

abjure	v.发誓放弃:rejecting,abandoning;v.抵制避免:resist
abrogate	官方的正式废除: annul; 无视(某事的)存在: nonexistent
accede	赞成: approval, consent; 就任, 就职: come into an office
accrete	逐渐增长: grow, gradually
acumen	不同寻常的洞察力和鉴别力: exceptional discernment and judgment
adjourn	延期, 休会: suspend;
adjunct	附属物, 非必需部分: not essentially a part
admonish	建议: give advice; 责备: reprove gently
adumbrate	部分地或有保留地揭露: disclose; 预示着: give a slight indication
advert	引起注意, 提到: refer
affinity	喜欢, 倾向: attraction
allay	减轻: subdue, reduce, intensity or severity
amalgamate	合并, 混合: combine, unified, unite
ameliorate	改善, 改进: become better, improve
amenable	顺从的, 服从的: yield, submit
anemic	缺乏力量、活力、精神的: lacking force
anesthetic	止痛剂: relieves pain; 无感觉的, 麻木的: lacking awareness or sensitivity
animus	敌意: spiteful, malevolent, enmity
apoplectic	极度愤怒的: extremely angry, furious
apostasy	放弃宗教信仰: renunciation, faith; 变节, 背叛: abandonment, previous loyalty
appeal	申请: application; 起诉: charge, crime, accuse
ardor	狂热: strong enthusiasm, devotion, zeal
arduous	难以做到的, 费劲的: difficult
aspect	外表, 容貌: appearance
asperity	(举止、性情)粗暴: roughness; (环境)艰苦: rigor, severity
assiduous	勤勉的, 专心仔细的: careful
astute	机敏的, 有洞察力的: shrewdness, perspicacity
attenuate	降低(数量、力量、价值): lessen
aversion	非常讨厌, 极厌恶: dislike; 令人厌恶的事物: someone that is hated
bale	痛苦, 悲哀: sorrow
balk	阻碍: check, obstacle; 不愿接受, 拒绝: unwillingness
bane	祸根: ruin; 有害物质: kill or injure a living thing
barb	尖锐而严厉的批评: critical

bigot	固执己见者，有偏见的人： obstinately devoted
blasé	（过度放纵之后）厌倦享乐的，腻厌的： apathetic
blatant	大声喧哗的： noisy ；（让人生厌地）惹人注目的： noticeable
blazon	使知名： make known openly ；修饰，装扮： make more attractive
blight	（使）枯萎： affect ；损害： impair
blurt	突然说出，冲动地说： abruptly
bluster	狂妄自大地大声说： loudly arrogant ；大声吹嘘，恐吓： loudly ；喧闹的状态： noisy
boggle	（因为怀疑、恐惧）犹豫： hesitate ；笨拙地做： unskillful way
bolster	支撑（物）： provide support ；鼓励、使有精力： boost
boor	粗鲁的人，不敏感的人： rude
brash	愚勇的，鲁莽的： foolishly adventurous ；缺乏判断力的，不明智的： poor judgment
brassy	厚脸皮的，不知羞耻的： rude boldness ；华而不实地炫耀： showy
brazen	蛮横大胆的，厚颜无耻的： contemptuous boldness ；大胆自信地去面对或从事： bold self-assurance
brisk	充满生机的，有活力的： activity ；（言辞或方式）尖刻辛辣的，刻薄的： keen or sharp
bristle	怒不可遏，咆哮： anger ；供应充足，充满： copiously
brittle	易碎的，脆弱的，易坏的： broken ；不热心的，不真心的： lacking in friendliness
broach	开启，启封： open ；提出讨论： present
bromide	陈词滥调： hackneyed
buck	阻止，反对： refuse assent ；转移，交接： shift possession
budge	（使）改变立场或态度： alter a position ；停止抵抗，屈服： cease resistance
bumptious	专横傲慢的，自以为是的： superiority
bungle	办遭，失败： work clumsily
burgeon	迅速成长扩大，蓬勃发展： grow, rapidly, flourish
burnish	擦亮，磨光： make smooth or glossy
cache	囤货，藏货： supply ；隐藏： hiding
calumniate	诽谤，造谣，中伤： false statements
canard	谣传，误传： misleading
capitulate	投降，默许： give all resistance
carouse	畅饮，狂欢作乐： drink, freely
castigate	强烈（公开）指责： criticize ；惩罚： penalty

chagrin	沮丧，懊恼：mind
chasm	分歧，（意见、利益或忠诚上）明显差异：pronounced difference
check	使突然停止，阻止：arrest, abruptly; 同意，一致：agreement
chicanery	诡计多端的，欺骗：deception
choleric	易怒的，暴躁的：angered; 生气的：anger, irate
circumspect	谨慎的，小心的：careful
circumvent	躲避，不遵从：avoid, comply
cogent	令人信服的：convincing; 相关的：pertinent
collude	串通，共谋（做坏事）：together secretly, fraudulent, deceitful, conspire
comity	友好，社会和谐：friendly, harmony
commotion	骚乱：disturbance
concede	承认：grant; 停止抵抗：cease resistance
conciliate	平息，抚慰：lessen the anger; 调解：compatible, reconcile
condign	应得的，恰当的：deserved
condole	表达同情：sympathetic
congeal	凝固，固化：solid state
conscientious	仔细的，一丝不苟的：involving great care; 有良心的，正直的：governed by conscience
conspire	合谋，密谋：plan secretly
constringe	使紧缩：draw together
consummate	专业的，有造诣的：extremely skilled; 无纰漏的，完美的：perfect; 最高档次的，最大规模的：highest degree
contravene	违反，反对：violate, oppose
contrite	（因为有罪孽或过错而感到）后悔悲痛的：showing remorse
conversant	熟悉的：familiar
coop	监禁，困于...之中：confine
cornucopia	大量：overflowing
covetous	贪婪的，渴求财富的：inordinate desire
crass	粗俗的，愚钝的：unrefined
crave	热望：intense desire
credence	坚信：firm belief
croon	低声歌唱或说话：murmuring
cryptic	秘密的：secret; 含义模糊的：ambiguous meaning; 超出理解能力的：beyond one's powers to know
damper	抑制因素：restrains, depresses

dapper	衣冠整洁的: strikingly neat and trim
daunt	使胆怯, 吓到: to lessen the courage
debilitate	使衰弱: impair strength
debunk	揭穿...的真面目: true nature ; 证明...为假: false
decrepit	虚弱的, 衰老的, 破旧的: weakened
deference	尊崇, 顺从: yield to
defile	(山间) 小道: a narrow passage ; 亵渎: treat with great disrespect ; 使腐坏, 污损: make unfit for use
defuse	抚慰, 减轻: make less tense
defy	反抗, 违抗: go against
deleterious	有害的: harmful
delirium	精神错乱; 极度兴奋, 发狂: mental disturbance confused
demolition	破坏, 毁坏: destroying
demur	表示异议, 反对: opposition, objection ; 犹豫: doubt acceptability qualm
denigrate	诋毁, 污蔑: scornfully
depose	宣誓作证: testify ; 废黜, 罢免: remove from a throne ; 摆放: arrange
depravity	道德败坏: immoral, harmful or offensive
deprecate	不喜欢: unfavorable opinion ; 贬低, 轻视: express scornfully ; 降低... 的重要性, 使低调: play down
deracinate	根除: pull out
despise	极其不喜欢的: dislike strongly
deter	吓住, 威慑: prevent, discourage
diffuse	啰嗦的: verbose ; 不集中的, 扩散的: not concentrated ; 扩展, 散开: extend, scatter
dilatory	拖延的, 磨蹭的: cause delay procrastination
dilute	稀释 / 经稀释的: concentrated/low strength, concentration ; 削弱: diminish strength, flavor, brilliance
disaffected	不满的, 叛逆的: discontented
discombobulate	使不安, 使混乱: upset, confuse
discursive	(谈话内容) 杂乱的: without order
disgruntle	使发怒, 使不满意: discontented ; 使疏远, 使不友好 unfriendly
disparage	贬低; 轻蔑地说: lower, disrespectful
dissemble	用假象隐藏真相, 掩饰: false
dissension	意见不合: difference, disagreement
dissolute	放荡的, 无节制的: restraint, indulging

distend	（使）膨胀：expand
divulge	泄露（秘密）：known confidence, secret
dolorous	忧伤的：misery, grief
dolt	笨蛋：stupid
dour	闷闷不乐的，死气沉沉的：gloomy；严厉的：harsh
douse	熄灭：put out；弄湿：wet
dreary	单调乏味的：nothing cheer；令人不悦的：causing unhappiness
dyspeptic	脾气坏的：bad-tempered；消化不良的：dyspepsia
earnest	严肃认真的：serious
effete	衰弱的，衰落的：depleted；缺乏信念的，懦弱的：lacking strength of will
encomium	赞颂之词：praise
encumber	阻碍，妨碍：impede；给...增添负担：place burden
enervate	使衰弱：weaken；使麻木：deprive of emotional vitality
ensconce	安置：settle securely；隐藏：hiding
entice	诱使：tempt, lure
equable	（脾气、性情）温和的：serene
erratic	善变的：not constant；异常的，不同寻常的：different from the ordinary
eschew	刻意避开；戒绝：avoid
esoteric	深奥难懂的：difficult to understand；少数人知道的：not known by the general
evasive	难以发现，捕捉，分离的；含糊其辞的：equivocal
evict	赶出，逐出：expel
exacerbate	使加剧，使恶化：severe
exalt	提升，提拔：raise；赞扬：praise
excoriate	严厉批评：criticize harshly publicly
excruciate	折磨，使痛苦：pain
execrate	谴责：morally wrong or evil；痛恨：dislike strongly
expiate	赎罪，纠正：extinguish the guilt
exquisite	程度强烈的：extreme；精致精巧的：refined taste
extol	赞美；吹捧：praise
extort	勒索：force, intimidation
extricate	使解脱，救出：free entanglement
exude	分泌，流出：flow forth
exult	感到欢喜：rejoice
falter	蹒跚：walk unsteadily；犹豫踌躇：unsteady in purpose or action

feeble	衰弱的: lacking in strength
fender	缓存装置: cushioning device
fester	感染, 溃烂, 腐烂: corrupt
fetid	恶臭的: offensive smell
fetter	枷锁, 限制: limits one's freedom; 束缚: restrain from motion
fickle	易变的: likely to change; 不忠诚的: not true in one's allegiance
filibuster	拖延议事: for the purpose of delaying legislative action
finesse	娴熟技巧: skill; 精心策划: plan out with subtle skill; (巧妙地) 躲避: keep away from
flag	旗帜, 象征: symbol; 变得衰弱: become feeble
flamboyant	艳丽夺目的, 炫耀的, 充满装饰的: strikingly elaborate
flinch	畏缩; 退缩: draw back
flippancy	轻率, 无礼: unbecoming levity
florid	辞藻华丽的, 花哨的: fancy expressions; 装饰华丽的: elaborately decorated
flout	嘲弄性不理睬, 蔑视: treat with disregard
fluky	侥幸的: happening by good luck; 偶然的: by chance
fluster	使慌乱: put into agitated confusion
foil	挫败: prevent from being successful
formidable	令人害怕的: causing fear; 艰难的: requiring effort
fracas	争吵, 吵闹: physical dispute, noisy fight
frail	虚弱的: weak; (意志) 薄弱的: weak; (希望) 渺茫的: slight
fretful	易怒的, 烦躁的: vexed
friable	易碎的: easily crumbled
frivolous	轻浮的: unbecoming levity; 不重要的: little importance
frothy	用轻薄材料制作的: light; (内容等) 快乐轻佻、不严肃的: gaily frivolous
fulminate	大声斥责: thunderous denunciation
furtive	鬼鬼祟祟的; 秘密的: stealth
fussy	谨慎的: involving great care; 过分雕琢的: excessively decorated; 挑剔的: hard to please
fusty	过时的: old-fashioned; 腐臭的: stale odors
gall	(使) 焦躁, 激怒: irritate; 深深的敌意: ill will; 大胆, 无耻: boldness
galvanize	(好似用电击) 刺激: stimulate excite
garble	曲解, 篡改, 混淆 (以至使无法理解): distort misleading; 筛选, 除杂: remove

garish	过于鲜艳的，过于张扬的：strident color
gibe	嘲弄：taunting words
giddy	轻率不严肃的：lacking in seriousness；喜悦的：elated
gild	（带欺骗性地）修改，润色：deceptively attractive
glib	流利圆滑的（常含有不真诚或欺诈的成分），油腔滑调的：fluency insincere deceitful；缺乏深度的，肤浅的：lacking depth
gloat	幸灾乐祸，自鸣得意：self-satisfaction 简短解释：brief explanation, obscure；（欺骗性的）光鲜外表：attractive
gloss	appearance；敷衍潦草做事（甚至忽略）：too lightly；开脱（罪名）：less bad
glut	使过量，使充满：beyond capacity
goad	刺激，驱使，激发：incite rouse
gobble	狼吞虎咽：eat greedily
gourmand	嗜食者，大胃王：excessively fond of eating
grandiose	自命不凡的，浮夸的：grandeur；宏大的：greatness
gratify	使满足：desired please
gratuitous	无根据的，无理由的：unwarranted；无报酬的，免费的：without return； 多余的：not needed
gripe	抱怨：dissatisfaction；（通过连续让人讨厌的举动）激怒，惹怒：disturb
grisly	令人反感的，令人恐惧的：repugnance
grotesque	难看的：unpleasant
guile	狡猾，狡诈：misleading
gush	（使）大量涌出：great volume；（使）情感强烈外溢：exaggerated display
gust	情感爆发：sudden intense expression
hack	雇佣文人：writer commercial；乱砍；开辟：irregular blows；成功完成： skillfully or efficiently；忍受：put up with
hale	强壮的，健壮的：free from infirmity or illness；拖，拉：cause to follow
hallow	尊敬，把...视为神圣：respect
harangue	（发表）长篇大论：long pompous
harrow	折磨，使苦恼：distress torment
harry	不断烦扰，骚扰：distress, harass
haunt	常去拜访：frequent；不断地想起，萦绕心头：obsess
hauteur	傲慢，自大：arrogance
headlong	鲁莽的：without deliberation
hegemony	霸权，统治权：preponderant authority

hew	遵守: confirm, hold to something firmly; 支持: steadfast support
hideous	非常丑陋的: ugly
homely	其貌不扬的, 朴素简单的: not attractive
homily	冗长乏味的道德演讲或训诫: admonition
hubris	狂妄自大: exaggerated pride, self-confidence
husky	(尤指声音) 沙哑的, 粗糙的: rough; 高大威猛的: muscular
hypocritical	虚伪的: not being what one appears to be
idyll	无忧无虑的生活: carefree episode
ignominy	耻辱: lost the esteem
illusory	幻觉的, 虚幻的: illusion
immanent	内在的: innermost
immemorial	古老的: from the distant past
immure	监禁, 禁闭; 使闭门不出: confine
imperturbable	沉着冷静的, 淡定的: extreme calm
impervious	不可渗透的, 不可穿透的: not allowing entrance; 不能被破坏的: not capable of being damaged; 不为所动的: not capable of being affected
implacable	固执的: sticking to an opinion; 无法平息的: not capable of being appeased
imposing	宏伟壮丽的: impressive
impudent	放肆大胆的, 无礼的: boldness or disregard
impugn	责难, 攻击, 抨击: attack as false
inaugurate	使就职: induct into an office; 开始: begin
incandescent	明亮灿烂的: bright; 热情饱满的, 感情强烈的: zeal
incendiary	煽动者: person who stirs up; 煽动性的: tending to inflame
inclement	(天气等) 恶劣的: lacking mildness; 无情的, 残酷的: unmerciful
incursion	入侵: hostile entrance
indelible	(印记等) 无法擦除的: impossible to remove; 无法忘怀的: not easily forgotten
indict	起诉, 控告: accuse
indigenous	土产的, 本地的: originating; 与生俱来的, 先天的: innermost nature
indigent	贫穷的: lacking money
indolent	懒惰的: averse to activity
ineluctable	无法逃避的, 必然的: not to be avoided
inept	愚笨的, 荒谬的: lack of judgment; 不恰当的, 不合时宜的: not appropriate; 不称职的, 无能力的: incompetent

inexorable	无法劝阻的，不为所动的：not persuaded
infatuate	使迷恋：inspire unreasoning love
infelicitous	不愉快的，不幸的：unfortunate；不恰当的，不合时宜的：not appropriate
ingenious	聪明的，有创造才能的：resourceful, cleverness
ingenuous	天真纯朴的：lacking cunning；坦白的：straightforward
ingratiating	讨人喜欢的：winning favor；逢迎的，意在奉承的：gain favor
inimical	带有敌意的：hostility；危及某人利益的，不利的：opposed to interests
insensible	无知觉的：lost consciousness；漠不关心的：not responsive；粗俗的，没品味的：lacking in refinement
insentient	无感觉的，无知觉的：lacking perception；一知半解的，略懂的：not having a deep understanding
insipid	（食品）清淡无味的：lacking flavor；平淡的，无聊的：lacking interest
insolent	粗野的，无礼的：rude
instigate	煽动，激起：urge forward, stir up
insurgent	叛乱分子：opposes authority
interdict	禁止：forbid；阻止：stop, seize or interrupt
intransigent	不妥协的，固执的：refusal to compromise
inure	使习惯接受不好的东西：accustom；使坚强：withstand physical hardship
invidious	惹人反感的：cause discontent；羡慕嫉妒恨的：resentment of another's possessions
invincible	不可战胜的，不可超越的：incapable conquered
irascible	易怒的：easily provoked anger
irk	令人烦恼的事物：source of irritation；使烦恼，使厌倦：irritating
jabber	快而不清楚地说：talk rapidly, indistinctly
jaded	疲惫的：depleted in strength；厌倦的，没兴趣没热情的：patience exhausted
jape	嘲弄：mockingly
jaunty	轻快呢，活泼的：sprightly
jejune	无趣乏味的：not interesting；幼稚的：annoying qualities children
jest	轻浮的态度，戏谑：frivolous - jettison 放弃，拒绝接受
jocular	搞笑的，欢乐的：joking, playful
jocund	欢快的，高兴的：sprightly lighthearted
jolt	突然移动：move sudden；惊吓：unpleasant surprise
jubilant	喜悦的：joyful
ken	视野范围：vision；知道，了解（人或物）：know

knead	揉捏，塑造：shape by folding
lacerate	使非常痛苦：cause pain
lambaste	严厉斥责：scold sharply
languid	没精打采的，虚弱的：lacking energy
languor	懒惰：inertness；衰弱：weakness, weariness
lapse	小过失：slight error；结束，终止：end
largesse	捐赠物：without expectation of a return；慷慨：liberality
lash	击打：hard strike；猛击，撞击：strike with force；捆扎：bind
lassitude	乏力，没精打采：diminished energy
laudatory	表示赞扬的：praise
lavish	奢侈的，大量的，无节制的：extravagance and profusion；挥霍，浪费： give readily carelessly
leery	怀疑的，不信任的：suspicious
lenient	宽大仁慈的：merciful
levity	轻浮：frivolity
limber	可塑的，柔软的：flexible
list	（使）倾斜：at an angle
lithe	敏捷的，轻盈的：grace；柔软的：easily bent
lugubrious	（故作夸张的）悲哀的：mournful
macerate	浸泡（以软化）：soaking or steeping
maladroit	笨拙的：lack of nimbleness
malaise	不舒服：bodily discomfort
mar	污点，坏点：spoils the appearance；破坏，削弱：impair
meager	贫乏的：deficient
meek	谦恭的：humility；顺从的：submissive
mellifluous	（曲调）优美的：smooth and sweet
menace	威胁，使处于危险：intention to harm
mendacious	撒谎的，虚假的：lies
mesmeric	催命的，催眠术的：mesmerism；令人着迷的，难以抗拒的：attracting
miff	使恼怒：annoyed
mime	模仿：model
minatory	带来威胁的，有凶兆的：a sign of evil
mirage	海市蜃楼，幻想：illusory
mire	困境：difficult situation；使陷入困境，拖后腿：hold back
mirth	欢乐，欢笑：gladness laughter

mischievous	调皮的，淘气的：naughty teasing；有害的：causing harm
miscreant	恶棍，罪犯：behaves criminally
misdemeanor	轻罪：crime less serious
misgiving	担忧，忧虑：doubt
mite	微小的东西，很少的钱：small object
modicum	少量：small portion
molt	脱（羽、皮等）：shed feathers
mongrel	杂种的，混血儿的：mixed origin
montage	大杂烩：collection
moratorium	延期，暂缓施行：suspension
mordant	尖酸刻薄的：biting caustic
moribund	即将结束的，垂死的：approaching death；即将过时：obsolete
morose	忧郁的：sullen, gloomy
mottle	标记上杂色斑点：mark spots
muffle	使消声：deaden the sound
mulish	固执的：obstinate
mutter	低声抱怨：murmur complainingly
nascent	新生的：recently come into existence
nebulous	模糊的：indistinct
nefarious	极坏的，邪恶的：wicked
nettle	惹怒：arouse anger
nibble	准确，精准：careful details；细微之处：fine point
nil	不存在，零：nothing
nip	少量：small amount；小口吃喝：in small amounts
noisome	有害的，有毒的：harmful；恶臭的：offensive smell；非常令人厌恶的： objectionable
nonchalant	冷漠：indifference
nondescript	平凡的，不吸引人的：lacking distinctive, interesting
nonplus	使迷惑，使困窘：perplex
notch	刻痕：cut；通过努力获得：obtain
nugatory	无关紧要的：consequence, inconsequential
obeisance	敬礼，尊重：respect, submission
obfuscate	使困惑，使模糊：confused, opaque
obliging	乐于助人的：do favors
oblique	斜的：inclined or twisted

obliterate	除去: remove
oblivious	不知道的, 不知情的: lacking awareness, not informed
obloquy	谩骂, 诽谤: abusively language; 恶名, 耻辱: lost the esteem
obsequious	谄媚的, 奴性的: fawning attentiveness
obstinate	固执的: in spite of persuasion; 难以减轻或治愈的: not easily subdued
obstreperous	难驾驭的, 任性的: unruly; 吵闹的: loud and insistent cries
obtuse	愚钝的: absorb ideas readily
occult	难以理解的: not easily apprehended, mysterious; 使隐藏或神秘: keep secret
odium	憎恶, 讨厌: strong dislike
opportune	合适的, 恰当的: convenient
opprobrious	辱骂的: reproach; 臭名昭著的, 令人鄙视的: infamous
ostracize	驱逐: exclude
outlandish	古怪的, 奇异的: out of the ordinary, bizarre
outwit	瞒骗, 以智取胜: surpass cunning
overbearing	专横傲慢的: arrogant; 压倒一切的, (在力量或重要性上) 势不可挡的; 支配的, 显著的: overwhelming in power
overt	明显的, 公开的: open
overture	前言: introductory, prelude; 序曲: introduction opera
oxymoron	矛盾修饰法: combination contradictory
pacify	使平静, 安慰: ease the anger
palatable	感到愉悦满足的: pleasure or contentment
pall	失去兴趣: interest attraction
palpable	摸得到的: capable touched; 明显的, 易觉察的: obvious
palter	欺骗, 讨价还价: insincerely deceitfully
paltry	无价值的, 微不足道的: importance; 让人厌恶的, 让人鄙视的: loathing and disgust
panegyric	赞颂之词, 颂文: eulogistic
paramount	最重要的: chief importance
parenthesis	间断: interruption
parity	相称, 同等, 平等: being equal
paroxysm	(感情、动作的) 突发: outburst; (政治、社会领域呢) 大动荡: disturbance
parrot	(机械地) 模仿, 复制: imitate without understanding
parsimonious	过度节俭的, 吝啬的: stinginess
pastiche	(带嘲讽的) 模仿: imitates with satirical intent; 大杂烩: hodgepodge

patina	外表: superficial ; (由内而外散发的) 氛围, 气场: appearance or aura
peck	大量: considerable amount ; (不情愿地) 小口咬: in small bites
pedant	书呆子, 墨守成规之人: formal rules
peeve	打扰, 惹恼: disturb
pejorative	轻蔑的, 贬低的: disparaging
pen	监狱: confinement ; 关押, 监禁: close
pensive	沉思的, (尤指) 哀思的: thinking
penury	贫穷: dearth ; 吝啬, 节俭: frugality
peremptory	不容反抗的: not allowing contradiction ; 爱发号施令的: ordering people ; 傲慢的: feeling of superiority
pernicious	有害的: injurious
peroration	(演讲的) 结束语: concluding part ; (正式的) 演讲, 致辞: formal discourse
persiflage	打趣: teasing
perspicacious	极敏锐的, 有洞察力的: penetrating mental discernment
perspicuity	清晰明了的: clearness and lucidity
pertinacious	顽固的, 固执地坚持的: sticking
peruse	细读: examine with great care
philistine	市侩 (注重物质而鄙视智慧或艺术的人): guided by materialism
phlegmatic	冷静的, 无感情的, 淡漠的: calm, sluggish temperament
piddling	微不足道的: trifling or trivial
pilfer	偷窃: steal
pillory	当众嘲弄: public contempt
pique	使愤怒: arouse anger ; 激起, 刺激: excite or arouse
placate	(通过让步以) 平息抚慰: lessen the anger
plangent	轰鸣的: loud sound ; 凄凉的, 哀伤的: plaintive
pleat	打褶: fold
pliable	易弯曲的, 柔软的: supple ; 易受影响的, 温顺的: easily influenced
pliant	易弯曲的: easily bent ; 顺从的: yielding
plump	丰满的: well-around ; 鼎力支持, 赞不绝口: give full support
polemic	争执: argument
ponderous	沉重的: great weight ; 沉闷无聊的: unpleasantly dull
pontificate	傲慢地说或做: speak pompous
pore	仔细浏览, 仔细研究: read or study attentively
portentous	预兆性的, 凶兆的: sign of evil ; 勾起兴趣的, 令人遐想的: eliciting amazement

posit	假定，断定： affirm
postulate	前提条件： starting point ； 假定为真： assume true
potable	饮品，尤指有酒精饮料： beverage ； 适于饮用的： suitable for drinking
potentate	有权势的人： has the power
prate	闲聊，空谈： talk idly
precipice	悬崖峭壁： steep
precipitous	非常陡峭的： steep ； 匆忙的： careless speed
preclude	预先阻止： make impossible in advance ； 排斥： exclude
precursor	先驱者，先导： precedes
preeminent	优秀的，重要的： paramount
preponderant	占优势的，更重要的： superior importance
prepossessing	给人好感的，有魅力的： impress favorably
preposterous	荒谬的，不符合常理的： contrary common sense
presage	征兆： sign or warning ； 预示，预言： predict
preservative	防腐剂： protect against decay
presumptuous	放肆的，冒昧的： overstepping bounds ； 傲慢的： feeling of superiority
prevaricate	支吾其词，撒谎： evade truth
primordial	原始的，最初的： happening first
pristine	纯净的，质朴的，未被文明腐蚀的： pure, free from dirt or decay
probity	正直： moral standards
procure	获得，取得： get possession
prod	促使...行动： persuade
prodigious	巨大的： great in size ； 惊人的，了不起的： astonishment
profligate	挥金如土的，挥霍的： wasteful ； 败家子： spends money freely ； 堕落的 人： below the normal moral standard
prologue	序言： preface
promulgate	正式宣布： make known
prophetic	预言的，预示的： foretelling
propitiate	抚慰，劝解： appease
propitious	吉祥的： favorably happy outcome
propriety	礼节： conformity socially acceptable ； 适当，得体： suitable or fitting
proscribe	禁止，排斥： forbid
proselytize	（使）改变信仰： change religious faith
prostrate	平躺（的），使平躺： lying flat ； 衰弱的，使衰竭： weakness
protean	善变的； 多才多艺的： diversity, variety, versatile

protract	延长，拖长：lengthen, prolong
provisional	临时的：temporary
provisory	有附带条件的；临时的：conditional
prowl	潜行于，巡游以猎取食物，徘徊：roam through search of prey
prude	过分正经的人：一个过分关心自己是否得体、谦逊、或正确的人：greatly concerned seemly behavior and morally
prudish	过分守礼的：prudery
prune	梅干：plum dried；修剪；修正
pucker	撇（嘴），（使）收缩：contracted
puerile	幼稚的，不成熟的：immature
pulchritude	美丽：beauty
pulverize	将...研磨成粉；将...彻底摧毁：complete end
punctilious	注意细节的，一丝不苟的：attentive details
purloin	偷窃：steal
purvey	（大量）供给，供应：supply
pusillanimous	懦弱的，胆小得令人鄙视的：timidity
quail	胆怯，畏缩：fear, cower
quarry	采石场：stone is obtained；目标，猎物：pursuit