

- unmitigated, *adj.* 1. unlessened, untempered, unmoderated, unmodified, unabated, undiminished; unrestrained, unbridled, untamed, unmollified, unreduced; oppressive, severe, harsh, relentless, intense; rigid, unbending, austere, grim.
2. unqualified, categorical, unconditional, absolute, thorough, rank, veritable; sheer, utter, pure, clean, stark, clear, born, plain; outright, downright, out-and-out, straight-out, all-out, across-the-board, *Inf.* plumb, dead; unrestricted, unlimited, total, complete, consummate, perfect.

entreat, v. 1. beseech, implore, invoke, enjoin, importune, pray; petition; sue, solicit, entreat; supplicate; cry to.

2. request, ask, apply to; importune, urge, press, ply

- antiquated**, *adj.* 1. obsolete, extinct, passé, outdated, out-of-date, outworn, outmoded, out of style, out; superseded, disused, out of use; bygone, past, *Archaic*. olden; obsolescent, dated, on the way out.
2. ancient, archaic, archaic, fossil, fossilized, fossil-like, antique; superannuated, oldest, age-old, immemorial, remote, old, old as the hills, timeworn, elderly, aged; venerable, gray, hoary, *Rare*. hoar, patriarchal.
3. atavistic, old-fashioned, old-time, old-fogyish; unmodern, of the old school, quaint, old-world.

- **deserve**, *v.* merit, be worthy of, be qualified for; earn, be entitled to, have a right to, have a claim to; have [s.t.] coming to one.

- **deserved**, *adj.* merited, earned; just, rightful, right, due, equitable, fair; fitting, (*of punishment*) condign, suitable, appropriate, meet, reasonable, justified, justifiable.

- *n.* worthy, qualified; laudable, praise-

- **treat**, *v.* 1. behave towards, act towards, conduct oneself towards, do by; deal with, handle, cope with, face; contend with, manage, use, wield.
2. doctor, practice medicine, attend, intern, minister, nurse, care for; prescribe for, medicate, operate; heal, cure, remedy; bandage, strap, plaster, dress; massage, rub, bathe.
3. discuss, take up, deal with, handle, write up; consider, examine, investigate, analyze, study, dissent; discourse, dissertate, touch upon, write upon, go into; comment upon, review, survey, critique, criticize; annotate, interpret.
4. subject, process, prepare.
5. entertain, regale, refresh, be hospitable to; dine, wine and dine, feast; divert, amuse, pleasure, humor, cheer, gratify, satisfy.
6. buy, pay for, pick up the check or tab, pay the bill; stand treat, stand drinks, set up, *Inf.* stand to, *Inf.* foot the bill; subsidize, bear the expense, finance, fund, defray.
7. negotiate, make terms, covenant, parley, confer; bargain, higgle, haggle, give and take; engage, contract, agree, stipulate, settle.
—*n.* 8. morsel, tidbit, delicacy, goody, kickshaw, *Fr.* *bonne bouche*; candy, bonbon, taffy, lollipop, sucker, sugarplum; dessert, cake, tart, pie, pudding, jello, ice cream, sundae; nectar, ambrosia, manna.
9. entertainment, regalement, regale, snack; refreshment, refection, feast, banquet, round; meal, repast, *Inf.* spread, *Sl.* feed, table, collation, junket; party, fete, supper, dinner, luncheon, brunch, breakfast; picnic, garden party.

-keep, *v.* 1. maintain, carry on, continue, stay with, proceed, persist, persevere; hold in abeyance, hold on to, put on a back burner; protract, prolong, sustain; abide, endure, last, be constant, be steadfast, stand, remain in.

2. preserve, maintain, secure, conserve, sustain, keep alive, keep fresh, hold, embrace; maintain in order, keep fixed, keep up; support, uphold, shore up, brace, bolster, prop, stay, ground.

3. restrain, keep down, keep back, hold back, check, hold in check, curb, limit, keep within bounds; arrest, hold in captivity, detain, retain; master, subjugate, control, dominate; prohibit, inhibit, keep from, forbid, interdict, withhold, disallow, restrict, deny; hinder, encumber, deter, hamstring, obstruct, stall, retard, cramp; grasp, clench, clasp, gripe, clutch, grip; tie up, shackle, chain.

4. furnish, stock, have in stock, carry, trade in, store, deal in; have, possess, accumulate, save up, husband, treasure up, amass, hoard up, lay in, garner, pile.

5. associate with, fraternize, accompany, mingle with; keep company with, date, court, go out with, take out; *Inf.* hang around with, consort with, flock together with, *Inf.* herd together, row in the same boat, chum, *Inf.* pal, *Inf.* pal up with, *Inf.* pal around with, *Inf.* buddy, *Inf.* buddy up with, *Inf.* take up with, *Inf.* gang with, *Inf.* latch on or onto.

6. have custody of, be responsible for, supervise, superintend, manage; tend, mind, take care of, care for, watch over, look after, keep an eye on; guard, protect, defend, safeguard, shelter, cover, shield.

7. conceal, keep dark, withhold, hide, keep hidden, keep secret, hugger-mugger; hush, hush up, stifle, suppress, muffle, silence, not breathe a word *or* syllable about; veil, screen, shroud, beshroud, curtain, mask, cloak; obscure, cloud, becloud, befog; camouflage, disguise, dissemble; bury, secrete, cache, shelter, cover, hide one's light under a bushel.

8. observe, obey, abide by, comply with, submit to, conform to, keep faith with, be regulated by; mind, heed, pay attention to; acknowledge, respect, defer to, accede; follow, fulfill, carry out, accomplish, effect, effectuate; complete, achieve, execute, consummate.

9. observe, celebrate, ceremonialize, ritualize, commemorate, memorialize; hallow, solemnize, dedicate; signalize.

10. support, maintain, foster, nurture, nourish; provide for, provision, feed, victual; afford, pay for, board, subsidize.

11. **keep at** a. persist, persevere, endure, hold out, hold up, keep going, be steadfast, stick, *Inf.* stick it out; finish, complete, do thoroughly; see it through, hang in there, follow to a conclusion, *Sl.* stay the distance, die in harness, die at one's post, die with one's boots on, go down trying, go down with flying colors.

b. be resolute, be tenacious, be stubborn, be obstinate, be determined, be pertinacious, be firm, be constant, be unswerving, be aggressive. c. plod, peg, peg away, peg along, plug; drudge, grind, toil, moil, labor, slave, work like a dog *or* slave. d. keep after, follow, follow up, pursue, go after, trail, shadow, track; keep an eye on, search for, seek, hunt, look for, quest; prosecute, stay on [s.o.'s] back, run after.

—n. 12. subsistence, maintenance, upkeep, sup-

Keep

port, livelihood, sustenance, sustainment, sustentation, necessaries, provision; board and lodging, room and board; nourishment, nurture, nutriment, aliment, rations, fare, diet, regimen, grubstake.

13. inner tower, donjon, dungeon, stronghold, fastness; castle, chateau, citadel; fort, fortress, fortification.

14. **for keeps** a. seriously, intently, gravely, sincerely, earnestly, soberly, grimly, determinedly, resolutely. b. finally, permanently, resolutely, unequivocally, ultimately, conclusively; once and for all, for good, forever.

patience, *n.* 1. composure, containment, aplomb, sang-froid, poise, self-possession; self-control, self-command, equanimity, equilibrium, dispassion, *Inf.* cool; quiescence, quiet, repose, stillness, calmness, peacefulness, peace; tranquillity, serenity, imperturbability, inexcitability, unflappability, even-temperedness, even temper.

2. forbearance, tolerance, toleration, endurance, sufferance, restraint; leniency, brooking, bearing with [s.o.]; long-suffering, stoicism, resignation; docility, tractability, pliancy, amenability; agreeableness, acquiescence, willingness to go along.

3. stamina, indefatigability, perseverance, singleness of purpose; persistence, staying power, tenacity, *Inf.* stick-to-it-iveness; assiduity, assiduousness, diligence, constancy.

- patient, *n.* 1. sick or ill person, infirm person, hospital case, case; asylum inmate, convalescent, outpatient, shut-in, valetudinarian; sufferer, victim, disease

Patient

victim, accident victim, surgical case.

- adj. 2. uncomplaining, long-suffering, enduring, unmurmuring, stoical; resigned, passive, accepting, unresistant; amenable, compliant, complying, cooperative, accommodating, agreeable; forbearing, forgiving, tolerant, clement; willing, disposed, assenting; acquiescent, capitulating, submissive, yielding, lamblike.
3. calm, quiet, reposed, serene, unruffled, unexcited, unexcitable, imperturbable, unflappable; philosophical, tranquil, placid, peaceful, pacific; poised, balanced, steady; self-controlled, self-possessed, composed, collected, contained, *Inf.* together; nonchalant, at ease, dispassionate, *Inf.* cool; even-tempered, easy-going, relaxed, easy to get along with.
4. assiduous, sedulous, persistent, pertinacious; hardy, indefatigable, indomitable; persevering, plodding, tenacious, unremitting, *Inf.* stick-to-it-ive; resolute, resolved, inexorable, uncompromising; plucky, *Inf.* spunky, *Sl.* gutsy; unflinching, staunch, steadfast, unshakeable; unswerving, undeviating, unfaltering, firm, fixed; unwearied, untiring, unflagging.

assertive, *adj.* 1. emphatic, insistent, positive, decided, confident, certain, assured, sure; outspoken, mouthy, loudmouthed; dogmatic, dogmatical, peremptory, doctrinaire, opinionated.
2. aggressive, assertive, self-assertive, forward, bumptious, brash; driving, overbearing, domineering, pushing, *Inf.* pushy.

- **keen¹**, *adj.* 1. sharp, razor-sharp, sharpened, edged, sharp-edged, knife-edged, fine-edged, featheredged.
2. cogent, penetrating, piercing, incisive, pointed, rapier-like; trenchant, mordant, mordacious, pungent; cutting, biting, stinging, scathing, scorching, withering; satirical, sardonic, mocking, derisive, derisory, insulting; harsh, severe, stringent, rough; unkind, uncharitable, malicious, malevolent, malignant, cruel; virulent, bitter, acrimonious, acrid, acid, acerb, acerbic, rancorous, venomous, envenomed, tart.
3. acute, sensitive, discerning, discriminating, perceptive; conscious, cognizant, aware, sentient, sensible, comprehending, understanding; sympathetic, responsive, *Sl.* in tune, *Sl.* tuned-in.
4. astute, wise, sagacious, sapient; intelligent, smart, bright, *Inf.* brainy; quick, quick-witted, sharp-witted, smart as a whip, knowing, *Inf.* nobody's fool, *Inf.* no dummy, *Sl.* no dumbbell; shrewd, clever, subtle, crafty, canny, cunning, sly, slick, wily, foxy, *Sl.* crazy like a fox, *Scot. and North Eng.* pawky.
5. intent, earnest, diligent, assiduous; enterprising, aggressive, ambitious, hustling; energetic, vigorous, dynamic, kinetic; animated, lively, spirited, high-spirited, vivacious, lusty, active, *Sl.* go-go; *All Inf.* snap-py, zippy, peppy, full of pep, full of get up and go.

Keen'

6. eager, avid, ebullient, enthusiastic, full of enthusiasm, *Inf.* enthused, ready and willing, *Archaic*. fain, *Sl.* gung-ho, *Sl.* psyched, *Sl.* turned-on; anxious, agog, all agog, *Sl.* all hopped up; impatient, champing at the bit, bursting to, itching to, raring to; ardent, fervent, fervid, zealous; impassioned, passionate, feverish, heated, *Sl.* all fired-up.

7. intense, extreme, excruciating, heavy; poignant, heartfelt, deepfelt, *Archaic*. homefelt; deep, profound, indelible.

-keen², *n.* 1. keening, lamentation, jeremiad, complaint, *Archaic*. plaint; moan, groan, wail, ululation, howl, cry.

2. elegy, requiem, monody, threnody; dirge, epicedium, (*in Scotland and Ireland*) coronach, death song.

-v. 3. lament, mourn, sorrow, grieve; wail, weep, sob, cry, ululate, howl; go into mourning; wear or put on mourning; moan, groan, fret, repine.

-lock¹, *n.* 1. bolt, latch, hook, holdfast, padlock; hasp, pin, peg, bar; fastener, clasp, securer, clincher. 2. catch, ratchet, pawl, brake; safety, safety catch, safety lock, cutoff; (*in a firearm*) gunlock, discharger, exploder.

3. sluice, sluice gate, gate, penstock, water gate, valve, *Civ. Eng.* floodgate.

—*v.* 4. *Sometimes* **lock up** bolt, latch, hook, padlock; hasp, bar, throw the pin; fasten, clasp, secure, seal.

5. *Often* **lock up** confine, shut in *or* up *or* off, close off, seal off, clap up, cage, coop up, pen in, wall in, fence in, rail in, pale, picket, corral, enclose, trap; imprison, jail, incarcerate, impound, embar, immure, bolt up, place *or* keep under lock and key, put behind bars, *Sl.* run in, *Sl.* jug, *Sl.* lag; shackle, manacle, handcuff, put in irons.

6. interlock, interlink, intertwine, entwine, entangle, bear, *Mech.* engage; join, conjoin, unite, league, attach, connect, link, yoke, brace, couple, marry, bind, lash, tie together, cinch, truss, girdle, gird, pin, pinion, hogtie, *Naut.* seize; bond, seal, graft, weld, glue, cement, solder, mortise, *Metallurgy.* braze; fuse, set, immobilize, freeze up, lock up, jam.

7. clasp, clutch, grip, grasp, shake hands; hug, embrace, hold, grapple, wrestle, gripe, squeeze, *Both Boxing.* clinch, clenched.

8. **lock out** bar, debar, shut out, close out; exclude, keep out, ostracize, exile, banish, excommunicate.

-lock², *n.* 1. tress, curl, ringlet, curlicue, lovelock, elflock; plait, braid, shock.

2. **locks** curls, ringlets, tresses; hair, bangs, crimp, *Sl.* mane, *Sl.* mop.

3. flock, tuft, bunch *or* piece of wool *or* fur.

- intimacy, *n.* 1. warmth, feeling, caring, affection, tenderness, endearment, fondness; love, amorousness, sexual intimacy, love-making; closeness, dearness, nearness and dearness, familiarity, confidentiality; amity, chumminess, friendliness, brotherliness, sisterliness; fast friendship, friendship, comradeship, fellowship, brotherhood, fraternity, fraternization.
2. close association, deep understanding; knowledge, mastery, comprehension, grasp, handle, hold, *sl.* fix; acquaintance, conversance, personal knowledge, first-hand knowledge, experience.
3. privacy, seclusion, isolation, solitude, retreat.

- **intimate¹**, *adj.* 1. close, dear, familiar, *Scot.* pack, confidential, bosom; clubby, chummy, hob-and-nob, hand and glove, *Inf.* thick, *Inf.* thick as thieves, *Sl.* buddy-buddy, *Sl.* palsy-walsy; friendly, neighborly, amicable, sociable; companionly, comradely, brotherly, fraternal.
2. warm, cozy, comfortable, *Inf.* comfy, snug, *Fr. intime*; small, numerically limited or restricted, tête-à-tête, person-to-person, face-to-face.
3. personal, private, privy, secret, confidential; own, exclusive, special, especial, peculiar.
4. sexual, carnal, fleshly; amorous, amatory, erotic, passionate; adulterous, fornicatory; unchaste, impure, immoral.
5. experiential, firsthand, immediate, direct, personal, first person.
6. detailed, deep, thorough, exacting, penetrating, incisive.
7. innermost, inmost, inner, internal, interior, inward; intrinsic, inherent, deep-seated.
—*n.* 8. confidant, *Inf.* bosom buddy, roommate, bunkmate, *Sl.* bunkie; lover, bedfellow, pillow partner, soul mate, familiar, *Fr. intime*.
9. close friend, Achates, sidekick, constant companion, shadow, alter ego, other self, *Scot. and North Eng.* marrow; comrade, *Obs.* copemate, chum, crony, *Fr. copain*, *U.S. Inf.* buddy, *Inf.* pal; teammate, co-worker, fellow worker, *Sl.* benchmate, *Sl.* benchie; colleague, confrere, associate, consociate, compeer, peer, mate.
— **intimate²**, *v.* imply, suggest, infer, hint, drop a hint, *Inf.* give to understand, insinuate, *Inf.* put a bug in [s.o.'s] ear; clue, give an inkling of, *Inf.* tip off, cue, prompt; jog one's memory, signal, *Inf.* give a high

*intimate*²

sign, wink; breathe, whisper; allude to, advert, refer, indicate.

- intimately**, *adv.* 1. warmly, affectionately, tenderly, lovingly, fondly; closely, dearly, familiarly, confidently, fraternally, inseparably; personally, privately, confidentially, secretly, privily.
2. sexually, carnally; amorously, amatorially, erotically, passionately.
3. thoroughly, completely, fully, through and through, in detail; fundamentally, deeply, to the core.

- ***pure**, *adj.* 1. unmixed, unalloyed, unmingled, unadulterated, uncontaminated; genuine, real, natural, unartificial; unspecious, authentic, sterling, simon-pure, unsynthetic; fourteen-carat, flawless, faultless, perfect; unvarnished, uncolored, undisguised, unspurious; unfeigned, unassumed, unfaked, uncounterfeited.
2. clean, clear, fair, white, immaculate, snowy; stain-

Pure
less, spotless, unspotted, unsmirched, unbesmirched; unsullied, unsoiled, unpolluted, unblemished, unblotted, unstained; untainted, uncorrupted, undistorted, unmarred; uninjected, germ-free, sterilized, sterile, antiseptic, disinfected; fresh, fit to drink or eat, drinkable, eatable, potable, edible; healthful, uninjurious, wholesome, sanitary, innocuous.

3. sheer, stark, clean, out and out, wholesale, outright, downright, *Inf.* plumb, dead; unmitigated, unqualified, absolute, thorough, veritable; utter, total, consummate, perfect, born, plain, clear, mere.

4. theoretical, abstract, academical; nonobjective, speculative, conjectural, hypothetical, postulational; conceptual, notional, immaterial, metaphysical.

5. guiltless, innocent, uncorrupt, clean, moral, virtuous; decent, delicate, proper, seemly, becoming, decorous; unwanton, undissipated, undissolute, unlentious; chaste, continent, abstinent, temperate, *Rare*. intemperate; celibate, virgin, vestal, maidenly, immaculate, intact; impeccable, sinless, above suspicion, uncorrupt, undefiled, inculpable, with clean hands.

6. high-principled, honorable, reputable, upright, righteous, uprighteous; honest, good, sincere, worthy, noble; creditable, estimable, full of integrity; ethical, high-minded, truehearted; purehearted, pious, saintly, holy, angelic, divine, godly; religious, devout, reverent, God-fearing, faithful.

7. unaffected, simple, plain, unadorned; tasteful, polished, graceful; refined, formal, classic, restrained, Attic; unornamented, inornate, straightforward; bare, flawless, faultless; euphonic, harmonious, flowing.

8. pure-blooded, purebred, thoroughbred; homozygous, pedigreed, full-blooded.

- **chic**, *adj.* 1. stylish, fashionable, smart, natty, spruce, dapper, trim; modish, a-go-go, in the very latest style; in vogue, à la mode, in fashion, in style; popular, in, *Sl.* in the groove, all the rage; up-to-date, current, modern, mod, new; up-to-the-minute, *Inf.* trendy, *Sl.* cool, *Inf.* nifty, *Sl.* neat, *Sl.* hip, *Sl.* hep. 2. elegant, high-class, *Sl.* classy, high-toned, *Sl.* tony; silk-stockings, posh, luxurious, *Sl.* ritzy, fancy, *Inf.* swank, *Inf.* swanky, *Sl.* swell; dressy, flashy, *Sl.* snazzy, *Sl.* sharp, *Sl.* sharp as a tack; suave, urbane, sophisticated, chi-chi, cosmopolitan.
—*n.* 3. style, stylishness, nattiness, spruceness, dapperness, trimness, neatness; fashionableness, modishness, elegance; dressiness, flashiness, *Sl.* snazziness, *Sl.* sharpness; flair, panache, pizazz, dash; fanciness, *Sl.* ritziness, *Inf.* swankiness, luxuriousness, *Sl.* class; polish, grace, refinement, culture; sophistication, cosmopolitanism, urbanity, urbaneness, suavity, suaveness.

- check**, *v.* 1. stop, arrest, stay, stall, bring to a standstill; halt, pause, hesitate, balk, brake; put a stop or an end to, terminate, end, quash, quell, squash, *Inf.* put the kibosh on, nip in the bud; cut, cut back on, decrease, diminish, reduce, lessen, curtail, abridge.
2. restrain, hold back, control, limit, circumscribe, confine, restrict, *Law.* enjoin; hinder, hamper, block, obstruct, oppilate, inhibit; impede, retard, slow, handicap; curb, repress, constrain, contain, suppress, hold in, withhold; prevent, bar, debar, forbid, proscribe, *Law.* estop.
3. chain, fetter, shackle, hobble, trammel, bridle, rein, harness; choke, gag, muzzle, smother.
4. verify, corroborate, validate, authenticate, confirm, substantiate, support; investigate, research, *Archaic.* indagate, explore, survey, study; inquire into, probe, search into, look into; examine, inspect, test, scrutinize, peruse, look over.
5. **check out** *Informal.* take a look at, *Sl.* take a gander at, *Inf.* give [s.o.] the once-over; assess, *Inf.* size up.
6. correspond, agree, jibe, prove right, tally, check out; conform, harmonize, fall in with, dovetail.
7. **check up on** oversee, supervise, overlook, *Inf.* keep tabs on, monitor, regulate.
—*n.* 8. stop, stay, prevention, preclusion, *Law.* estoppel; prohibition, forbiddance, disallowance, *Law.* injunction, *Law.* enjoiment; proscription, ban, embargo.
9. restraint, control, retardation, *Chem.* retardant; repression, inhibition, constraint; restriction, limitation, curb; damper, dampener, damp; bridle, bit, rein, checkrein, check line.
10. obstacle, deterrent, hindrance, impedient, trammel, balk; obstruction, oppilation, blockage, impediment, stopper; bar, barrier, barricade; block, stumbling block, catch, snag, hitch, drawback, liability;

- wreck*
dam, dike, retaining wall, wall, stone wall.
11. arrest, standstill, halt, stoppage; cessation, ceasing, discontinuation, discontinuance; suspension, abeyance; delay, holdover, deferment, deferral, postponement.
12. repulse, rebuff, rejection, setback, reverse, reversal; upset, checkmate, defeat, rout; impasse, dead end, stalemate, deadlock; difficulty, opposition, flak; disappointment, frustration, bafflement, nonplus.
13. test, test run, control test, trial, trial run, dry run, check-out; inspection, examination, exploration, search, probe, investigation; scrutiny, perusal, study, research, *Archaic.* indagation; verification, check-back, corroboration, validation, substantiation, authentication, confirmation.
14. criterion, standard, norm; measure, gauge, rule, yardstick; guideline, canon, principle; pattern, model, type, example, bench mark.
15. bill, tab; ticket, stub, receipt, scrip, coupon, token, tessera, *Chiefly Brit.* counterfoil; certificate, voucher, chit; label, *Brit.* docket; credentials, identification, ID, authorization, papers, pass.

- acute**, *adj.* 1. pointed, sharpened, peaked, cus-pated, cuspidate, acuate, *Bot.*: apiculate; needle-shaped; acicular, aciculate, *Bot.*, *Zool.* acuminate; barbed, prickly, spinous, acanthaceous, echinate, pectinated.
2. sharp, intense, cutting, piercing, excruciating, ex-quisite, fierce; poignant, distressing, distressful, painful, piquant, pungent.
3. abrupt, sudden, rapid, extreme, precipitous.
4. severe, critical, crucial, climactic, decisive, deter-mining; momentous, major, great, profound, impor-tant, vital, essential, imperative; grave, drastic, serious, deep, urgent, pressing, exigent; dangerous, imminen, hazardous, precarious, dubious, ticklish; impending, threatening.
5. penetrating, astute, discerning, perceptive, in-telligent, perspicacious; sharp-witted, clever, smart, bright, sharp, brainy, ingenuous, brilliant; knowing, wise, sage, sagacious, sapient; keen, clear-witted; keen-sighted, discriminating, intuitive, judicious, com-prehending; aware, wide-aware, on the ball; shrewd, calculating, cunning, artful, wily, foxy, crafty, hard-headed.

respite, *n.* 1. interval, hiatus, intermission, break, interruption; pause, lull, lapse, interregnum; relief, breath, breather, breathing spell, rest, repose, relaxa-

respite

tion, recess, inactivity, *Archaic.* bever; alleviation, assuagement, mitigation, palliation; commutation, easing up *or* off, slackening up, loosening up.

2. remission, reprieve, stay, stay of execution, *Inf.* letup; postponement, suspension, adjournment, abeyance, prorogation; deferment, deferral, delay, extension, protraction, continuation, *Law.* continuance; cessation, desistance, arrest, stoppage, halt, standstill, discontinuance, discontinuation.

—v. 3. relieve, alleviate, allay, assuage, mitigate, palliate; commute, ease up *or* off, slacken up, loosen up, relax, grant a breathing spell, *Archaic.* slake.

4. remit, reprieve, stay, grant a stay of execution, let off, *Inf.* let off the hook; continue, grant an extension, *Finance.* extend, *Commerce.* indulge; postpone, defer, prorogue, adjourn, suspend, intermit, lay over, put off, stave off, shelve, table, hold in abeyance, reschedule; delay, stall, wait, hold off, procrastinate.

- trust**, *n.* 1. confidence, faith, certitude, certainty, belief, conviction, assurance; reliance, dependence; security, sureness, assuredness, surety, positiveness. 2. hope, hopefulness, optimism, expectation, anticipation. 3. credit, credibility, trustworthiness, faithfulness, reliability, dependability, solvency. 4. charge, custody, keeping, care, guardianship, wardship, protection, *Law.* trusteeship; keep, safekeeping; tutelage, guidance, chaperonage, supervision, superintendence, surveillance, watchful eye, direction, control. 5. responsibility, commitment, engagement, obligation, devoir, duty; mission, assignment, charge, office, commission.
- v.* 6. *Usu.* trust in or to rely on or upon, depend on, count on or upon, have confidence in, have faith in; set store by, *Inf.* put or take stock in, swear by, believe in; believe one's eyes, believe one's ears; put or place confidence in, put one's trust in, pin one's faith on or upon, put one's hope in. 7. have confidence, be optimistic, be hopeful, hope, expect, anticipate, look forward to, plan on. 8. believe, take on faith, take [s.o.'s] word for [s.t.], accept, *Sl.* buy, *Inf.* swallow. 9. entrust, consign, turn over, make over, sign over; commit, put into the hands of, commend, give over; delegate, invest, assign, depute, empower.

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8. believe, take on faith, take [s.o.'s] word for [s.t.], accept, *Sl.* buy, *Inf.* swallow.

9. entrust, consign, turn over, make over, sign over; commit, put into the hands of, commend, give over; delegate, invest, assign, depute, empower.

—shenanigan, *n.* *Usu.* **shenanigans** *Informal.* tomfoolery, antics, *Sl.* monkeyshines, *Sl.* monkey-business; mischief, prankishness, *Inf.* hanky-panky, *Scot. and North Eng.* daffing; prank, antic, caper, escapade, trick, practical joke, roguish trick, *Fr. espièglerie*; fooling, foolery, horseplay, skylarking; clowning, clownery, clownishness, zanyism; buffoonery, buffoonism, buffoonishness, harlequinade; joking, jesting, jocosity, jocoseness, jocularity, wagishness, wagging, drollery; levity, frivolity, silliness.

self-deprecating, *adj.* self-critical, overly modest, humble, unpretentious; unassertive, shrinking, retiring, backward, quiet, constrained, restrained, reserved; self-abnegating, self-abasing, self-effacing, unassuming, unpresuming; diffident, shy, hesitant, reluctant, reticent, bashful, demurring, *Archaic.* *verecund*; unwilling, timorous, timid, blushing, fading into the wallpaper.

- desperation**, *n.* 1. recklessness, rashness, fool-hardiness, impetuosity, imprudence, boldness; frenzy, passion, rage, madness, fury.
2. urgency, pressure, compulsion; acuteness, criticalness, crucialness; seriousness, gravity, graveness, importance.
3. hopelessness, despair, despondency, slough of despond, depression; dejection, discouragement, disheartenment; defeatism, pessimism; disconsolateness, unconsolability, gloom, melancholy, misery, wretchedness, distress.
4. irredeemableness, irredeemability, irrecoverableness, irrevocability, irrevocableness, incurability, incurableness, irremediableness, irreparability, irreparableness, irretrievability, irretrievableness.

→ **elegant**, *adj.* 1. *luxurious, posh, sumptuous, grand, fine; rich, swank, gorgeous, ornamental, ornate; excellent, choice, superior, select; exquisite, tasteful, in good taste, nice; well-done, well-made, finished.
2. urbane, Chesterfieldian, polished, suave, top-hat; sophisticated, chi-chi, stylish, fashionable; cultured, cultivated, well-bred, to the manner born, courtly;

elegant

debonair, dapper, charming; polite, courteous, genteel, gracious, correct; minion, delicate, fastidious, recherché; lovely, comely, well-coiffed, dressed to the nines, dainty; beautiful, shapely, handsome.

3. discriminating, refined, intelligent, Attic, classical; well-proportioned, appropriate, balanced, harmonious, concinnous; aesthetic, artistic.

- tumble**, *v.* 1. fall down, fall end over end, pitch, pitch forward, precipitate oneself, fall headlong, go down, *Inf.* take a spill, *Inf.* take a flyer *or* a header *or* a pratfall; slip, stagger, totter, falter, lose one's footing, lose one's equilibrium, *Inf.* flop, *Inf.* flop down, *Sl.* take a flop; come a cropper, fall on one's face, *Sl.* fall on one's keester; roll end over end, go head over heels, go tail over teakettle, somersault, flip, backflip, do a flip, flip over.
2. pitch, pitch about, toss, heave, wallow, founder, *Inf.* wallop; flounder, reel, lurch, capsize, turn turtle, pitch and plunge, thrash about, careen, roll, rock.
3. *Usu.* **tumble over** stumble, trip, bumble, blunder, fall over, fumble, sprawl, *Inf.* spread-eagle.
4. fail, decline, drop, plunge, plummet, dive, crash, slide, slump, skid, go downhill, drop off, tend down-

tumble

ward; collapse, topple, go to the wall, *Inf.* wash out, *Inf.* bite the dust.

5. overthrow, overturn, upend, topple, bring low or down, pull or haul down.

6. *Informal.* *Usu.* **tumble to** understand, become aware, comprehend, grasp the situation, see the light, *Inf.* catch on, *Inf.* get on to, *Inf.* get wise to.

7. disorder, disarray, derange, disarrange, mess up, dishevel, ruffle, tousle, tangle, entangle; jumble, scramble, rifle through, disturb, rumple, snarl up; scatter, spill, upset, toss about.

—*n.* 8. fall, stumble, slip, trip, skid, sprawl; somersault, flip, *Inf.* cropper, *Inf.* header, *Inf.* spill, *Inf.* pratfall, *Sl.* nosedive, *Sl.* tailspin, *Sl.* flop, *Sl.* floperoo.

9. collapse, crash, comedown, downfall, dive, plunge, drop; failure, defeat.

10. disorder, disarray, mess, heap, pile, jumble, scramble, hodgepodge, welter, mishmash, clutter, unholy mess; confusion, chaos.

- ~~tumbler~~-tumbler, *n.* 1. acrobat, gymnast, somersaulter, high vaulter; trampoliner, trampolinist; circus performer or artist; contortionist, posture-master; athlete.
2. cup, drinking cup, drinking vessel, glass, beaker, dipper; shot glass, jigger.

— **peasant**, *n.* rustic, provincial, country cousin, countryman, hobnail; farmer, plowman, plowboy, chuff, gaffer, swain, kerne or kern, son or tiller of the soil, (*in Egypt*) fellah, (*in Russia*) muszhik or mujick, (*in Spanish America and Southwestern U.S.*) peon, *Archaic.* hind; yokel, bumpkin, country bumpkin, *Archaic.* bucolic, hawbuck, *Dial.* lumpkin, *Often Disparaging.* hillbilly, *Disparaging.* bogtrotter, *Inf.* chawbacon, *Inf.* cider squeezer, *Sl.* hick, *Sl.* woodhick, *Sl.* rube, *Sl.* hayseed, *Sl.* hoosier, *Fr.* *Sl.* *truffe*; laborer, commoner, worker.

- bedevil**, *v.* 1. torment, agonize, distress, harrow, worry; harass, tease, pester, annoy, chaff, vex, provoke, irritate, *Sl.* bug.
2. possess, bewitch, seduce, entice; put *or* cast a spell on, becharm, mesmerize, hypnotize; witch, hex, *Inf.* spook.
3. confuse, muddle, confound, frustrate; befuddle, rattle, ruffle.
4. beset, hamper, cause trouble, *Sl.* trip up.

- belie**, *v.* 1. misrepresent, falsify, distort, garble, pervert; disguise, color, varnish; understate, gloss over, minimize, belittle; stretch, exaggerate, magnify, amplify, overstate; deceive, mislead, misdirect, misguide, misinform.
2. contradict, deny, gainsay; oppose, contravene, counteract; renounce, repudiate, disavow; apostatize, desert, abandon, forsake, renege, *Inf.* go back on; backslide, regress, relapse, fail.

- interpret**, *v.* 1. explain, explicate, expound, spell out, simplify; elucidate, clarify, clear up, make clear, illuminate, shed *or* throw light upon; demonstrate, show, illustrate; comment upon, annotate, gloss, edit.
2. construe, understand, understand by, take, take to mean, take it that, make out; read, read into, read between the lines, put two and two together, figure out; diagnose, solve, resolve, work out, *Sl.* dope out; decode, decipher, crack; untangle, disentangle, unravel, unriddle, unfold.
3. translate, transcribe, transliterate; paraphrase, rephrase, restate, reword, rehash.
4. (*all of musical or dramatic compositions, etc.*) perform, execute, render, do, play; act, enact, playact.

- pervert, v. 1. divert, deflect, turn, turn away, turn aside, avert, sidetrack, switch, *Obs.* prevaricate; wrench, wrest, wring, skew, shunt.
2. seduce, corrupt, subvert, demoralize, lead astray, lead away; tempt, allure, entice, inveigle; trap, entrap, snare, ensnare.
3. mislead, misguide, misdirect, misadvise, sophisticate; misinform, misexplain, misexpound, misexplicate; misinstruct, misteach, miseducate, miscorrect; delude, beguile, deceive, trick, hoax, dupe, take in.
4. misuse, prostitute, exploit, misapply, misemploy,

pervert
misappropriate, mishandle, mismanage, malad-
minister; squander, waste, throw away.

5. (*all deliberately*) misconstrue, misconstruct
misinterpret, mistranslate, misdeem, misread
misrender, misreport, miscite; misquote, misstate, lie
miscalculate, belie, misrepresent, falsify; distort, warp
twist, *Scot.* thraw, *Fig.* mutilate, *Fig.* butcher, garble
torture, contort, bend, squeeze, stretch, strain; bias
color, slant; exaggerate, blow out of proportion, play
up; varnish, gild, gloss, gloss over, whitewash, evade,
dodge, *Inf.* fudge; embroider, embellish, adorn,
decorate, garnish, titivate, dress up.

6. vitiate, debase, abase, impair, reduce, lower;
pollute, contaminate, adulterate, infect, poison, taint,
spoil, mar, alloy, foul, befoul, soil, sully, make im-
pure; defile, desecrate, debauch, deflower, profane;
violate, abuse, ruin.

—n. 7. (*all with reference to sexual relations*)
deviate, deviant, degenerate, fiend, maniac,
psychopath, criminal; sadist, masochist, fetishist,
lecher, voyeur, scotophiliac, erotomaniac, narcissist,
nymphomaniac; sodomist, sodomite, bugger;
pederast, pedophiliac, child-molester, catamite, *Sl.*
gunsel, *Sl.* punk, *Sl.* chicken; coprophiliac;
necrophiliac; zoophiliac.

8. apostate, backslider, recidivist, reversionist,
schismatist, schismatic, dissenter, sectary, lost soul,
lost sheep, fallen angel; heretic, unbeliever, non-
believer, infidel, antichrist, antichristian; secessionist,
seceder, seditionist, separatist; renegade, recreant,
traitor, turncoat; deserter, turntail.

slant, *v.* 1. slope, lean, incline, tilt, pitch, dip; bend, bias, shift, shelve, cant, list, keel; skew, curve, veer, swerve; deviate, diverge, angle off, bear off, bevel, sheer.

2. bias, bend, twist, screw, wrest, garble; distort, misrepresent, misreport, falsify; misquote, misrender, misconstrue, misinterpret; color, *Inf.* stretch, doctor, varnish, embellish, embroider.

—*n.* 3. slope, slanting, incline, inclination; pitch, obliquity, obliqueness, skewness, wryness; deflection, divergence, divagation, deviation; lean, leaning, angle, bias, bevel, bezel; tilt, sway, tip, cant, rake; grade, ramp, scarp, side; angularity, *All Geol.* syncline, anticline, anacline, catacline.

4. bias, one-sidedness, partiality, leaning, prejudice, tendency; distortion, misrepresentation, misinterpretation, misrendering, falsification; misreading, perversion, misconstruction, misusage, misquotation.

5. viewpoint, point of view, standpoint, stance, position; opinion, view, judgment, idea, impression, notion; approach, turn, bent, proclivity; attitude, aspect, angle, light.

explicit, *adj.* 1. express, specific, definite, precise, exact, positive, pointed; unequivocal, unambiguous, unqualified, downright, outright, out-and-out, *Sl.* no-nonsense; categorical, unconditional, absolute, fixed, final, peremptory; clear, crystal-clear, manifest, plain, obvious, unmistakable, distinct, well-defined.
2. outspoken, free-spoken, free-speaking, free, bold, unreticent, unrestrained, unreserved, unabashed, uninhibited, unsparing, unshrinking; open, candid, frank, forthright, direct, straightforward, straight-from-the-shoulder, foursquare; plain, plain-spoken, *Inf.* straight-out, *Inf.* flat-footed, *Inf.* matter-of-fact; blunt, bluff, brusque, point-blank.

astute, *adj.* 1. discerning, perceptive, penetrating, piercing; keen, sharp, acute, quick; eagle-eyed, hawk-eyed, lynx-eyed, sharp-eyed; perspicacious, percipient, discriminating, appercipient; sagacious, judicious, wise, sapient; discreet, politic, prudent, wary, chary, cautious; watchful, vigilant, Argus-eyed, mindful; clear-headed, thoughtful, sensible, intelligent, reasonable, sound; alert, quick-witted, nimble, bright, smart; long-sighted, far-sighted, far-seeing, long-headed.
2. clever, cunning, wily, tricky, crafty, arch; artful,

*A*stute

ingenious, astucious, Machiavellian, *Rare.* subdolous;
shrewd, canny, *Inf.* cagey, shifty; sly, subtle, argute,
foxy, vulpine; conniving, contriving, intriguing,
designing.

- ire, n.* 1. anger, dudgeon, high dudgeon, *Scot.* birse, *Inf.* Irish, *Inf.* dander; wrath, passion, hot blood, hot temper, vials of wrath; rage, fury.
2. choler, bile, spleen, gall, ill *or* bad humor, ill *or* bad temper, ill *or* bad feeling; embitterment, bitterness, resentment, bitter resentment, exacerbation, hard feelings; enmity, animosity, ill will, bad blood; virulence, acrimony, acerbity.
3. exasperation, irritation, annoyance, vexation, *Inf.* aggravation; displeasure, dissatisfaction, discontentment, disapproval, disapprobation.

cacophony, *n.* discord, dissonance, discordance,
jar; stridency, grating, jangle, croaking, cater-
wauling.

maliciously, *adv.* cruelly, viciously, brutally, harshly, meanly, malignantly; spitefully, resentfully, nastily, hatefully, wickedly; deliberately, with evil intent, with malice aforethought, with malice prepense, *sl.* accidentally-on-purpose.

~~malign~~, *v.* 1. slander, libel, calumniate, traduce, falsify, accuse falsely; misrepresent, belie, asperse, im-

malign

pute, insinuate; injure, abuse, assail, stab, insult, backbite, *Sl.* badmouth, engage in personalities; slur, sully, defile, smear, smirch, besmirch, soil, blacken, tarnish, stain, taint, smudge, blemish, spot, brand, stigmatize, drag through the mud, *Sl.* dump on.

2. defame, vilify, vilipend, denigrate, vituperate, scandalize, run down, berate, impugn, revile, gibbet, criticize, pull to pieces, cut up, shred, *Sl.* do a hatchet job on; give a bad name, speak ill of, speak evil of, sneer at, lampoon, pasquinade, muckrake; denounce, rail, curse, execrate, damn, imprecate, *Obs.* exprobate, anathematize, censure, cry down, reproach; belittle, disparage, deprecate, minimize, derogate, detract, decry, deprecate, devalue, deflate, damn with faint praise; humiliate, humble, mortify, *Sl.* put down.

—*adj.* 3. pernicious, perilous, inimical, hurtful, baleful, baneful, harmful, deleterious, injurious, pestilential, pestiferous, noxious, detrimental, destructive; ominous, portentous, sinister, ill-omened, ill-starred, boding ill, unpropitious, inauspicious, minatory, menacing, threatening; unpromising, unfortunate, unfavorable, untoward, unlucky; extremely bad, calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic.

4. malevolent, malicious, wanton, malignant, maleficent, malefic, antagonistic, unfriendly, hostile, unkindly, obnoxious; spiteful, hateful, invidious, revengeful, vindictive, ill-disposed, rancorous, bitter, embittered, acrimonious, sardonic, venomous, envenomed, acerb; fiendish, demoniac, diabolic, evil-minded, fell, devilish, satanic, hellish, infernal; vicious, harsh, severe, cold-blooded, cold-hearted, inhuman, unnatural.

mali-

-ardent, *adj.* 1. passionate, impassioned, fervent, fervid, perfervid; zealous, eager, enthusiastic, spirited, high-spirited; emotional, emotive, excitable; volatile, fiery, hot-headed; heated, feverish, white-hot, inflamed, volcanic; overwrought, upset, hysterical, not rational; temperamental, high-strung, nervous, tense, touchy, testy, peppery.

2. lusting after, burning, *Sl.* hot for; infatuated, mad about, *Inf.* wild about; stimulated, excited, aroused; *Inf.* hot, *Inf.* turned on.

3. vehement, fierce, angry, rancorous, wrathful; burning, flaming, blazing, fiery; red-hot, flaring, flashing; malevolent, cruel, malicious, spiteful; waspish, hostile, inimical, severe, harsh; intense, intensified, strong, concentrated, consuming; deep, dark, profound, rich, vivid, brilliant.