprise to sail round the world in a small boat

**incidence** :

rate of occurrence; particular occurrence; Ex. high incidence of infant mortality

**accord** :

agreement

**crestfallen** :

dejected; dispirited

**imbue** :

saturate(soak thoroughly); fill; Ex. imbue someone with feelings

**fleet** :

fast; rapid; N. ADJ. fleeting: passing quickly; ephemeral

**pertinent** :

suitable; to the point; relevant

**surpass** :

exceed

**demographic** :

related to population balance; N. demography: statistical study of human population

**ragamuffin** :

dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes

**afterlife** :

life after death; later part of one's life

**parameter** :

limit; independent variable; Ex. parameters of the problem; Ex. within the parameters of the budget

**confidential** :

spoken or written in secret; trusted with private matters; Ex. confidential secretary

**quarantine** :

isolation of a person, place, or ship to prevent spread of infection; V: isolate in quarantine

**passive** :

not active; acted upon; receiving an action without acting in return; accepting without resistance

**mammoth** :

gigantic; enormous

**somnolent** :

half asleep; drowsy; N. somnolence

**sage** :

person celebrated for wisdom; wise person; ADJ: wise

**sidetrack** :

switch (a railroad car) to a siding; divert from a main issue; N. CF. siding: short section of railroad track connected by switches with a main track

**limbo** :

region near heaven or hell where certain souls are kept; prison (slang); Ex. Purgatory and Limbo

**gregarious** :

sociable; (of an animal) tending to form a group

**slick** :

make smooth or glossy; N: smooth surface; Ex. oil slick; ADJ: smooth; glossy; deftly executed; adroit; glib

**prerogative** :

privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before

**paragon** :

model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue

**gadfly** :

animal-biting fly; irritating person

**illusion** :

misleading vision or visual image; false idea or belief; CF. delusion

**artifacts** :

object made by human beings, either hand-made or mass-produced

**mirth** :

merriment; laughter

**nomadic** :

wandering; N. nomad: tribe who migrates from place to place

**summation** :

act of finding the total; summing-up; summary (esp. one given by the judge at the end of a trial)

**knit** :

contract into wrinkles; grow together; join together closely; make (a fabric or garment) by intertwining yarn or thread; Ex. knit the brow; Ex. The bones should knit together in a few weeks.

**gruel** :

thin liquid porridge

**alias** :

an assumed name esp. by a criminal (usually to mislead people); ADV. alias

**forge** :

counterfeit; reproduce fraudulently; form by heating in a forge and hammering into shape; move with a sudden increase of speed or power; Ex. forged ahead in the last two years; N: furnace where metals are heated

**crux** :

essential or main point; Ex. the crux of the problem; ADJ. crucial: of deciding importance

**ped** :

piebald; variegated(many-colored); multicolored

**hysteria** :

excessive or uncontrollable excitement; N. hysteric: person suffering from hysteria; CF. hysterics: attack of hysteria

**condescend** :

(derog.) bestow courtesies with a superior air; descend to the level of one considered inferior

**surveillance** :

close observation of a person (esp. one under suspicion); watching; guarding

**balk** :

stop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil; stop or get in the way of; frustrate

**complement** :

complete; consummate; make perfect; N.

**indenture** :

bind as servant or apprentice to master; bind by indenture; N: contract binding one party into the service of another for a specified time (as between an apprentice and his master)

**swagger** :

walk or behave with an over-confident manner

**ornate** :

excessively or elaborately decorated

**exertion** :

effort; expenditure of much physical work; V. exert oneself: make a great effort

**ethnology** :

study of humankind; study of the different races of human beings; CF. anthropology

**circumspect** :

prudent; cautious; acting after careful thought

**debut** :

début; first public appearance; formal presentation of a young woman to society

**taxonomist** :

specialist in classifying (animals, etc.); CF. taxonomy: science of classification

**insipid** :

lacking in flavor; lacking interest; dull; Ex. insipid food/character

**contentious** :

quarrelsome; controversial; likely to cause arguments

**pensive** :

dreamily or deeply thoughtful; sadly thoughtful; thoughtful with a hint of sadness; contemplative; CF. think over

**débris** :

rubble; wreckage; scattered remains of something broken or destroyed

**presume** :

take for granted; assume; act overconfidently; take liberties; presume on/upon: take unfair advantage of (someone's kindness or connection); N. presumption

**pivotal** :

of a pivot; central; critical; crucial

**decant** :

pour off gently (wine or liquid)

**marked** :

noticeable; targeted for vengeance or attack; Ex. marked improvement/man

**renounce** :

abandon; give up (by formal announcement); disown; repudiate; Ex. renounce one's claim to the property/one's religion; N. renunciation

**boon** :

blessing; benefit; something very helpful

**embargo** :

ban on commerce or other activity

**purported** :

alleged; claimed; reputed or rumored; Ex. purported Satanists

**protégé** :

person receiving protection and support from a patron

**jibe** :

agree; be in harmony with; gibe

**fatalism** :

belief that events are determined by forces or fates beyond one's control; ADJ. fatalistic; CF. fatal: causing death

**peroration** :

conclusion of an oration; perorating; V. perorate: conclude a speech; speak at great length

**explicate** :

explain in detail; interpret; clarify; CF. explicable

**opulence** :

extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abundance; ADJ. opulent: possessing great wealth; abundant

**commiserate** :

feel or express pity or sympathy for

**denotation** :

meaning; distinguishing by name; V. denote: indicate; refer to directly; mean; CF. connotation

**scowl** :

frown angrily; N: angry frown

**seclusion** :

isolation; solitude; V. seclude: set apart from others; isolate

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**sprout** :

begin to grow; give off shoots or buds; N: new growth on a plant; shoot

**insurmountable** :

overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable

**waif** :

homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays

**irresolute** :

uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N. irresolution

**furtive** :

stealthy; quiet and secret (trying to escape notice); sneaky; Ex. furtive glance

**yield** :

amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V: produce; give in; surrender

**precinct** :

division of a city for election or police purposes; precincts: space that surrounds a building; Ex. precincts of the college

**flora** :

plants of a region or era

**garnish** :

decorate; add a garnish to; decorate (food or drink) with small items such as lemon slices; N.

**congenital** :

existing at birth

**uniformity** :

sameness; monotony; ADJ. uniform: the same all over

**dereliction** :

neglect of duty; abandonment

**whinny** :

neigh like a horse; CF. neigh: make the sound which horses make

**junket** :

trip especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense

**inverse** :

opposite

**thrive** :

prosper; flourish

**floe** :

one that pays rent to use property owned by another

**integrity** :

flat mass of floating ice

**enunciate** :

honesty; uprightness; wholeness; state of being whole and undivided; completeness

**doctrinaire** :

announce; proclaim; utter or speak, especially distinctly; pronounce clearly; articulate; Ex. This theory was first enunciated by him.

**therapeutic** :

unable to compromise about points of doctrine; dogmatic; unyielding; marked by inflexible attachment to a doctrine without regard to its practical difficulties

**hermitage** :

curative; N. therapy

**nocturnal** :

home of a hermit

**gush** :

done or active at night; Ex. nocturnal animals/raids; CF. nocturne

**luscious** :

(of liquid) pour out in large quantities from a hole; make an excessive display of feeling (without true feeling); Ex. Blood gushed from the wound.

**leeway** :

pleasing to taste or smell; delicious

**hew** :

room to move; margin; latitude; Ex. leeway for the deadline

**subpoena** :

cut to pieces with ax or sword; chop; N.

**repulse** :

writ(written command issued by a court) summoning a witness to appear in court; V: summon with a subpoena

**compilation** :

reject with rudeness or coldness (an offer or friendship); drive back (an enemy attack); CF. repulse ≠ cause repulsion

**deranged** :

listing of information in tabular or book form; compiling

**indubitable** :

insane

**anachronism** :

unable to be doubted; which cannot be doubted; unquestionable

**stoke** :

an error involving time in a story; something or someone misplaced in time; ADJ. anachronistic

**debar** :

stir up a fire or furnace; feed plentifully

**predispose** :

bar; forbid; exclude; Ex. debarred from jury services

**trickster** :

give an inclination toward (in advance); make susceptible to; Ex. predispose people to certain cancer; N. predisposition

**ludicrous** :

person who cheats people

**maleficent** :

laughable; ridiculous; trifling

**impassable** :

doing evil; N. maleficence

**tenant** :

not able to be traveled or crossed

**combustible** :

easily burned; N. CF. combustion

**court** :

attempt to gain; seek; woo; risk; behave so as to invite; attempt to gain the favor of by attention; Ex. court disaster

**tyranny** :

oppression; cruel government; ADJ. tyrannical: of a tyrant or tyranny; despotic; V. tyrannize: treat tyrannically; oppress

**quiver** :

case for arrows

**consanguinity** :

kinship; relationship by birth

**potable** :

suitable for drinking; drinkable

**crone** :

hag; ugly old woman

**gargantuan** :

huge; enormous; gigantic; CF. the hero of Gargantua and Pantagruel

**seasoned** :

experienced

**scuttle** :

sink (a ship) by cutting holes in the hull; scrap; discard; N: small hatch in a ship's deck or hull

**peregrination** :

journey; V. peregrinate

**caption** :

title; chapter heading; text under illustration

**outstrip** :

outrun; surpass; outdo

**stalwart** :

physically strong; brawny; steadfast; strong in mind or determination; Ex. stalwart supporter; N: stalwart follower

**engaging** :

charming; attractive

**iconoclastic** :

attacking cherished traditions; N. iconoclast: one who attacks traditional ideas; one who destroys sacred images

**parched** :

extremely dry; very thirsty; V. parch: make or become extremely dry (by exposure to heat)

**discernible** :

distinguishable; perceivable; Ex. discernible improvement

**decorous** :

proper (in behavior, conduct, or appearance)

**quail** :

cower; shrink back in fear; lose heart

**brazen** :

insolent; without shame; bold; Ex. brazen lie; V: face with bold self-assurance or with unshamed confidence

**comprehend** :

include; understand

**opalescent** :

iridescent; lustrous; like an opal; N. opalescence

**dilute** :

make (a liquid) less concentrated; reduce in strength; Ex. dilute the influence of the president

**spawn** :

lay eggs (in large numbers); produce offspring (in large numbers); N: eggs of aquatic animals

**mentor** :

counselor; teacher

**leash** :

restraining rope fastened to the collar of an animal (to control it); Ex. a dog on a leash

**drab** :

dull; lacking color; cheerless ; Ex. drab coat/life

**matrix** :

point of origin; array of numbers or algebraic symbols; mold or die; Ex. the matrix of Western civilization

**fervid** :

ardent; zealous; hot

**pestilential(pestilent)** :

causing plague; tending to cause death; baneful; N. pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)

**feign** :

pretend

**podium** :

pedestal; raised platform

**horoscope** :

diagram of the positions of stars at a given moment (eg. of a person's birth) used by astrologers

**scion** :

detached plant shoot used in grafting; descendant

**vision** :

eyesight; foresight; mental image produced by the imagination; experience of seeing the supernatural

**restive** :

impatiently restless (induced by external coercion or restriction); restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control; Ex. restive horses because of wolves; CF. not a general synonym for 'restless'

**bolt** :

door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric; large roll of cloth; V: dash or dart off; fasten (a door); gobble down

**screch** :

unpleasant high sharp sound; shriek; V.

**conveyance** :

vehicle; transfer; act of conveying; Ex. public conveyance

**ecclesiastic** :

ecclesiastical; pertaining to the church; N: minister; priest; cleric; clergyman

**tepid** :

lukewarm; slightly warm; 미지근함; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter

**enthrall** :

capture; enslave; captivate; hold the complete attention of (as if magic); hold spellbound

**fathomless** :

too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable

**vivacious** :

lively or animated; sprightly

**disperse** :

scatter; Ex. disperse the cloud/crowd

**penchant** :

strong inclination; strong liking (esp. for something that is disapproved of by other people); Ex. penchant for fast cars

**brindled** :

tawny or grayish with streaks or spots (of animals)

**compensatory** :

making up for; repaying

**emissary** :

agent (sent on a mission to represent another); messenger

**ensue** :

follow (as a result)

**outwit** :

outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly

**brisk** :

quick and active; marked by liveliness and vigor

**gild** :

cover with a thin layer of gold

**assiduous** :

diligent

**regatta** :

boat or yacht race

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**remonstrate** :

protest; objection; V. remonstrate: say in protest

**rent** :

tear made by rending; rip; split

**dissension** :

disagreement of opinions causing strife within a group

**velocity** :

speed

**scaffold** :

temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution

**beleaguer** :

besiege or attack (with an army); harass; beset

**browbeat** :

bully; intimidate

**marshal** :

put in order; guide ceremoniously to the correct place; Ex. marshal the children into the museum; N: military officer; official

**vulpine** :

like a fox; crafty

**shirk** :

avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malingering

**fermentation** :

chemical reaction that splits complex organic compounds; unrest; agitation

**deride** :

ridicule; treat with contempt; make fun of; OP. respect

**plume** :

feather, esp. large or showy one; something that rises into the air (like the shape of a feather); Ex. plume of smoke: 벼갓 구름

**penumbra** :

partial shadow (in an eclipse); CF. almost shadow

**provender** :

dry food for livestock; fodder

**emulate** :

imitate; rival; try to equal or excel (through imitation)

**tawdry** :

cheap and gaudy; Ex. tawdry jewelry

**simper** :

smirk; smile in a silly way; smile affectedly

**omnipotent** :

all-powerful; having unlimited power

**repose** :

resting; state of being at rest; calmness; V: lie at rest; relax; put or place; Ex. repose our hopes in a single man

**surly** :

bad-tempered; rude; cross

**perigee** :

point of moon's orbit when it is nearest the earth; CF. apogee

**elated** :

filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed; in high spirits; joyful and proud; Ex. elated crowd; V. elate; N. elation

**sect** :

separate religious body; faction; group of people with common beliefs within a larger group

**stolid** :

dull; impassive; showing little emotion when strong feelings are expected

**desolate** :

(of a place) deserted; unpopulated; (of a person) lonely; forlorn; joyless

**morgue** :

mortuary; place where bodies are kept before burial or cremation

**burnish** :

make shiny by rubbing; polish

**wisp** :

small bunch (of hair); faint streak (of smoke)

**belated** :

delayed

**perpetual** :

everlasting

**calumny** :

malicious misrepresentation; slander

**obtrude** :

push (oneself or one's ideas) forward or intrude; impose (oneself or one's ideas) on others; butt in; stick out or extrude; thrust out; Ex. obtrude A on B; ADJ. obtrusive; N. obtrusion; CF. unobtrusive

**compact** :

agreement; contract; ADJ: tightly packed; firm; brief; concise; Ex. compact statement

**meretricious** :

flashy; tawdry; attractive on the surface but of no real value; Ex. meretricious argument/jewel; CF. prostitute

**polygamist** :

one who has more than one spouse at a time; CF. bigamy; CF. polyandry

**painstaking** :

taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and thorough

**sinewy** :

(of meat) tough; strong and firm; muscular; N. sinew: tendon; strong cord connecting a muscle to a bone

**stump** :

base of a tree trunk left after the rest has been cut down; V: walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle

**bitter** :

having a sharp biting taste; 苦; causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter wind/sorrow/tears

**promontory** :

headland

**cull** :

pick out from others (to kill the weakest members); reject; select; collect (information); N.

**induce** :

persuade; lead to do something; bring about; N. inducement

**petty** :

trivial; unimportant; very small; small-minded; petty-minded

**edify** :

instruct; correct morally

**teetotalism** :

practice of abstaining totally from alcoholic drinks; N. teetotaler; ADJ. teetotal; CF. T + total

**extrude** :

force or push out; thrust out; shape (plastic or metal) by forcing through a die

**potpourri** :

heterogeneous mixture; medley; mixture of dried flower petals a pot (to give a pleasant smell to a room)

**militant** :

combative; bellicose; N.

**sporadic** :

occurring irregularly; intermittent

**chronic** :

long established as a disease

**crescendo** :

increase in the volume or intensity as in a musical passage; climax; CF. crescent

**adjourn** :

suspend until a later time; move from one place to another

**gingerly** :

very carefully; ADJ.

**meter** :

arrangement of words in the form of poetry (by accentual rhythm)

**pedestrian** :

ordinary; dull; unimaginative(lacking in imagination); going on foot; Ex. pedestrian prose; N.

**irretrievable** :

impossible to recover or regain; CF. retrieve

**disputatious** :

argumentative; fond of argument

**woe** :

great sorrow; deep inconsolable grief; affliction; suffering; Ex. financial woes

**incubus** :

burden; very worrying problem; mental care; nightmare; male devil; CF. succubus

**facetious** :

joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous

**cryptic** :

mysterious; hidden; secret

**totter** :

shake or move unsteadily; sway as if about to fall

**drama** :

prose or verse composition to be performed by actors; play; exciting and unusual situation

**obsequious** :

slavishly attentive; servile; full of servile compliance; sycophantic

**mortify** :

humiliate by embarrassing excessively; shame; punish the flesh; discipline (one's body) by self-denial; Ex. mortified by her blunder; Ex. mortify the flesh; CF. cause to die

**anthology** :

book of literary selections by various authors; CF. omnibus

**intrigue** :

make secret plans; plot; arouse the curiosity of; N: secret scheme; plot; secret love affair

**nourish** :

provide with food necessary for life and growth

**whine** :

complain (in a sad voice); make a high sad sound (as in pain or supplication)

**cloister** :

monastery or convent

**invidious** :

designed to create ill will or envy; tending to rouse ill will or envy; Ex. invidious comparison

**turpitude** :

depravity; baseness; Ex. moral turpitude

**smolder** :

smoulder; burn slowly without flame; be liable to break out at any moment; exist in a suppressed state; Ex. smoldering anger

**emasculate** :

weaken; castrate

**revelry** :

boisterous merrymaking; V. revel: engage boisterous festivities; enjoy greatly; N: boisterous festivity or celebration

**kismet** :

fate; destiny; Ex. Kismet is the Arabic word for fate.

**impeach** :

charge (a public official) with crime in office; raise doubts about; indict; Ex. impeach a witness's credibility

**conjure** :

cause to appear by magic; summon (a devil or a spirit) by magical power; practice magic (esp. by very quick movement of the hands); evoke; conjure up: bring into the mind; Ex. The magician conjured a rabbit out of his hat.

**uncouth** :

boorish; clumsy in speech or behavior; outlandish

**forswear** :

renounce under oath; abandon; make a solemn promise to give up; CF. abjure

**canker** :

any ulcerous sore; ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer

**sluggard** :

lazy person

**inarticulate** :

speechless; producing indistinct speech; not articulate; not expressing oneself clearly

**clown** :

act stupidly; play the fool; N.

**dross** :

waste matter; worthless impurities

**intangible** :

not able to be perceived by touch; vague

**fraudulent** :

cheating; deceitful; Ex. fraudulent means; N. fraud: deception; swindle

**scintilla** :

trace; minute amount; shred; least bit; Ex. There is not a scintilla of truth; CF. spark

**contingent** :

dependent on something uncertain or in the future; conditional; happening by chance; accidental; N: a group of soldiers, ships to a larger force; CF. contingency: future event that may or may not occur; possibility; Ex. prepare for every contingency

**linguistic** :

pertaining to language

**exchequer** :

treasury; Ex. Chancellor of the exchequer

**chip** :

lose a small piece from the surface or edge; N: small piece broken off something; CF. French fry; Potato chip/crisp

**variegate** :

change the appearance of (by marking with different colors)

**nepotism** :

favoritism (to a relative); CF. nephew

**finale** :

conclusion; concluding part

**countenance** :

approve; support; tolerate; Ex. countenance his rude behavior; N: face; appearance

**ascetic** :

practicing self-denial; avoiding physical pleasures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism

**tenancy** :

possession of land or building by rent; period of a tenant's occupancy

**vain** :

full of self-admiration; conceited; without result; unsuccessful; N. vanity

**evenhanded** :

impartial; fair

**cynosure** :

object of general attention; person or thing that is a center of attention; CF. Ursa Minor

**rummage** :

ransack; thoroughly search

**jocund** :

merry

**uproarious** :

marked by commotion or uproar; very noisy (esp. with laughter); hilarious; causing loud laughter; extremely funny

**metropolis** :

large city

**repertoire** :

list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present; CF. repertory

**pluck** :

courage; V: pull off or out; pull out the hair or feathers of; ADJ. plucky: courageous; brave

**ensconce** :

settle comfortably; place comfortably (in a secure place)

**auroral** :

pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. aurora australis

**vitriolic** :

causing sharp pain to the mind; caustic; corrosive; sarcastic; of vitriol; N. vitriol: sulphuric acid (which burns flesh deeply); bitterly abusive expression; caustic expression; CF. glass

**draft** :

first rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; conscript

**peremptory** :

demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock

**bate** :

let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF. abate

**disfigure** :

mar the appearance of; spoil

**mode** :

prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life

**resolve** :

determination; resolution; firmness of purpose

**faze** :

disconcert; dismay; embarrass

**tryst** :

meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet

**munificent** :

very generous in giving; Ex. munificent benefactor; N. munificence

**viper** :

poisonous snake

**compile** :

assemble; gather; accumulate; make (a report or a book) from facts and information found in various places; Ex. compile a dictionary

**aptitude** :

fitness; talent

**paean** :

song of praise or joy; Ex. paeans celebrating the victory

**spectrum** :

colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism; broad and continuous range; Ex. whole spectrum of modern thoughts

**automaton** :

mechanism that imitates actions of humans; machine that works by itself

**vent** :

release or discharge through a vent; express (esp. unfairly); utter; Ex. He vented his wrath on his family.

**gambit** :

opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed; action made to produce a future advantage

**mute** :

silent; without speech; not pronounced; unable to speak; N: one who is incapable of speech; V: soften the sound, color, shade of

**mortar** :

vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle

**formidable** :

menacing; arousing fear; threatening; difficult to defeat; Ex. formidable foe/question

**ensor** :

(in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.

**recipient** :

receiver

**gloat** :

express evil satisfaction; look at or think about with evil satisfaction; view malevolently; Ex. The thief gloated over the stolen jewels.

**delineate** :

portray; depict; sketch; describe; N. delineation

**advocate** :

speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for

**fancier** :

breeder or dealer of animals; one who has a special interest, as for raising specific plant or animal

**rejoinder** :

reply; retort; comeback; V. rejoin: say in reply

**equivocal** :

(of words or statements) ambiguous; intentionally misleading; (of behavior) questionable; OP. unequivocal

**context** :

writings preceding and following the passage quoted; circumstance in which an event occurs

**ominous** :

threatening; of an evil omen

**purchase** :

secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing

**slur** :

pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble

**impartial** :

not biased; fair; N. impartiality

**peccadillo** :

slight offense or fault; CF. sin

**abridge** :

condense or shorten

**incubate** :

hatch; warm (eggs) with the body to promote hatching; maintain at optimal environment conditions for development; be holding in one's body an infection which is going to develop into a disease; N. incubation; CF. incubation:disease

**debonair** :

(of men) friendly, charming, and fashionably dressed; aiming to please; CF. of good disposition

**lope** :

gallop slowly

**quarry** :

dig into (to get stone); N: mine; 채석장

**genuflect** :

bend the knee as in worship

**ploy** :

stragem to gain an advantage; tactic; Ex. management ploy

**facsimile** :

copy

**reputed** :

supposed; Ex. reputed father of the child; V. repute: consider; N. repute: reputation; esteem

**gory** :

bloody; N. gore: blood (from a wound)

**accoutre** :

equip; N. accoutrement

**drone** :

idle person who lives on other people's work; male bee

**azure** :

sky blue

**repercussion** :

rebound; reaction; reverberation; Ex. serious repercussion

**intoxicate** :

make drunk; stimulate or excite; Ex. intoxicated by all the money he might win

**attribute** :

essential quality; V: ascribe; explain

**recalcitrant** :

disobedient or resisting authority even after being punished; obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly; Ex. recalcitrant child

**nebulous** :

vague; hazy; cloudy; of a nebula; Ex. nebulous proposal

**remiss** :

negligent; careless about a duty

**lunatic** :

insane; Ex. lunatic asylum

**tinge** :

give a slight degree of a color or quality to; N: slight degree of a color or quality; Ex. tinged with grey/jealousy

**rubric** :

title or heading (in red print); directions for religious ceremony; protocol

**taut** :

tight; strained; tense; ready; OP: slack

**plummet** :

fall sharply; fall straight down; Ex. Stock prices plummeted.

**kindle** :

start a fire; ignite; inspire; arouse

**volition** :

act of using one's will; act of making a conscious choice; Ex. She selected this dress of her own volition.

**capricious** :

unpredictable; fickle

**delve** :

dig; search deeply; investigate

**harbor** :

give protection (by giving food and shelter); provide a refuge for; hide; keep in mind (thoughts or feelings); Ex. harbor a grudge/criminal; N: place of shelter; refuge

**abstruse** :

obscure; profound; difficult to understand

**illusory** :

illusive; deceptive; not real

**rapport** :

close relationship; emotional closeness; harmony

**antecedents** :

preceding events that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background

**vie** :

contend; compete

**murky** :

dark and gloomy; thick with fog; vague; Ex. murky night/fog; N. murk: partial or complete darkness; gloom

**whim** :

sudden capricious idea; fancy

**accessory** :

additional object; useful but not essential thing

**indifferent** :

unmoved or unconcerned by; having no interest in; mediocre; neither good nor bad

**slavish** :

of or like a slave; servile; showing no originality; copied very closely; Ex. slavish devotion/copy of the original

**foresight** :

ability to foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future

**collation** :

a light meal; collating

**venerable** :

deserving high respect; commanding respect; CF. command: deserve and get

**balm** :

something that relieves pain; oily liquid with a pleasant smell from trees

**spoonerism** :

accidental transposition of sounds in successive words; Ex. "Let me sew you to your sheet" for "Let me show you to your seat"; CF. William Spooner

**toll** :

sound (a large bell) slowly at regular intervals; N: sound of a bell; fixed tax or charge

**pathological** :

pertaining to disease; N. pathology: study of disease

**forbearance** :

patience; forgiveness; V. forbear: refrain from (in a generous and forgiving way); be patient; Ex. forbear to send him to prison

**impede** :

hide; retard or obstruct the progress of; block

**quench** :

assuage or satisfy (thrust); slake; douse or extinguish; put out; suppress

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**optimum** :

most favorable; optimal; N: most favorable condition

**tumult** :

commotion of a great crowd; riot; noise; uproar; ADJ. tumultuous: noisy and disorderly

**bristle** :

short stiff hair; V: (hair or fur) stand up stiffly

**extricate** :

free from an entanglement or difficulty; disentangle

**coin** :

make coins; invent or fabricate (a word or phrase); N. coinage: word or phrase recently invented

**brusque** :

command; utter (a greeting); offer as a price; N: offer of a price; amount offered; earnest effort to gain something;  
Ex. bid for freedom

**debase** :

degrade; reduce in quality or value; degenerate; lower in esteem; disgrace; N: debasement

**mausoleum** :

monumental tomb; large stately tomb; CF. Mausolos

**preclude** :

make impossible; prevent; exclude; eliminate

**impending** :

nearing; approaching; about to happen

**abdicate** :

renounce; give up (position, right, or responsibility)

**motley** :

multi-colored (as of a garment worn by a jester); mixed; heterogeneous; CF. jester: one who jests (as a paid fool at medieval courts)

**profusion** :

great amount; plenty; overabundance; excess; lavish expenditure; Ex. profusion of choices; ADJ. profuse: plentiful; copious; giving or given abundantly; extravagant

**bedizen** :

dress with vulgar finery

**witless** :

lacking intelligence or wit; foolish; idiotic

**query** :

inquiry; question; V.

**bemoan** :

lament; moan for; express sorrow or disapproval of

**affable** :

easily approachable; easy to talk to; warmly friendly

blunt; abrupt; curt; not wanting to waste time being nice

**outlandish** :

bizarre; peculiar; unconventional

**wizened** :

shriveled; withered; Ex. wizened apple/old lady

**incessant** :

uninterrupted; unceasing

**noncommittal** :

neutral; refusing commitment to a particular opinion; unpledged; undecided

**distill** :

refine (a liquid by evaporating and subsequent condensation); concentrate; separate the most important parts from; Ex. distill fresh water from sea water; CF. brew

**refraction** :

bending of a ray of light

**qualified** :

limited; restricted; V. qualify: limit the meaning of; modify

**awe** :

solemn wonder; feeling of respect mixed with wonder and fear; V: fill with awe; ADJ. awesome

**waft** :

move gently (in air or in seas) by wind or waves; Ex. leaves wafting past the window

**degradation** :

humiliation; debasement; degeneration; V. degrade: debase; disgrace; degenerate; reduce (something) in worth; demote (someone); reduce in rank

**consistency** :

absence of contradictions; uniformity; degree of thickness or firmness; Ex. consistency of thick cream; CF. viscous

**bid** :

**shudder** :

shake uncontrollably; tremble; V.

**relevant** :

having importance; pertinent; referring to the case in hand; N. relevance, relevancy

**ramify** :

branch out; divide into branches or subdivisions

**monolithic** :

solidly uniform; unchangeable; unyielding; N. monolith: large block of stone

**boorish** :

rude; insensitive

**precipitate** :

hurl downward; throw headlong; hasten; cause to happen sooner; condense and fall as rain or snow; cause (a solid substance) to be separated from a solution; ADJ. hasty; rash; premature; sudden

**bask** :

luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth

**trident** :

three-pronged spear

**smirk** :

conceited smile; offensively self-satisfied smile (often at someone else's misfortune); V.

**monotheism** :

belief in one God

**interjection** :

exclamation; Ex. "Ouch"

**succor** :

assist (someone in difficulty); aid; comfort; N.

**merit** :

deserve; ADJ. meritorious: deserving reward or praise

**chicanery** :

trickery; deception

**oblivious** :

inattentive or unmindful; unaware; wholly absorbed; forgetful(having the habit of forgetting)

**unison** :

unity of pitch (in musical performance); complete accord; Ex. The choir sang in unison.

**nurture** :

nourish; feed; educate; rear; care for while it is growing or developing; foster; cultivate; N: something that nourishes; rearing

**genesis** :

beginning; origin

**fictitious** :

imaginary; non-existent; purposely invented to deceive; untrue; Ex. fictitious name/boyfriend; CF. fictional

**manifest** :

evident; visible; obvious; V: show plainly

**pragmatist** :

practical person; N. pragmatism: pragmatic way of dealing with things

**requiem** :

mass for the dead; dirge

**annals** :

records arranged in yearly parts; history

**snuffle** :

sniffle; sniff repeatedly (in order to keep liquid from running out of the nose)

**laity** :

laypersons; laymen; persons not connected with the clergy

**filibuster** :

block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking body by making very slow long speeches; N; freebooter

**comprise** :

include; consist of

**tenuous** :

thin; slim; rare

**clandestine** :

secret

**tightwad** :

miser; excessively frugal person

**knave** :

untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel; jack; N. knavery

**debutante** :

young woman making formal entrance into society

**escapade** :

prank; flighty conduct; reckless adventure that disobeys rules

**archipelago** :

group of closely located islands

**incommodious** :

not spacious; inconvenient

**tiller** :

handle used to move boat's rudder (to steer)

**transient** :

staying for a short time; momentary; temporary; N: one that is transient

**concatenate** :

link as in a chain

**missile** :

object to be thrown or projected

**genteel** :

well-bred; elegant; striving to convey an appearance of refinement; Ex. genteel poverty

**pedantic** :

bookish; showing off learning; marked by an excessive ostentatious concern for book learning; N. pedantry

**pending** :

not yet decided or settled; impending; Ex. pending decision; PREP. while awaiting; until; Ex. delay the decision pending his return

**blotch** :

spot; blot; CE blot+botch

**distort** :

twist out of shape; give a false account of; misrepresent; N. distortion

**carapace** :

shell covering the back (of a turtle, tortoise, crab, etc.)

**append** :

attach

**grievance** :

cause of complaint; complaint

**start** :

move suddenly or involuntarily; Ex. start at the sight of a snake

**voracious** :

ravenous; eating large quantities of food; exceedingly eager; insatiable; Ex. voracious animal/reader

**proponent** :

supporter; backer; opposite of opponent

**conglomeration** :

mass of material sticking together

**proximity** :

nearness; ADJ. proximate

**verge** :

complain; fuss; grumble; grouch; N: plump chickenlike game bird

**trepidation** :

border; edge, rim, or margin; Ex. on the verge of: very near to; V: border on

**exquisite** :

fear; nervous apprehension

**trenchant** :

delicate; very finely made; extremely beautiful; Ex. exquisite piece of jewelry

**purge** :

cutting; incisive; keen

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**ordinance** :

remove or get rid of something or someone unwanted; eliminate; free from blame or guilt; cleanse or purify (esp. of sin, guilt, or defilement); N.

**yokel** :

decree; authoritative order

**oversee** :

rustic; country bumpkin; 촌놈

**humid** :

watch over and direct; supervise; N. oversight: unintentional failure to notice or do something; supervision

**miniature** :

damp; N. humidity

**hackles** :

small model; small painting; ADJ: small

**vivid** :

hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone's hackles rise

**courier** :

(of light or color) bright and distinct; evoking lifelike mental images; Ex. vivid red hair /description

**snicker** :

messenger

**regicide** :

half-stifled(suppressed) laugh; V.

**hibernate** :

murder of a king or queen

**gouge** :

sleep throughout the winter; N. hibernation

**wrongheaded** :

overcharge (with high price); extort from; Ex. gouge the public; CF. usury

**embody** :

stubbornly wrong

**rend** :

give a bodily form to; incorporate; include

**brochure** :

split; tear apart; N. rent; CF. heartrending: causing deep sorrow

**enervate** :

pamphlet

**badinage** :

weaken; take away energy from

**convulsion** :

teasing conversation; banter; joking talk

**grouse** :

violent uncontrollable shaking movement (caused by illness); V. convulse; ADJ. convulsive

**gloss over** :

explain away with the intention of deceiving or hiding faults

**proviso** :

stipulation; condition in an agreement; provision

**definitive** :

most reliable; authoritative and complete; that cannot be improved; conclusive; decisive; definite; Ex. definitive decision by the supreme court

**perimeter** :

outer boundary; length of the outer boundary; circumference

**angular** :

sharp-cornered; having an angle; not rounded (body); bony; lean; gaunt; stiff in manner

**ambush** :

act of lying in wait to attack by surprise; sudden attack made from a concealed position; Ex. lie in ambush; V.

**shyster** :

lawyer using questionable methods; unscrupulous practitioner

**denizen** :

(animal, person, or plant) inhabitant or resident of a particular place; regular visitor

**preponderance** :

superiority of power, quantity, etc.; V. preponderate: be greater in power, weight, or importance; ADJ. preponderant

**laggard** :

slow; sluggish; N: one who lags; straggler

**dint** :

means; effort; Ex. by dint of hard work

**pedigree** :

line of ancestors; ancestry; lineage; ADJ. (of an animal) descended from of a chosen family; Ex. pedigree dog;

CF. crane's foot

**impunity** :

freedom from punishment or harm; CF. punish

**levy** :

impose (a fine); collect (a payment); impose or collect (a tax); Ex. levy a tax on tobacco

**compatible** :

harmonious; in harmony with; able to exist together

**efficacy** :

power to produce desired effect; ADJ. efficacious: effectual

**collected** :

composed; calm; self-possessed

**dupe** :

someone easily fooled or deceived; V: deceive

**mettle** :

courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ. mettlesome

**salutary** :

tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF. health

**remnant** :

remainder

**burlesque** :

give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly

**erie(aerie,eyrie,ery)** :

nest of a large bird of prey

**enormity** :

hugeness (in a bad sense); excessive wickedness; Ex. enormity of the crime; ADJ. enormous

**salubrious** :

healthful; conducive to health or well-being; socially desirable; Ex. salubrious area; CF. health

**vitreous** :

of glass; pertaining to or resembling glass; V. vitrify: change into glass; CF. petrify

**premonitory** :

serving to warn

**elevation** :

elevated position; altitude; height; flat upright side of a building; angle made by pointing a gun; Ex. The elevation of her style is much admired; Ex. front elevation of the house

**gorge** :

narrow canyon; steep rocky cleft; ravine (made by a stream which runs through it)

**contempt** :

scorn; disdain; ADJ. contemptuous; CF. contemptible

**cache** :

hiding place; V.

**sophistry** :

seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning; sophism

**penitent** :

repentant; N.

**vignette** :

small drawing placed at the beginning or end of a chapter; picture; short literary sketch; short written description of a character or scene

**extol** :

praise very highly; glorify

**slew** :

large quantity or number; Ex. slew of errands left

**expenditure** :

payment or expense; expending; something expended; output; Ex. receipt for the expenditure; Ex. expenditure of all the energy

**piety** :

devoutness; reverence for God; ADJ. pious

**delude** :

deceive

**poultice** :

soothing application applied to sore and inflamed portions of the body

**cynical** :

skeptical or distrustful of human motives; N. cynicism; CF. cynic: person who believes all people are motivated by selfishness

**inebriated** :

habitually intoxicated; drunk; N. inebriety

**psyche** :

soul; mind

**eschew** :

avoid habitually; Ex. eschew alcoholic drinks

**irrepressible** :

unable to be restrained or held back; impossible to hold back

**exorbitant** :

(of costs or demands) excessive; exceeding reasonable bounds

**innate** :

inborn

**receptive** :

quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal

**assuage** :

make less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)

**inasmuch as** :

since; owing to the fact that

**exposé** :

public revelation of something discreditable

**précis** :

abstract; concise summing up of main points; concise summary of a text

**abominate** :

loathe; hate

**underhand(underhanded)** :

done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)

**atavism** :

resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; reversion to an earlier type; throwback; ADJ. atavistic

**seminary** :

school for training future ministers; secondary school, especially for young women

**personable** :

attractive (in personality or appearance)

**muggy** :

(of weather) warm and damp

**stink** :

stench; V. emit a strong foul odor

**duress** :

forcible restraint, especially unlawfully; coercion by threat; illegal coercion; Ex. a promise made under duress

**peevis**h :

bad-tempered; irritable; V. peeve: make angry

**swerve** :

deviate; turn aside sharply from a straight course; Ex. swerve from the principle; Ex. The car swerved to the right.

**indentation** :

notch; deep recess; V. indent; CF. tooth

**quandary** :

dilemma; state of uncertainty; Ex. She is in a quandary about whether to go.

**coiffure** :

hairstyle

**demure** :

(of a woman or child) grave; quiet and serious; coy; pretending to be demure

**sanguine** :

optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red

**bombardment** :

attack (as with missiles or bombs); V. bombard

**flaccid** :

flabby; lacking firmness; weak; Ex. flaccid muscles

**unearthly** :

not earthly; supernatural; weird; ghostly

**fiasco** :

total failure; CF. bottle

**threat** :

sign or warning (of coming danger); Ex. threat of rain; V. express a threat; give warning of (something bad); Ex. The cloud threatens rain.

**deplore** :

regret; express sorrow and severe disapproval for something bad; Ex. deplore their violent behavior; ADJ. deplorable: very bad; deserving severe disapproval; Ex. deplorable living condition

**retribution** :

deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back

**titillate** :

tickle; excite pleasantly; Ex. not to titillate the audience but to enlighten it

**manifestation** :

outward demonstration; manifesting; indication of the presence of something; Ex. manifestation of his pronounced musical bent

**irrefutable** :

indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable

**clangor** :

loud resounding noise; sound of repeated clanging

**random** :

without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; Ex. random shots; Ex. chosen at random

**reverend** :

deserving reverence; N: priest

**engaged** :

employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict

**repartee** :

quick clever reply

**enfranchise** :

admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote); CF. franchise

**suppliant** :

entreating; beseeching; N.

**rampant** :

growing or spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion; unrestrained; Ex. rampant lawlessness/weed

**compute** :

reckon; calculate

**fusillade** :

simultaneous firing or outburst (of missiles, questions, etc.)

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**defiance** :

refusal to yield; resistance; V. defy; ADJ. defiant

**disabuse** :

correct a false impression; undeceive; free from a wrong belief

**wrath** :

anger; fury

**transcendental** :

going beyond common thought or ideas; impossible to understand by practical experiences or practices; known only by studying thoughts or intuition; OP. empirical; CF. transcendentalism

**multifarious** :

varied; greatly diversified; Ex. multifarious activities

**resourceful** :

clever and imaginative (in dealing with difficult situations); N. resource, resourcefulness

**omniscient** :

all-knowing

**callous** :

hardened; unfeeling; without sympathy for the sufferings of others; unkind

**seduce** :

lead away from proper conduct; entice; ADJ. seductive

**retroactive** :

taking effect before its enactment (as a law) or imposition (as a tax); (of a law) having effect on the past as well as the future

**chancellor** :

legal official of high rank; CF. chancellery(chancellory); position of a chancellor

**blatant** :

extremely (offensively) obvious; loudly offensive; Ex. blatant lie; N. blatancy

**buxom** :

full-bosomed; plump; jolly

**servile** :

slavish; cringing; N. servility

**centurion** :

Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)

**linger** :

loiter or dawdle; be slow in leaving; delay going; continue or persist; be slow to disappear; Ex. The smell lingered for days.

**coda** :

concluding section of a musical or literary composition

**bolster** :

support; reinforce

**premise** :

assumption; postulate; proposition upon which an argument is based

**striated** :

marked with parallel bands; striped; grooved; Ex. striated rocks; V. striate; N. stria: thin groove or line

**rejuvenate** :

make young again

**apiculture** :

bee-keeping

**promiscuous** :

mixed indiscriminately; indiscriminate; not choosing carefully; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; irregular, particularly sexually; Ex. promiscuous life/girl; N. promiscuity

**warranted** :

justified; authorized

**evasive** :

not frank; trying to hide the truth; eluding; evading; V. evade: avoid (a duty or responsibility) or escape from by deceit

**nib** :

beak(bill); pen point

**tanner** :

person who turns animal hides into leather

**clairvoyant** :

having foresight; fortuneteller; N. clairvoyance

**redundant** :

superfluous; more than is necessary; verbose; excessively wordy; repetitious

**dubious** :

questionable; (of something) causing doubt; (of someone) filled with doubt; N. dubiety

**elicit** :

draw out fact or information (by discussion or from someone)

**authenticate** :

prove genuine

**arbitrary** :

unreasonable or capricious; random; tyrannical; Ex. arbitrary ruler

**unwonted** :

unaccustomed; unusual; Ex. He arrived with unwonted punctuality.

**ulterior** :

intentionally hidden; beyond what is evident; situated beyond; unstated and often questionable; Ex. ulterior motive

**marital** :

pertaining to marriage

**choice** :

delicate; of very fine quality

**caldron(cauldron)** :

large kettle

**entrepreneur** :

businessperson (who assumes the risk of a business venture); contractor; ADJ. entrepreneurial

**tranquillity** :

calmness; peace

**impermeable** :

impervious; not permitting passage through its substance; impossible to permeate

**sly** :

clever in deceiving; secretive; not telling one's intentions

**strident** :

loud and harsh; insistent; N. stridency

**catastrophe** :

calamity ; disaster

**wanton** :

unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; unchaste; sexually improper; promiscuous; Ex. wanton spending /killing; CF. having no just cause

**arbitrate** :

act as judge (at the request of both sides)

**maculated** :

spotted; stained; CF. immaculate

**gleam** :

brief flash of light; glow; V.

**pudding** :

hot sweet dish

**ascribe** :

refer; attribute; assign

**antiquity** :

quality of being very old; ancient times; 고대

**implacable** :

incapable of being pacified; impossible to appease; Ex. implacable enemy

**ingenious** :

marked by inventive skill; clever; resourceful; N. ingenuity

**outgoing** :

social; eager to mix socially with others

**glossy** :

smooth and shining; N. gloss: shiny brightness on a surface; superficially attractive appearance; Ex. gloss of good manners

**vulnerable** :

susceptible to wounds or attack; N. vulnerability

**puerile** :

childish; immature; CF. puer: boy

**pliant** :

flexible; easily influenced

**machinations** :

evil schemes or plots; schemes or plots to achieve an evil end; V. machinate

**colossal** :

huge

**insensate** :

without feeling; lacking sense; foolish

**lumber** :

move heavily or clumsily; Ex. The bear lumbered through the woods; N: timber

**ostentatious** :

showy; trying to attract attention; pretentious; N. ostentation: showy display

**guise** :

outward appearance; costume; Ex. in a new guise

**whiff** :

puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); short-lasting smell; hint; Ex. whiff of perfume/scandal

**appease** :

pacify or soothe; Ex. appease a crying baby; N. appeasement

**hieroglyphic** :

picture writing; ADJ.

**frigid** :

intensely cold; cold in manner; Ex. frigid zone

**manacle** :

restrain; handcuff; N.

**austere** :

forbiddingly stern; ascetic; without comfort or enjoyment; severely simple and unornamented; Ex. a monk's austere life; Ex. austere grandeur of the cathedral; N. austerity

**analogy** :

similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things

**energize** :

invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active

**submissive** :

willing to obey orders; yielding; timid

**antidote** :

remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles

**lookout** :

act of keeping watch; high place commanding a wide view; person who keeps watch

**prevalent** :

widespread; generally accepted

**colander** :

utensil with perforated bottom used for straining

**projectile** :

missile; fired or thrown object (such as stone or bullet)

**pantomime** :

acting without dialogue; V.

**welter** :

wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.

**slovenly** :

untidy; careless in work habits; slipshod; N. sloven: one who is habitually untidy or careless

**matriarch** :

woman who rules a family or larger social group

**abusive** :

coarsely insulting; physically harmful

**titanic** :

gigantic; N. titan

**entice** :

lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt

**hypocritical** :

pretending to be virtuous; deceiving; N. hypocrisy: profession of beliefs one does not possess; CF. hypocrite

**paramour** :

illicit lover

**reprieve** :

postponement or cancelation of a punishment; temporary stay; V: postpone or cancel the punishment of

**filigree** :

delicate ornamental lacelike metalwork

**deterrent** :

something that discourages or deters

**backslide** :

revert (to bad habits); N. reverter

**metamorphosis** :

change of form; Ex. metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly; V. metamorphose: change by metamorphosis

**caricature** :

distortion; burlesque

**appurtenances** :

subordinate possessions; something added to a more important thing

**animadversion** :

critical remark; V. animadvert: comment critically with disapproval

**coercion** :

use of force to get someone to object; compelling; V. coerce

**quell** :

suppress; put an end to; put down forcibly; extinguish; quiet; Ex. "Army Quells Rebellion" in newspaper; CF.

kill

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**terminology** :

terms used in a science or art; study of nomenclature

**hover** :

hang about; (of birds or aircraft) stay in the air in one place; (of people) wait nearby; stay around one place; waver; be in an uncertain state

**studious** :

given to diligent study

**antler** :

bony growth on the head of a deer

**palpable** :

tangible; (of something bad) easily perceptible; obvious; Ex. palpable blunder

**palatable** :

agreeable; pleasing to the taste

**cremate** :

incinerate (a corpse); N. crematory, crematorium

**tablet** :

small round piece of medicine; flat piece of stone or metal bearing an inscription; Ex. stone tablet on the wall

**grunt** :

utter a deep guttural sound (as a pig does); N.

**supine** :

lying on back; passive; inactive; Ex. The defeated pugilist lay supine; Ex. supine acceptance of the decision

**engulf** :

surround and swallow up

**annotate** :

comment; make explanatory notes

**personify** :

represent (an inanimate object) as a person; be the embodiment or perfect example of; Ex. She is evil/patience personified; N. personification

**muster** :

gather; assemble (troops); Ex. muster up one's strength for the ordeal; N.

**cohabit** :

live together

**coddle** :

treat gently; indulge excessively; pamper; mollycoddle; baby; cook in water just below boiling point; Ex. coddled eggs

**acclimate** :

adjust to climate or environment; adapt

**susceptible** :

impressionable; easily influenced; sensitive; having little resistance as to a disease; likely to suffer; receptive to; capable of accepting; Ex. susceptible to persuasion/colds; Ex. The agreement is not susceptible of alteration; N. susceptibility

**crinkle** :

wrinkle

**titular** :

of a title; in name only; nominal; having the title of an office without the obligations; Ex. titular head of the company

**rebus** :

representation of words in the form of pictures or symbols; puzzle in which pictures or letters stand for words;  
Ex. "R U 18" is a rebus for "Are you 18".

**rip** :

tear or be torn quickly and violently; Ex. The sail ripped under the force of the wind; N.

**brim** :

uppermost edge of a cup; projecting rim (as on a hat); Ex. The glass was full to the brim; V: be full to the brim

**aesthetic** :

artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful (of a person or building); CF. aesthete; CF. aesthetics

**schism** :

division into factions (esp. within a religious body); split

**outfit** :

clothing or equipment for a special purpose; Ex. cowboy outfit

**bookish** :

fond of books and reading

**cuisine** :

style of cooking; Ex. French cuisine

**moribund** :

dying; at the point of death; CF. death

**upbraid** :

reprimand; severely scold

**parody** :

humorous imitation; spoof; takeoff; travesty; V.

**jovial** :

good-natured; merry; cheerful

**encumber** :

burden; N. encumbrance

**giddy** :

light-hearted; not serious; frivolous; dizzy; causing dizziness; Ex. giddy youth; Ex. giddy climb/height

**implausible** :

unlikely (to be true); unbelievable; Ex. implausible alibi

**drudge** :

do drudgery; N: person who drudges

**suitor** :

man who is courting a woman

**far-fetched** :

too improbable to be believed; implausible; Ex. far-fetched story

**intimidate** :

frighten; N. intimidation

**ventral** :

abdominal

**utopia** :

ideal place, state, or society; ADJ. utopian

**hazardous** :

dangerous

**drastic** :

strong; violent and severe; Ex. drastic changes/measures

**impinge** :

infringe; encroach; influence; touch; collide with; Ex. The effects are impinging on every aspect of our lives.

**misgivings** :

doubts

**siren** :

apparatus for making sounds; womanlike creature

**piecemeal** :

one part at a time; gradually; in stages; Ex. read a novel piecemeal

**regimen** :

prescribed course of diet or exercise; prescribed diet and habits; Ex. daily regimen of a dancer

**temporal** :

of time; not lasting forever; limited by time; temporary; secular; worldly

**relegate** :

put into a lower or worse place; banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign; Ex. relegate the old furniture to the children's room; Ex. relegated to the second division

**beatific** :

giving or showing bliss; blissful

**arraign** :

charge in court; indict

**antagonism** :

hostility; active opposition; V. antagonize: cause to become an enemy; N. antagonist: person who is opposed to another; opponent; adversary; principal character in opposition to the protagonist

**inchoate** :

(of desire, wish, plan) recently begun; not explicit; at the beginning of development; rudimentary; elementary; Ex. inchoate mass

**bridle** :

harness fitted about a horse's head (used to restrain); curb; check; V. put a bridle on; control or restrain; show anger

**significant** :

expressing a meaning; important; Ex. significant smile; N. significance: importance; meaning; V. signify: denote; mean; signal; make known; matter; be significant

**aloof** :

apart; not open in one's relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.

**stratum** :

layer of earth's surface; layer of society; PL. strata

**lounge** :

stand, sit, or lie in a lazy, relaxed way

**lineage** :

descent; ancestry

**pendant(pendent)** :

hanging down from something; pending; N. ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)

**modish** :

fashionable; conforming to the current fashion

**circumvent** :

outwit; defeat by behaving more cleverly; outsmart; baffle; avoid; get around

**livid** :

lead-colored; black and blue (as from a bruise); ashen; enraged; extremely angry

**leery** :

(of someone) suspicious; wary; cautious

**veracious** :

(of a person) truthful

**vigil** :

keeping watch (during normal sleeping hours); Ex. all-night vigil

**parlance** :

language; manner of speaking; idiom; Ex. in legal/common parlance

**litany** :

supplicatory prayer; prayer in which the priest calls out and the people replies in the same words

**offensive** :

attacking; insulting; distasteful; V. offend: violate; hurt the feelings of; N. offense: offending; violating of a moral or social code; crime; attack; Ex. first offense

**stench** :

strong foul odor; reek; stink

**incapacitate** :

disable; N. incapacity: lack of capacity

**tramp** :

walk with a heavy step; travel on foot; N. vagrant; one who travels aimlessly about; long walk; sound of heavy walking

**functionary** :

official (who performs a particular function)

**rapacious** :

voracious; ravenous; taking everything one can; excessively grasping; plundering; subsisting on live prey; Ex. rapacious birds

**simulate** :

feign; imitate

**depose** :

dethrone; remove from office; give a deposition; testify

**conduit** :

aqueduct; passageway for fluids

**flighty** :

(esp. of a woman's behavior) capricious; often changing, esp. from one lover to another; impulsive

**referendum** :

direct vote by all the people

**worldly** :

engrossed in matters of this earth; not spiritual; of the material world

**contrived** :

unnatural and forced; artificial; not spontaneous; Ex. The ending was rather contrived.

**ethos** :

underlying character of a culture, group, etc.; character or ideas peculiar to a specific person, group, or culture; Ex. the company ethos

**disjointed** :

disconnected; lacking coherence; V. disjoint: disconnect; disjoin

**hallowed** :

blessed; consecrated; Ex. hallowed ground; V. hallow: set apart as holy

**ecologist** :

person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment; person concerned with the detrimental effects of human civilization on the environment; CF. ecology

**disclose** :

reveal; N. disclosure

**weary** :

tired after long work; V.

**encroachment** :

gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable time; V. encroach: take another's possessions or right gradually or stealthily; intrude; Ex. encroach on/upon

**spoof** :

parody

**noxious** :

harmful; CF. obnoxious

**puzzle** :

baffle or confuse by a difficult problem; ponder over a problem in an effort to solve; clarify or solve by reasoning; Ex. puzzle out the answer; N.

**reprove** :

censure; rebuke; N. reproof

**paleontology** :

study of prehistoric life or fossils; CF. paleo-: ancient or prehistoric; Ex. paleography: study of ancient written documents

**stout** :

rather fat; strong in body; sturdy; resolute; determined; strong in determination; Ex. stout stick/supporter

**plebiscite** :

direct vote by the entire electorate (on an important issue)

**circumlocution** :

indirect or roundabout expression (by using an unnecessarily large number of words esp. when trying to avoid answering a difficult question directly)

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**swarm** :

large group of insects moving in a mass; crowd of people or animals; V: move in a crowd or mass

**culprit** :

one guilty of a crime

**generality** :

vague statement; general statement which is not detailed; quality of being general; greater part; most; Ex. generality of people

**veritable** :

being truly so; real or genuine; actual; not false or imaginary

**respite** :

time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; relieve

**pragmatic** :

practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with practical worth or impact of something; Ex. pragmatic test of the skill

**sledge** :

large sled drawn by work animals

**seasonal** :

of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employment

**lag** :

move or develop more slowly; straggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N.

**tactful** :

careful no to cause offence; OP: tactless

**unprecedented** :

having no previous example; novel; unparalleled

**opiate** :

medicine to induce sleep or deaden pain; something that relieves emotions or causes inaction; sleep-producing drug containing opium

**musky** :

having the odor of musk; N. musk: odorous substance secreted by an Asian deer

**malediction** :

curse

**fritter** :

waste (time or money on unimportant things)

**brandish** :

wave around (a weapon); flourish

**pugnacity** :

combativeness; disposition to fight; ADJ. pugnacious: (of people) belligerent; combative in nature

**exasperate** :

vex; annoy or make angry (by testing the patience)

**germinate** :

cause to sprout; sprout

**memento** :

token; reminder of the past; keepsake; Ex. memento of your visit

**reconnaissance** :

survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter: make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)

**oath** :

solemn promise; blasphemous use of sacred words to express strong feelings; swear-word; Ex. "For Christ's sake"

**thwart** :

block or hinder; baffle; frustrate

**vehement** :

forceful; intensely emotional; with marked vigor; strong; N. vehemence

**contraband** :

illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.

**wrench** :

twist; pull; strain; Ex. He wrenched the gun out of her hands.

**dainty** :

delicate; delicately beautiful; fastidious; not easy to please; Ex. dainty movement/dress

**zephyr** :

gentle breeze; west wind

**waylay** :

ambush; lie in wait for and attack

**contrite** :

penitent; repentant; N. contrition

**treasure** :

keep as precious; cherish

**ford** :

place where a river can be crossed on foot; V.

**patrician** :

noble; aristocratic; N: person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF.

plebian

**languor** :

lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression

**foreshadow** :

give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend; prefigure

**germane** :

pertinent; bearing upon(having connection with) the case at hand; appropriate

**reprehensible** :

deserving blame; blameworthy; V. reprehend: blame

**eon(aeon)** :

long period of time; an age; longest division of geologic time containing two or more eras

**daub** :

smear (as with paint); cover with something sticky; Ex. daub one's clothes with mud/paint; N: small bit of sticky substance; Ex. a daub of paint

**subordinate** :

occupying a lower rank; inferior; submissive; N. V: put in a lower rank or class

**antediluvian** :

antiquated; extremely ancient

**stately** :

formal; ceremonious; grand in style or size; majestic

**interminable** :

endless

**proverb** :

adage; someone or something well known for notoriety; ADJ. proverbial: of a proverb; widely known; ADV. proverbially

**venue** :

location; place (of a crime, trial, gathering, etc.); CF. come

**distinction** :

honor; excellence; difference; contrast; discrimination; Ex. graduated with distinction; Ex. a writer of real distinction

**converge** :

approach; tend to meet; come together

**inconsistency** :

state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness; ADJ. inconsistent: displaying a lack of consistency; erratic; contradictory; incompatible

**commemorative** :

remembering; honoring the memory of; Ex. commemorative stamp

**incorporate** :

introduce something into a larger whole; include; embody; give material form to; ADJ.

**hone** :

sharpen (a tool); N: whetstone for sharpening a tool

**amenities** :

convenient features that helps to make life pleasant; social courtesies

**averse** :

reluctant; disinclined; not liking or opposed; Ex. averse to cats/doing the house work

**speechless** :

unable for the moment to speak (because of strong feeling); Ex. speechless with anger

**prepossessing** :

attractive; CF. preoccupying ?

**arrears** :

being in debt; money that should have been paid; work that should have been done

**providence** :

quality of being provident; divine care; god's care; Providence: god; Ex. It seemed like providence that the doctor happened to be there; ADJ. providential: of divine providence; fortunate

**witticism** :

witty saying; wisecrack (clever joking remark)

**hue** :

color; aspect; Ex. opinions of every hue

**brawl** :

noisy quarrel

**misconstrue** :

interpret incorrectly; misinterpret; misjudge

**auxiliary** :

offering or providing help; additional or subsidiary; N: helper; assistant

**derogatory** :

expressing a low opinion; disparaging; V. derogate: detract; disparage

**divine** :

perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresee the future; foretell; dowse; ADJ. N. divination

**impart** :

grant a share of; make known; Ex. news to impart

**vertigo** :

severe dizziness; giddiness

**forerunner** :

predecessor; one that comes before and indicates the approach of another

**abnegation** :

renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation

**breadth** :

width; extent

**acrophobia** :

fear of heights

**reminiscent** :

suggestive of something (in the past); of reminiscence

**blight** :

plant disease; V. infect with blight; ruin; destroy

**psychiatrist** :

doctor who treats mental diseases

**scraps** :

leftover food

**kinetic** :

producing motion; of motion

**corroborate** :

confirm; support; strengthen

**polity** :

(particular form of) political organization; form of government of nation or state; Ex. student polity

**discount** :

disregard; regard (a story or news) as unimportant; deduct from a cost

**oust** :

expel; drive out; force out; N. ouster: ousting

**hereafter** :

life after death

**putrescent** :

becoming putrid; putrefying

**institute** :

organization for a special purpose; V. establish

**kudos** :

honor; glory; acclaim or praise for exceptional achievement

**feud** :

bitter prolonged quarrel (usually between two peoples or families); V. CF. Romeo and Juliet; CF. feudal, feudalism

**exceptionable** :

objectionable; likely to cause dislike; offensive; CF. unexceptionable: entirely acceptable

**consign** :

send to a person or place for sale; deliver officially; entrust; put into the care of another; set apart (for a special purpose); N. consignment; CF. consignor, consignee

**parallelism** :

state of being parallel; similarity; analogy

**disavowal** :

denial; disclaiming; repudiating; disowning; V. disavow; CF. disclaim

**infidel** :

unbeliever (with respect to a particular religion)

**bantering** :

joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N.V. banter

**amorous** :

moved by sexual love; loving; of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances

**haphazard** :

random; by chance; happening in an unplanned manner; Ex. haphazard growth of the town

**reminiscence** :

recollection; V. reminisce: recollect the past

**restraint** :

moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction

**dormant** :

sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent

**bump** :

hit or knock against with force; N.

**despise** :

look on with scorn; regard as worthless or distasteful; ADJ. despicable: contemptible

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**unrequited** :

not requited; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love

**indite** :

write; compose

**mercenary** :

motivated solely by money or gain; N.

**ashen** :

ash-colored; deadly pale

**conventional** :

ordinary; typical; not nuclear; Ex. conventional weapons

**sobriety** :

moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness

**graduated** :

arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.)

**thespian** :

pertaining to drama; N: actor or actress

**ligneous** :

like wood

**felicity** :

happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.); quality of being felicitous

**malfeasance** :

wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)

**mural** :

wall painting

**forgo(forego)** :

give up; do without

**fuddle** :

make stupid or confused as with alcoholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused

**sustain** :

suffer (harm or loss); experience; support; prop; maintain; keep in existence; nourish (to maintain life); Ex.

sustain the family/the trapped miners

**slacken** :

slow up; loosen; make or become slack

**presentiment** :

premonition; foreboding; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear

**superimpose** :

place over something else

**supplicate** :

petition humbly; pray to grant a favor

**potential** :

expressing possibility; latent; N: capacity for growth

**quip** :

taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.

**dissuade** :

persuade not to do; discourage; N. dissuasion

**hypothetical** :

based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N. hypothesis

**withhold** :

refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax

**acute** :

(of the senses) sharp; quickly perceptive; keen; penetrating; brief and severe; Ex. acute sense of smell/analysis/pain

**paltry** :

insignificant; petty; trifling; contemptible; Ex. paltry sum; CF. trash

**travail** :

strenuous work; toil; painful labor; labor of childbirth

**atone** :

make amends for; pay for; Ex. atone for

**requisite** :

necessary requirement; something required; ADJ: required; necessary

**vernacular** :

living language (as compared to the official language); language spoken in a country or region; natural style; Ex. lapse into the vernacular

**gargoyle** :

waterspout carved in grotesque figures on a building

**unfrock** :

defrock; strip a priest or minister of church authority

**apocryphal** :

(of a story) widely believed but untrue

**gnarl** :

protruding knot on a tree; V.

**riddle** :

pierce with holes; permeate or spread throughout; Ex. The gunman riddled the car with bullets; Ex. The whole report is riddled with errors; N. large sieve (separating earth from stone)

**torrent** :

rushing stream; flood; Ex. The rain fell in torrents.

**unscathed** :

unharmed; Ex. escape the accident unscathed

**anarchist** :

person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority

**strut** :

supporting bar; CF. airplane wing이나 building 등을 support

**luster** :

shine; gloss (of a polished surface)

**verisimilitude** :

appearance of truth; quality of appearing to be true or real; likelihood; Ex. verisimilitude of her performance as Lady Macbeth

**enliven** :

make lively or spirited; animate

**vulture** :

carion-eating birds

**flowery** :

full of flowers; full of ornate expressions

**harass** :

annoy by repeated attacks

**sinister** :

evil; ominous

**devolve** :

deputize; pass or be passed to others (power, work, or property); Ex. devolve on/upon/to

**heinous** :

atrocious; wicked; hatefully bad; Ex. heinous crime

**adverse** :

going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile

**rigor** :

severity; Ex. rigors of the Russian winter

**shackle** :

chain; fetter; confine with shackles; N.

**prop** :

support placed under or against something; V.

**sumptuous** :

grand suggesting great expense; lavish; rich; Ex. sumptuous feast

**fulminate** :

thunder; explode; issue a severe denunciation

**prim** :

proper to the point of affectation; very precise and formal; exceedingly proper

**clout** :

great influence (especially political or social); hard blow with fist

**sluggish** :

lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug; nail with no shell

**dribble** :

flow or fall in drops; let saliva flow out slowly from the mouth; move a ball; N.

**prong** :

pointed projecting part

**sedulous** :

diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N. sedulity

**fashion** :

give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay

**apprehend** :

arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive; N. apprehension

**panacea** :

cure-all; remedy for all diseases

**recurrent** :

occurring again and again

**plethora** :

excess; overabundance; Ex. a plethora of excuses

**bloated** :

(unpleasantly) swollen or puffed as with water or air

**subsequent** :

following in time or order; later

**traduce** :

expose to slander

**prod** :

poke (with a pointed object); stir up; urge; goad to action; N: pointed object used to prod; prodding

**inequity** :

unfairness; ADJ. inequitable

**demean** :

disgrace; humiliate; debase in dignity; behave

**torque** :

twisting force; force producing rotation

**wallow** :

roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury

**foment** :

stir up; incite; instigate; promote the growth of (something evil or unpleasant)

**flashy** :

showy; gaudy; giving a momentary brilliance

**inamorata** :

woman whom a man loves

**forum** :

public square of an ancient Roman city; public place for open discussion; court of law

**blandishment** :

flattery

**adjunct** :

something attached to but holding an inferior position

**realm** :

kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility

**anemia** :

condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic

**pinch** :

squeeze between the thumb and a finger, or other edges; Ex. I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming. N: amount that can be held between the thumb and a finger

**prurient** :

having or causing lustful desires and thoughts; arousing immoderate sexual desire

**erratic** :

odd; irregular in movement or behavior; unpredictable

**incinerate** :

burn to ashes

**adjoin** :

be next to

**tactile** :

pertaining to the organs or sense of touch

**fluency** :

smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent

**prolific** :

producing offspring or fruit in abundance; fertile; fecund; abundantly fruitful; producing abundant works; Ex. prolific writer

**snivel** :

complain or whine tearfully; run at the nose; snuffle; Ex. Don't come back sniveling to me.

**philanderer** :

faithless lover; flirt

**laborious** :

demanding much work or care; tedious

**rancor** :

long-lasting hatred; bitterness; Ex. negotiation without rancor; ADJ. rancorous

**palpitate** :

throb; beat rapidly; flutter; tremble; Ex. Her heart began to palpitate.

**tread** :

walk; trample; N: grooved face of a tire; horizontal part of a step

**mat** :

not shiny; matte; having a dull finish; N: flat piece of material used as a floor covering; V.

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**dissimulate** :

pretend; conceal by feigning; dissemble

**enlist** :

(cause to) join the armed forces; obtain (help, sympathy, or support)

**rally** :

come or bring together; call up or summon (forces, vital powers, etc.); revive or recuperate (after illness or difficulty); N: act of rallying; mass gathering

**crest** :

top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird

**cadaverous** :

like a corpse; pale

**outrage** :

act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; ADJ. outrageous; offensive

**reciprocate** :

do or give something in return; repay in kind; give or take mutually; interchange; move backwards and forwards; Ex. reciprocate his invitation by inviting him; N. reciprocity: reciprocal relationship; mutual interchange of advantages between two groups; Ex. reciprocity in trading rights

**mischief** :

behavior (of children) causing trouble with no serious harm; damage; harm; Ex. mischief to the crops; ADJ. mischievous; causing mischief; playfully troublesome

**mite** :

very small object or insect-like creature; small coin

**placebo** :

harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill

**impeccable** :

faultless

**terminal** :

part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; ADJ. forming an end; ending in death; fatal; Ex. terminal cancer

**figment** :

invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination

**refute** :

disprove; prove to be false; N. refutation

**pretend** :

feign; pretend to; claim to possess; make pretensions to; Ex. I don't pretend to much expertise; N. pretense

**rampart** :

defensive mound of earth

**wont** :

(the stated person's) habit or custom; habitual procedure; ADJ. wonted: customary

**animated** :

lively; spirited

**indomitable** :

unconquerable; unyielding

**feasible** :

practical; able to be carried out; practicable

**indignity** :

treatment or situation that causes shame or loss of dignity, respect; offensive or insulting treatment; humiliating or degrading treatment; Ex. I suffered the indignity of having to say that in front of them.

**contusion** :

bruise

**dotage** :

senility; feeble-mindedness of old age; Ex. In one's dotage

**wrinkle** :

small ridge on a smooth surface (face or cloth); V.

**amazon** :

female warrior

**ambidextrous** :

capable of using either hand with equal ease

**malicious** :

hateful; spiteful; expressing malice; N. malice: desire to harm others; spite

**disseminate** :

distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)

**grim** :

causing great fear; unrelenting; determined in spite of fear; Ex. grim smile

**lavish** :

liberal; wasteful; generous or wasteful in giving or using; abundant; profuse; great; Ex. decorated lavishly; V. give in abundance

**impenitent** :

not repentant

**obstreperous** :

boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable

**substantial** :

of substance; material; solid; essential or fundamental; ample; considerable; well-to-do; wealthy

**affinity** :

feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages

**executive** :

person having administrative authority; one branch of government executing laws; ADJ: relating to executing

**gullible** :

easily deceived

**subsidy** :

direct financial aid by government, etc.; V. subsidize: assist with a subsidy

**Shangri-la** :

imaginary remote paradise on earth; CF. Lost Horizon

**recrimination** :

countercharges; V. recriminate

**procrastinate** :

postpone; delay or put off

**agitate** :

stir up; disturb

**disquisition** :

formal systematic inquiry; explanation of the results of a formal inquiry; long formal speech or written report

**contaminate** :

pollute

**amiss** :

wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.

**potentate** :

monarchy; sovereign

**pristine** :

unspoiled; remaining in a pure state; characteristic of earlier times; primitive; Ex. an old book in pristine condition

**homage** :

honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to

**choleric** :

hot-tempered; bad-tempered; irritable; easily angered; CF. cholera

**heed** :

pay attention to; N: close attention

**extraneous** :

not essential; irrelevant; superfluous; external; coming from the outside; Ex. extraneous details/noise/to the subject

**suffragist** :

advocate of the extension of voting rights (for women); CF. suffrage

**finesse** :

delicate skill; V: handle with finesse

**propagate** :

increase in number by producing young; multiply; spread; Ex. Most plants propagate by seed; Ex. newspaper propagating their ideas

**foil** :

contrast; one that by contrast enhances the distinctive characteristics of another

**transcendent** :

exceeding ordinary limits; superior; surpassing; V. transcend: go beyond; exceed; surpass; N. transcendancy

**hermetic** :

sealed by fusion so as to be airtight; airtight

**ablution** :

washing

**dinghy** :

small boat (often ship's boat)

**propinquity** :

nearness (in space or relationship); proximity; kinship

**innovation** :

change; something newly introduced; introduction of something new; V. innovate: begin or introduce (something new); be creative; ADJ. innovative

**writ** :

written command issued by a court (telling someone to do or not to do something)

**schematic** :

of a schema or scheme; relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols; N. schema: diagrammatic representation; outline

**ego** :

one's opinion of oneself; self-esteem

**score** :

number of points; written form of a musical composition; reason; group of 20; notch or incision; Ex. full/vocal score; Ex. Don't worry on that score; V. mark with lines or notches; Ex. score the paper to make it easy to fold

**venture** :

risk; expose to risk; dare; undertake a risk; N.

**garbled** :

mixed up; jumbled; distorted; V. garble: mix up or distort (a message) to such an extent as to make misleading or unintelligible

**iniquitous** :

wicked; immoral; unrighteous; N. iniquity; Ex. den of iniquity

**existential** :

pertaining to existence; pertaining to the philosophy of existentialism

**catholic** :

(of likings and interests) universal; general; broad; including many different parts; wide-ranging liberal; Ex. catholic opinions/tastes

**lunar** :

pertaining to the moon

**mirage** :

unreal reflection; optical illusion

**tawny** :

brownish yellow

**actuary** :

someone who advises insurance companies

**predecessor** :

former occupant of a post

**axiom** :

self-evident truth requiring no proof

**cessation** :

stoppage

**raffle** :

lottery; V. award as a prize in a raffle; Ex. raffle off a new car

**indecisive** :

marked by indecision; inconclusive; Ex. indecisive battle

**euthanasia** :

mercy killing

**sodden** :

thoroughly soaked; dull or stupid as if from drink

**precedent** :

preceding (in time, rank, etc.)

**evince** :

show clearly

**flourish** :

grow well; prosper; make sweeping gestures; wave; brandish; Ex. The trees flourished in the sun. N: showy movement or gesture; embellishment or ornamentation (esp. in handwriting)

**rescind** :

repeal; annul; cancel (a law, decision, or agreement)

**intrepid** :

fearless

**recourse** :

resorting to help when in trouble; Ex. without recourse to

**alliteration** :

repetition of beginning sound in poetry

**straggle** :

stray or fall behind (a main group); spread out in a scattered group; Ex. straggling marathon racer; Ex. straggling branch

**piquant** :

pleasantly tart-tasting; spicy; pleasantly stimulating; Ex. piquant situation when my old enemy asked for my help

**compunction** :

remorse; strong uneasiness caused by guilt

**circumscribe** :

limit; confine; draw a line around

**takeoff** :

burlesque; act of leaving the ground

**elope** :

run away secretly with the intention of getting married

**season** :

enhance the flavor of by adding a spice, etc.; inure; harden; N. seasoning: something used in seasoning

**fancy** :

imagination (of a whimsical or fantastic nature); capricious liking; V. imagine; be fond of; ADJ. decorative; elaborate

**zany** :

comic; crazy; N: clown; comical person (given to outlandish behavior)

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**overblown** :

inflated; exaggerated

**artless** :

without guile; open and honest

**perjury** :

false testimony while under oath; V. perjure oneself: testify falsely under oath

**sagacious** :

wise; perceptive; shrewd; having insight; N. sagacity

**verity** :

quality of being true; lasting truth or principle; Ex. the verity of his testimony; Ex. one of the eternal verities

**idolatry** :

worship of idols; excessive admiration or devotion; ADJ. idolatrous

**hedonist** :

one who believes that pleasure is the sole aim in life; CF. hedonism: practice of living one's life purely for pleasure

**rile** :

irritate; vex; muddy

**fortitude** :

bravery; courage; strength of mind

**piscatorial** :

pertaining to fishing; CF. Pisces

**flout** :

reject; mock; show contempt for; scorn; Ex. flout the rules

**introvert** :

one who is introspective or inclined to think more about oneself; ADJ. introverted

**felicitous** :

(of a word or remark) apt; suitably expressed; well chosen

**jab** :

poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows

**panache** :

flair; manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache; CF. 잔 아래로 친을 빼내는 솜씨

**stanch** :

stop or check flow of blood; Ex. stanch the gushing wound

**testy** :

irritable; impatient and bad-tempered; short-tempered; N. testiness

**solvent** :

substance that dissolves another; ADJ: capable of dissolving another substance

**animosity** :

active enmity

**cantata** :

story set to music to be sung by a chorus (shorter than an oratorio)

**mandatory** :

obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate

**perspicacious** :

(of someone) having insight; penetrating; astute

**coma** :

deep prolonged unconsciousness caused by disease, poison, or a severe blow

**retract** :

withdraw; take back; draw back; Ex. retract a statement/an offer/claws; N. retraction; CF. retractile

**espionage** :

spying

**coterie** :

group that meets socially; select circle; close group of people with shared interests

**verdant** :

green; covered with green plants or grass; lush in vegetation; Ex. verdant meadows

**diffidence** :

shyness; lack of self-confidence; timidity; ADJ. diffident

**compulsory** :

obligatory; that must be done

**halcyon** :

calm; peaceful; Ex. halcyon days

**suppress** :

put an end to forcibly; subdue; stifle; overwhelm; inhibit the expression of; check; prevent from being published or made public; Ex. suppress a smile; Ex. suppress the magazine/truth

**sap** :

diminish; weaken; undermine the foundations of (a fortification); Ex. The element kryptonite sapped his strength.

**fortuitous** :

accidental; by chance; N. fortuity

**intervene** :

come between; interfere; Ex. intervened to prevent a fight; N. intervention

**cant** :

insincere speech or expression of piety; jargon of thieves; special words used by a particular group of people

**wangle** :

achieve by cleverness or trick; wiggle out; fake; Ex. She tried to wangle an invitation to the party.

**phobia** :

morbid fear

**igneous** :

produced by fire; of fire; volcanic; (of rocks) formed from lava; Ex. igneous meteorite

**cerebration** :

thought; working of the brain

**annuity** :

yearly allowance

**unexceptionable** :

warlike; of war; Ex. martial art/law

**firebrand** :

entirely acceptable; not offering any basis for criticism

**scuffle** :

piece of burning wood; hothead; troublemaker; person who stirs up trouble

**moodiness** :

struggle confusedly; move off in a confused hurry; N. CF. scuffling twins?

**platitude** :

fits of depression or gloom; ADJ. moody: given to changeable moods; subject to periods of depression; gloomy

CF. mood: state of mind or emotion

**figurative** :

trite remark; commonplace statement; ADJ. platitudinous

**charm** :

not literal but metaphorical; using a figure(impression) of speech

**peddle** :

quality of pleasing; amulet; action or formula thought to have magical power; spell; V: attract; cast a spell on;

bewitch

**hubbub** :

travel about selling (wares); CF. foot

**unceremonious** :

confused uproar; loud noise; din

**unconscionable** :

not done politely without due formalities

**festive** :

unscrupulous; not guided by conscience; excessive; beyond reason; Ex. unconscionable demand

**morose** :

joyous; celebratory; relating to a feast or festival

**typhoon** :

ill-humored; sullen; sullenly melancholy

**maneuver(manoeuvre)** :

tropical hurricane or cyclone

**antecede** :

strategic military or naval movement (done for training purposes); carefully planned process; stratagem; V:

carry out a military maneuver; use maneuvers in gaining an end

**lout** :

precede

**apiary** :

clumsy person; ADJ. loutish; CF. from countrysides?

**amnesia** :

a place where bees are kept

**humdrum** :

loss of memory

**pedestal** :

dull; monotonous

**nostalgia** :

support or base as for a pillar or statue

**clime** :

homesickness; longing for the past; Ex. nostalgia for the clothes of 1920s; ADJ. nostalgic

**pomposity** :

climate

**martial** :

self-important behavior; acting like a stuffed shirt(pompous person); ADJ. pompous: self-important

**exuberance** :

overflowing abundance; joyful enthusiasm; flamboyance; lavishness; ADJ. exuberant: high-spirited and lively; growing abundantly and strongly

**diorama** :

life-size, three-dimensional scene from nature or history; three-dimensional scene with modeled figures against a painted background

**communal** :

held in common; public; of a group of people; of a commune

**eminent** :

rising above others; high; lofty; distinguished; Ex. eminent position

**conception** :

beginning; forming of an idea; fertilization; V. conceive: form an idea in the mind; devise; become pregnant; CF. inception

**roseate** :

rosy; optimistic; Ex. roseate views

**forthright** :

straightforward; direct; frank

**degenerate** :

become worse in quality; deteriorate; ADJ: having become worse; Ex. a degenerate species; N: depraved or corrupt person

**incipient** :

beginning; in an early stage

**smudge** :

dirty mark with unclear edges made by rubbing; V.

**antiseptic** :

substance that prevents infection in a wound; ADJ.

**virtue** :

goodness; moral excellence; good quality; advantage; Ex. by virtue of; Ex. make a virtue of necessity

**exemplary** :

serving as a model; outstanding; Ex. exemplary punishment/behavior; N. exemplar: typical example; model

**indecision** :

irresolution; inability to make up one's mind

**ponderous** :

having great weight; weighty; unwieldy; lacking lightness; dull; Ex. ponderous body/style of writing

**frugality** :

thrift; economy; ADJ. frugal: practicing economy; costing little; inexpensive

**posture** :

assume an affected pose; act artificially; N: pose; attitude

**comeback** :

retort; quick clever reply; return to former status

**acclivity** :

sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity

**dummy** :

imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy

**purport** :

intention; purpose; meaning; V: claim; profess; Ex. order which purports to be signed by the general

**terminus** :

last stop of railroad; end

**nuance** :

shade of slight difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction

**bewitch** :

cast a spell over; captivate completely

**libel** :

defamatory written statement; act of writing something that smears a person's character; V. ADJ. libelous

**incantation** :

singing or chanting of magic spells; magical formula; (the saying of) words used in magic; CF. enchant

**acne** :

skin disease (on the face)

**metrical** :

metric; written in the form of poetry; Ex. metrical translation of Homer

**impregnable** :

invulnerable; impossible to capture or enter by force; Ex. impregnable fort/argument; CF. take

**inherent** :

firmly established by nature or habit; intrinsic

**fidelity** :

loyalty; accuracy

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**standstill** :

condition of no movement or activity; stop

**adjuration** :

solemn urging; V. adjure: entreat earnestly; enjoin solemnly

**habitat** :

natural home of a plant or animal; CF. habitation

**obeisance** :

bow (to show respect and obedience)

**carillon** :

a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played

**sleight** :

dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks

**actuarial** :

calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics

**ramble** :

wander aimlessly (physically or mentally); digress

**lustrous** :

shining; brilliant; Ex. lustrous hair

**substantiate** :

support (a claim) with evidence; establish with evidence; verify

**resolution** :

determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose

**awl** :

pointed tool used for piercing

**urge** :

drive or force forward (by causing impulses); drive to take action; impel; entreat earnestly; Ex. urge horses; N:

impulse that prompts action

**vigilante** :

one who without authority assumes law enforcement powers

**hatch** :

deck opening; lid covering a deck opening; V: emerge from an egg; produce (young) from an egg

**irreparable** :

not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair

**herpetologist** :

one who studies reptiles; CF. herpetology: branch of zoology that deals with reptiles and amphibians

**saturate** :

soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity

**medley** :

mixture

**improvident** :

thrifless; not providing for the future

**connivance** :

pretense of ignorance of something wrong; assistance; permission to offend; V. connive: feign ignorance (of a wrong); cooperate secretly in an illegal action; conspire

**verdigris** :

green coating or patina on copper which has been exposed to the weather

**pusillanimous** :

cowardly; lacking courage; fainthearted

**clique** :

small exclusive group of people

**congruence** :

correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship; CF. congruity

**dexterous** :

skillful; skill in using hands or mind; N. dexterity

**beware** :

be cautious (of)

**relent** :

become less severe; give in(surrender); ADJ. relentless: unyielding; continuously severe

**senility** :

old age; feeble-mindedness of old age; ADJ. senile: resulting from old age; showing the weakness of body or mind from old age; Ex. senile dementia

**xenophobia** :

fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe

**jest** :

playful remark or act; V. act or speak playfully

**expository** :

explanatory; serving to explain; N. exposition: explaining; exhibition

**catechism** :

book for religious instruction in question-and-answer form; religious instruction by question and answer; V. catechize

**overbearing** :

bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing manner/importance; V. overbear: dominate

**indissoluble** :

permanent; impossible to dissolve or disintegrate

**rotund** :

(of a person) fat and round

**contention** :

assertion; claim; thesis; struggling; competition

**treatise** :

article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly

**exude** :

flow out slowly; discharge (gradually); give forth; N. exudation

**creed** :

system of religious or ethical belief

**scrimmage** :

disorderly fight between two or more people

**delete** :

erase; strike out

**mandate** :

order; charge; authoritative command; power to govern another country; power to given to a government; region under administration; V. give a mandate to; place under a mandate; Ex. mandated territory

**astral** :

relating to the stars

**quicksilver** :

mercury

**buoyant** :

able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market

**prostrate** :

stretch out full on ground; make prostrate; enervate; Ex. prostrating illness; ADJ: lying face down; having lost all strength

**embryonic** :

undeveloped; rudimentary; N. embryo: organism in the early stage of development

**exegesis** :

explanation, especially of biblical(of the bible) passages

**quizzical** :

curious; suggesting puzzlement (without saying); questioning; teasing; mocking; bantering; Ex. quizzical glance

**retrospective** :

looking back on the past; N. retrospection; V. retrospect

**monetary** :

pertaining to money

**sidereal** :

relating to stars; Ex. sidereal day

**quibble** :

minor objection or complaint; V: raise minor objections; carp; cavil

**controvert** :

oppose with arguments; attempt to refute; contradict; ADJ. controversial; N. controversy

**ordination** :

ceremony conferring holy orders; ceremony of ordaining a priest

**coeval** :

living at the same time as; existing during the same period of time; contemporary; of the same age

**nullify** :

make invalid; make null; invalidate

**prolixity** :

tedious wordiness; verbosity; ADJ. prolix: wordy; verbose; diffuse

**equity** :

fairness; justice; OP. inequity

**derivative** :

unoriginal; obtained from another source; Ex. derivative prose style; N.

**intimate** :

hint; suggest; imply; ADJ: marked by close relationship; familiar; private; personal; Ex. intimate knowledge/thoughts in the diary; N: close friend or confidant; CF. intimacy

**retinue** :

following; attendants

**dabble** :

work at in a nonserious fashion; splash around; move noisily in a liquid

**penetrate** :

enter into; pierce; permeate; see through; grasp the inner significance of; understand

**swamp** :

wetland; marsh; V: flood; overwhelm; drench in with liquid

**inquisitive** :

eager for knowledge; unduly curious

**feint** :

trick; shift; sham blow; feigned attack to draw away defensive action; V.

**portly** :

stout; corpulent

**irreproachable** :

beyond reproach; blameless; impeccable; Ex. irreproachable conduct

**couple** :

join; unite; OP. uncouple

**caprice** :

whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause

**compound** :

combine; produce by combining; increase; make worse by adding to or increasing; exacerbate; Ex. compound an error; ADJ: consisting of two or more parts; N: combination of two or more parts; area enclosed by a wall containing a group of buildings; Ex. factory compound; CF. complex

**capsize** :

(of a boat) turn over

**nonentity** :

person of no importance; nonexistence

**mulct** :

defraud a person of something; swindle; Ex. mulct the boy of his legacy

**egregious** :

notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking

**attentive** :

alert and watchful; listening carefully; paying attention; considerate; thoughtful; politely helpful; Ex. attentive audience; Ex. He was attentive to the old lady; N. attentions: act of courtesy and consideration

**propitious** :

favorable; auspicious; advantageous; fortunate; Ex. propitious day/sign

**synoptic** :

providing a general overview; summary; N. synopsis

**opprobrium** :

infamy; disgrace arising from shameful conduct; vilification(slander); scorn; contempt; Ex. opprobrium hurled against him; ADJ. opprobrious: expressing contempt; shameful or infamous

**despondent** :

without hope and courage; depressed; gloomy; N. despondency: loss of hope with gloom; dejection

**derivation** :

deriving; origin or source of something; Ex. the derivation of the word

**concise** :

brief and compact

**exclaim** :

cry out suddenly; N. exclamation; ADJ. exclamatory

**chuckle** :

laugh quietly

**ossify** :

change or harden into bone; become hard and unchanging in one's ideas

**tarantula** :

venomous spider

**chapel** :

small church (in a prison, college, or hospital)

**molten** :

melted; Ex. molten lava

**egotistical** :

egotistic; excessively self-centered(egocentric); self-important; conceited

**rave** :

overwhelmingly favorable review; V: talk wildly as if mad; Ex. raving lunatic

**usurp** :

seize another's power or rank (without legal authority); supplant; appropriate; N. usurpation; CF. take for one's own use

**reiterate** :

repeat

**compliant** :

readily acting in accordance with a rule, order, or the wishes of others; yielding; conforming to requirements

**dote** :

be excessively fond of; show signs of mental decline

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**obstetrician** :

physician specializing in delivery (assisting in giving birth) of babies; N. obstetrics; CF. midwife

**musty** :

stale (in odor or taste); spoiled by age; CF. moist

**attest** :

testify; bear witness

**thrifty** :

careful about money; economical; N. thrift

**finish** :

surface texture; completeness of execution

**oracular** :

of an oracle; prophetic; uttered as if with divine authority; mysterious or ambiguous; hard to understand; N.  
oracle: wiser person; prophecy made by an oracle

**anomalous** :

abnormal; irregular

**dowry** :

money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage

**rebate** :

return of part of a payment; discount; V.

**conglomerate** :

corporation made up of several different companies in diversified fields; mass of various material gathered together; rock consisting of small stones held together by clay; V.

**chant** :

tune (melody) in which a number of words are sung on the same note; V: sing (a chant); utter (a slogan) in the manner of a chant

**gustatory** :

affecting or relating to the sense of taste

**droll** :

queer and amusing

**incentive** :

spur; motive; something which encourages one to greater activity

**sound** :

in good condition; showing good judgment or good sense; thorough; complete; Ex. sound mind/investment/training

**secular** :

worldly; not pertaining to church matters or religion; temporal

**blue** :

gloomy; depressed

**expurgate** :

clean; remove offensive parts of a book

**gratuity** :

tip

**latitude** :

freedom from narrow limitations

**equine** :

resembling a horse; Ex. equine face

**interregnum** :

period between two successive reigns or governments

**memoir** :

memoirs; autobiography; biography

**aghast** :

filled with great surprise or fear; horrified

**regime** :

method of system or government

**bowdlerize** :

expurgate; CF. Thomas Bowdler

**discombobulated** :

discomposed; confused

**proscenium** :

part of stage in front of curtain; front arch of a stage

**dormer** :

window projecting upright from roof; CF. sleeping room

**panoramic** :

denoting an unobstructed and comprehensive view; N. panorama: unbroken view of a wide area

**endemic** :

prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country; peculiar to a particular region or people; CF. pandemic

**chorus** :

phrase repeated throughout a song or poem

**except** :

exclude; N. exception: objection; exclusion; ADJ. exceptional: unusual; of unusually high quality

**fervor** :

glowing ardor; intensity of feeling; quality of being fervent or fervid; zeal; intense heat

**urbane** :

suave; refined in manner; elegant

**cite** :

quote; commend; Ex. cited for bravery in an official record

**ignominy** :

deep disgrace; shame or dishonor; ADJ. ignominious; Ex. ignominious defeat

**inured** :

accustomed; hardened; Ex. inured to the Alaskan cold; V. inure: make used to something undesirable; harden;

CF. unfeeling

**unearth** :

dig up; discover (facts) by careful searching; Ex. He unearthed some secrets about her; OP. conceal

**padre** :

chaplain (in the armed forces)

**predicament** :

difficult situation; tricky or dangerous situation; dilemma

**torpedo** :

underwater explosive apparatus; V.

**prestige** :

respect or admiration; impression produced by achievements or reputation; ADJ. causing admiration; ADJ.

prestigious: having prestige

**scheme** :

systematic plan; plot; clever dishonest plan; orderly arrangement of elements; Ex. health insurance scheme; Ex.

a scheme to escape taxes; Ex. a color scheme; Ex. a story with no scheme; V: contrive a scheme

**rhapsody** :

excessively enthusiastic expression of feeling; musical composition of irregular form (as if made up as one plays it)

**entity** :

real being

**distract** :

take (one's attention) off something; upset emotionally; make anxious; ADJ. distracted

**anthropologist** :

student of the history and science of humankind

**cavil** :

quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily

**malodorous** :

foul-smelling

**tribunal** :

court of justice

**quay** :

dock; wharf; pier; landing place (for boats)

**milieu** :

social environment; means of expression; Ex. feel out of one's milieu; Ex. His proper milieu is watercolor.

**reticent** :

inclined to silence; uncommunicative; reserved; Ex. He was reticent about the reasons; N. reticence

**inhibited** :

(of a person) unable to express what one really feels

**dolorous** :

sorrowful; N. dolor

**remission** :

temporary moderation (of disease symptoms); remitting of a debt or punishment; cancelation of a debt; pardon;

Ex. The disease went into remission; Ex. Christians pray for the remission of sins.

**exorcise** :

drive out evil spirits

**caulk(calk)** :

make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)

**estimable** :

(of a person) worthy of esteem; admirable; deserving esteem; possible to estimate

**bouillon** :

clear beef (or meat) soup

**taciturn** :

habitually silent; talking little

**loath** :

reluctant; unwilling; disinclined; Ex. Romeo and Juliet were both loath for him to go.

**saccharine** :

cloying sweet; characteristic of sugar or saccharin

**indiscriminate** :

choosing at random; confused; not based on careful distinctions

**impalpable** :

imperceptible(not easily understood); intangible; OP. palpable: tangible; easily perceptible

**jettison** :

throw overboard (from a ship or plane)

**futile** :

useless; hopeless; ineffectual

**altruistic** :

unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism

**viand** :

food; CE. live

**foible** :

small weakness of character; slight fault; CF. feeble

**mauve** :

pale purple

**solder** :

repair or make whole by using a metal alloy; N: metal alloy (usually tin and lead) used in the molten state to join metallic parts

**prominent** :

protruding(sticking out); conspicuous; notable; eminent

**tract** :

propaganda pamphlet (esp. by a religious or political group); expanse of land; region of indefinite size; system of related organs; Ex. digestive tract

**novice** :

beginner

**mutinous** :

unruly; rebellious; Ex. mutinous teenagers; N. mutiny: open rebellion; CF. mutineer

**connubial** :

pertaining to marriage or the matrimonial state

**crust** :

hard outer covering (as of earth or snow)

**digression** :

wandering away from the subject; V. digress

**adjacent** :

adjoining; neighboring; close by

**troth** :

pledge of good faith especially in betrothal; betrothal; Ex. by my troth

**fervent** :

ardent; zealous; hot

**log** :

record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities; section of a trunk; V.

**rail** :

complain bitterly; scold; rant; Ex. the weaker railing against injustices

**incongruity** :

lack of harmony; absurdity; ADJ. incongruous: lacking in harmony; inappropriate

**comatose** :

in a coma; extremely sleepy

**outspoken** :

candid; blunt

**resilient** :

elastic; having the power of springing back; able to recover quickly (as from misfortune)

**grate** :

make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred by rubbing against a rough surface; Ex. grated cheese N:

framework of metal bars to hold fuel in a fireplace

**prevaricate** :

lie; hide the truth (by equivocating)

**natation** :

swimming

**articulate** :

effective; distinct; expressing ideas clearly; having clear sounds; having joints; Ex. articulate speech; V. express thoughts and feeling clearly; pronounce clearly; unite by joints

**arbiter** :

person with power to decide a matter in dispute; judge who is in a position to make influential judgments; Ex.

supreme arbiter of fashion in beachware

**aversion** :

firm dislike

**preamble** :

introductory statement

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**illuminate** :

brighten; clear up or make understandable; enlighten; enable to understand; Ex. illuminating remarks

**ichthyology** :

study of fish; CF. ichthyo-: fish

**polar** :

of a pole; characterized by opposite extremes; Ex. polar opposites

**immobility** :

state of being immovable

**haggard** :

wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners

**unwarranted** :

unjustified; having no justification; groundless; baseless; undeserved

**proletarian** :

member of the working class; blue collar guy; N. proletariat: working class (who have to work for wages)

**pulchritude** :

beauty; comeliness; ADJ. pulchritudinous

**embezzlement** :

taking for one's own use in violation of trust; stealing (of money placed in one's care)

**entree(entr e)** :

entrance; a way in; right to enter; main dish of a meal; Ex. entree into the exclusive circle

**toady** :

servile flatterer; yes man; sycophant; V: be a toady to; fawn

**disparate** :

basically different; impossible to compare; unrelated

**abscond** :

depart secretly and hide

**mendacious** :

lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity

**anticlimax** :

letdown in thought or emotion; something unexciting, ordinary, or disappointing coming after something important or exciting

**inquisitor** :

questioner (especially harsh); investigator; person making an inquisition

**pilfer** :

steal things of small value; filch; snitch

**effluvium** :

noxious(harmful) smell

**sardonic** :

scornfully mocking; disdainful; sarcastic; cynical; Ex. sardonic smile

**amulet** :

charm; talisman; an object worn believed to protect against evil, bad luck

**transcribe** :

copy; write a copy of; N. transcription

**rant** :

speak violently or excitedly; rave; talk excitedly showing anger; scold; make a grandiloquent speech; Ex. The priest ranted about the devil.

**vindicate** :

clear from blame; free from blame or accusation (with supporting proof); exonerate; substantiate; justify or support; avenge; Ex. vindicate one's client; Ex. vindicate one's claim; CF. vindicator

**drivel** :

nonsense; foolishness; V: talk nonsense

**unregenerate** :

making no attempt to change one's bad practices

**haven** :

place of safety; refuge; harbor; Ex. tax haven

**foist** :

insert improperly; impose upon another by coercion; palm off; pass off as genuine or worthy; CF. fist

**contagion** :

infection (by contact); ADJ. contagious; CF. infectious: that can be passed by infection in the air

**subterfuge** :

stratagem(deceptive scheme); pretense; evasion; Ex. resort to a harmless subterfuge

**windfall** :

fallen fruit; unexpected lucky event

**stipple** :

paint or draw with dots or short strokes

**irascible** :

irritable; easily angered

**trilogy** :

group of three related works (connected by a shared subject but each complete in itself)

**carousal** :

drunken revel; V. carouse

**pedigree** :

ancestry; lineage

**orifice** :

mouthlike opening; small opening (esp. to a cavern or passage of the body); CF. mouth

**sinuous** :

twisting; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest

**nonplus** :

put at a loss; bring to a halt by confusion; perplex; CF. no more

**earthly** :

of this earth; terrestrial; worldly; not divine; possible; Ex. no earthly reason

**dowse** :

use a divining rod to search for underground water or minerals

**miscellaneous** :

made up of a variety of parts

**bountiful** :

generous; graciously generous; showing bounty

**glacial** :

like a glacier; of an ice age; extremely cold; Ex. glacial epoch; CF. iceberg

**expedite** :

hasten; make go faster

**expiate** :

make amends for (a sin)

**ward** :

administrative division of a city; division in a hospital or prison; incompetent person placed under the protection of a guardian; V. guard; ward off. avert

**flippant** :

lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy

**embellish** :

adorn; ornament; enhance as a story (by adding fictitious details)

**indolent** :

lazy

**impersonal** :

not being a person; not showing personal feelings; Ex. impersonal force/manner/organization

**conformity** :

harmony; agreement with established rules or customs; similarity; Ex. behave in conformity with; V. conform:

be similar; act in agreement; comply; Ex. conform to the rule; CF. conformance

**brink** :

edge (at the top of a cliff); Ex. on the brink of the Grand Canyon

**nubile** :

marriageable; of marriageable age; CF. connubial

**criteria** :

standards used in judging; CF. criterion

**soothsayer** :

one who foretells the future

**clot** :

half-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V.

**artifice** :

deception; trickery

**prowess** :

extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle

**fruitful** :

producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance

**adroit** :

skillful (in using mind or hand)

**agenda** :

items of business at a meeting

**guile** :

deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning; Ex. persuade her by guile

**cemetery** :

place for burying the dead

**bourgeois** :

middle class; selfishly materialistic; too interested in material possessions

**loathe** :

detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell

**calculated** :

deliberately planned; likely

**obscure** :

dark; vague; unclear; not well known; Ex. obscure meaning/village; V: darken; cover; make unclear; Ex. obscure the moon/meaning

**physiological** :

pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms; N. physiology

**bellicose** :

warlike

**headfirst** :

moving with the head leading; headlong

**stipulate** :

state as a necessary condition (of an agreement); make express conditions; specify; Ex. He stipulated payment in advance

**zest** :

outer skin of an orange used for giving a special taste to food; spice; interest; flavor; spirited enjoyment; Ex. add a certain zest to the affair; Ex. zest for life

**virile** :

manly; having masculine spirit or strength; full of strength

**opportune** :

timely; well-chosen

**benevolent** :

generous; charitable; having a wish to do good

**perversion** :

corruption; turning from right to wrong

**protract** :

prolong; lengthen in time; draw out

**effeminate** :

having womanly traits

**anvil** :

iron block used in hammering out metals

**ooze** :

(of a thick liquid) pass or flow slowly; N: mud or thick liquid as at the bottom of a river

**deciduous** :

falling off at a specific season or stage of growth as of leaves; Ex. deciduous tree/teeth

**recital** :

act of reciting publicly; detailed account; performance of music or dance (by a solo performer)

**effectual** :

able to produce a desired effect; valid

**chauvinist** :

blindly devoted patriot; zealous adherent of a group, cause, or sex; ADJ. chauvinistic; CF. chauvinism; Nicolas Chauvin

**swarthy** :

(of a skin or complexion) dark; dusky; Ex. swarthy Italian ?

**alluvial** :

pertaining to soil deposits left by running water

**quadruped** :

four-footed animal; ADJ. CF. biped

**facet** :

small plane surface (of a gem(precious stone)); a side

**epilogue** :

short speech at conclusion of dramatic work

**permeable** :

that can be permeated; penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through; V. permeate: spread or flow throughout; charge

**bicameral** :

two-chambered as a legislative body

**primal** :

first in rank or importance; being first in time; original; Ex. man's primal innocence

**kneel** :

go down on one's knee(s)

**repress** :

hold back (the natural expression of); restrain; crush; oppress; Ex. repressed child; Ex. repress a laugh/rebellion

**celestial** :

heavenly

**counterpart** :

thing that completes another; things very much alike; thing that has the same purpose in a different system

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**gratuitous** :

given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for; done without good reason; Ex. gratuitous comment

**bulge** :

protruding part; swelling of a surface; Ex. The apple made a bulge in his pocket; V. swell outward; protrude

**deference** :

courteous regard for another's wish; courteous yielding to another's wish or opinion (showing respect); ADJ. deferential; OP. effrontery

**cavalier** :

casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight

**stodgy** :

dull; stuffy; boringly conservative; Ex. stodgy book

**ungainly** :

(of someone) awkward in movement; clumsy; (of something) unwieldy; Ex. ungainly dancer/instrument

**judiciary** :

judicial branch of government

**loiter** :

hang about/around; stand idly about; linger

**aggrandize** :

make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement

**elixir** :

cure-all; panacea; something invigorating

**improvise** :

compose on the spur of the moment

**mollify** :

soothe an angry person

**deadpan** :

wooden; impassive; with no show of feeling; with an expressionless face

**rightful** :

legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

**naïveté(naivety)** :

quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility; ADJ. naïve(naïve): ingenuous; lacking worldliness; simple; credulous

**roué** :

lecherous man

**char** :

make or become black by burning; reduce or be reduced to carbon or charcoal(black substance made by burning wood) by incomplete combustion

**recession** :

withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity

**colossus** :

gigantic statue; person or thing of great size or importance

**magniloquent** :

boastful; pompous

**pestle** :

tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar

**irreconcilable** :

impossible to reconcile; incompatible; not able to be resolved

**ecliptic** :

path of the sun and the planets

**sherbet** :

flavored dessert ice

**capitulate** :

surrender; give up all resistance

**fleck** :

spot; mark with flecks; N: small mark or spot

**rare** :

(of air) thin in density; rarefied; Ex. rare air of the mountains

**hegemony** :

dominance especially of one nation over others

**insolence** :

impudent disrespect; haughtiness; ADJ. insolent; CF. haughty + rude

**infallible** :

unerring; never making mistakes

**pinnacle** :

peak; highest point; acme; Ex. pinnacle of fame

**spatula** :

broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing

**chide** :

scold; rebuke (someone who has done wrong)

**haunt** :

(of a spirit) visit (a place); come to mind continually; visit (a place) regularly; frequent; Ex. haunted house; Ex.

haunted by his last words; N: place much frequented

**statutory** :

created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit

**carnal** :

fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body

**thrall** :

slave; bondage; slavery; Ex. Her beauty held him in thrall; CF. enthrall

**gull** :

trick; deceive; hoodwink; N: person who is easily tricked; dupe

**amenable** :

obedient; compliant; readily managed; responsive; willing to be led; answerable or accountable legally; responsible; able to be tested by; Ex. amenable to sensible suggestions; Ex. He is very amenable; Ex. amenable to the usual tests

**seismic** :

pertaining to earthquakes

**vagrant** :

homeless wanderer

**pessimism** :

belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess; tendency to take the gloomiest possible view of a situation; ADJ. pessimistic

**sublimate** :

refine; purify; replace (natural urges) with socially acceptable activities; change between a solid state and a gaseous state

**reputable** :

respectable; having a good reputation

**salvage** :

rescue (goods or property) from loss; N: saving; property saved

**repel** :

drive away; disgust; Ex. repel the attack/moisture; Ex. repelled by the dirty room; CF. repulsion

**disengage** :

uncouple; separate; disconnect; stop fighting; OP. engage

**exacting** :

extremely demanding; Ex. exacting standard of safety

**endearment** :

fond word or act; expression of affection

**cabal** :

small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

**jaded** :

tired or uninterested by surfeit; fatigued; surfeited; worn out; wearied; Ex. jaded appetite

**glow** :

shine brightly without a flame (as of eyes or metals); show redness and heat (in the face) after hard work or because of strong feelings; N: light produced by a heated body; brilliance of a color

**abominable** :

detestable; extremely unpleasant

**feature** :

distinctive part of the faces (as the eyes or mouth); features: overall appearance of the face; prominent or distinctive quality; prominent article; film; V: make prominent

**percussion** :

striking one object against another sharply; Ex. percussion instrument; N: striking together of two bodies; sound caused by percussion

**engage** :

attract; employ; hire; pledge oneself; confront; fight; enter into conflict; interlock; lock together; participate; N. engagement: agreement to marry; arrangement to meet someone or to do something; battle

**winnow** :

sift; separate the chaff from grain by blowing; separate good parts from bad; CF. wind

**abortive** :

unsuccessful; fruitless

**rotunda** :

circular building or hall covered with a dome

**revile** :

attack with abusive language; vilify (slander)

**blanch** :

bleach; whiten; make white or pale

**breach** :

breaking of contract or duty; fissure or gap; opening; V.

**hurtle** :

growth or increase in size by gradual addition; growth; increase; increase by natural growth; Ex. towers and other accretions of the castle; V. accrete

**provident** :

providing for future needs; displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies; OP. improvident

**elegy** :

poem or song expressing lamentation (for the dead); ADJ. elegiacal, elegiac

**ancillary** :

serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary; N.

**redolent** :

odorous; fragrant; suggestive (of an odor); Ex. redolent of onions/mystery

**buttress** :

support; prop up; N. stationary structure to support wall; Ex. flying buttress

**dyspeptic** :

suffering from indigestion; N. dyspepsia: indigestion; difficulty in digesting food

**tentative** :

not fully worked out or developed; provisional; experimental; uncertain; hesitant; not definite or positive; Ex. tentative agreement/reply

**acumen** :

mental keenness; sharpness of judgment; ability to judge quickly and well; Ex. business acumen

**dissident** :

dissenting (with an opinion, a group, or a government); rebellious; N.

**domicile** :

home; V. ADJ. domiciled: having one's domicile; Ex. He is domiciled in Britain.

**loom** :

appear or take shape (usually in an enlarged, indistinct, or distorted form); Ex. The shadow of the gallows loomed threateningly; N. apparatus for making thread into cloth

**resplendent** :

brilliant; splendid in appearance; dazzling; glorious

crash; rush; move with great speed; Ex. hurtling runaway train

**circlet** :

small ring; band of gold, silver, jewel, etc. (worn on the head, arms, or neck as decoration)

**sensual** :

devoted to the pleasures of the sense; carnal; voluptuous; Ex. sensual woman/curves/lips

**credential** :

evidence concerning one's authority; written proof of a person's position; Ex. The new ambassador presented his credentials to the court.

**culinary** :

relating to cooking or kitchen

**ultimate** :

final; not susceptible to further analysis; fundamental; Ex. The sun is the ultimate source of energy.

**supposition** :

assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V. suppose

**tenure** :

holding of an office or real estate; time during which such an office is held

**impoverish** :

make poor; deprive of natural strength or something important; Ex. impoverished soil

**perquisite(perk)** :

any gain above stipulated salary; Ex. perquisites such as free meals and a car

**pillory** :

punish by placing in a wooden frame or pillory; subject or expose to criticism and ridicule; N.

**propulsive** :

driving forward; N. propulsion

**accretion** :

**monogram** :

design composed of one or more initials of a name; V.

**visage** :

face; appearance

**threadbare** :

worn through till the threads show; shabby and poor; hackneyed; Ex. threadbare excuses

**kernel** :

central or vital part; core; whole seed (as of corn)

**traumatic** :

(of an experience) deeply shocking; pertaining to an injury caused by violence; N. trauma: serious wound; emotional shock that causes lasting psychological damage

**defeatist** :

resigned to defeat or failure; accepting defeat or failure as a natural outcome; N. CF. defeatism

**gentle** :

kindly; soft; mild; of good family

**correlate** :

either of the correlated things; V.

**incisive** :

(appreciatively) cutting; sharp; Ex. incisive remarks; V. incise: make a cut into