

— facet, *n.* aspect, phase, characteristic, side, angle,
slant, twist; factor, particular, item, detail, point, ele-
ment.

— **arbiter**, *n.* 1. judge, determiner, decider, adjudicator, arbitress; moderator, umpire, referee, linesman; arbitrator, negotiator, reconciler, peacemaker, *Obs.* arbitrer; go-between, intermediary, mediator, intercessor.

2. authority, sovereign, master, lord, ruler, governor, controller; autocrat, dictator, director; the one with the final say.

- **classical**, *adj.* 1. Greek, Hellenistic, Attic, Archaic; Roman, Augustan, Ciceronian; heroic, epic; ancient.
2. harmonious, symmetrical, balanced, proportioned, well-proportioned; concinnous, eurhythmic, regular; simple, plain, inornate, pure, restrained, understated; lucid, clear, clear-cut, eloquent; elegant, refined, polished, finished; stately, dignified, reposeful, grand, majestic; artistic, aesthetic, tasteful.
3. *Music.* art, serious, *Inf.* longhair, symphonic, concert.
4. standard, definitive, authoritative, influential, weighty, prestigious.

-volition, *n.* choice, option; discretion, will, free will;
determination, *Psychol.* conation, intent, resolution,
decision; preference, wish, desire, taste, pleasure, vel-
lcity.

spasmodic, *adj.* 1. spasmodical, *Pathol.* spastic, convulsive, twitchy, hitchy, jerky, paroxysmal, vellicative.

2. intermittent, fitful, irregular, snatchy, sporadic, random, *Pathol.* arrhythmic; recurring, recurrent, remittent, on-again-off-again, on-and-off, hot-and-cold, alternate, alternating; periodic, cyclic, cyclical, seasonal; rhythmic, pulsating, punctuated; discontinuous, broken, interrupted, broken off, disconnected.

3. excitable, nervous, high-strung, emotional, skittish; inflammatory, volcanic, explosive, ebullient, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent; frantic, frenzied, rabid, hysterical, delirious; impulsive, uncontrollable, uncon-

trolled, irrepressible.

marionette, *n.* puppet, Punch and Judy, Polichinelle, *It.* fantoccio, dummy, doll.

→ **husk**, *n.* 1. hull, shell, covering, coating, coat, tegument, integument, capsule, pod, case, pericarp; chaff, bran, scale, bract, shuck, *Bot.* glume, *Bot.* lemma, *Bot.* tegman.

2. rind, skin, peel, peeling, paring; cornhusk, husk, legume, peapod, peascod.

→ **husky**, *adj.* 1. brawny, beefy, strapping, sturdy, well-built; burly, stout, thickset, heavyset, stocky; muscular, hefty, able-bodied, rugged, athletic, solid; hardy, manly, virile, tough, powerful, strong, big and strong.

2. hoarse, coarse, gruff, rough, rousy, dry; throaty, thick, guttural.

settle, v. 1. appoint, fix, set, define; decide, confirm, conclude; stabilize, make certain, ascertain. ground; organize, coordinate, systematize, methodize, resolve, agree upon, determine, choose, elect; rule, ordain, adjudge, adjudicate.

2. order, bring to order, arrange, compose, set to

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rights; align, line up; classify, allocate, segregate, group, assort, screen, sieve; distribute, array, apportion, parcel out, range.

3. pay, disburse, expend, defray; close, discharge, dispose of; adjust, balance, square, liquidate; satisfy, wipe off, clear, acquit oneself of.

4. dwell, abide, reside, remain, live, inhabit, domicile; lodge, locate, encamp, squat, nest, roost; establish oneself, carve a home, set up housekeeping; anchor, put down roots, pitch tent, take *or* strike root, get a footing; set up in business, *Inf.* hang up one's shingle.

5. populate, people, inhabit, occupy, fill; establish, found, colonize, domicile.

6. quiet, become quiescent, subside, recede, abate, become stable; soothe, tranquilize, allay, compose, pacify; quell, calm, still, lull.

7. (*of liquids*) filter, precipitate, purify, clarify, clear.

8. gravitate, sink, incline, droop, sag; descend, drop, plunge, swag; solidify, make firm, harden; coalesce, concentrate, compact, condense, consolidate.

9. reconcile, resolve, harmonize; pacify, make peace, heal, mend, patch; mediate, negotiate, talk out, arbitrate, compromise, *Inf.* bury the hatchet; rectify, regulate, adjust, straighten out, simplify, clear up; disembroil, unravel, disentangle; demonstrate, show, prove, conclude, clinch.

10. alight, land, repose, perch, roost, lodge, sit down.

— **derisive**, *adj.* scornful, derisory, jeering, disdainful; contemptuous, supercilious, arrogant, insolent; mocking, taunting, flouting, jesting, insulting, contumelious: sarcastic, sardonic, parodistic, satirical.

normal, *adj.* 1. usual, ordinary, conventional; widespread, general, universal, world-wide, common; prevailing, current, popular; customary, wonted, accustomed, habitual, regular, routine, repeated, recurrent; established, acknowledged, accepted; ritual, traditional, orthodox, consuetudinary, *Inf.* according to Hoyle, *Inf.* S.O.P.; received, approved, understood; familiar, known, everyday, daily, standard, *Inf.* G.I.

2. average, middle, middling, midmost, medium, mean, center; standardized, invariable, unvarying, unchanging, unchanged, steady, steadfast, even; illustrative, emblematic, symbolic, representative, typical, model.

3. *Psychology.* adjusted, well-adjusted, *Inf.* in good shape, healthy; natural, reasonable, sane, *Inf.* all there.

blame, v. 1. accuse, hold [s.o.] accountable or responsible, lay at [s.o.'s] door, point the finger at [s.o.], *Sl.* pin or stick [s.t.] on [s.o.], *Chiefly Scot.* wite; (*all in reference to culpability*) allege, ascribe, attribute, assign, impute, lay.

2. fault, find fault, criticize, censure, reproach, reprove, reprehend, objurgate; berate, disparage, belittle; scold, chide, upbraid, reprimand, take to task, *Inf.* dress down, *Inf.* get or jump on.

—n. 3. censure, animadversion, stricture, rebuke, complaint, criticism, reflection, castigation; reproof, admonition, reprehension, reproach, / objurgation, chiding; disparagement, belittling; condemnation, disapprobation, disapproval, denunciation, reprobation, obloquy.

4. accusation, charge, indictment, *Law.* true bill, *Law.* plaint, *Law.* complaint; incrimination, crimination, recrimination, denunciation, *Scot. and North Eng.* threap; implication, inculpation, *Chiefly Scot.* delation; (*all in reference to wrongdoing*) imputation, attribution, ascription, assignment, allegation.

5. culpability, blamableness, blameworthiness, censurability; responsibility, *Inf.* rap, *Chiefly Scot.* wite, guilt, fault, sin, *Scot. and North Eng.* dirdum.

— **impertinent**, *adj.* 1. insolent, impudent, audacious, presumptuous, out-of-line, out-of-keeping; bold, brazen, brazen-faced, fresh, brash, pert, saucy, shameless, *Inf.* flip, *Inf.* cheeky, *Inf.* sassy, *Inf.* brassy, *Sl.* wise, *Sl.* mouthy, *Sl.* smart-mouth; impolite, unmannered, unmannerly, ill-mannered, uncivil, rude, ill-bred, vulgar, coarse, crude; bumptious, cocksure, cocky, arrogant, forward; meddlesome, intrusive, officious.

2. irrelevant, inapposite, inapplicable, immaterial, inconsequent; unrelated, unconnected, beside the point, beside the question, beside the mark, nothing to do with the case, *Inf.* off base *or* way off base.

benediction, n. blessing, anointing, sign of the cross,
Archaic. benison; prayer, invocation, grace, orison.

benefaction, n. 1. good deed. good turn favor

— **irreverent**, *adj.* 1. disrespectful, unrespectful, discourteous, uncourteous, impolite, incivil, uncivil; rude, impudent, impertinent, insolent, insulting.

2. impious, unpious, blasphemous, profane, sacrilegious, desecrative; irreligious, unreligious, undevout, undevout, ungodly, unholy.

sound¹, *n.* 1. noise, utterance, sonance; tone, note, chord, music.

2. outcry, vociferation, clamor, din, hubbub, racket; shout, whoop, yell, roar; blare, blast, bang, rumble, jingle, tinkle, peal, ring, toll; clatter, clink, clank, creak, grate. See also **noise** (*def.* 1, 3-6).

3. quality, cast, color, coloring, tenor, drift.

4. earshot, earreach, hearing, hearing distance.

—*v.* 5. ring, chime, clang, ding-dong, peal, knell, toll; tinkle, clink, clank; rumble, thunder, boom;

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reverberate, resonate, resound, echo.

6. seem, appear, appear like, look like, look as if, look to be, have the look of; strike one as, have every appearance of, have every indication of, have the earmarks of, sound like.

7. pronounce, enunciate, articulate, phonate, vocalize, voice, utter, express; vociferate, shout, bawl, cry; declare, announce, annunciate, broadcast, herald, blare, blazon, trumpet, noise abroad.