Gargantuan Vocabulary List

abandoned Forsaken, deserted

abandonment The act of giving something up

abash To cause to feel self-conscious; to confuse or confound

abbreviate To make briefer; to shorten; to abridge; to reduce by contraction

or omission

abduction The wrongful and usually forcible carrying off of a human being

abhorrent Being so repugnant as to stir up positive antagonism

abhors Feels excessive repugnance toward; detests to extremity; loathes

abide Bear patiently; tolerate; put up with

abolish To do away with

abrasion A wearing, grinding, or rubbing away by friction

abridge To make shorter; to shorten in duration; to lessen; to diminish; to

curtail

abruptness Suddenness; unceremonious haste or vehemence

absentee One missing from work or school

absolute Free from imperfection

absolved Freed from a penalty; pardoned; remitted (as from the guilt of a

sin)

absorbed Swallowed up; engulfed; overwhelmed

abstinence Act or practice of refraining from indulging an appetite **abstract** Considered apart from any application to a particular object;

separated from matter; existing in the mind only

absurd Ridiculously unreasonable, unsound, or incongruous **absurdity** The quality or state of being ridiculous, unreasonable, or

unsound

abundance The property of a more than adequate quantity or supply

abundant Marked by great plenty (as of resources)

abusiveCausing physical or psychological maltreatmentaccentuatedBrought out distinctly; made prominent; emphasizedacceptableCapable, worthy, or sure of being accepted or approved

acceptance An agreement to the act or offer of another, either expressly or by

conduct

accessibility Capable of being reached

accessible Easy of access or approach; approachable Happening by chance or unexpectedly

acclaimEnthusiastic approval or praiseacclaimedShouted, praised or applausedaccommodatesIs agreeable or acceptable to

accompanies Goes along with; is connected with

accompaniment That which goes along with or which is added to complete

something

accomplishment The fulfillment or completion (of a task, etc.)

accordHarmony of people's opinions or actions or characters **account (n)**A general statement of reasons, causes, grounds, etc.

account (v) To furnish a justifying analysis or explanation

accumulation An increase by natural growth or addition; several things grouped

together

accurateConforming exactly to truth or to a standard accuse
To charge with a fault; to blame; to censure

accustomed Adapted to existing conditions

achievement Something accomplished by valor, boldness, or praiseworthy

exertion; a feat

acknowledge To give recognition to

acquainted Made familiar

acquired Gained possession or control of often by unspecified means **acquisition** The act of contracting or assuming or acquiring possession of

something

acrimony Harsh or biting sharpness, especially of words, manner, or

disposition

acrobat One that performs gymnastic feats requiring skillful control of the

body

actual Existing in act or reality

acuity The visual ability to resolve fine detail **acute** Characterized by sharpness or severity

adamant Unshakable or immovable, especially in opposition

adaptability The ability to change or be changed to fit a new environment or

circumstance

adapt To make fit (as for a specific or new use or situation) often by

modification

address To make a spoken or written communication to

adequate Sufficient for a specific requirement

administer To dispense; to serve out; to supply; to execute

administration The execution of public affairs as distinguished from policy-

making

administrators Persons legally vested with the right of performance of executive

duties

admiral The commander in chief of a navy

admiration Esteem; high regard

admire To regard with approval, respect, or satisfaction

admission Permission to enter

adopted To have taken or received as one's own what is not so naturally;

to have selected and taken or approved

adore To regard with the utmost esteem and affection

adorn To enhance the appearance of, especially with beautiful objects;

to decorate

adroit Skillful in the use of the hands or in the exercise of the mental

faculties; exhibiting skill

adulation Servile flattery; praise in excess, or beyond what is merited

advance To raise; to elevate; to move ahead

advantage The quality of having a superior or more favorable position

advantageous adventurousGainful; profitable; useful; beneficial
Rash, venturesome, daring; enterprising
Opposed; opposite; adverse; antagonistic

adverse Contrary to one's interests or welfare; harmful or unfavorable

adversity A state of misfortune or affliction

advertisement The act of informing or notifying; notification; a public notice,

especially a paid one

advice Recommendation regarding a decision or course of conduct

advise To give advice

advocacy The act or process of supporting a cause or proposal

advocate One who defends, vindicates, or espouses any cause by argument

advocated Pleaded in favor of

aerodynamics A branch of dynamics that deals with the motion of air **aesthete** One who is sensitive or oversensitive to beauty or good taste

aesthetic Concerning or characterized by an appreciation of beauty or good

taste

aesthetically In a tasteful way

affable Gracious; pleasant; friendly

affectation An attempt to assume or exhibit what is not natural or real; false

display; artificial show

affected Given to false show; assuming or pretending to possess what is

not natural or real

affection Tender attachment

affiliateTo bring or receive into close connection as a member or branch
Association or reception as a member in or of the same family or

society

affirmation A positive assertion

affirmed Strengthened or made more firm as by corroboration

against In opposition to

agent One who is authorized to act for or in the place of another as a

representative

aggression Disposition to attack

agility Having quick and light motion **agreeable** Willing; ready to agree or consent

agreement Harmony of opinion, statement, action, or character;

concurrence; concord

agriculturalists Those who study the science, art, or practice of cultivating the

soil, producing crops, and raising livestock

agriculture The science, art, or practice of cultivating the soil, producing

crops, and raising livestock

aid To help, assist, support, sustain, succor, or relieve

ailment A bodily disorder or chronic disease

airborne Done or being in the air

airplay The playing of a musical recording on the air by a radio station

aisle A long, narrow passage

alabaster A compact, fine-textured, usually white gypsum often carved into

ornamental items

alacrity A cheerful readiness, willingness, or promptitude

alas An interjection used to express unhappiness, pity, or concern

alert Very attentive or observant

algae Chiefly aquatic nonvascular plants with chlorophyll often masked

by a brown or red pigment

alias Otherwise called; otherwise known as

alienated Made unfriendly, hostile, or indifferent where attachment

formerly existed

allegeTo declare to be the case, esp. without proof alleges
Asserts without proof or before proving

allergy Hypersensitive reaction to a particular allergen

alleviate To lighten or lessen (physical or mental troubles); to mitigate or

make easier to be endured

alleviated Relieved or lessened the force or weight of

alliance An association to further the common interests of its members

allied Having or being in close association

allies Two or more nations joined together in an alliance to fight a

common enemy

allusion A figurative or symbolical reference

allusions An implied or indirect reference especially in literature

almanac A publication containing astronomical, meteorological, and other

data for a given year

aloof At a distance

alteration The making of a limited change in something

altercation Noisy quarrel

alter To make different without changing into something else

alternative Offering or expressing a choice although (Conjunction) despite the fact that

alumnusOne who has attended or has graduated from a particular school

A person who cultivates any study or art without pursuing it

professionally

amazing Causing astonishment

ambassador An official messenger and representative

ambiguities The qualities or states of being doubtful or uncertain, especially

from obscurity or indistinctness

ambiguous Open to more than one interpretation; uncertain; equivocal **ambition** A desire for activity or exertion; a desire to achieve a particular

end

ambivalent Simultaneously feeling opposing feelings, such as love and hate

amenable Readily brought to yield, submit, or cooperate

amicability Having a disposition characterized by warmth and friendliness

amicable Friendly; peaceable; kind; harmonious

ample Plentiful; copious

amplify To render larger, more extended, or more intense

anachronism A chronological misplacing of persons, events, objects, or customs

in regard to each other

anachronistic Chronologically misplaced A medicine used to relieve pain

analogous Similar or correspondent in some respects though otherwise

dissimilar

analysis A detailed examination of the elements or structure of a

substance

analyze To study or determine the nature and relationship of the parts of

something

anarchist One who rebels against any authority, established order, or ruling

power, esp. in a violent manner

ancestors Those from whom a person is descended

ancient Of or relating to a remote period, especially to a time early in

history

anecdoteanesthesiaShort account of an incident (especially a biographical one)A substance causing the loss of bodily sensation with or without

loss of consciousness

animosity Violent hatred leading to active opposition; active enmity;

energetic dislike

annexation The act or process of attaching, adding, or appending

annoyTo disturb or irritate, especially by continued or repeated acts **annual** Covering the period of a year; occurring or happening once a year

anomaly Deviation from the common rule; an irregularity **anonymity** The quality or state of being unnamed or unidentified

anonymous Not named or identified

antagonism Opposition of a conflicting force, tendency, or principle; actively

expressed opposition

antagonist One that contends with or opposes another; an adversary

antagonize To contend with; to act in opposition to; to provoke the hostility of

anthem A song or hymn of praise or gladness

anthology A collection of selected literary pieces or passages or works of art

or music

anthropocentrism An inclination to evaluate reality exclusively in terms of human

values

antibiotic A chemical substance derivable from a mold or bacterium that

kills microorganisms and cures infections

anticipated Expected hopefully, or rightfully expected

antidote A substance that stops or controls the effects of a poison

antipathy Settled aversion or dislike

antiquity The quality of being old or ancient

antiseptic A substance that destroys disease-causing micro-organisms

without harming body tissues

antithesis The direct opposite

anxiety Painful or apprehensive uneasiness of mind, usually over an

impending or anticipated ill

anxious Mentally upset over possible misfortune or danger, etc; worried

apathetic Having or showing little or no feeling or emotion

apathy Lack of feeling or emotion

apologetic Offering or expressing regret or fault

apologize To express regret, acknowledge faults, or make excuses for

appalling Causing consternation; dismaying

apparatusA set of materials or equipment designed for a particular use **apparent**Visible; distinct; plain; obvious; clear; certain; evident; manifest;

indubitable

apparently Plainly; clearly; evidently; seemingly; in appearance

appeal To arouse a sympathetic response

appeals Earnest pleas

appearance A sense impression or aspect of a thing

applaud applicationClap one's hands or shout after performances to indicate approval
An act of putting to use; a verbal or written request for assistance

or employment or admission to a school

appraisal The classification of someone or something with respect to its

worth

appraise To set a value; to estimate the worth of, particularly by persons

appointed for the purpose

appreciate To grasp the nature, worth, quality, or significance of

apprehensive Viewing the future with anxiety or alarm

apprentice One who is learning by practical experience under skilled workers
 approach The taking of preliminary steps toward a particular purpose
 approval An act or instance of finding something or someone favorable or

satisfactory

aquarium A tank filled with water for keeping fish and underwater animals

and plants

aquatic Relating to or consisting of or being in water

arable Capable of being farmed productively

arbiter Someone chosen to judge and decide a disputed issue

arbitrary Random; capricious

arcane Requiring secret or mysterious knowledge; obscure

archaeology The study of material remains (as fossil relics, artifacts, and

monuments) of

past human life and activities

architect A person who designs buildings and advises in their construction

architecture The art or science of building

archive A place in which public records or historical documents are

preserved

archived Filed or collected (as records or documents) in or as if in an

Of or relating to the north pole or the region near it; extremely arctic

ardor Warmth or heat of passion or affection; eagerness; zeal arena Any place of public contest or exertion; any sphere of action argument A fact or assertion offered as evidence that something is true

arid Excessively dry

A member of a government by a small privileged class aristocrat

1: an organization of military land forces 2: a large number of army

people united for some specific purpose

Calls forth; awakens; excites; stimulates to action arouses To stop; to check or hinder the motion or action of arrest arrogance

A feeling or an impression of superiority manifested in an

overbearing manner or presumptuous claims

Inflammation of joints due to infectious, metabolic, or arthritis

constitutional causes

A non-fictional essay, esp. one included with others in a article

newspaper, maga zine, journal, etc.

Items created by humans usually for a practical purpose; objects artifacts

remaining from a particular period

artisan A skilled worker who practices some trade or handicraft

artist One who professes and practices an art (e.g., painter, sculptor,

musician, architect, etc.)

artless Lacking art, knowledge, or skill Practicing great self-denial ascetic

Strong desires to achieve something high or great aspirations

An intentional physical attack or beating assault

assembly A public place to meet for open discussion and legislation assertion A declaration that is made as if no supporting evidence were

necessary

Place a value on; judge the worth of something assess

assiduous Hard-working

Tasks or duties allotted to a person assignments The process of absorbing into the culture assimilation associate To join as a partner, friend, or companion associated Joined as a companion; brought into association

Brings together or into relationship in any of various intangible associates

An organization of persons having a common interest association

To take as granted or true assume

A belief (often presumptuous) that something is true assumption Freedom from doubt: belief in vourself and vour abilities: a assurance

binding commitment to do something

Declared to, solemnly; asserted to someone with the design of assured

inspiring belief or confidence

So surprisingly impressive as to stun or overwhelm astonishing

astonishment The feeling that accompanies something extremely surprising

Of, relating to, or coming from the stars astral A person trained to travel in a spacecraft astronaut

One who makes observations of celestial phenomena astronomer astute Having or showing shrewdness and perspicacity

asylum A place of retreat or security

athlete A person who is trained or skilled in exercises, sports, or games

atlas A collection of maps in book form

Decrease in size or wasting away of a body part or tissue atrophy

attain To gain with effort

Efforts to do, accomplish, solve, or effect attempts

The act or state of attending, esp. through applying the mind to attention

an object of sense or thought

attest To affirm to be true or genuine

Mental positions with regard to a fact or state attitudes

A legal agent qualified to act for suitors and defendants in legal attorney

proceedings

attracted Drawn by appeal to natural or excited interest

To regard as belonging or appropriate to; to regard as a attribute

characteristic

attribution An ascribed quality, character, or right atypical Deviating from or not conforming to type audacious Daring; invulnerable to fear or intimidation Aggressive boldness or unmitigated effrontery audacity

audible Heard or perceptible by the ear

audience Admittance to a hearing; a formal interview; a group of listeners

or spectators

auditor A person authorized to examine and verify accounts Of, relating to, or experienced through hearing auditory

auspicious Attended by favorable circumstances austere Markedly simple or unadorned Not false or imitation; genuine authentic

author A person who writes (books or stories or articles or the like)

professionally

authoritarian Of, relating to, or favoring blind submission to authority

Having authority or ascendancy or influence authoritative

authority Power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior autobiographical Marked by or dealing with one's own experiences or life history automation

The state or use of techniques and equipment to achieve

automatic operation or control

automobile A 4-wheeled motor vehicle

The quality or state of being self-governing or self-sufficient autonomy autopsy An examination and dissection of a dead body to determine cause

of death or the changes produced by disease

availability The quality of being at hand when needed

avalanche A large mass of snow, ice, earth, rock, or other material in swift

motion down a mountainside

avenue A way of access

Characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit avid

Escaped; eluded; evaded; eschewed avoided

Having or showing realization or perception aware An overwhelming feeling of wonder or admiration awe

A lacking of grace or skill in manner, movement, or performance awkwardness

backfire To have the reverse of the desired or expected effect

background The scenery or ground behind something

baffling Confusing or puzzling

baleful Deadly or pernicious in influence balk To abruptly refuse to comply

ballad A narrative song with a recurrent refrain ballot A document used in voting that lists the choices

banal Lacking originality, freshness, or novelty

bane Something that causes misery or death; curse; ruin The state of being actually or legally ruined financially bankruptcy

banned Prohibited especially by legal means An elaborate and often ceremonious meal banquet The body of individuals qualified to practice law bar

bard A lyric poet

barely In a meager manner

Tough protective covering of the woody stems and roots of trees bark barrage The rapid and continuous delivery of linguistic communication;

outpouring

barred Prevented entry or exit or a course of action

Producing little or no vegetation barren

barrier A structure or object that impedes free movement

bashful Self-consciously timid; very modest

basic Of or relating to essential structure, function, or facts basis The bottom of something considered as its foundation battery

The unlawful beating of another; willful, violent, or negligent

touching of another person

An inlet of the sea or other body of water usually smaller than a bay

A signal or conspicuous mark erected as a guiding device beacon

beam Ray of light

bearing Having as a feature or characteristic bedazzled Impressed forcefully; enchanted

To act as a friend to; become friendly with befriend

behavior The manner of conducting oneself

After the expected or usual time: delayed belated belies Shows (something) to be false or wrong

An aggressive or truculent attitude, atmosphere, or disposition belligerence benefactor A person who helps people or institutions, esp. financially

beneficial Promoting or enhancing well-being

benevolent Kind; generous

Of a mild type or character benign bequeath To leave or give by will To scold or rebuke berate

Unhappy in love; suffering from unrequited love; sorrowful bereft

through loss or deprivation

A visorless, usually woolen cap with a tight headband and a soft beret

full flat top

betray To reveal unintentionally ("Her smile betrayed her true feelings");

to deliver to an enemy by treachery

betraved Treated falsely or disloyally

beverage A drinkable liquid

bewilder To be a mystery to; to puzzle; to confuse; to perplex

biased Favoring one person or side over another; having propensity

toward an object or view

bibliographer One who writes or is versed in the history or description of books A list often with descriptive or critical notes of writings relating to bibliography

a particular subject, author, or publisher

bilked Frustrated or disappointed; deceived or defrauded

billboard Large outdoor signboard

bills Statutes in draft before they become law **binding** Tying or holding together as a single mass **biologist** A scientist who studies living organisms

biology A branch of science that deals with living organisms and vital

processes

birthday The day on which a person is born

biting Capable of wounding; sharp and hurtful ("a biting remark")

bitter Marked by strong resentment or cynicism

bizarreStrikingly out of the ordinaryblazeA strong flame that burns brightlybleedingLosing or shedding one's blood

blemish A mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something

bloodhound A breed of large powerful hound of European origin having very

acute smell and used in tracking

blossom The flower of a plant

bluebell Any of various plants bearing blue bell-shaped flowers

blueprints Guides for making something else; detailed plans or technical

drawings

blunt Characterized by disconcerting directness in manner or speech;

without subtlety or evasion

boar An uncastrated male swine

board A group of people appointed or elected to manage a public or

private entity; council

boast To speak of or assert with excessive pride

body (of facts) The main, central, or principal part of an argument

bohemian Unconventional in especially appearance or behavior

boldness The trait of being willing to undertake things that involve risk or

danger

boltTo swallow hastily or without chewing bombast
Pompous or pretentious talk or writing

bombastic Ostentatiously lofty in style

bonus An additional payment to employees as a means of increasing

output

book A collection of sheets of paper or similar material bound together,

blank, written, or printed

boon A desirable state; blessing

boorish Ill-mannered, coarse and contemptible in behavior or appearance

boost The act of giving hope or support to someone

borders Lines that indicate a boundary

boredom The state of being weary or restless due to lack of interest

botanist A biologist specializing in the study of plants **boundless** Unconfined; immeasurable; illimitable; infinite

bounds Limiting lines; borders

bourgeois Conforming to the standards and conventions of the middle class

boycotted Engaged in a concerted refusal to have dealings with

brag An instance of boastful talk

branches Things that extend from or enter into a main body or source

bravery The quality of being courageous

bridge To find a way of getting over, as a difficulty

brightness
The quality of being luminous; emission of reflection of light
brilliant
Distinguished by unusual mental keenness or alertness
brittle
Having little elasticity, hence easily cracked or fractured or

snapped

broached Made public; uttered; published first; put forth; introduced as a

topic of conversation

broadcast A transmission of a radio, television program, or signal for public

use

broadcaster Someone who broadcasts on radio or television

brooding Dwelling gloomily on a subject

browse To look around casually or randomly

bruise An injury that doesn't break the skin but results in some

discoloration

brusqueness An abrupt discourteous manner; prompt roughness

brutality The trait of extreme cruelty

buck A male animal

bucolic Relating to or typical of rural life

budget A sum of money allocated for a particular purpose

buffer To protect from impact ("cushion the blow")

bureaucrat An official who is rigidly devoted to the details of administrative

procedure

butcher A retailer of meat; a person who slaughters or dresses meat for

market

buttress An external prop or support, usually of stone or brick, built to

reinforce the integrity of a structure A person who makes purchases

buyer A person who makes purchases **bygone** Well in the past; former ("bygone days")

byline The line giving the name of the writer of a story or article

bypassTo avoid something unpleasant or laborious **cadet**Military trainee (as at a military academy)

cajole To influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering

calamity
 calibrate
 caligraphy
 An event resulting in great loss and misfortune
 To make fine adjustments for optimal functioning
 Artistic, stylized, or elegant handwriting or lettering

callous Emotionally hardened; unfeeling, insensitive

camaraderie Good will between friends

camouflageMake invisible by means of protective coloring or garments **campaign**A connected series of operations designed to bring about a

particular result

candidate One that aspires to or is nominated or qualified for an office,

membership, or award

candor Sincerity; openness

cantankerous Difficult or irritating to deal with Heavy, closely woven fabric

capacity The potential or suitability for holding, storing, or accommodating

capitalism An economic system characterized by private or corporate

ownership of capital goods

capricious Impulsive and unpredictable

capsule A spacecraft designed to transport people and support human life

in outer space

caption A brief description accompanying an illustration

captivate To attract; to cause to be enamored

capture cardiologistTo succeed in representing or expressing something intangible A physician who specializes in the study of the heart and its

actions and diseases

carefree Having no worries or troubles

caricature Exaggeration, often by means of ludicrous distortion of parts or

characteristics

carnivorous Meat eating; dependent on the consumption of flesh for

sustenance

carouseTo engage in boisterous, drunken merry-making **carping**Querulous and often perverse criticism; fault-finding

cartographer cartographyOne who makes charts or maps
The science or art of making maps

carving Cutting away parts to create a desired shape

cascade Falling or rushing forth in quantity

cast The set of actors, singers, and/or dancers in a dramatic

production

catalogue A complete list of things, usually arranged systematically **catalyst** Something that causes an important event to happen

catalyze To change by catalysis or cause to catalyze

catapult To shoot forth or launch

catastrophe An event resulting in great loss and misfortune

cater To supply what is required or desired

cathartic Emotionally purging **caustic** Burning; corrosive

cavities Unfilled spaces within a mass; hollowed-out spaces

cease To bring an activity or action to an end

celebration An occasion for special festivities to mark some happy event

cell A room where a prisoner is kept cellular Of, relating to, or consisting of cells

censorship The act of deleting anything considered objectionable

censure Harsh criticism or disapproval **central** In the middle of; of importance

centuries Periods of 100 years

cerebral Involving intelligence rather than emotions or instinct

certitude The state of being or feeling certain

champion 1: A militant advocate or defender; 2: a winner; one who shows

marked superiority

chaotic Lacking a visible order or organization; unpredictable and

confusing

chapped Roughened, reddened, or cracked as a result of cold or exposure

("chapped lips" or "chapped skin")

character One of the attributes that distinguish an individual; moral

excellence or firmness

characterize To describe the character or quality of; distinguish

charitable Full of love for and goodwill toward others; benevolent; generous **charlatan** A flamboyant deceiver; one who attracts customers with tricks or

jokes

cherishTo hold dear; to feel or show deep affection for **child rearing**The act of raising or bringing up children

chisel n: a hand tool with a flat steel blade with a cutting edge; v: carve

with a chisel

choreography The design or arrangement of a staged dance

choruschronicleAn organized company of singers who perform in concertA usually continuous, historical account of events arranged in

order of time

chronicler A recorder of events in the order of time; a historian

chronologycircumscribeArrangement of events in timeTo enclose within a certain limit

circuitous Marked by obliqueness or indirection in speech or conduct

circulate To follow a course that returns to the starting point

circulation Passage or transmission from person to person or place to place

circumlocution Indirect expression; evasion of speech

circumvented Evaded; found a way around

cite To quote by way of example, authority, or proof

citizenry Total inhabitants of a city or town

civic Of or relating to a citizen, a city, citizenship, or civil affairs

civil Relating to private rights and to remedies sought by action or suit

distinct from criminal proceedings

civilizations Relatively high levels of cultural and technological development

claim A demand for something due or believed to be due

clairvoyant Perceiving things beyond the natural range of the senses;

foreseeing the future

clamoring Becoming loudly insistent; making a din

clandestine Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods

clarity The state of being easily understood; comprehensibility; clear

expression

clash To come into conflict

clause A separate section of a discourse or writing

clergy The body of men set apart, by due ordination, to the service of

God

cliché A trite or obvious remark

clientele Customers

clingTo hold or hold on tightly or tenaciously **cloud**To envelop or hide with or as if with a cloud

cloying Overly sweet

coagulation The process by which a liquid forms into a semisolid mass

cobbler A person who makes or repairs shoes **condemn** To express strong disapproval of

cogent Convincing; reasonable

cognizant Having knowledge or understanding; mindful; aware

coherent cohesionLogically or aesthetically ordered or integrated
The act or state of sticking together tightly; unity

cohesive Well integrated; unified

cohesiveness The act or state of sticking together tightly

coiled Cylindrically or spirally wound **coinage** The act or process of coining

coinciding Corresponding exactly; matching point for point

coining Bringing into existence; creating

collaborate To work together on a common enterprise or project **collage** Artistic composition, made of material such as paper or

photographs, com bined on a picture surface

collapse An abrupt failure of function or health

colleague An associate in a profession or in a civil or ecclesiastical office

collective Of or from several or many individuals; common

colloquial Characteristic of informal spoken language or conversation **collusion** Secret agreement or cooperation especially for an illegal or

deceitful purpose

colonial Of, relating to, characteristic of, or inhabiting a colony

columnA newspaper or magazine article giving opinions or perspectives **combat**An engagement fought between two military forces; v. to fight

combustible Capable of igniting and burning

combustion A process in which a substance reacts with oxygen to give heat

and light

comedian A professional entertainer who uses any of various physical or

verbal means to be amusing

commandeered Taken arbitrary or forcible possession of

commencement An academic exercise in which diplomas are conferred

commendation The act of praising

commentary commentsSomething that serves for illustration or explanation
Observations or remarks expressing opinions or attitudes

commercial Connected with, engaged in, sponsored by, or used in commerce

or business enterprises

commission To appoint or assign to a task or function

commodity An economic good (as a product of agriculture or mining) **commonsense** Sound and prudent but often unsophisticated judgment

comparable Similar; like

comparisons Examinations of two or more items to establish similarities and

dissimilarities

compassion A deep awareness of and sympathy for another's suffering

compatibilityCapable of existing together in harmonycompelledDriven or urged forcefully or irresistiblycompellingForceful; urgently demanding attention

compensate To make up for; to counterbalance; to recompense

competent Properly or sufficiently qualified, capable or efficient; adequate for

the purpose

competition A contest between rivals

competitive Inclined, desiring, or suited to rivalry **competitiveness** An aggressive willingness to compete

competitor A rival; one who competes **complacent** Contented to a fault

complaisant Showing a cheerful willingness to please or oblige

complement completionThe quantity or number required to make a thing complete
The act of becoming or making complete; a concluding action

complex A whole made up of complicated or interrelated parts

complexityThe quality of being intricate and compoundedcomplianceActing according to certain accepted standardscomplicityGuilt as an accomplice in a crime or offensecomponentsIndividual parts which make up a system

composeTo form by putting togethercomposerA person who writes musiccompositionA written piece of music

compound To make more intense, stronger, or more marked

comprehensible
comprehensive
compressibleCapable of being understood or interpreted
Including all or everything; broad in scope
Capable of being reduced in size or volume

compromise A settlement of differences by arbitration or by consent reached

by mutual concessions

comrade An intimate friend or associate; a companion; a fellow soldier

concealment The activity of keeping something secret

conceivable conceivePossible to conceive or imagine

To form a conception of; to image

concept Something conceived in the mind; a thought or notion

concerns Is a care, trouble, or distress to

concession The admitting of a point claimed in argument

concessions Acknowledgments; admissions

conciliatory Making or willing to make concessions

concise
 conclusion
 conclusive
 Expressing much in a few words; condensed; brief and compacted
 A position or opinion or judgment reached after consideration
 Putting an end to debate or question especially by reason of

irrefutability

concocted Devised; made up; contrived; planned; plotted

concrete n: A hard, strong building material made by mixing a cementing

material and a mineral aggregate; adj: solid; definite

condemn To pronounce guilty

condemning Declaring to be reprehensible, wrong, or evil

condense Compress or concentrate

condescending condolenceAssuming an air of superiority; patronizing
An expression of sympathy with another's grief

conducive Tending to promote or assist **conduct** Behavior; manner of acting

conductor Leader of a musical ensemble; a substance that readily channels

or transmits electricity, heat, or sound

conduit A passage for water or other fluids

confection A food rich in sugar

confer To compare views or take counsel

conference A meeting for consultation, discussion, or an interchange of

opinions

confidant One to whom secrets are entrusted

confidence Freedom from doubt; belief in one's self and one's abilities

confidentialMarked by intimacy or willingness to confideconfidentialityDiscretion in keeping secret informationconfinesThings (as borders or walls) that enclose

confirming Giving new assurance of the truth of; rendering certain

conflagration Conflict

conflict Struggle resulting from incompatible or opposing needs or wishes

conflictingconformBeing in opposition; incompatibleTo be obedient or compliant

conformist A person who acts in accordance with an established practice

conformity Acting according to certain accepted standards

confrontation The clashing of forces or ideas

congregation An assembly of people, esp. one that meets for worship and

religious instruction

connection Causal or logical relation

connotation Something suggested by a word or thing; implication **conquer** To gain mastery over or win by overcoming obstacles or

opposition

conquered consciousConscious

Overcome by force of arms; defeated perceiving, apprehending, or noticing Knowingly; willfully; perceptively

consciousness The quality or state of being aware, especially of something within

oneself

consensus Agreement of the majority in sentiment or belief

consequence The result of an action; a conclusion derived through logic

consequential Meaningful; momentous; important

conservatism The act of preserving, guarding, or protecting

conservative Tending or disposed to maintain existing views, conditions, or

institutions

considerations Matter taken into account when making decisions

consistency Firmness of constitution or character

consistent Marked by harmony, regularity, or steady continuity

consolation The act of consoling; giving relief in affliction

conspire To join in a secret agreement to do an unlawful or wrongful act

constancy The quality of being free from change or variation

constellations Clusters or groups of fixed stars

Bewilderment or dismay that throws one into confusion consternation constituent

One of a group who elects another to represent him or her in

public office

Forms or composes constitutes

Made narrow or drawn together constricted

consumerism A preoccupation with and an inclination toward the buying of

consumer goods

A person who uses goods or services consumer

consummate Having or revealing supreme mastery or skill

The utilization of economic goods in the satisfaction of needs or in consumption

manufacturing

Easily diffused or spread as from one person to another contagious

contaminate To make impure; to pollute; to infect

contaminated Soiled, stained, corrupted, or infected by contact or association

To view or consider with continued attention contemplate

contemporaneous Existing, occurring, or originating during the same time All the people living at the same time or of approximately the contemporaries

same age

contemporary Characteristic of the present; a person of nearly the same age as

another

Lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike contempt

Manifesting or expressing contempt or disdain contemptuous contending Striving or struggling in rivalry or battle contentiousness A disposition to fight; quarrelsomeness The state of being contented or satisfied contentment contestant One that participates in a contest

The set of facts or circumstances that surround a situation or context

To assert the contrary of; to take issue with contradict

contradiction A statement or phrase that asserts or implies both the truth and

falsity of something

Unable to both be true at the same time contradictory

contrary n: A fact or condition incompatible with another; adj: opposite

To compare or appraise in respect to differences contrast

To give or supply in common with others contribute

contribution Act of giving in common with others for a common purpose contrite Feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses

controversial Marked by or capable of arousing debate

A discussion marked especially by the expression of opposing controversy

views

A difficult problem conundrum To come together convene

convention General agreement or concurrence; usage or custom especially in

social matters

According with, sanctioned by, or based on convention; lacking conventional

originality or individuality

convergence The occurrence of two or more things coming together To engage in an interchange of thoughts and opinions converse

convey To impart or communicate by statement, suggestion, gesture, or

appearance

conviction An unshakable belief in something without need for proof or

evidence

Highly involved or intricate convoluted

A small building for housing poultry coop

cooperative Done with or working with others for a common purpose or

benefit

copious Profuse or exuberant in words, expression, or style; plentiful in

number

cordial Hearty; sincere; warm; affectionate

coronation The ceremony of installing a new monarch

corporate Of or belonging to an association of employers and employees in a

particular business or industry

corps Military unit usually consisting of two or more divisions

correspondence Communication by letters

corroborate To make strong, or to give additional strength to; to strengthen

corrosive Destructive; weakening; bitingly sarcastic

corrupt Dishonest, immoral or evasive; characterized by improper

conduct or fraudulent activity

corruption Impairment of integrity, virtue, or moral principle

cosmetic Done or made for the sake of appearance **cosmopolitan** Of worldwide scope or applicability

cost-effective Economical in terms of tangible benefits produced by money

spent

counter To act in opposition to; to oppose

counteract To make ineffective or neutralize the usually ill effects of an

opposing force

counterintuitive Contrary to what one would immediately expect or naturally

perceive

coup A sudden and decisive change of government, illegally or by force

couple (v) To fasten together; to link

courageously Bravely

course A path over which something moves

courteously In a polite manner

courtesyConsideration, cooperation, and generosity in providingcoveragePress or publicity received by a particular story or personcoverTo overspread the surface of one thing with another

craft The skilled practice of an occupation or trade requiring manual

dexterity or artistic skill

craftiness Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception

crammed Pressed, forced, or stuffed

crass So unrefined as to be lacking in discrimination and sensibility

creation Something that has been brought into existence

creativityThe quality of being imaginativecredulityTendency to believe readilycreedsSets of fundamental beliefs

creep To move along the ground, or on any other surface, on the belly

crescendo Gradually increasing in volume

crest The summit of a hill or mountain ridge

crevice A narrow opening resulting from a split or crack (as in a cliff)

crew The company of seamen who man a ship or vessel

crews Groups of people associated together in a common activity or by

common traits or interests

crib A small, enclosed bedstead or cot for a child

crisis An unstable or crucial time or state of affairs in which a decisive

change is impending

criterion A basis for comparison; a reference point against which other

things can be evaluated

critic One who expresses a reasoned opinion on any matter especially

involving a judgment of its value

critical Of, relating to, or being a turning point or specially important

juncture

criticism Disapproval expressed by pointing out faults or shortcomings **criticize** To point out real or perceived flaws; to consider the merits and

demerits of and judge accordingly

critique An essay or article that gives a critical evaluation (as of a book or

play)

Crop A plant that can be grown and harvested; the annual yield of

these

crosscurrent A conflicting tendency

crude Conspicuously and tastelessly indecent

crust The hard exterior or surface of bread, in distinction from the soft

part or crumb

cryptic Having or seeming to have a hidden or ambiguous meaning;

mysterious

cub The young of certain carnivorous mammals such as the bear and

the lion

cue A stimulus that provides information about what to do

cuisine Manner of preparing food; style of cooking **culinary** Of or relating to the kitchen or cookery

culpable Deserving blame or censure as being wrong, evil or injurious

cultivateTo prepare and/or use for the raising of crops **cultivation**The act of preparing the land to grow crops

cultural Denoting or deriving from or distinctive of the ways of living built

up by a group of people

culture The customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a

racial, religious, or

social group

cumbersome Difficult to carry or manage due to bulk or shape

cumulative Increasing by successive addition

cunningly In an artful manner

curator The custodian of a collection; one in charge of a museum, zoo, or

other place of exhibit

curb An edging (as of concrete) built along a street to form part of a

gutter

curiosity Desire to know

cursory Rapidly and often superficially performed or produced

curtail To diminish; to reduce

custom Long-established practice considered as unwritten law

cynic Someone who is critical of the motives of others

cynical Contemptuously distrustful of human nature and motives

dam A barrier to prevent the flow of a liquid

dandy A man who is much concerned with his dress and appearance

dapper Neat and trim in appearance

dash A small usually distinctive addition

data Factual information used as a basis for reasoning, discussion, or

calculation

database One or more large structured sets of persistent data, usually

associated with software

dated Old-fashioned; outmodeddaunt To lessen the courage of

deadline A date or time before which something must be done

debased 1: mixed with impurities; 2: lowered in value

debt The state of owing **debtor** One who owes a debt

debunkersThose who expose the falseness or sham of somethingdeceitAn attempt or disposition to deceive or lead into error

deceive To cause someone to believe an untruth

deception A misleading falsehood; false representation; a trick or sham

decibel A unit of sound intensity **decision** A report of a conclusion

decisive Having the power or quality of resolving a question or controversy

decorous Marked by propriety and good taste

decorum Propriety and good taste in conduct or appearance

decry To censure as faulty, mean, or worthless; to express strong

disapproval of

dedicate To commit to a goal or way of life

deduction Something that is inferred from something else; something

removed or taken away

deed A usually illustrious act or action; feat

deems Thinks or judges; believes

defeat Frustration by nullification or by prevention of success

defeated Beaten or overcome

defective Imperfect in form or function

defendant A person against whom an action is brought in a court of law

defensive Attempting to justify or defend in speech or writing

deferment The act of postponing or delaying **defiance** Willingness to contend or fight

defiantBoldly resisting authority or an opposing forcedeficitA loss; a lacking; an impairment; a disadvantage

defied Rejected, refused, or renounced

definable Capable of being defined, limited, or explained **defining** Determining or explaining the shape of something

definitive Decisive; unconditional; final

defraud To deprive of by deceit

defunctNo longer in force or use; inactivedefuseTo make less harmful, potent or tensedefyTo resist or confront with resistance

delegateTo entrust to the management of another; to transfer **deleterious**Harmful often in a subtle or unexpected manner

deliberate To think about or discuss issues and decisions carefully

deliberately With forethought; purposely; with awareness of the consequences

delineateTo determine the essential quality of; to trace the shape of **delinquency delusion**To determine the essential quality of; to trace the shape of
Conduct that is out of accord with accepted behavior or the law
A persistent false psychotic belief regarding the self or persons or

objects

demagogue An orator who appeals to the passions and prejudices of his

audience

demeanor Behavioral attributes

democracy Government by the people; rule of the majority

democratic Relating to, appealing to, or available to the broad masses of the

people

democratizing Making democratic

demolish To throw or pull down; to raze; to destroy the fabric of; to pull to

pieces; to ruin

demonstrative Given to or marked by the open expression of emotion

demure Affectedly modest or shy, especially in a playful or provocative

way

demystify To make less mysterious or remove the mystery from; to reveal or

clarify

denigrated Belittled; charged falsely or with malicious intent; defamed

deny To disclaim connection with or responsibility for

deodorize To eliminate the odor from

depict To represent by or as if by a picture

depleted Lessened markedly in quantity, content, power, or value

depose To force to leave an office, such as a king

deprecate To disapprove of strongly

depreciate To lessen in price or estimated value; to lower the worth of; to

undervalue

depression A psychoneurotic or psychotic disorder marked especially by

sadness and inactivity

deprive To withhold something from

depth Extent downward or backward or inward

derelict Deserted or abandoned as by an owner; failing in what duty

requires

deride To laugh at with contempt; to laugh; to scorn; to turn to ridicule

or make sport of; to mock; to scoff at

deridingSubjecting to usually bitter or contemptuous ridicule **derivative**That which is derived; anything obtained or deduced from

another

derived Formed or developed from something else; not original

descent A downward movement

description The act of giving a verbal or written account **desert** An arid, barren, often sand-covered area of land,

characteristically desolate and without much vegetation

desiccated Dried up; dehydrated

designated Indicated and set apart for a specific purpose

designedDone or made or performed with purpose and intentdesirabilityThe quality of having pleasing qualities or properties

desirous Impelled or governed by desire

desolate Deserted; uninhabited; sorrowful through or as if through

separation from a loved one

despair Utter loss of hope

despondent Feeling or showing extreme discouragement, dejection, or

depression

destination Place where something (e.g., a journey or race) ends; the ultimate

goal for which something is done

destined Headed or intending to head in a certain direction

destitute Lacking possessions and resources

destitution A state without friends or money or prospects

detailed Marked by abundant thoroughness in treating small items or

parts

deter To discourage; to inhibit

detergent A cleansing agent

determine To fix conclusively or authoritatively

detour A roundabout road (especially one that is used temporarily while

a main route is blocked)

detract To take away a part from; to diminish

detractor One who disparages or belittles the worth, importance, or

effectiveness of something

devaluationThe reduction of worth (as in currency)devastatedMade uninhabitable; ravaged; ruined; wasted

developed Changed over time so as to be stronger or more complete or more

useful

development Advancement or growth through progressive changes

devious Characterized by insincerity or deceit; evasive; deviating from a

straight course

devise To form in the mind by new combinations or applications of ideas

or principles; to invent

devoidCompletely lackingdevotionReligious fervor; fidelity

dew Moisture condensed upon the surfaces of cool bodies especially at

night

dexterity Mental skill or quickness

diagnosis Investigation or analysis of the cause or nature of a problem,

condition, or situation

dialect The language usage or vocabulary that is characteristic of a

specific group of people

dichotomy A division or the process of dividing into two especially mutually

exclusive or contradictory groups or entities

dictatorship Autocratic rule, control, or leadership

didactic Excessively instructive

differentiate To mark or show a difference in

diffidence Lack of self-confidence; shyness, unassertiveness

diffidently In a reserved, unassertive, or shy manner **diffuse** Spread out; not concentrated in one place

dignified Having or expressing dignity; formal or stately in bearing or

appearance

dignitary One who possesses exalted rank or holds an office or position of

honor

digress To divert from the main subject; to wander from a direct or

straight course

digression A turn aside from the main subject of attention or course of

argument

dilatory Characterized by procrastination; tending to cause delay dilemma An argument presenting two or more equally conclusive

alternatives against an opponent

dilettante Showing frivolous or superficial interest; amateurish ("his

dilettantish efforts at painting")

diligence The attention and care legally expected or required of a person **diligent** Careful and steady in application to one's work or duties

dim Not bright; lacking in intensity

diminish To decrease in size, extent, or range; to lessen the authority,

dignity, or reputation of

diminutive Below the average size; very small; little

dingy Thickly covered with ingrained dirt or soot; depressing in

character or appearance

director Someone who supervises and conducts the action and the

performers in the production of a staged or filmed dramatic work

dirgeA song or hymn of mourningdisapprobationThe act or state of disapprovingdiscardTo throw away: to lay aside

discardingGetting rid something that is regarded as useless or undesirable **discern**To perceive clearly with the mind or the senses; to recognize; to

distinguish; to tell apart

discerniblePerceptible by the senses or intellectdischargeTo relieve of a charge, load, or burden

discipline Control gained by enforcing obedience or order

disclosed Made known (especially something secret or concealed); no longer

concealed

disclosure The act of exposing; something revealed

discolored Changed in color; stained; faded

discomfited Put into a state of perplexity and embarrassment; disconcerted

disconcert To throw into confusion; to disturb the composure of

discouraged Made less hopeful or enthusiastic

discourse An extended communication (often interactive) dealing with some

particular topic

discourteous Showing no courtesy; rude; lacking social graces

discredit To damage the reputation of; to reject as false; to refuse to accept

discreet Marked by prudence or modesty and wise self-restraint

discrepancyA conflict between facts, claims, or opinionsdiscreteConstituting a separate entity or part; individualdiscriminationNoting and marking differences; discernment

discursive Tending to depart from the main point or cover a wide range of

subjects

disdain To look upon with scorn and contempt **disfigured** Spoiled the beauty of; deformed; defaced

disheveled Marked by disorder or disarray

disingenuous Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of

frankness

disinterested Not having the mind or feelings engaged

dismiss To reject serious consideration of

dismissed disparageRemoved from position or service; discharged
To lower in rank or reputation; to degrade

disparate Fundamentally different or distinct in quality or kind

disparity Inequality or difference in some respect

dispassionateNot influenced by strong feelingdispatchTo send off or away promptlydispelTo cause to vanish; to clear away

disperseTo cause to break up, spread, evaporate or vanish **displace**To expel or force to flee from home or homeland

display Something done in order to communicate a particular impression

disposal The act or means of getting rid of something

disposition Usual or prevailing mood

disprove To overthrow by argument, evidence, or proof

disproved Proved to be false or wrong

disputant One who argues; a reasoner in opposition to another

dispute To contend in argument

disregard To treat as unworthy of regard or notice

disreputable Lacking respectability in character or behavior or appearance

disrupt To throw into disorder

disruptive Characterized by unrest, disorder, or insubordination

disseminateTo spread; to diffusedissentingDiffering in opinion

dissipate To cause to separate and go in different directions

dissolution The act or process of dissolving; separation into component parts A mingling of discordant sounds, esp. those that seem musically

unharmonious

distant Separated in space or by time

distaste A feeling of intense dislike **distinguish** To perceive a difference in

distinguished Of high standing; eminent; famous

distortion The act of twisting out of natural or regular shape

distracted Mentally confused, troubled, or remote

distressedWorried or troubleddisturbTo interfere withdisturbingInterfering with

diverge To move or extend in different directions from a common point

divergent Differing; deviating from each other

diverse Differing from one another

diversion An activity that diverts, amuses, or stimulates; a turning aside (of

one's course or attention or concern)

divert To occupy in an agreeable, entertaining, or pleasant fashion

divination A prediction uttered under divine inspiration

divine Of, relating to, or proceeding directly from God or a god

diviningForeseeing or foreknowingdivisiveCreating disunity or dissension

divulge To make known to the public information that was meant to be

kept a secret

docile Submissive; easily managed

doctrinal Pertaining to, or having to do with, teaching

doctrine A principle of law established through past decisions; something

that is taught

documented Furnished documentary evidence of

dodo 1: (informal) someone whose style is out of fashion; 2: extinct

heavy flightless bird of Mauritius related to pigeons

doggedStubbornly unyielding; obstinately determined; persistentdogmaticCharacterized by arrogant assertion of unproved or unprovable

principles

domestic Of or relating to the household or the family

dominance The fact or state of commanding, controlling, or prevailing over

others

dossier A file containing detailed records on a particular person or

subject

downpour A pouring or streaming downward; a heavy rain

downright Given without reservation; outright

drabnessLacking stylishness or brightness; dullnessdraftA preliminary sketch, outline, or version

draftee An individual who is engaged to enter the army

drama A state, situation, or series of events involving interesting or

intense conflict of forces

dramatic Striking in appearance or effect

dramatist A writer of plays

drawback A loss of advantage, or deduction from profit, value, success, etc.;

a discouragement or hindrance

drawing (in) Causing or enticing to enter or participate

dread Fearful expectation or anticipation **dreary** Depressing in character or appearance

drench To steep in moisture; to wet thoroughly; to soak; to saturate with

water or other liquid; to immerse

drill A tool that cuts with its end, by revolving or by a succession of

blows

drive An urgent, basic, or instinctual need

drivel Words or language having no meaning or conveying no intelligible

ideas

droughtThe continuous absence of raindrubbedBeaten with a stick; thrashed

dual Consisting of or involving two parts or components, usually in

pairs

dubiousOf questionable value or truthdupeTo deceive; to trick; to misleadduplicateAn exact copy of the original

durable Able to exist for a long time without significant deterioration

duress Compulsory force or threat

dynamic Marked by usually continuous and productive activity or change

earnestness
easel
A frame for supporting something (as an artist's canvas)
eccentric
Deviating from conventional or accepted usage or conduct,

especially in odd or whimsical ways

echo A repetition or imitation of another

eclectic Composed of elements drawn from various sources

ecology The branch of biology concerned with the relations between

organisms and their environment

economics Analysis of the production, distribution, and consumption of

goods and services

ecstatic Feeling great rapture or delight

edition The form or version in which a text is published

editor A person who prepares, superintends, revises, and corrects a

book, magazine, or newspaper, etc., for publication

effect An outward sign

effective Producing a decided, decisive, or desired effect **efficacious** Having the power to produce an intended effect

efficiency The quality or degree of being the immediate agent in producing

an effect

effort A serious attempt

effrontery Impudent aggressiveness; shameless boldness

effusive Unrestrained in enthusiasm; excessively demonstrative **egoism** An ethical theory that treats self-interest as the foundation of

morality

egotist A conceited and self-centered person

egregious Conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible

elated Exultantly proud and joyful; in high spirits

elation A state marked by high spirits

elders Aged persons; persons having authority by virtue of age and

experience

election An act or process of choosing or selecting, as in a political contest

elegy A mournful poem; a lament for the dead

element A constituent part; something connoting irreducible simplicity; a

basic component

elevated Brought from a lower place to a higher one

elicit To draw forth or bring out (something latent or potential)

elliptical Characterized by extreme economy of expression or omission of

superfluous

elements

elocutionist A public speaker trained in voice production, gesture and delivery

eloquence Discourse marked by force and persuasiveness

eloquent Marked by forceful and fluent expression

elucidate To make free from confusion or ambiguity; to make clear

elude To escape, either physically or mentally; to be incomprehensible

elusive Tending to evade grasp or pursuit

To make beautiful or elegant with ornamentation embellish embellishment A superfluous ornament; the act of adding extraneous

decorations to something

To take fraudulently for one's own use embezzle embittered Caused to feel cynical and rancorous

embody To represent or express something abstract in tangible form embrace To include in scope; to include as part of something broader; to

take up readily or gladly; to hug

embroidery Decorative needlework

To make improvements or corrections emend

To come out into view, as from concealment; to happen or occur emerge

as a result of something

emigrate To leave one's country of residence for a new one

Someone sent on a mission to represent the interests of someone emissary

emollient Having a softening or soothing effect, especially to the skin Showing empathy or ready comprehension of others' states empathetic

Understanding and entering into another's feelings empathy emperors Sovereigns or supreme male monarchs of an empire

emphasis Special importance or significance

emphasize To place force or intensity of expression on

empire A major political unit having a territory under a single sovereign

authority

Derived from experiment and observation rather than theory ("an empirical

empirical basis for an ethical theory")

emplovee One who provides work or service for a wage or salary

emulate To strive to equal or match

To provide with the means or opportunity enable

enabling Giving strength or ability to

To order by virtue of superior authority enact Marked by foolish or unreasoning fondness enamored

encapsulate To put in a short or concise form; to reduce in volume

enchanting Capturing interest as if by a spell

enclosed Closed in or surrounded or included within

encompassing Broad in scope or content; all-inclusive; closely encircling;

surrounding

An extra or repeated performance, usually given in response to encore

audience demand

encounter A meeting, especially between hostile parties To inspire with courage, spirit, or hope encourage

encroaching Gradually intrusive without right or permission

A work that contains information on all branches of knowledge encyclopedia

encyclopedic Broad in scope or content

endangered In imminent danger of extinction (said of plants or animals) endeavor To attempt (as the fulfillment of an obligation) by exertion of effort endorse

To be behind; to support or vote for; to give support or one's

blessing to

The power to withstand hardship or stress; a state of surviving; endurance

remaining alive

endure To undergo (as a hardship) especially without giving in **enervated** Weakened mentally or morally; unnerved

enforce To ensure observance of laws and rules; to compel or imposeenfranchised Endowed with the rights of citizenship, especially the right to vote

engaged Attracted and held by influence

engendered Caused to exist; brought forth; produced; sowed the seeds

engine A mechanical tool

engineering The practical application of science to commerce or industry

engross To take or engage the whole attention of

enhance To advance; to augment; to increase or improve in value, quality,

desirability, or attractiveness

enlighten To give spiritual insight to; to make free from confusion or

ambiguity; to make clear

enlightening Tending to increase knowledge or dissipate ignorance

enlightenment The act or means of furnishing knowledge

enmity Positive, active, and typically mutual hatred or ill will

enraged Filled with rage or anger; infuriated

enrich To make rich or richer especially by the addition or increase of

some desirable quality, attribute, or ingredient

enrichment Improvement of the nutritive value by adding nutrients

enroll To register formally as a participant or member

ensemble A cast other than the principals; the chorus of a musical; a group

of supporting players, singers, or dancers

ensure To make sure, certain, or safe

entangle To make complicated

enthrall To hold spellbound; to enrapture

enthusiasm A feeling of excitement

enticement The art of attracting artfully or adroitly, or by arousing hope or

desire

entitlement A right to benefits specified especially by law or contract

entry A person, thing, or group entered in a contest

entrust To commit to another with confidence

enviable Causing envy; highly desirable

ephemeral Enduring a very short time ("the ephemeral joys of childhood")

epidemic A widespread outbreak of an infectious disease

epilogue A short speech (often in verse) addressed directly to the audience

by an actor at the end of a play

episodeA usually brief unit of action in a dramatic or literary work **equality**The quality or state of being equal or of the same measure

equanimity Steadiness of mind under stress

equate To treat, represent, or regard as equal, equivalent, or comparable

equivocal Subject to two or more interpretations and usually used to

mislead or confuse

equivocation A use of obscure language especially with intent to deceive

era An event or point in time from which a series of years is reckoned;

the succession of years from that point in time

eradication The complete destruction of every trace of something;

extermination

erratically In an unpredictable manner ("Economic changes are proceeding

erratically")

erroneous Containing or characterized by error **eruption** A bursting from limits or restraint

escapism Habitual diversion of the mind to purely imaginative activity

espionage The practice of spying or using spies

espousal A taking up or adopting of a cause or belief

espouse To choose and follow, as of theories, ideas, policies, strategies or

plans ("She espoused the feminist movement")

essential Of the utmost importance; necessary

establish To bring into existence **established** Made firm or stable

establishing
Instituting (as a law) permanently by enactment or agreement
To set a high value on; to regard highly and prize accordingly
estimation
The act or an instance of forming an opinion about; evaluation
The arousement of mutual enmity or indifference where there had

formerly been love

etching A pattern or design produced on a hard material by eating into

the material's surface

eternal Continuing forever or indefinitely

ethical Involving or expressing moral approval or disapproval **ethos** Guiding beliefs of a person, group, or institution

etymology The history of a word; the study of the sources and development

of words

eulogize To speak or write in high praise of

euphoric Exaggerated feeling of well-being or elation

evade To slip away; to avoid; to elude

evaluate To determine or fix the value or worth of **evanescence** The property of lasting for a very short time

evanescent Tending to vanish like vapor

evasive Elusive; shuffling; avoiding by artifice

evergreens Trees and shrubs including forms (as pines) with true cones

everlasting Continuing forever or indefinitely

evidence That which furnishes, or tends to furnish, proof **evolution** A process of change in a certain direction

evolve To undergo a change or development; to come up with; to

gradually acquire new traits or characteristics

ewe Female sheep

exacerbate To make worse ("This drug exacerbates the pain")

exaggerate To enlarge beyond bounds or the truth

examined Inspected closely

exasperate To cause irritation or annoyance to

exasperation A feeling of annoyance; the act of causing great irritation or even

anger

excavation The act of digging; the site of an archeological exploration

exceeding Going beyond a set limit

excel To go beyond or surpass in good
 exception A case to which a rule does not apply
 excerpted Selected (as a passage) for quoting
 excessive Beyond normal or necessary limits

excitability The quality of being readily excited or roused; proneness to be

affected by exciting causes

exclude To bar from participation, consideration, or inclusion

exclusive Not divided or shared; excluding much or all but a particular

group or minority; belonging only to a few

excruciating Agonizing; torturous

exculpate To clear from alleged fault or guilt

excursion A journey taken for pleasure ("many summer excursions to the

shore")

execution The act or result of performance; a putting to death as a legal

penalty; the

process of enforcing a legal judgment

exemplary Fit to be imitated; outstandingly good; commendable

exemplify To show or illustrate by example

exempt To release or deliver from some liability or requirement to which

others are subject

exert To put forth force, ability, or anything of the nature of an active

faculty

exhibit n: Something shown to the public; v: to show or display

outwardly especially by visible signs or actions

exhilarating Giving life, action, or spirit to; enlivening; refreshing; stimulating

existing Having real being whether material or spiritual

exonerate To relieve, in a moral sense, as of a charge, obligation, or

hardship; to clear from accusation or blame

exorbitant Greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation

expand To increase the extent, number, volume, or scope of; to open

wide; to spread out

expansive Impressive in scale; extensive, wide-ranging

expediteTo accelerate the process or progress of; to speed up; facilitate **expedition**An organized group of people undertaking a journey for a

particular purpose

experimentation The trying out of a new procedure, idea, or activity

expert Having, involving, or displaying special skill or knowledge derived

from training

expiate To make amends for

explanation explanatory explicationThought that makes something comprehensible Serving or intended to explain or make clear
The act of opening, unfolding, or explaining

explode To burst forth with sudden violence or noise from internal energy

exploit A notable or heroic act

exploited Developed or used to greatest advantage

explore To become familiar with by testing or experimenting; to analyze;

to make or conduct a search

explorer A person who travels in search of information (esp. geographical

or scientific)

export To carry or send (as a commodity) to some other place

express To give or convey a true impression of

expropriated Taken out of the possession of another and transferred to your

own use, often without permission

expulsionThe state of being expelled (forced out)expungeTo strike out, obliterate, or mark for deletionextantStill in existence; not extinct or destroyed or lost

extemporaneous Composed, performed, or uttered on the spur of the moment, or

without previous study

extensive Having wide or considerable extent

extent extenuating extenuationThe range over which something extends or stretches out
Partially excusing or justifying ("extenuating circumstances")
The act of lessening or weakening the seriousness or extent of

something

exterminator One who gets rid of something completely, usually by killing off

external Purely outward or superficial

extinct No longer existing; no longer burning; no longer active

extol To praise, glorify, or honor highly

extraordinary Going beyond what is usual, regular, or customary

extrapolate To infer, estimate, or project into an area not known or

experienced

extrasensorySeemingly outside of the normal or known sensesextravagantExceeding the limits of reason or necessityextremistOne who advocates extreme political measuresextricateTo free, as from difficulties or perplexities

extrinsic Extraneous; lying outside; not belonging (to); originating or

operating from without

extroverted Gregarious and unreserved; outgoing

exuberance Joyful enthusiasm; overflowing with enthusiasm

exuberant Joyously unrestrained and enthusiastic

exultantJoyful and proud especially because of triumph or success **fabric**Something made by weaving or felting or knitting or crocheting

natural or synthetic fibers

facile Performed adroitly and without effort

faction A party or group (as within a government) that is often

contentious or self seeking

faculty The body of teachers and administrators at a school

fainthearted Lacking courage or resolution

fallaciousBased on an incorrect notion or misleading information **fame**The state or quality of being widely honored and acclaimed

familiarity A state of close relationship; intimacy

famine A severe shortage (especially a shortage of food)

fantasy The free play of creative imagination

fascinate To transfix and hold spellbound by an irresistible power

fascinating Extremely interesting or charming

fashionable Having elegance or taste or refinement in manners or dress

fastidious Difficult to please

fatalistic Believing that all events are predetermined and therefore

inevitable

fate An event (or course of events) that will inevitably happen in the

future; destiny

fathomTo measure depths with a sounding line, as of a body of water **fatigue**Temporary loss of strength and energy resulting from hard

physical or mental work; a lack of vitality

faulty Having a defect; characterized by errors

feast An elaborate meal often accompanied by a ceremony or

entertainment

federal Of or relating to the central government of a federation

felicitous Exhibiting an agreeably appropriate manner or style; marked by

good fortune

felony A grave crime for which the punishment in federal law may be

death or more than one year of imprisonment

feral Wild and menacing; savage

ferocious Exhibiting or given to extreme fierceness and unrestrained

violence and brutality

fertile Marked by great fruitfulness

fertilization An act or process of fecundation, insemination, or pollination **fertilizer** Any substance such as manure or a mixture of nitrates used to

make soil more fertile

fervent Exhibiting or marked by great intensity of feeling

feud Mutual enmity or quarrel that is often prolonged or inveterate **feverishly** In a manner marked by intense emotion, activity, or instability

fib A trivial lie

fickle Marked by erratic changeability in affections or attachments fiction

That which is feigned, invented, or imagined; a feigned or

invented story, whether oral or written

fictitious Formed or conceived by the imagination; adopted in order to

figurative 1: metaphorical, not literal; 2: of pictorial or sculptural

representation

A diagram or picture illustrating textual material figure

file A set of related records (either written or electronic) kept together filter n: A porous material that removes something from whatever

passes through it; v: to remove things with a filter

finalist A contestant in the ultimate stages of a competition fine A sum imposed as punishment for an offense

finite Having definite or definable limits

Someone who deliberately foments trouble firebrand

A nuclear reaction in which a massive nucleus splits into smaller fission

nuclei with the simultaneous release of energy

Having a set and unchanging value fixed

flabbergasted Overwhelmed with astonishment and surprise

Conspicuously offensive flagrant

flamboyant Elaborately or excessively ornamented

flammable Capable of being easily ignited and of burning quickly

flap n: A state of excitement or agitation; something that generates an

uproar; v: to move with a thrashing motion

To wave or flutter showily; to display ostentatiously flaunt

flaw An imperfection or fault

flexibility The quality of being adaptable or variable

flight The act of escaping physically; the act of passing through the air

with wings

flippancy Unbecoming levity or pertness, especially in response to grave or

sacred matters

flippant Lacking proper respect or seriousness

The flat broad limb of aquatic animals specialized for swimming flipper flock A group of birds or mammals assembled or herded together

Swinging or moving loosely flopping

florid Elaborately or excessively ornamented flourish To grow vigorously; to thrive; to prosper To mock or insult; to treat with contempt flout

Moving in a stream flowing fluent Ready or facile in speech

fluid A substance tending to flow or conform to the outline of its

container

flyer An advertisement (usually printed on a page or in a leaflet)

intended for wide distribution

focused Concentrated on or clustered around a central point or purpose

foes Enemies; opponents

foil Someone or something that serves as a contrast to another

("acted as a foil for a comedian")

Marked by unthinking boldness; with defiant disregard for danger foolhardy

or consequences

footnote A note of reference, explanation, or comment usually placed

below the text on a printed page

Affecting extreme elegance in dress and manner foppish

forbid To command against; to keep from happening or arising; to have

the effect of preventing

force Strength or energy exerted or brought to bear; cause of motion or

change; active power

forceful Vigorous; powerful; compelling; impressive

forecast To calculate or predict

foreign Relating to, originating in, or characteristic of another place or

part of the world; introduced from an outside source

forensics The art or study of argumentative discourse

foresight Providence by virtue of planning prudently for the future

foretell To tell beforehand

foreword A short introductory essay preceding the text of a book

forge A workplace where metal is worked by heating and hammering

forgeries False imitations made especially with intent to defraud

forgettable Likely to be forgotten; not memorable

forlorn Sad and lonely due to desertion or abandonment; marked by or

showing hopelessness

formality A requirement of etiquette or custom **format** The general appearance of a publication

formidable Of extremely impressive strength or excellence which inspires

great respect or awe

formulate To come up with; to invent

fort A strong or fortified place; usually, a small fortified place,

occupied only by troops

forthright Directly forward

fortitude Strength of mind that enables one to endure adversity with

courage

fortuitousHaving no cause or apparent cause; occurring by happy chance **forum**A public meeting or assembly for open discussion; a public place

to meet for open discussion

foster To cherish; to promote the growth of; to encourage; to sustain

and promote ("to foster genius")

fractious Quarrelsome; unruly

fracture To cause a fracture or fractures in; to separate the continuous

parts of

fragile Easily broken or destroyed

fragmentation The separation of something into smaller pieces or units

fragrant Affecting the olfactory nerves agreeably; sweet of smell; odorous;

having or emitting an agreeable perfume

frame A case or border enclosing a picture, window, door, etc.

frankness Free, forthright, and sincere expression

fraternizeTo associate; to make friends; to behave as intimates **fraud**Intentional deception resulting in injury to another person;

deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage

fraudulent Intended to deceive; dishonest **freight** Goods carried by a large vehicle

frenetic Marked by madness or emotional agitation

frenzied Affected with a violent mental or emotional agitation

friction The resistance encountered when one body is moved in contact

with another

frigid Extremely cold

fringe A group with marginal or extremist views

frivolity The quality or state of lacking seriousness and sensibility

frugal Economical in the use or appropriation of resources; not wasteful

or lavish

frugality The economic use of resources

frustration A feeling of annoyance at being hindered or criticized

fugitive
fumigate
function
fundamental

One who flees from pursuit, danger, restraint, service, duty, etc.
To purify or free from infection by the use of smoke or vapors
A mode of action or activity by which a thing fulfills its purpose
A leading or primary principle, rule, law, or article, which serves

as the groundwork of a system; essential part

fungus A parasitic plant lacking chlorophyll, leaves, and true stems and

roots, and reproducing by spores

furloughA leave of absence from duty (granted especially to a soldier) **furnace**An enclosed chamber in which heat is produced to warm

buildings, destroy refuse, smelt or refine ores, etc.

further To a greater distance; in addition; moreover

fury A feeling of intense anger **futile** Useless, ineffectual, vain

futility Uselessness

gallery A room for the exhibition of works of art

galloping Moving or running in the mode called a gallop (as a horse); to go

at a gallop; to run or move with speed

gap A conspicuous disparity or difference as between two figures; a

break or separation; a deficient area Lacking orderly continuity; confused

garbled Lacking orderly continuity; con **gargantuan** Of great mass; huge and bulky

garish Offensively or distressingly bright; tastelessly showy; gaudy
garnish To add decorative or savory touches to (food or drink)
gauge To measure or to ascertain the contents or the capacity of

gender Sex (male or female)

generalization A general statement, law, principle, or proposition

generalize To draw from specific cases for more general cases; to speak in

vague or indefinite statements

generates Composes, creates, or brings out by intellectual or physical effort

generation A group of individuals born and living contemporaneously

generous Willing to give and share unstintingly

genesis The origin or coming into being of something

genial Diffusing warmth and friendliness

geniality Sympathy or friendliness

geology The study of the history of the earth as recorded in rocks

germinate To begin to grow

gesture Something done as an indication of intention; to show, express or

direct through movement

gibberish Rapid and inarticulate speech

gingham A clothing fabric usually of yarn-dyed cotton in plain weave glacial Devoid of warmth and cordiality; expressive of unfriendliness or

disdain; extremely cold

glamorous Full of glamour

glimmer A faint, unsteady light; feeble, scattered rays of light Appearing indistinctly with a faintly luminous quality

gloom
To look, feel, or act sullen or despondent
Having a smooth, gleaming surface

glutton One given habitually to greedy and voracious eating and drinking

goad To provoke, as by constant criticism goal The end toward which effort is directed

Spectacles worn to protect the eyes goggles gossip Rumor or report of an intimate nature

A person who is excessively fond of eating and drinking gourmand To impose regulations on; to direct or strongly influence the govern

behavior of; to exercise authority over

Dealing with the affairs or structure of government, politics, or governmental

the state

graceful Characterized by beauty of movement, style, form, etc.;

suggesting taste, ease, and wealth; elegant

gracious Doing or producing good; exhibiting courtesy and politeness

graciously In a kind and courteous manner gradual Proceeding by steps or degrees

graduation An academic exercise in which diplomas are conferred Dry seedlike fruit produced by the cereal grasses grain

The study of forms of speech and their relationship to one grammar

another; the art concerned with the right use and application of

the rules of a language

grandiose Impressive because of unnecessary largeness or grandeur granite

A very hard natural igneous rock formation of visibly crystalline

texture

To give the possession or title of by a deed grant

graph A diagram that represents the variation of a variable in

comparison with that of one or more other variables

graphic Of or relating to the visual or descriptive arts, esp. writing and

drawing

Of or involving the common people as constituting a fundamental grass-roots

politico economic group

A source of satisfaction or pleasure gratification gratitude The state of being grateful; thankfulness gratuitous Given freely: unearned: unwarranted

A relatively small amount of money given for services rendered; gratuity

an award given without claim or obligation

gravitation A force manifested by acceleration toward each other of two free

material particles or bodies

gravity The gravitational attraction of the mass of the earth, the moon, or

a planet for bodies at or near its surface Enjoying the company of others; sociable

gregarious grief Intense sorrow caused by loss of a loved one Ghastly, repellent, or sinister in character grim

grimy Full of grime; begrimed; dirty; foul

grind To reduce to powder or small fragments by friction

Having strong qualities of tough, uncompromising realism gritty A small growth of trees without underbrush; a small cultivated grove

wood without undergrowth

gruff Brusque, surly and forbidding; deep and harsh sounding as if

from shouting, illness, or emotion

guidance Direction or advice as to a decision or course of action; the act of

guiding or showing the way

Easily deceived or tricked gullible To emit a sudden, copious flow gush

gushing Making an effusive display of affection or enthusiasm

gymnastic A physical feat or contortion

habitable Capable of being inhabited or dwelt in

habitat The type of environment in which an organism or group normally

lives or occurs

habitually Regularly; as a matter of established practice

hackneyed Overfamiliar through overuse; trite

hail To praise vociferously

halt To stop moving; to stop from happening or developing; to come to

rest

harassed Troubled persistently especially with petty annoyances; annoyed;

harried; pestered

harbor A part of a body of water protected and deep enough to furnish

anchorage

harbored Given shelter or refuge to

hardiest Most inured to fatigue or hardships; strongest; most capable of

endurance

hardships Things that cause or entail suffering or privation

harmonious Musically concordant

harmony Compatibility in opinion and action

harp A plucked stringed instrument consisting of a resonator, an

arched or angled neck supported by a post, and strings of graded

length running perpendicular to the soundboard

harvest The act or process of gathering in a crop **hatch** To emerge from the eggs of birds or reptiles

haughty Blatantly and disdainfully proud

hazardous Involving risk or danger

hearing The faculty or sense by which sound is perceived; a listening to

facts and evidence

heavily To a considerable degree; with great force; slowly as if burdened

by much weight

heckler Someone who tries to embarrass with gibes, questions and

objections

hedonist Someone motivated by desires for sensual pleasures

heed To mind; to pay careful attention to

heinous Shockingly brutal or cruel; atrocious; grievous; monstrous

heirOne who inherits or is entitled to inherit property **hem**A cloth border doubled back and stitched down

hence (Used to introduce a logical conclusion) from that fact or reason,

or as a result

heritage Something transmitted by or acquired from a predecessor

heroine A woman possessing heroic qualities
hesitant Unable to act or decide quickly or firmly

hesitate To pause or hold back in uncertainty or unwillingness

hibernate To pass the season of winter asleep

hibernationThe torpid or resting state in which some animals pass the winterhierarchyA series of ordered groupings of people or things within a systemhighlightv: to center attention on; n: something of major significance or

special interest

high-spirited Joyously unrestrained

hilarious Marked by or causing boisterous merriment or convulsive

laughter

hinder To prevent the progress or accomplishment of

hindsight Perception of the nature of an event after it has happened **hipster** Person who is unusually aware of and interested in new and

unconventional patterns

hiss A fricative sound uttered as an expression of dislike or contempt

historian A student or writer of history

historical Belonging to the past

historyThe discipline that records and interprets past eventshitchhikingTraveling by securing free rides from passing vehicleshoardA supply or fund stored up and often hidden away

hobby A pursuit outside one's regular occupation, engaged in especially

for relaxation

hoist To raise or haul up with or as if with mechanical help

holistic Emphasizing the organic or functional relation between parts and

the whole

honor To regard or treat with esteem or respect; to revere

horizon The apparent junction of earth and sky

horizontally In a manner parallel to, in the plane of, or operating in a plane

parallel to the horizon or to a base line

hospitable Favorable to life and growth; disposed to treat guests and

strangers with cordiality and generosity

hospitalize To admit into a hospital

host A very large number; one that receives or entertains guests

socially

hostile Marked by malevolence

hostility Deep-seated, usually mutual ill will

hub The central part of a car wheel (or fan, propeller, etc.) through

which the shaft or axle passes; the center of a city

hue The quality of a color

humanity The quality or state of being humane or human

humdrum Not challenging; dull and lacking excitement; tediously repetitious

or lacking in variety; monotonous

humidifierA device for keeping the atmosphere moist in a room **humiliated**Humbled; made to feel uncomfortable because of shame or

wounded pride

humility A disposition to be humble; a lack of pride

humorous Characterized by wit or comedy

hunch n: An impression that something might be the case; intuition;

suspicion; v: to arch one's back

hypocrisyA feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does nothypocriteA person who professes beliefs and opinions that they do not holdhypothesisA concept that is not yet verified, but that if true would explain

certain facts or phenomena; a theory; an opinion based on

incomplete evidence

hypothetical Being or involving an assumption or concession made for the

sake of argument

icon An object of uncritical devotion

iconoclast One who attacks cherished beliefs or institutions

idealisticCharacterized by forming ideals or living under their influenceidealistSomeone guided more by ideals than by practical considerations

ideallyidealsFor best results; in an ideal situationStandards of perfection or beauty

identical Exactly alike

identify To establish the identity of someone or something

identity The distinct personality of an individual regarded as a persisting

entity

ideology A manner or the content of thinking characteristic of an

individual, group, or culture

ideologue An often blindly partisan advocate or adherent of a particular

ideology

idiosyncrasy A peculiarity of constitution or temperament; an individualizing

characteristic or quality

idol A material object that is worshipped as a god; someone who is

adored blindly and excessively

idolatrous Relating to or practicing idolatry; blindly or excessively devoted or

adoring

idolizedLoved or admired to excessignoranceLack of knowledge or educationignorantLacking knowledge or comprehension

illegality Unlawfulness by virtue of violating some legal statute

illicit Contrary to or forbidden by law

illness Sickness; malady

illuminateTo make bright with light; to make comprehensible illusion
A misapprehension of the true state of affairs

illustrateTo make clear by giving or by serving as an example or instance illustration
An example that helps make something clear; a single item of

information that is representative of a type; a visual

representation

imagination A mental faculty forming images or concepts of things or events

not present to the senses

imaginative Marked by independence and creativity in thought or action

imbue To permeate or influence

imitated Followed as a pattern, model, or example; copied

imitation Something produced as a copy

imitative Marked by or given to imitation; (of words) formed in imitation of

a natural sound; not original

immediate Existing without intervening space or substance **immersion** A state of being covered by a liquid (like water)

immigrant A person who comes to a country to take up permanent residence

imminent Ready to take place **immobility** Motionlessness

immoral Conflicting with generally or traditionally held moral principles

immortal Exempt from death

immunized Rendered unsusceptible to a disease

impact The force of impression of one thing on another; a significant or

major effect

impartial Not favoring one more than another; treating all alike;

unprejudiced; unbiased

impartiality An inclination to weigh both views or opinions equally;

nonpartisanship

impeccableimpedeWithout fault or error; faultless; immaculateTo hinder; to block passage through; to obstruct

impending About to occur

impenitent Not remorseful or repentant

imperceptible Extremely slight, gradual, or subtle

imperceptive Unable to perceive

imperial Of, relating to, befitting, or suggestive of an empire or an emperor imperialism The policy, practice, or advocacy of extending the power and

dominion of a nation

impersonal Having no personal reference or connection

imperturbable Not easily excited or upset; marked by extreme calm and

composure

imperviousness Impenetrability

impetuousimpiousCharacterized by undue haste and lack of thought or deliberationLacking piety or reverence; lacking due respect or dutifulness

implanted Fixed or set securely or deeply

implausible Having a quality that provokes disbelief; highly imaginative but

unlikely; farfetched

implement v: To make use of; n: an instrument or tool

implemented Put into execution

implicit Implied though not directly expressed

imply To express indirectly

impolite Not polite; not of polished manners; wanting in good manners;

discourteous; uncivil; rude

impostor A person who assumes a false character or pretends to be

someone else

impractical Incapable of dealing sensibly or prudently

impregnable Incapable of being taken by assault; unconquerable

impression A characteristic or feature resulting from some influence; an often

indistinct or imprecise notion or remembrance

impressionableimprisonReadily or easily influenced; suggestibleTo lock up in jail; to confine as if in a prison

improbability The state of being or the degree to which something is unlikely to

be true or to occur

improbable Not likely to be true or to occur or to have occurred

improperly In a manner not in accord with fact, truth, or right procedure **improvisation** An unplanned act or performance; the act of making, inventing,

or arranging offhand

improvise To perform without preparation

impulse A sudden desire; a force that makes something move

impure Not pure; not clean; dirty; foul; filthy

impurity Something that is impure or makes something else impure or

unclean; the state of being impure

impute To attribute to a source or cause

inaccessible Capable of being reached only with great difficulty or not at all;

not capable of being obtained

inaccurate Not according to truth; inexact; incorrect; erroneous

inactivity The state of being inactive; idleness

inadequate Not capable; lacking power, capacity, or competence

inadmissible Not deserving to be admitted

inadvertent Not paying attention or focusing on a matter; unintentional

inadvisable Not recommended

inane Lacking significance, meaning, or point

inarticulate Unable to speak distinctly or express oneself clearly

inaudible Impossible to hear; imperceptible by the ear A ritual recitation of magical words or sounds

incensed Angered; enraged

incentive Something that incites or has a tendency to incite to

determination or action

incident An occurrence of an action or situation that is a separate unit of

experience

incidental Occurring as a chance consequence

incinerateIn reduce to ashes by burning; to thoroughly consume A furnace for incinerating (especially to dispose of refuse)

incisive Impressively direct and decisive

incite To move to action

incitement The state or condition of being spurred to action

inclination An attitude of mind, especially one that favors one alternative

over others

incline A sloping plane

incoherent Lacking orderly continuity, arrangement, or relevance

incompatible Not easy to combine harmoniously

incompetent Not qualified or suited for a purpose; showing lack of skill or

aptitude

incongruity The quality or state of being not in harmony

incongruous Inappropriate or unsuitable; incompatible; disagreeing

inconsequential Unimportant

inconsistency Discordance in respect to sentiment or action **inconsistent** Not compatible with another fact or claim

incorporate To unite or work into something already existent so as to form an

indistinguishable whole

incorrigible Unable to be reformed or amended

incremental Increasing gradually by regular degrees or additionsincriminate To accuse; to charge with a crime or fault; to criminate

incubateTo cause (as an idea) to develop **incumbent**The official who holds an office

indebted Owing gratitude or recognition to another

indecorous Lacking propriety and good taste in manners and conduct

indefatigable Incapable of being fatigued; untiring

indefinitely
Not precisely; in a manner without exact limits
indelible
Unable to be removed, washed away, or erased

independent Free; not subject to control by others; not relying on others; not

subordinate

indeterminate Not precisely established; not fixed or known in advance

indication Signal that serves to suggest something

indictment A formal written statement charging a person with an offense

indifferent Marked by a lack of interest

indignation A scornful anger at supposed unjust or unfair conduct or

treatment

indirect Not direct in manner, language, behavior or action; roundabout

indirection Procedure or action that is not straightforward or direct

indiscernible Difficult or impossible to perceive

indiscriminate Promiscuous; random; not marked by careful distinction

indispensable Absolutely or vitally necessary

indistinct Not clearly defined or easy to perceive or understand

individualistic Marked by or expressing qualities that distinguish one person

from another

indomitable Impossible to subdue

induce To call forth or bring about by influence or stimulation

inducement A positive motivational influence; an incentive; the act of bringing

about a desired result

indulgent Excessive or unrestrained in gratification of appetites, desires, or

whims

indulging Yielding to the desire of

industrial Relating to or resulting from industry

industrious Characterized by hard work and perseverance; working hard to

promote an enterprise

ineffable Defying expression or description; too sacred to be uttered

inefficacious Lacking the power to produce a desired effect

inefficient Not producing desired results; wasteful; lacking the ability or skill

to perform

effectively; inadequate

inept Not elegant or graceful in expression; generally incompetent and

ineffectual

inequitiesinevitabilityInjustices by virtue of not being fair and equitableSomething that is incapable of being avoided or evaded

inevitable Incapable of being avoided or prevented; invariably occurring or

appearing

inexorableness Mercilessness characterized by an unwillingness to relent or let

up

inextricably In a form incapable of being disentangled or solved

infamous Having a reputation of the worst kind

infamyA state of extreme dishonor; evil fame or public reputation infection
Contamination of the body by pathogenic microorganisms

causing inflammation

inferred Concluded by reasoninginfertile Not fertile or productiveinfinity Time without end

inflammatory Tending to inflame or excite the senses

inflated Enlarged beyond truth or reasonableness; (informal) pretentious;

increased especially to abnormal levels

inflation The act of filling something with air

influence The power or capacity of causing an effect in indirect or intangible

ways

influential Exerting or possessing the power to cause an effect

infusion The act of infusing, pouring in, or instilling

ingenious Marked by independence and creativity in thought or action;

showing inventiveness and skill

ingredient Food that is a component of a mixture in cooking

inhabitants Those that occupy a particular place regularly, routinely, or for a

period of time

inherent Involved in the constitution or essential character of something;

belonging by nature or habit

inherit To come into possession of or receive especially as a right or

divine portion

inhibit To check; to hold back; to restrain; to hinder; to discourage from

free or spontaneous activity

initiateTo introduce into a society or organizationinitiatedCaused or facilitated the beginning of

injurious Tending to cause great harm

innate Not established by conditioning or learning; inherent; inborn innocent Free from evil or guilt; lacking intent or capacity to injure

innocuous Having no bad effect; harmless

innovation A new device or process created by study and experimentation

innovative Characterized by the introduction of something new

inoculate To introduce a microorganism into; to produce immunity in by

inoculation

inoculation Taking a vaccine as a precaution against contracting a disease inquiry A request for information; an examination; an investigation

inquisitive Showing curiosity

inquisitor A questioner who is excessively harsh

insecure Not firm or firmly fixed; lacking self-confidence or assurance

insensitive Lacking feeling or tact

insight The power or act of seeing into a situation

insincere Not marked by genuineness; false insipid Uninteresting; unchallenging

insistence The act or an instance of compelling attention

insolence The trait of being rude and impertinent; the inclination to take

liberties; an offensive, disrespectful, impudent act

insomniaAn inability to sleep; chronic sleeplessnessinspectionThe act of viewing closely in critical appraisal

inspector One who inspects, views, or oversees

inspiration The action or power of moving the intellect or emotions **inspire** To exert an animating, enlivening, or exalting influence on

instability The quality or state of being not firm or fixed

install To set up for use or service

instantaneously Without any delay To goad or urge forward

instinct A natural or inherent aptitude, impulse, or capacity

instituteinstitutionTo originate and get establishedinstitutionEstablished order, method, or custom

instruction The action, practice, or profession of teaching

instructive Carrying a lesson

insular Relating to, characteristic of, or situated on an island; having or

reflecting a narrow viewpoint

insulate To protect from heat, cold, noise, etc. by surrounding with

insulating material; to place or set apart

insure To make certain of something

insurgency An organized rebellion aimed at overthrowing a government **insuring** Making certain especially by taking necessary measures and

precautions

intangible Incapable of being perceived by the senses, especially the sense of

touch

integrityFirm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic valuesintellectualEngaged in activity requiring the creative use of the intellect

intended Purposed; designed

intense Existing in an extreme degree intensify To increase in extent or strength

intensity Extreme degree of strength, force, energy, or feeling

intent The state of mind with which an act is done

intention A determination to act in a certain way or to do a certain thing;

purpose; design

interchangeMutual interaction; the activity of reciprocatinginterlocutorsPeople who take part in dialogue or conversation

interlude An intervening period or episode; a brief show performed between

the sections of another performance

interminable Tiresomely long; seemingly without end

intermission A time interval during which there is a temporary cessation of

something

interpretation A particular adaptation or version of a work, method, or style; an

explanation of something not immediately obvious

interpreter Someone who uses art to represent something; someone who

translates from one language to another

interrelated Having a mutual or reciprocal connectioninterrogation Formal and systematic questioning

intersecting Meeting and crossing mutually; sharing a common area

intersection A point where lines or roads cross; the set of elements common to

two or more sets

interval A space between objects, units, points, or states

interview A formal consultation usually to evaluate qualifications (as of a

prospective student or employee)

intimacy Something of a personal or private nature

intimation An indirect suggestion

intimidated Made timid or fearful as by threats; frightened into submission or

compliance

intransigent Refusing to compromise or to abandon an extreme position or

attitude; unsusceptible to persuasion

intrepid Invulnerable to fear or intimidation

intricacy Elaborately complex detail

intricate Highly involved; marked by complexity and richness of detail

intrigue To arouse the interest, desire, or curiosity of intriguing Capable of arousing interest or curiosity

introspection An examination of one's own thoughts and feelings

intrusive Tending to intrude (especially upon privacy)

intuition Quick and ready insight **intuitive** Directly apprehended

intuitively By way of quick and ready insight or immediate apprehension **inundated** Rendered powerless by an excessive amount or profusion of

something; overwhelmed

invalid Being without foundation or force in fact, truth, or law Valuable beyond estimation; inestimable; priceless; precious

invariable Unchangeable

invent To devise; to contrive or produce for the first time

invention The creation of something in the mind

inversion The reversal of the normal order of words; the act of turning

inside out or upside down

invest To lay out (money or capital) in business with the view of

obtaining an income or profit

investigate To trace or track mentally; to search into; to inquire and examine

into with care and accuracy

investment Money or capital laid out in an enterprise with the expectation of

profit

inveterate Firming established by long persistence or habit

invigorate To give life and energy and strength to invincible Incapable of being overcome or subdued

inviolable That cannot be transgressed or dishonored; able to withstand

attack

invisible Incapable of being seen; not perceptible by vision; not visible

ire Intense and usually openly displayed anger

iridescent Having or exhibiting a lustrous, rainbowlike play of color caused

by light refraction that tends to change as the angle of view

changes

ironic Given to the use of words to express something other than and

especially the opposite of the literal meaning

irony A trope that involves incongruity between what is expected and

what occurs

irrational Not consistent with or using reason

irrationalist One who emphasizes intuition, instinct, feeling, or faith rather

than reason

irrelevant Not having significant and demonstrable bearing on the matter at

hand

irreproachableirresoluteirresponsibleFaultless; blameless; inculpableLacking decisiveness of characterShowing lack of care for consequences

irreverence Disregard or disrespect of authority or character

irrigate To supply (as land) with water by artificial means

irritable Easily annoyed

irritate To provoke impatience, anger, or displeasure in; to tease; to

exasperate; to annoy

isolated Not close together in time; being or feeling set or kept apart from

others; quarantined

isolation A state of separation between persons or groups **issues** Things coming forth from a specified source

itinerary An account of travels; a register of places and distances as a

guide to travelers

ivy A widely cultivated and ornamental climbing, prostrate, or

sometimes shrubby vine

jaded Tired or dulled through repetition or excess

jarring Affecting disagreeably

jauntiness Sprightly manner or appearance; liveliness

jazz American music genre developed especially from ragtime and

blues

jeopardizing Exposing to loss or injury; risking jog To run at a moderately swift pace joint United; combined; concerted; joined

jollity The state of feeling jolly and jovial and full of good humor

journal A book of accounts in which is entered a condensed and grouped

statement of daily transactions

journey An act or instance of traveling from one place to another

jubilation A feeling of extreme joy

judge n: Someone who decides the outcome of a dispute; v: to administer

justice in a court

jurisdiction jurisprudenceThe power, right, or authority to interpret and apply the law
The branch of philosophy concerned with the law; a system or

body of law

juror Someone who serves (or waits to be called to serve) on a jury jury A body of citizens sworn to give a true verdict according to the

evidence presented in a court of law

justice The quality or state of being just, impartial, or fair justify To prove or show to be just, right, or reasonable

juxtaposition The act or an instance of placing two or more things side by side **kernel** The inner and usually edible part of a seed, grain, nut, or fruit

stone

key Something that gives an explanation or identification or provides

a solution

kin Group of people related by blood or marriage

kindness The quality of being warm-hearted, considerate, humane, and

sympathetic

knot Any of various fastenings formed by looping and tying a rope or

cord upon itself

labeled Bearing or marked with a label or tag

laborious Involving or characterized by hard or toilsome effort **lace** To draw through eyes or holes ("lace the shoes")

lack To be deficient or missing something

lackadaisical Lacking spirit or liveliness

ladle A deep-bowled, long-handled spoon used especially for dipping up

and conveying liquids

laggard Inclined to waste time and lag behind

lament To mourn aloud

lamentation The act of bewailing; audible expression of sorrow; wailing;

moaning

lamented Mourned for

lampoon To make the subject of a harsh satire, usually directed against an

individual

landscape languidlyA picture representing a view of natural inland scenery Without animation; weakly; wearily; heavily; dully

larceny Theft; the unlawful taking of personal property with intent to

deprive the rightful owner of it

latent Concealed; dormant; existing but not developed or manifest

laudatory Expressing praise lauded Praised; extolled

lava The melted rock ejected by a volcano lavishly In a rich and extravagant manner

lecture To teach by giving a discourse on some subject

lecturer One who delivers a lecture

legend A story about mythical or supernatural beings or events; a brief

description accompanying an illustration

legendaryFully or widely knownlegionA great number; a multitude

legislator A lawgiver; one who makes laws for a state or community; a

member of a legislative body

legislature An organized body having the authority to make laws for a

political unit

leniency A disposition to yield to the wishes of someone

lethargic Morbidly drowsy; dull; heavy; deficient in alertness or activity

lethargy A state of inaction or indifference **levity** Lightness, especially in mood

lexicography The principles and practices of dictionary making

liability Debt; obligation; responsibility

liberallyIn a generous mannerliberatingTending to set free

liberator One who frees (as a country) from domination **libertarian** Someone who believes the doctrine of free will

likelihood The quality or state of being probable

limerick A form of light or humorous verse with a specific rhythm and

rhyme scheme (5 chiefly anapestic verses: lines 1, 2, and 5 are of three feet; lines 3 and 4 are of two feet; rhyme scheme is aabba)

linchpin A central cohesive source of support and stability

linguist A person who specializes in languages

liniment A liquid or semiliquid preparation that is applied to the skin as an

anodyne or a counterirritant

literary Of, relating to, or having the characteristics of humane learning

or literature

lithe Gracefully slender; moving and bending with ease

litigant A person engaged in a lawsuit

livid 1. Ash-colored or anemic looking from illness or emotion; 2: very

angry; enraged

loath loath loathingUnwilling to do something contrary to one's ways of thinking **Extreme disgust**: a feeling of aversion, nausea, abhorrence, or

detestation

lobbying Addressing members of a legislative body with the purpose of

influencing their votes

lobbyist Someone who tries to persuade legislators to vote for bills they

favor

locomotive Self-propelled engine used to draw trains along railway tracks

lofty Lifted high up; having great height; towering; high

logic A science that deals with the principles and criteria of validity of

inference and demonstration

long-standing Of long duration

looming Coming into sight in enlarged or distorted and indistinct form

lubricate The quality of being unswerving in allegiance To make slippery or smooth with oil or grease

lucid Clear; easily understood; capable of thinking and expressing in a

clear and consistent manner

lull A pause during which things are calm or activities are diminished

lullaby A quiet song intended to lull a child to sleep

luminous Softly bright or radiant; emitting or reflecting usually steady,

suffused, or glowing light

lummoxAn awkward, clumsy personlunarOf or relating to the moon

lure 1: Something used to lure victim into danger; bait; decoy; 2: to

draw with a hint of pleasure or gain

lurid Glaringly vivid and graphic; shining with an unnatural red glow

as of fire seen through smoke

lush Produced or growing in extreme abundance

lyric Exuberant; rhapsodic; suitable for singing or being set to music

lyrical Expressing deep personal emotion

lyricist A writer of lyrics lyrics The words of a song

machinationsCovert and involved plottings to achieve usually evil endsmagneticPossessing an extraordinary power or ability to attract

magnetism An ability to attract or charm

magnify To increase in size, volume or significance

magnitude Great size or extent

mainstream A prevailing current or direction of activity or influence

maintaining Keeping in an existing state

majority The quality or state of being greater

malediction A curse that invokes evil (and usually serves as an insult)

malevolence An evil disposition toward another; an inclination to injure others;

ill will

malfunction To fail to operate normally

malinger To avoid responsibilities and duties by feigning incapacity

malleable Capable of being shaped or bent or drawn out

mandate A document giving an official instruction or command

mane Long and heavy hair growing about the neck and head of some

mammals

manifesto A written statement declaring publicly the intentions, motives, or

views of its issuer

manufacturing The organized action of making goods and services for sale **manuscript** A written or typewritten composition or document as

distinguished from a printed copy

marine biologist A scientist dealing with the study of sea life

mariners Persons who navigate or assist in navigating a ship; sailors

marred Having the surface damaged or disfigured
A large quantity, amount, or number

master To become skilled or proficient in the use of

materialistically With a stress on material rather than on intellectual or spiritual

things

maturation The process of becoming mature or attaining a final or desired

state

maverick Independent in behavior or thought

maxim A saying of proverbial nature

meager Deficient in amount, quality or extent

meaningful Having purpose; significant; having an assigned function in a

language system

means Things useful or helpful to a desired end

mechanical Using (or as if using) mechanisms, tools or devices

mechanic One who repairs machines

mechanized Equipped with machinery especially to replace human or animal

labor

meddlers People who interfere with others without right or propriety mediation Negotiation to resolve differences conducted by some impartial

party

mediatorA negotiator who acts as a link between partiesmedievalOf, relating to, or characteristic of the Middle AgesmediocrityOrdinariness as a consequence of being average and not

outstanding

meditate To think intently and at length, as for spiritual purposes medley An assortment or a mixture, especially of musical pieces

meekNot violent or strong **melancholy**Depression of spirits

melodious Having a musical sound, especially a pleasing tune

melodrama An extravagant comedy in which action is more salient than

characterization

melody A rhythmic succession of single tones organized as an aesthetic

whole

memoir A narrative composed from personal experience

menacing Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments

mendThe repair of a worn or torn place in a garmentmentorA wise and trusted counselor, guide, or advisormerchantsBuyers and sellers of commodities for profit

merciful Full of mercy; having or exercising mercy; compassionate;

unwilling to punish

mercurial Characterized by rapid and unpredictable changeableness of

mood

mercy A disposition to be kind and forgiving

merit To be worthy of or entitled to

merits Praiseworthy qualities

merriment Activities that are enjoyable or amusing

meteorologist A scientist who deals with weather and weather forecasting

meticulous Extremely careful and precise

micron A measure of length equal to the millionth part of a meter

miffed Slightly offended

migrationMovement from one country, place, or locality to anothermimeTo act a part with mimic gesture and action usually without

words

mimicry Imitation of a person, gesture, etc.

minimize To reduce to the smallest part or proportion possible; to reduce to

a minimum

minister One officiating or assisting the officiant in church worship

minor Comparatively unimportant

mirage An optical illusion caused by atmospheric conditions (e.g., a pool

of water in the desert)

mirth Gladness or gaiety as shown by or accompanied with laughter

mirthful Full of or showing high-spirited merriment
A person who hates or distrusts mankind
An incorrect understanding or belief
Improper, wicked or immoral behavior

misdiagnose To analyze the cause or nature of an illness or situation

incorrectly

misfortune An event or series of events causing an unfortunate or distressing

result

misgivings Doubts about the fitness of an action

misleading Leading in a wrong direction or into a mistaken action

misnomer The misnaming of a person in a legal instrument; the use of a

wrong name

misperception Mistaken perception or idea; incorrect awareness of the elements

of environment through physical sensation

misrepresent To give a false or misleading representation of, usually with an

intent to deceive or be unfair

mission An operation that is assigned by a higher headquarters

misstateTo state something incorrectlymitigatedMade less severe or painfulmockTo treat with contempt or ridicule

moderate Professing or characterized by political or social beliefs that are

not extreme

mode A form or manner of expression

modest Marked by simplicity

modicum A small, moderate or token amount

modify To make partial changes in; to make different

mollify To calm or soothe

monarch A person who reigns over a kingdom or empire

monarchy Undivided rule or absolute sovereignty by a single person

monochromatic
monologueHaving or appearing to have only one color
A dramatic sketch performed by one actor

monopoly A market in which there are many buyers but only one seller

monosyllabic Having, characterized by, or consisting of one syllable

monotonous Tediously repetitious or lacking in variety

monument Something which stands, or remains, to keep in remembrance

what is past

moral Of or relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior moralistic Characterized by or expressive of a narrow and conventional

moral attitude

morality A doctrine or system of moral conduct

morally In a manner relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior

morassSomething that traps, confuses, or impedesmoroseHaving a sullen and gloomy disposition

motive Something (as a need or desire) that causes a person to act

A person who is grieving over someone who has died

mournful Expressing sorrow

movement A natural event that involves a change in the position or location

of something; motion

mule Sterile offspring of a male donkey and a female horse

multifaceted Having many aspects

multitude The state of being many

mundaneFound in the ordinary course of eventsmunificenceExtremely liberal generosity of spiritmuralA big painting applied directly to a wall

mutability Susceptibility of change

mutilate To cut up or alter radically so as to make imperfect

mutter To complain quietly

mutual Reciprocally acting or related; common to or shared by two or

more parties

mystery A profound secret; something which has not been or can not be

explained

mystical Having a spiritual meaning or reality that is neither apparent to

the senses nor obvious to the intelligence

mystify To perplex the mind of; to puzzle

mythical Based on traditional stories and lacking factual basis or historical

validity

myths Traditional stories accepted as history which serve to explain the

world view of a people; imaginary notions

naïvenapMarked by unaffected simplicityA period of time spent sleeping

narcissistic Having an inflated idea of one's own importance

narrate To give a detailed account of

narrative Consisting of or characterized by the telling of a story

narrator Someone who tells a story

narrowly In a narrow manner; not allowing for exceptions

nasal Of, in or relating to the nose

nascent Coming into existence; just beginning to be

native Being such by origin

naval Of or relating to ships or shippingnavigable Able to be sailed on or through safely

navigate To guide of steer oneself

necessity The quality or state of being needed or necessary

negate To prove negative; to show to be false

neglect n: Lack of attention and due care; v: to leave undone or unattended **negotiator** Someone who confers with others in order to reach an agreement

nervous Sensitive; excitable; timid

nest A structure in which animals lay eggs or give birth to their young **nickname** A usually descriptive name given instead of or in addition to the

one belonging to a person, place, or thing

nip To cut off at the very commencement of growth; to kill in the

incipient stage

nocturnal Belonging to or active during the night

nomads People, usually in groups, that have no permanent home but

move about according to the seasons

nonchalance The trait of remaining calm and seeming not to care; a casual

lack of concern

nonconformist One who does not comply to some norm or socially approved

pattern of behavior or thought

nondescript Lacking distinct or individual characteristics; dull and

uninteresting

nonetheless
nostalgic

Despite anything to the contrary (usually following a concession)
Longing for familiar things or persons, or for a period of time or

an occurrence that has past

notable Worthy of notice; remarkable

noteworthy Worthy of notice

notorious Having an exceedingly bad reputation

nourishing Providing sustenance

nourishment Food; sustenance; that which promotes the growth of

novel An extended fictional work in prose, usually in the form of a story

novel (adj) Original or striking especially in conception or style

novelty Something new or unusual

novice At a first stage of development; just becoming familiar with the

rudiments or skills or routines

nuance A subtle difference in meaning

nudge To push into action by pestering or annoying gently

nursery 1: A room for a baby; 2: a building with glass walls and roof for

the cultivation of plants under controlled conditions

nurtured Fed; nourished; cherished

nutrient 1: Providing nourishment; 2: a nutritive substance or ingredient

nutritious Nourishing

obdurate Stubborn; inflexible

obedience Compliance with that which is required by authority; subjection

to rightful restraint or control

objection A reason or argument presented in opposition

objective Dealing with facts or conditions as perceived without distortion by

personal feelings

objectivity Judgment based on observable phenomena and uninfluenced by

emotions or personal prejudices

obligation That which obligates or constrains; the binding power of a

promise, contract, oath, or duty

obliging Happy to comply

obliterate To remove utterly from recognition or memory

oblivious Lacking conscious awareness of; failing to keep in mind

obsceneDesigned to incite to lust or depravityobscureNot clearly understood or expressedobservableCapable of being seen or noticed

observation An act of recognizing and noting a fact or occurrence

observed Discovered or determined by scientific observation; witnessed at

first hand

obsessive Characterized by obsession; excessive often to an unreasonable

degree

obsolete Old; no longer in use or valid or fashionable

obstacle Something immaterial that stands in the way and must be

circumvented or surmounted

obstinacy Resolute adherence to one's own ideas or desires; stubbornness

obstreperous Marked by unruly or aggressive noisiness

occupy To take up (a place or space)

octopus Bottom-living cephalopod having a soft oval body with eight long

tentacles

offbeat Deviating from an established or usual pattern or style

offend To transgress the moral or divine law

official One who holds an office; one having official authority or sanction **ointment** Any of various substances resembling cream that have a healing

or soothing

effect when applied to the skin

olfactory Of, relating to, or connected with the sense of smell

ominous Menacing; threatening

The quality or state of having unlimited authority or influence; an omnipotence

agency or force of unlimited power

7omnipresent Present in all places at all times

omniscience The quality or state of having infinite awareness, understanding,

and insight

Not easily borne; wearing onerous The beginning or early stages onset

A personal belief that is not founded on proof or certainty opinion

opponent One that takes an opposite position

opportunist A person who takes immediate advantage, often unethically, of a

circumstance of possible benefit; self-seeker

A possibility due to a favorable combination of circumstances opportunity

opposing In opposition to; characterized by active hostility

oppressive Unreasonably burdensome or severe Anticipating the best possible outcome optimistic

opulent Rich and superior in quality; exhibiting a display of great wealth An elaborate discourse, delivered in public, treating an important oration

subject in a formal and dignified manner

orator A person who delivers a speech or oration

orbit A path described by one body in its revolution about another

A small cultivated wood without undergrowth orchard

order Specified sequence, succession, etc.

A source from which valuable matter is extracted

Involving the use of food produced without employment of organic

chemically formulated fertilizers

A complex structure of interdependent and subordinate elements organism organized Formed into a structured or coherent whole; methodical and

efficient in arrangement or function

Position or alignment relative to points of the compass or other orientation

specific directions

The first existence or beginning of anything; the point at which origin

something begins or from which it derives

original Preceding all others in time or being as first made or performed ornament

That which embellishes or adorns; that which adds grace or

Elaborately ornamented ornate

orthodox Conforming to established doctrine

To become hardened or conventional and opposed to change ossify

ostentatious Indulging in showy or pretentious display

The state of being banished or excluded from society by general ostracism

consent

A person who is rejected (from society or home) outcast outcome Something that follows as a result or consequence outdated Old; no longer in use or valid or fashionable

outlandish Strikingly out of the ordinary

outline A preliminary account

outmoded Made unfashionable or obsolete

A person who does not belong to a particular group outsider

ovation Enthusiastic recognition (especially one accompanied by loud

applause)

To win a victory over; to defeat overcome

Delayed beyond the proper time of arrival or payment overdue overestimate To appraise too highly (a person, ability, cost, etc.)

overflow To flow or run over (a limit or brim) **overhaul** To make repairs or adjustments to; to modernize

overlooked Not taken into account

overnight Lasting through or extending over the whole night

overrun To invade and occupy or ravage

oversight Omission resulting from failure to notice something

overthrow To cause the downfall of

overwhelmTo overcome by superior force or numbersoverwhelmingTending to overpower in thought or feeling

painsTroubles or efforts taken to accomplish something

Very light colored; highly diluted with white

palette A flat surface on which artists mix paints and the range of colors

used

palliative Covering by excuses and apologies

pallid Abnormally deficient in color as suggesting physical or emotional

distress; pale

pander To provide gratification for others' desires

pantTo breathe quickly, spasmodically, or in a labored manner **pantomime**A performance using gestures and body movements without

words

parallel Similar, analogous, or interdependent in tendency or development

paramount Having superior power and influence

paranoid Suffering from irrational fear, distrust, suspicion, or delusions of

persecution

paraphrase Rewording for the purpose of clarification

parasite An animal or plant that lives in or on another and from which it

obtains nourishment

parched
 pardoned
 pariah
 Dried out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight
 Forgiven; absolved; excused; overlooked; acquitted
 A person who is rejected (from society or home)

parody Humorous or satirical mimicry

partial Being or affecting only a part; not total

parting The act of dividing; the state of being parted; division; separation

partisan Affiliated with one party or faction

passengers People traveling in a vehicle (a boat, bus, car, plane, train, etc.)

who are not operating it

passion Extreme feeling or emotion; an irrational but irresistible motive

for a belief or action

passive Not active, but acted upon

pastime A subject or pursuit that occupies one's time and thoughts

(usually pleasantly)

pasture A field covered with grass or herbage and suitable for grazing by

livestock

pathetic Deserving or inciting pity; pitiful; wretched; inspiring mixed

contempt and pity

pathfinder Someone who can find paths through unexplored territory

pathology The science of bodily diseases

patience Calm endurance of hardship, provocation, pain, delay, etc.

patient A person who requires medical care

patron A regular customer

patronizing Treating in a condescending manner **pattern** A customary way of operation or behavior

peaceable Inclined or disposed to peace

peacemaking Reconciling parties that are at variance

pedantic Marked by a narrow focus on or display of learning, especially its

trivial aspects

peerless Having no equal

peer A person who is of equal standing with another in a group

peevishness An irritable, petulant feeling

pellucid Transparent; able to be seen through with clarity

penalize To inflict a penalty or punishment on

penetrating Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine

distinctions; discriminating; keen

penitent Feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds

penurious Not having enough money to pay for necessities; excessively

unwilling to spend

perceive To attain awareness or understanding of; to become aware of

through the senses

perceptive Having the ability to understand; keen in discernment

perfectionist A person who is displeased by anything that does not meet very

high standards

perfidious Tending to betray

performance The execution of an action

perfunctory As a formality only

peril Exposure to the risk of being injured, destroyed, or lost

perilously
periodically
Hazardously; dangerously
In a sporadic manner

peripheral On or near an edge or constituting an outer boundary
permanence The property of being able to exist for an indefinite duration
Continuing or enduring without fundamental or marked change;

stable

permeated Spread or distributed throughout

permissible What is allowed

perpetrator Someone who commits or enacts wrongdoing

perpetuate
 perplex
 perplexing
 perplexity
 To cause to last indefinitely
 To puzzle, bewilder, or mystify
 Complicated, intricate, confusing
 The state of being confused

perquisite A privilege, gain, or profit incidental to regular salary or wages

persecuted Wrongfully subjugated and oppressedpersevere To be persistent; to refuse to stop

persist To continue firmly or obstinately, esp. despite obstacles,

remonstrance, etc.

persistent Existing for a long or longer than usual time, or continuous

persnicketyFussy about small detailspersonifyTo be the embodiment

perspicacity Intelligence manifested by being astute; the capacity to draw

sound conclusions

persuade To cause somebody to adopt a certain position, belief, or course of

action

persuasion An opinion held with complete assurance **persuasive** Having the power to induce action or belief

pertinent Having a clear, decisive relevance to the matter at hand

perusal The act of carefully viewing or examining

pervasive Spread throughout

perverse Turned away from what is right or good; corrupt **pessimist** One who emphasizes adverse aspects, conditions, and

possibilities

pest A persistently annoying person, or that which is troublesome,

noxious, mischievous, or destructive

pesticide An agent used to destroy pests such as insects and rodents

pestilence Something that is destructive or pernicious

petal One of the modified, often brightly colored leaves of the corolla of

a flower

petroleum Rock oil, mineral oil, or natural oil; a dark brown or greenish

inflammable liquid

petty Having secondary rank or importance

pharmacist A person licensed to engage in the profession of preparing and

dispensing medical drugs

phenomenon An observable fact or event

philanthropic Generous in assistance to the poor

philosophies The most general beliefs, concepts, and attitudes of an individual

or group

phlegmatic Showing little emotion

photographyphysicianThe act of taking and printing photographsA person skilled in the art of healing

physics The physical processes and phenomena of a particular systempick A small thin device (of metal, plastic, or ivory) used to pluck a

stringed instrument

pictorial Of or expressed in a picture or pictures

pierce To penetrate or cut through with a sharp instrument

pillagers Persons who take spoils or plunder

pinioned
 pioneer
 pitch
 Bound fast, especially having the arms restrained
 One the first colonists or settlers in a new territory
 The property of sound that changes with variation in the

frequency of vibration

pitiful Eliciting compassion

pity To feel pity or compassion for; to have sympathy with

placate To soothe or mollify especially by concessions

plagiarism The act of passing off as one's own the ideas or writings of

another

plague n: A disease with a high death rate; v: to cause worry or distress

to

plateau A flat surface, especially a broad, level, elevated area of land; a

table-land

platoon A military unit that is a subdivision of a company

plausible Apparently reasonable and valid; within the realm of credibility

playwright A person who writes plays

plea An earnest entreaty

pleading Arguing for or against a claim

pleated Folded

pledge A binding commitment to do or give or refrain from something plentiful Existing in great number or quantity; an abundant supply

plight An unfortunate, difficult, or precarious situation

plotted Planned in advance

plow v: To break and turn over earth; n: a farm tool used to break the

soil

ploy An opening remark intended to secure an advantage for the

speaker; a

maneuver in a game or conversation

pluck To strip of feathers

pluralism The doctrine that reality consists of several basic substances or

elements

policy Management or procedure based primarily on material interest

pompous Puffed up with vanity; ostentatious, showy, pretentious

ponderousExtremely dullportendedForetold; predicted

portfolio
 portrait
 portray
 A portable case for holding loose papers, prints, drawings, etc.
 A pictorial representation of a person usually showing the face
 To assume or act the character of ("She portrays Lady Macbeth")

portrayal The process of representing by or as if by a picture

pose To present for attention or consideration **possession** The act of having or taking into control

posterity The offspring of one progenitor to the furthest generation

postpone To hold back to a later time

postscript Textual matter that is added onto a publication, usually at the

end

postulate To assume or claim as true, existent, or necessary

potentate Someone who rules unconstrained by law

potential Existing in possibility; capable of development into actuality

potter One that makes earthenware

practical Capable of being put to use or account

practice Rehearsal before an actual performance or application **practitioners** Those engaged in the actual use or exercise of any art or

profession

pragmatist A person who takes a practical approach to problems

pranks Mischievous tricks **preach** To advocate earnestly

preambleA preliminary introduction to a statute or constitution **precedence**The fact of preceding in time; priority of importance

precedent An earlier occurrence of something similar

precinct A district of a city or town marked out for administrative

purposes

precious Highly esteemed or cherished

precisely In a manner or measure or to a degree or number that strictly

conforms to a fact or condition

precocious Exhibiting mature qualities at an unusually early age

preconception An opinion formed without adequate evidence

predator Any animal that lives by preying on other animals; one that preys,

destroys, or devours

predatory Characterized by plundering or pillaging or marauding; living by

preying on other animals

predecessor One who precedes in time

predict To declare or indicate in advance

predictable Possible to foretell

prediction A declaration or indication in advance **predilection** An established preference for something

predominant Most frequent or common

prefigure To show, suggest, or announce by an antecedent type, image, or

likeness

preliminary Coming before and usually forming a necessary prelude to

something else; introductory or preparatory

premature Too soon or too hasty

preparation The action or process of making something ready

prepossessing Creating a favorable impression

prescribed Set down as a rule or guide; fixed or established especially by

order or command

prescription preservativeA written direction for the preparation and use of a medicine
A chemical compound that is added to protect against decay or

decomposition

preserve To keep or maintain in unaltered condition; to cause to remain or

last

pressurize To confine the contents of something under a pressure greater

than that of the outside atmosphere

prestigious Having an illustrious reputation

presumptuous Excessively forward

pretentious Expressive of affected, unwarranted, or exaggerated importance,

worth, or stature

pretext A purpose or motive alleged or an appearance assumed in order

to cloak the real intention

prevent To deprive of power or hope of acting or succeeding; to keep from

happening or existing

prey Animal hunted or caught for food

primarily For the most part

primary Of first rank, importance, or value

primate Any of an order of mammals including humans, apes, monkeys,

and related forms

primitivism Belief in the superiority of a simple way of life close to nature

principal Most important, consequential, or influential

principle A basic generalization that is accepted as true and that can be

used as a basis for reasoning or conduct

procedure A particular way of accomplishing something or of acting

processed Subjected to a special process or treatment

proclaim To declare publicly, esp. insistently, proudly, or defiantly

procrastinate procurementTo postpone doing what one should be doing The act of getting possession of something

prodigiousOf the nature of a prodigy; marvelous; wonderful; portentous **productive**Having the quality or power of producing, especially in abundance

productivity Rate of production, especially of food

profane Grossly irreverent toward what is held to be sacred

professionalism The expertness and behavior characteristic of a professional

person

proficiency The quality of having great facility and competence

profoundHaving intellectual depth and insightprogressA forward or onward movementprohibitionDecree that prohibits something

prohibitive Tending to discourage; preventive; hindering

prohibit To forbid by authority

proliferate
 prolific
 prominence
 promulgate
 To grow rapidly ("Pizza parlors proliferate in this area")
 Marked by abundant inventiveness or productivity
 The quality, state, or fact of being conspicuous
 To make known by open declaration; to proclaim

pronouncement A usually formal declaration of opinion

propaganda Ideas, facts, or allegations spread deliberately to further one's

cause or to damage an opposing cause

propagate To transmit characteristics from one generation to the next; to

reproduce; to extend

propel To drive forward; to urge or press onward by force; to move or

cause to move

prophet An authoritative person who divines the future

proponents People who plead for a cause or idea

proprietor One who has the legal right or exclusive title to something

propriety Appropriateness of behavior or morals

prosaic Lacking wit or imagination

prose Ordinary writing as distinguished from verse

prosperity An economic state of growth with rising profits and full

employment

protagonist The principal character in a work of fiction

protégé A person whose career is furthered by, and who receives support

and protection from, an influential patron

protein The total nitrogenous material in plant or animal substances **protracted** Drawn out or lengthened in time or (rarely) in space; continued;

prolonged

province An administrative district or division of a country **provocative** Serving or tending to provoke, excite, or stimulate

provoke To incite to anger

proximity The property of being close together

prudent Careful and sensible; marked by sound judgment

psychiatrist A scientist who studies the branch of medicine dealing with

mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders

psychological Of or relating to the branch of medicine that deals with mental,

emotional, or behavioral disorders

publicizeTo bring to the attention of the people at large pugnacious
Tough and callous by virtue of experience

pun The humorous use of a word to suggest different meanings, or of

words of the same sound and different meanings

punctiliousness Strict attention to minute details; meticulousness

punctual Acting, arriving or performing exactly at the time appointed

pundits Learned experts or teachers **punitive** Inflicting punishment

purging An act of removing by cleansing; ridding of sediment or other

undesired elements

purpose Something set up as an object or end to be attained

purposefulness The quality of having a definite purpose or

objective

pursuit The act of following in order to overtake

putrid Decomposed; rotten

quagmire Soft, miry land that shakes or yields under the foot

quaint Attractively old-fashioned ("houses with quaint thatched roofs")

qualities Peculiar and essential characteristics

quandary A state of perplexity or doubt **quarantine** A state of enforced isolation

quarrel A usually verbal conflict between antagonists

quarrelsome Exhibiting a tendency to dispute

quell To be subdued or abated; to yield; to abate **querulous** Habitually complaining ("a querulous child")

query A question in the mind **quest** An act or instance of seeking

quiescence A state of quiet

quill A stiff, hollow, protective spine on a porcupine or hedgehog **radiant** Giving off or as if giving off light; beaming; effulgent ("a radiant")

sunrise")

radiation 1: The physical phenomenon of radiating energy in the form of

waves or particles; 2: the act of radiating

radical Tending or disposed to make extreme changes in existing views

radically In an extreme manner

rakish Dashingly or carelessly unconventional

rally A mass meeting intended to arouse group enthusiasm

rancor Bitter, deep-seated ill will

rancorous Showing deep-seated resentment **range** To change or be different within limits

ranger An official who is responsible for managing and protecting an area

of forest

rank Degree of dignity, eminence, or excellence; position in civil or

social life; station; degree; grade

rantTo talk in a noisy, excited, or declamatory manner **rare**Seldom done, found, or occurring; uncommon

rarely Not often

rascalA deceitful and unreliable scoundrelrashRequiring sudden action; pressing; urgentraspyUnpleasantly harsh or grating in soundrationalConsistent with, based on, or using reason

rationalize To bring into accord with reason, or cause something to seem

reasonable

raucous Unpleasantly loud and harsh

ravage To affect destructively

ravenous Very eager or greedy for food, satisfaction, or gratification

raw In the natural unprocessed condition; having the surface exposed

and painful ("a raw wound")

razingThe event of a structure being completely demolished and leveled reaction
The act or process or an instance of responding; a response

reactionary Extremely conservative

realism Fidelity in art and literature to nature or to real life

reality A real event, entity, or state of affairs

reasonable Not extreme or excessive

rebate A refund of some fraction of the amount paid

rebellion Refusal to accept some authority, code, or convention

rebellious Resisting treatment or management

rebels Participants in a rebellion

rebuffTo reject or criticize sharply; to snub **rebuke**To criticize sharply; to reprimand

recalling Bringing back to mind recipient One that receives

reciprocate To act, feel, or give in return reciprocity A mutual exchange of privileges

reclamation The conversion of waste land into land suitable for habitation or

cultivation

reclusive Withdrawn from society; seeking solitude

recognize To acknowledge formally

reconcile reconciliationTo bring into consonance or accord; to make peace
The action of restoring to friendship or harmony

reconstructing Establishing or assembling again reconstruction The act of establishing or reassembling

recovery The act, process, or an instance of regaining, reclaiming, or

recuperating

recrimination Retaliatory accusation

To get over an illness or shock recuperate

recursive Of, relating to, or constituting a procedure that can repeat itself

indefinitely or until a specified condition is met

redoubtable Formidable; inspiring fear Superfluous repetition redundancy

redundant Exceeding what is normal or necessary

reef A submerged ridge of rock or coral near the surface of the water

A highly developed state refinement

reform

reflect To express a thought or opinion resulting from reflection reflection 1: The return of light or sound waves from a surface; 2: a

thought, idea, or opinion formed as a result of meditation A removal or correction of an abuse, a wrong, or an error

One that works for or urges change for the better reformer

A recurring phrase or number of lines, esp. at the ends of stanzas refrain

refurbish To restore and redecorate; to brighten up

refute To prove wrong by argument or evidence; to show to be false or

erroneous

Provide with sumptuous or abundant food or drink; to entertain regale

To consider and appraise, usually from a particular point of view regard regeneration

Renewal or restoration of a body or bodily part after injury or as a

normal process

region An administrative area, division, or district

regret Sorrow aroused by circumstances beyond one's control or power

to repair

regulation A principle or condition that customarily governs behavior

rehabilitate To help to restore to a former state (e.g., of health or good repute) rehearse To recite or repeat in private for experiment and improvement

prior to public performance

reign The time during which a king, queen, or emperor possesses the

supreme authority

To restore; to bring again together into a whole reintegrate

To throw away; to discard; to refuse to accept or consider reject

relative Not absolute or independent; comparative The relation of something to the matter at hand relevance Removal or lightening of something oppressive relief relieve To free from a burden; to give aid or help to relishing Appreciating with taste and discernment

reluctance The quality of feeling or showing aversion, hesitation, or

unwillingness

reluctant Feeling or showing aversion, hesitation, or unwillingness Worthy of being or likely to be noticed, especially as being remarkable

uncommon or extraordinary

remedial Tending or intended to rectify or improve

That which corrects or counteracts an evil of any kind, e.g., a remedy

cure for a disease

remorseful Motivated by a sense of guilt for past wrongs

remote Located far away

The act of paying for goods or services; recompense for losses remuneration

To cause to be; to become render

To refuse to follow, obey, or recognize any further renounce

renowned Widely known and esteemed

renunciation The rejection of something or someone as invalid

repeal To recall; to call back repel To cause aversion in; to repulse

repetitionA doing or saying againreplenishTo fill or build up againreplicaA copy exact in all detailsreplicateTo make, do, or perform again

reprehensible Bringing or deserving severe rebuke or censure

representation An artistic likeness or image

reprieve A temporary relief from harm or discomfort

reprimand A severe or formal reproof

reprisal The regaining of something (as by recapture)

reprise To repeat the performance of

repudiated Disowned; disavowed; rejected; denied

repulsive Cold; forbidding; offensive ("he has repulsive manners")

reputable Having a good reputation; held in esteem

reputation Overall quality or character as seen or judged by people in general

requested Asked for

resentful Full of or inclined to feel indignant or ill will

resentment Strong displeasure; anger; hostility provoked by a wrong or injury

experienced

resigned Having come to accept

resilient Recovering readily from adversity or depression

resistance An opposing or retarding force **resisted** Withstood the force or effect of

resolute Firm in purpose or belief; characterized by firmness and

determination

resolution A formal expression of opinion, will, or intent, agreed to by a vote **respectability** The quality of being decent or correct in character or behavior

resplendent Having great beauty and splendor

restitution A sum of money paid in compensation for loss or injury

restive restorationBeing in a tense state; marked by restlessness
A bringing back to a former position or condition

restrain To prevent from doing, exhibiting, or expressing something

restrict To confine within bounds

resuscitation Revival from apparent death or from unconsciousness **retain** To keep in mind or memory; to keep in possession or use

retaliation Action taken in return for an injury or offense

retention The act of keeping in one's possession

retiree Someone who has concluded or withdrawn from one's working or

professional career

retract To draw back or in retreat To move back or away

retribution The dispensing or receiving of punishment or reward

retroactive Made effective as of a date prior to enactment revel To celebrate noisily; to engage in wild festivities revelation An act of revealing to view or making known

revere To regard with profound respect and affection, mingled with awe

or fear

reverence Profound respect and esteem mingled with fear and affection, as

for a holy being or place

revile To subject to verbal abuse

revise To look over again in order to correct or improve

revision The act of rewriting or altering something **revolt** To renounce allegiance or subjection

revolution The overthrow or renunciation of one government or ruler and the

substitution of another by the governed

revolutionary Markedly new or introducing radical change

revolutionize To fundamentally change the way of thinking about or visualizing

something

rhapsodize To say with great enthusiasm

rhythm An ordered, recurrent alternation of strong and weak elements in

the flow of sound and silence in speech

ridicule To subject to laughter

rigid Incapable of or resistant to bending

rigorously Strictly; harshly; precisely

ritual The established form for a ceremony

rival One who is in pursuit of or striving for the same object or goal as

another; a competitor

rivals Those striving for competitive advantage
 role A part played by an actor, singer, or dancer
 romantic Marked by expressions of love or affection
 rooted Fixed or implanted by or as if by roots

route A traveled way

rural Of or relating to the country, country people or life, or agriculture

ruse A crafty trick

saddenTo make or become unhappy **sagacious**Acutely insightful and wise

salutation A word or phrase of greeting used to begin a letter

salve Anything that remedies, heals, or soothes

salvo A spirited verbal attack

sanctimonious Affecting piousness; hypocritically devout

sanction A formal decree

sanctioned Given official authorization or approval to

sanguine Marked by sturdiness, high color, and cheerfulness **sarcasm** Witty language used to convey insults or scorn

satirize To censure or ridicule by means of sarcasm; to humorously

expose and discredit vice or folly

savory Pleasing to the organs of taste or smell

scandal Loss of or damage to reputation caused by actual or apparent

violation of morality or propriety

scapegoat Someone punished for the errors of others

scarcest Least plentiful or abundant

scathing Marked by harshly abusive criticism **scenery** A picturesque view or landscape

scheme To make a scheme of; to plan; to design; to project; to plot

scholarship A grant-in-aid to a student

scorch To burn so as to affect color or taste

script The written text of a stage play, screenplay, or broadcast

scrumptious Extremely pleasing to the sense of taste

scrupulous Careful to avoid doing wrong

scrutinize To examine closely; to inspect or observe with critical attention; to

regard narrowly

scurry To move about or proceed hurriedly

seance A meeting of spiritualists ("The seance was held in the medium's

parlor")

secondhand Acquired after being used by another; not new **secrete** To generate and separate from cells or bodily fluids

security Freedom from danger

sedative A drug that reduces excitability and induces calm

sedentary Not migratory; settled

seedling Young plant or tree grown from a seed

segment A separate piece of something **seldom** In few instances; rarely

semaphore An apparatus for visual signaling with lights or mechanically

moving arms

sense A particular sensation or kind or quality of sensation

sensitive Receptive to sense impressions; understanding of the feelings of

others

sentiment 1: Personal belief that is not founded on proof or certainty; 2: an

attitude, thought, or judgment prompted by feeling

sequential In regular succession without gaps

serenade A complimentary vocal or instrumental performance, esp. a

romantically inspired one given outdoors at night for a woman

serendipity The faculty of making fortunate discoveries of things you were not

looking for

serene Calm; peaceful

serenity The quality or state of being serene; clearness and calmness;

quietness; stillness; peace

serpentine Coiling; meandering; writhing

serviceable Fit for use

servile Submissive or fawning in attitude or behavior

setback A step backward; cessation of progress

severity Rigorous restraint, punishment, or requirement

shallow Lacking physical depth; having little spatial extension; lacking in

depth of knowledge or feeling

sharecropper A tenant farmer especially in the southern U.S.

sharpshooter A good marksman

shedTo eject (as seed or spores) from a natural receptacle **sheer**Complete and without restriction or qualification; pure,

unadulterated; thin or transparent

shift To change the place, position, or direction of

shoddiness Hastily or poorly done

shortsighted Lacking the ability to look forward

shroud That which clothes, covers, conceals, or protects

shun To avoid and stay away from deliberately; to stay clear of

significant Having meaning

silhouette The outline of a body viewed as circumscribing a mass **simulate** To give or assume the appearance or effect of, often with the

intent to deceive

sincerity Honesty of mind

single-minded Having one driving purpose or resolve

siren A warning signal that is a loud wailing sound

sketch A rough drawing representing the chief features of an object or

scene and often made as a preliminary study

sleekness A smooth, well-groomed look; elegance; stylishness

slight Small of its kind or in amount sluggard An habitually lazy person A blurry spot or streak

snivel To speak or act in a whining, sniffling, tearful, or weakly

emotional manner

sociologist A scientist who studies society, social institutions, and social

relationships

solemnize To observe or perform with dignity or gravity

soliciting Approaching with a request or plea

solicitous Showing interest or concern

solidarity Unity (as of a group or class) that produces or is based on

communal interests

solidify To make solid or compact

soluble Capable of being dissolved in some solvent (usually water)

solution A homogeneous mixture of two or more substances

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somber So shaded as to be dark and gloomy

soothing Having a sedative effect **sought** Tried to acquire or gain

sound Based on thorough knowledge and experience **sour** To cause or permit to become harsh or unkindly

source 1: A point of origin or procurement; 2: a firsthand document or

primary reference work

spatial Pertaining to, involving, or having the nature of space

species A class of individuals having common attributes and designated

by a common name

specimen An example regarded as typical of its class

speculate To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds

speculative Marked by questioning curiosity **spirited** Full of energy, animation, or courage

sponsor One who assumes responsibility for some other person or thing

spontaneity Arising from a momentary impulse

spontaneously In a manner proceeding from natural feeling or native tendency

without external constraint

sprawling Causing to spread out carelessly or awkwardly

spur A goad to action; stimulus

spurious Not genuine; false

squander To spend (money, time, etc.) wastefully; to dissipate (a fortune,

etc.) wastefully

squelch To suppress or crush completely ("Squelch any sign of dissent")

stability The strength to stand or endure

stagnation A state of inactivity

staid Characterized by dignity and propriety **stalk** The stem or main axis of a plant

stamina The ability to sustain a prolonged, stressful effort or activity

stance Intellectual or emotional attitude

standards Things set up and established by authority as a rule for the

measure of quantity, weight, value, or quality

staple A commodity for which the demand is constant

stature Height or size of the body

statute An act passed by a legislative body

stealth The act of avoiding detection by proceeding furtively, secretly, or

imperceptibly

stereotype A person or thing that conforms to an unjustifiably fixed, usually

standardized, mental picture

sterilized Made incapable of germination

stevedore A laborer who loads and unloads vessels in a port

stifle To smother, muffle, cut off, or repress
 stimulus Something that rouses or incites to activity
 stoic Not affected by or showing passion or feeling

strain To exert to the utmost

strains Groups of presumed common ancestry with clear-cut

physiological distinctions

strategies Careful plans or methods

strenuous Marked by or calling for energy or stamina

stretches Unbroken periods of time

stride A long step

strive To exert much effort or energy

struggleTo make strenuous or violent efforts against opposition **stub**To strike against an object, as of one's toe or foot

stump To cause to be perplexed or confounded

sturdy Having rugged physical strength; inured to fatigue or hardships **style** Mode of expressing thought in language, whether oral or written

subdued Restrained in style or quality

subjective Taking place within the mind and modified by individual bias

submerge To put under water

submissiveness The trait of being willing to yield to the will of another person or a

superior force

submit To yield to governance or authority

subsequently In a successive manner

subsidize To furnish with a subsidy; to purchase the assistance of by the

payment of a subsidy; to aid or promote

substantially To a degree largely but not wholly that which is specified

substantiated Supported with proof or evidence; verified **substantive** Considerable in amount or numbers

substitution The act of putting one person or thing in the place of another **subtitle** Translation of foreign dialogue usually displayed at the bottom of

the screen or stage

subtle Delicately constituted or constructed; nice; fine; delicate;

tenuous; finely woven

subversive Characterized by a systematic attempt to overthrow or undermine

a government or political system

subvert To overturn or overthrow from the foundation

successor A person or thing that succeeds another; a person who inherits

some title or office

sue To seek justice or right from, by legal process **suffice** To be adequate, either in quality or quantity

sufficient Enough to meet the needs of a situation or a proposed end

suggestTo mention or imply as a possibilitysuggestiveHaving a covert or special meaningsullenShowing a brooding ill humor

sully To place under suspicion or cast doubt upon ("sully someone's

reputation")

summarize superficialTo tell in or reduce to a succinct covering of the main points
Presenting only an appearance; without substance or significance

superficiality Lack of depth of knowledge, thought, or feeling

superfluity Extreme excess **superfluous** Extra; unnecessary

superiority The quality or state of being above another in rank, station, or

office

supernatural Not existing in nature, or not subject to explanation according to

natural laws; not physical or material

superstitious Full of beliefs or practices that result from ignorance, fear of the

unknown, trust in magic or chance, or a false conception of

causation

supervisor One who supervises or has charge and direction of

supplanted Removed or displaced by stratagem; displaced and taken the

place of; superseded

supplication The act of making a humble entreaty; humble and earnest prayer,

as in worship

supportive Furnishing support or assistance

suppressed Put down by force

suppression The act of putting down by authority or force

supreme Highest in rank or authority

surfeitThe quality of being overabundant; an excesssurpassTo transcend the reach, capacity, or powers ofsurrenderTo give up completely or agree to forgo; to yield

surreptitious Marked by quiet, caution, secrecy, or stealth; taking pains to

avoid being observed

surrogates People appointed to act in place of others; substitutes **survey** To take a poll; to measure the size of a piece of land

surveyor One who views and examines for the purpose of ascertaining the

condition, quantity, or quality of anything

suspicion An impression that something might be the case

sustaining Bearing; upholding; supporting

swagger To walk with a lofty, proud gait, often in an attempt to impress

others

swarm To appear or collect in a crowd; to throng together

swerve The act of turning aside suddenly

swiftly With great speed

swindle To cheat or defraud grossly

syllabus A summary outline of a discourse, treatise, course of study, or

examination requirements

symbiosis The relation between two different kinds of organisms that are

interdependent (each gains benefits from the other)

symbolize To represent, express, or identify by a symbol (an image or

picture)

symmetry Correspondence in size, shape, and relative position of parts on

opposite sides of an axis or dividing line

sympathize To share in suffering or grief

symphony A large orchestra

symptom Subjective evidence of disease or physical disturbance

synopsis A condensed statement or outline

syntax
 synthetic
 tactful
 The part of grammar dealing with the construction of sentences
 Of, relating to, or produced by chemical or biochemical synthesis
 Having or showing a sense of what is fitting and considerate in

dealing with others

tactile Perceptible by touch; of or relating to the sense of touch

tagged Supplied with an identifying marker

taint To contaminate morally; to touch or affect slightly with something

bad

taleAn account describing incidents or events **talented**Showing a natural aptitude for something

talisman A trinket or piece of jewelry thought to be a protection against evil

tangential Of superficial relevance **tanned** Converted into leather

tattooA design made on the skin by pricking and staining **taunting**Aggravating by deriding, mocking, or criticizing

taut Pulled or drawn tight

technology The practical application of science to commerce or industry

tedious Tiresome because of length or dullness

tedium Boredom; the state of being tiresomely long or wearisome

temerity Audacity

temperament One's characteristic mood

temperance Habitual moderation in regard to the indulgence of the natural

appetites and passions

temple temptation tenaciouslyAn edifice for the worship of a deity
A cause or occasion of enticement
With obstinate determination

tenacity Persistent adherence to a belief or a point of view; fortitude **tenant** Someone who pays rent to use land or a building owned by

someone else

tendency A proneness to a particular kind of thought or action

tension Extreme strain of mind or excitement of feeling; intense effort **tentacles** Elongated, flexible, limb-like extensions used by an animal for

feeling, grasping, or locomotion

tentative Under terms not final or fully worked out or agreed upon

tenuous Having little substance or significance **tepid** Lacking in passion, force, or zest

term A word or expression that has a precise meaning peculiar to its

use

terminate To bring to an end

terrestrialOf, relating to, or inhabiting the land as opposed to the sea or air **testable**Capable of being or liable to be subjected to judgment or test

testimony A solemn statement made under oath **text** The main body of a written work

textile A woven or knit cloth

theme A unifying idea that is a recurrent element in a literary or artistic

work

theology The study of religious faith or practice

theoretical Confined to speculation, often in contrast to practical applications

theories Analyses of a set of facts in their relation to one another

theory A concept that is not yet verified, but that if true would explain

certain facts or phenomena

therapeutic Tending to cure or restore to health **thermal** Of, relating to, or caused by heat

thesis A proposition to be proved or one advanced without proof **thicket** A wood or a collection of closely set trees, shrubs, etc.

threat Something that is a source of danger

threshold The point at which a physiological or psychological effect begins

to be produced

throne The chair of state of a sovereign or high dignitary

throng A large gathering of people

thwarted Disappointingly unsuccessful; frustrated

tidal Of, relating to, or caused by tides **time-honored** Honored because of age or long usage

timeless Unaffected by time 85

timepiece An instrument or device for keeping time **timid** Lacking in courage or self-confidence

timing Selection of, or the ability to select for maximum effect, the

precise moment for beginning or doing something

timorous Timid by nature or revealing timidity

toady A person who tries to please someone in order to gain a personal

advantage

tolerance Capacity to endure pain or hardship; endurance

tolerate To put up with

tome A volume forming part of a larger work; a large, scholarly book **topography** 1: The physical or natural features of an object or entity and their

structural relationships; 2: the art of mapmaking

torment To cause severe, usually persistent or recurring distress of body

or mind

torpor Apathy or dullness; a state of inactivity with partial or total

insensibility; numbness

tourniquet A device that stops the flow of blood from an artery by applying

pressure

toutTo praise or publicize loudly or extravagantlytoxicRelating to or caused by a toxin or poisontraceA barely detectable amount of a substance

tract A pamphlet or leaflet of political or religious propaganda **tradition** An inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought,

action, or behavior

tragic Mournful; expressive of tragedy, the loss of life, or sorrow
 trail A track made by passage, especially through a wilderness
 trait A distinguishing or marked feature; a peculiarity ("a trait of

character")

traitor One who violates allegiance

tram A vehicle on rails used primarily for transporting passengers and

typically operating on city streets

tranquility A state of being free from stress or emotion; peacefulness **tranquilizer** A drug used to reduce stress, tension, or mental disturbance

transformed Changed in composition or structure **transgress** To act in disregard of laws and rules

transience An impermanence that suggests the inevitability of ending or

dying; the attribute of being brief or fleeting

transient Passing especially quickly into and out of existence

transitory Short-lived or temporary

translation A rendering from one language into another; the product of such

a rendering

translucent Almost transparent; allowing light to pass through diffusely

transmit To cause to pass over or through

transmute To change from one nature, form, or substance into another; to

transform

transparent Transmitting light; able to be seen through with clarity

trap A device in which something can be caught

traveler A person who changes location **traverse** To travel or extend across

treachery Violation of allegiance or of faith and confidence

treason The betrayal of a trust

treatise A systematic exposition or argument in writing

tremendous Extraordinarily large in size, extent, amount, power or degree **tremor** A trembling or shaking, usually from physical weakness,

emotional stress, or disease

tremulous Quivering as from weakness or fear

trepidation Uncertain agitation

trespass A violation of moral or social ethics

tribe A social group comprising numerous families, clans, or

generations

triggering Setting in motion some course of events trinkets Cheap showy jewelry or ornaments

Unoriginal; overused trite

triumph The joy or exultation of victory or success

Ordinary; commonplace; of little worth or importance trivial Any evidence or memorial of victory or conquest trophy

troubadour A lyric poet-musician in medieval France and Italy whose job was

to entertain through the singing and telling of tales (often dealing

with courtly love)

A group of theatrical performers troupe

truculent Defiantly aggressive

A wind instrument consisting of a conical or cylindrical (usually) trumpet

metal tube and a cup-shaped mouthpiece

truncated Cut short in duration

To place confidence in; to rely on; to confide or repose faith in trust

Characterized by unrest or disorder or insubordination tumultuous

tunnel A passageway through or under an obstruction turbulent Causing unrest, violence, or disturbance

A state or condition of extreme confusion, agitation, or commotion turmoil tweed

A rough woolen fabric made usually in twill weaves and used

especially for suits and coats

Of, relating to, associated with or resembling a dictatorship tyrannical A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator tyranny tyrant A monarch, or other ruler or master, who uses power to oppress

his subjects

ultimately In the end

unalterable Not capable of being changed or altered ("unalterable resolve")

unanimously With the agreement and consent of all

Unreachable as an end unattainable

unattractive Lacking power to arouse interest Seemingly supernatural; mysterious uncanny

uncensored Not subject to censorship

Not firm or secure uncertain

undeniable Unquestionably excellent or genuine; plainly true; incontestable

A predicted loser in a struggle or contest underdog

undermine To weaken or ruin by degrees

underprivileged Deprived through social or economic condition of some of the

fundamental rights of a civilized society

To give extra weight to (a communication) underscore

undesirable Not worthy of being chosen unexampled Having no example or parallel unfathomable Impossible to comprehend

To loose from restraint; to unchain; to unshackle; to liberate ("to unfetter

unfetter the mind")

Not adapted to a purpose unfit

unflagging Unceasing; unfailing ("unflagging loyalty"; "unflagging good

spirits"; "unflagging courtesy")

unforeseen Not anticipated

Lacking in smoothness or dexterity ungainly unheralded Without warning or announcement

uniformity A condition in which everything is regular and unvarying

uninspiring Not having an animating or exalting effect **unintended** Not having in mind a specific purpose or goal

union A confederation of independent individuals (as nations or

persons) for some common purpose

unique Distinctively characteristic

uniqueness The quality of being one of a kind

united Joined together; combined

unity An unreduced or unbroken completeness or totality

unjustifiable Incapable of being justified or explained

unleashed Let loose

unorthodox Breaking with convention or tradition

unpalatable Not pleasing to the taste

unparalleled Radically distinctive and without equal

unproductive Not producing desired results

unscrupulously Without motivation deriving logically from ethical or moral

principles

unsettling Having the effect of upsetting, disturbing, or discomposing

unstable Lacking stability, fixity, or firmness

untamed Wild and uncontrolled

untenable Incapable of being defended or justified

untimely Done or happening at an unusual, improper or inopportune time

unvaried Not diversified

unwavering Marked by firm determination or resolution; not shakable

unyielding Persistent; not giving way

uphold To give support to

urban Of, relating to, characteristic of, or constituting a city

usurpers Those who take or make use of without right

utilitarian Having a useful function

utilize To turn to practical use or account

utopia An imaginary place considered to be perfect or ideal

utterance Vocal expression

vacant 1: Void of thought or knowledge ("a vacant mind"); 2: without an

occupant or incumbent

vaccine A preparation used to procure immunity from one or several

diseases

vaguely In an unclear manner

vain Having or showing undue or excessive pride in one's appearance

or achievements

vainglorious Boastful

valid Well grounded in logic or truth or having legal force

validate To declare or make legally valid; to grant official sanction to by

marking

validity vandalismThe well-grounded or justifiable nature of an instance or thing Willful, wanton, and malicious destruction of the property of

others

vapid Lacking liveliness, tang, briskness, or force

vaporize To turn into gas; to convert or be converted into vapor

varied Differing from one another

variegated Having marks or patches of different colors (e.g., variegated leaves

or flowers)

variety The quality or state of having different forms or types

varnished Covered or concealed with something that gives a fair appearance

vast Very great in size, amount, degree, or intensity

vastness Unusual largeness in size or extent

veiled Having a concealing cover; muted, unclear; disguised

venal Open to corrupt influence and especially bribery **vendor** Someone who exchanges goods or services for money

veneer To overlay or plate with a thin layer of wood or other material for

outer finish or decoration

venerableImpressive by reason of agevenerateTo regard with reverential respectveneratedWorthy of adoration or reverence

vengeance Punishment inflicted in return for an injury or an offense

vengeful Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge

venom The poisonous matter which certain animals communicate by

biting or stinging

verdant Covered with growing plants or grass

verge To move or extend in some direction or toward some condition

verifiedSupported or established by evidence or proofverseStanza of a poem or song with or without refrainvestigeA trace; a sign; a clue that something has been presentvexTo cause annoyance in; to disturb, esp. by minor irritationsvicariousExperienced in the imagination through another person

vicious Dangerously aggressive

victor One that defeats an enemy or opponent

victorious Having won a victory

victory Achievement of mastery or success in any struggle or competition

vigilant Carefully observant or attentive; on the lookout for possible

danger

vignetteA short, descriptive essay or character sketchvigorousFull of physical or mental strength or active force

vile Morally reprehensible

vilify To utter slanderous and abusive statements against

villainous Extremely wicked

vindictive Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge

vine A plant whose stem requires support and which climbs by

tendrils or twining or creeps along the ground

violation An infringement of the rules

virtue The quality of doing what is right and avoiding what is wrong

virtuoso A person who has great skill at some endeavor

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visionary One whose ideas or projects are impractical (dreamer)

visionThat which is seen; an object of sightvisualAttained or maintained by sightvitalUrgently needed; absolutely necessary

vitalityLively and animated charactervivaciousLively in temper, conduct, or spirit

vivid Exhibiting the appearance of life or freshness; animated; spirited;

bright; strong; intense

vocalist A person who sings

vocation The particular occupation for which one is trained

vociferously In a loud, clamorous, or noisy manner

volatile Evaporating readily at normal temperatures and pressures; easily

aroused; tending to erupt in violence

vulgar Lacking refinement, cultivation, or taste

vulnerable Open to attack or damage

wan Having a pale or sickly hue; languid of look; pale; pallid

waning Gradually decreasing in magnitude or extent

warring Engaged in war

wary Marked by keen caution and watchful prudence

waste Any material unused and rejected as worthless or unwanted

wave Something that swells and dies away

welfare The state of doing well, especially in respect to good fortune whim A capricious or eccentric and often sudden idea or turn of the

mind

whimsical Determined by chance, impulse or fancy rather than by necessity

or reason

whine To utter a high-pitched plaintive or distressed cry

widespread Widely circulated or diffused

wily Cunning

withheld Held back from action

witticism A cleverly witty and often biting or ironic remarkwitty Combining clever conception and facetious expression

woods A dense growth of trees, usually greater in extent than a grove

and smaller than a forest

woodworkworshipThe craft of a carpenter; things made out of woodTo honor with extravagant love and extreme submission

wrath Intense anger (usually on an epic scale); belligerence aroused by a

real or supposed wrong

wrongdoing
 wryly
 yearn
 Activity that transgresses moral or civil law
 Cleverly and often with ironic or grim humor
 To desire strongly or persistently; to have a yen for

yield To relinquish one's possession of

yielding Giving in return for labor expended; producing yields Amounts or quantities produced or returned

yolk Nutritive material of an ovum, esp. the yellow mass of a bird or

reptile egg

zealous Passionate; extremely interested in pursuing something