

## GRE SENTENCE COMPLETION

Of all the GRE Verbal question types, sentence completions are probably the most student friendly. Unlike analogies and antonyms, sentence completions provide you with a context to help you figure out tough vocabulary. And unlike reading comprehension questions, they only require you to read one sentence at a time. As the name suggests, sentence completion ques- tions test your ability to complete sentences that are missing one or two key words by select- ing the appropriate answer choice.

The directions for this section look like this:

Directions: This sentence has one or more blank spaces. Each blank indicates that a word or phrase has been omitted. Of the five following words or sets of words, choose the one word or set that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the entire sentence.

The difficultyof the sentence completions you will see on the GRE depends on how many ques- tions you get right. If you perform well on the Verbal section, you will find that the later sen- tence completions you encounter involve tougher vocabulary and more convoluted logic.

### THE FOUR FUNDAMENTALS

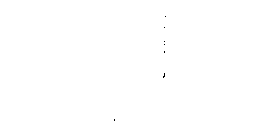
To improve your skill in answering GRE sentence completions, you'll need to familiarize your- self with the basic principles for approaching them-and you'll need some practice. The Four Fundamentals below will help you to increase your  and confidence as you approach test day. And with  and confidence, you'll be able to earn points on the GRE!

###### Every Clue Is Right in Front of You

Each sentence contains a few crucial clues that help you to determine the meaning of the miss- ing  Clues in the sentence limit the possible answers, and finding these clues will guide you to the correct answer.

What are the important clues in the following question?



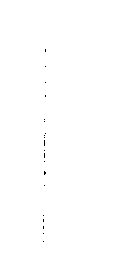


1. Although she earned her fame for her striking murals, the artist felt that her sculpture merited greater .

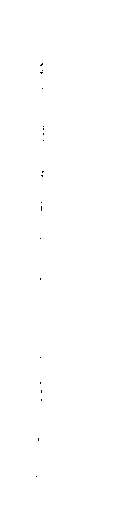
 disdain acclaim

 deliberation viewing

 publicity

Here, the word  is a classic structural clue. It tells you that you can expect a change of direction in the sentence. The first half tells you that the artist became famous as a muralist, but that she thought her sculpture deserved more BLANK. The word ***although*** tells you that she must think her sculptures are even better than her murals, and that they merit more praise, or ***acclaim.***

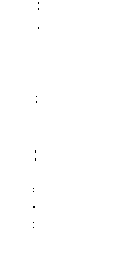
**Look for What's Directly Implied and Expect Cliches**

We're not dealing with poetry here. These sentences aren't excerpted from the works of Toni Morrison or William Faulkner. The correct answer is the one most directly implied by the meanings of the words in the sentence. Very often, for example, the definition of the missing word is provided in the sentence:

1. Because Gould's theory has been neither completely rejected nor completely accepted by the scientific community, its sta- tus remains .

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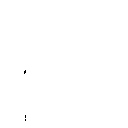
Here, choice  ***debatable,*** means"neither completely rejected nor completely accepted."

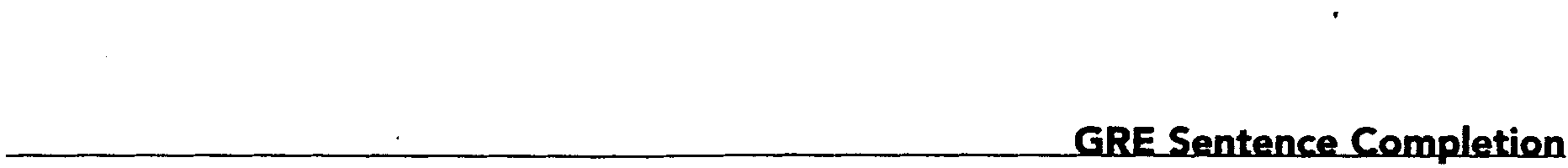
Sometimes you can choose the correct answer because the missing words are part of  sounding phrases or because they simply sound right in the of the sentence:

1. The increasing acceptance of the notion that the news media is not  commentator upon events, but rather, a mouthpiece for the vested interests of its powerful owners, demonstrates the public's growing large corporations.

disinterested...mistrust of meddlesome...suspicion of official...apprehension of

impartial...satisfaction with manipulative...confusion with





In the above example, the correct answer, choice  works because the phrases *disinterested commentator* and *growing mistrust of* simply *sound* correct.

Look for "Structural Road Signs"

Some words such as *since, however,* or *because--give* clues to the structure of the sentence that will point you to the right answer. The following are road signs found in  CAT sentence completions:

**Straight-Ahead Road Signs**

These make one part of the sentence support or elaborate on another part. They continue the sentence in the same direction. Examples include: *and, similarly, in addition, since, * *thus, because, * and *likewise.*

**Detour Road Signs**

These words indicate a change in the direction of the sentence. They make one part of the sen- tence contradict or qualify another part. Examples include:  *despite, yet, however, unless, rather, although, while, * and *nonetheless.*

Watch Out for Common Wrong-Answer Types

If you get stumped on any  CAT sentence completion, you **can** still earn points by using the process of elimination. Do this by ruling out as many wrong answer choices as you can, and then picking  the remaining choices. Here are some common  answer types to look out for:

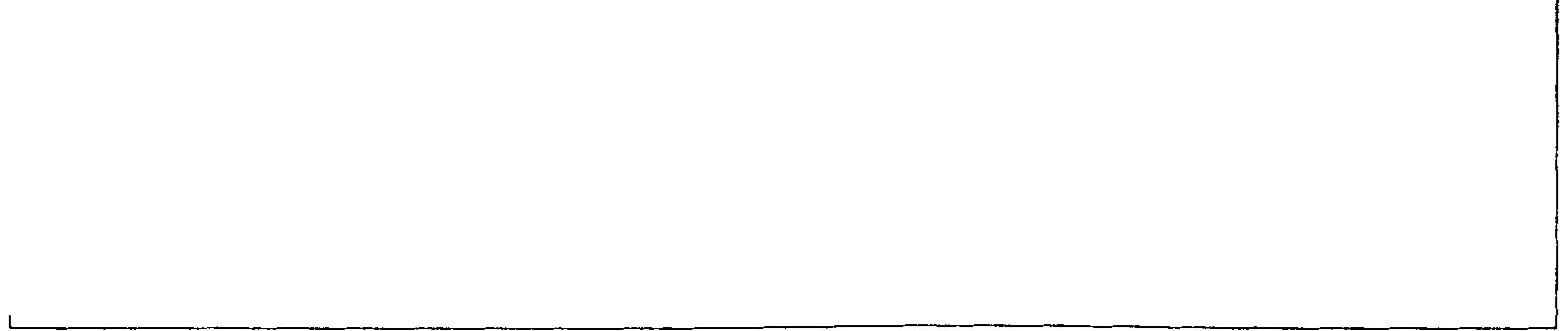
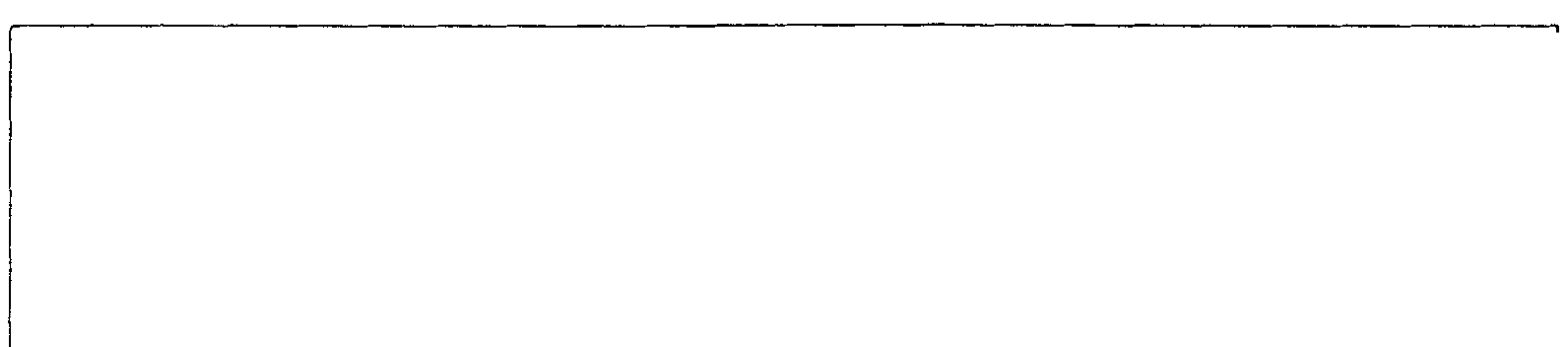


In a sentence that contains two blanks, one of the two words provided in a given answer choice fits while the other one doesn't. Make sure that both words fit the context of the sentence!

**Au Contraire**

In a sentence that contains one blank, the word in the given answer choice means exactly the opposite of the word you're looking for.

**Clunkers**



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in a given answer choice simply do not sound right in the context of the sentence.

**IN THE BLANK**

*When working through a sentence completion question: Look for clues in the sentence*

*Focus on what's directly implied*

*Pay attention to 'structural road signs*

**Drill**

In the following examples, test your knowledge of sentence completion road signs by select- ing the word that most correctly completes the sentence.

The singer's lyrics were quite lovely, but her vocal tone was extremely (harsh, melodious).

Fred was so annoyed with his publicist that he repeatedly (praised, lambasted) him in public.

Because Mabel had the reputation of being a mediocre cook, most believed her chances of winning the bake-off were (good, slim).

Despite the fact that the racehorse's performance in recent competitions had been disap- pointing, the oddsmakers were predicting a (win, disappointment) at the Derby.

Many felt the rules for the scholarship competition had been unfair and, furthermore, the judges were (biased, fair).

Although they appear quite cuddly, brown bears actually pose a large (threat, attraction) to tourists.

**THE ** **FOUR-STEP METHOD**

Now that you have learned the basics, you're ready to learn Kaplan's strategic approach to sen- tence completions on the  CAT. Approaching sentence completions in a systematic man- ner is the best way to avoid common pitfalls and improve your score.

**Read the Whole Sentence**

Look for road signs to help you determine what type of word you're looking for.  the sentence is long or clumsy, rephrase the sentence in your own words.

**Predict an Answer**

In two-blank questions, try to predict for both 

Use the road signs and logic you found in Step 1 to determine the direction in which the sentence is heading.

**Scan the Answer Choices, Choosing the One That Best Fits Your Prephrase**

Look for those that match your prediction.

Eliminate answer choices that don't come close to your prediction.

On two-blank sentences, work with one blank at a  eliminatinganswer choices as you go.







 **Read Your ** **Answer Choice Back into the Sentence**

If it makes sense, you have a winner.

If it doesn't make sense, go back to the answer choices and find one that works better.

If you get stuck, eliminate answer choices that you know are wrong and guess among the remaining choices.

 **It Out**

Let's apply the Kaplan Four-Step Method for sentence completions to an example.

1. We will face the idea of old age with as long as we believe that it invariably brings poverty, isolation, and illness.

 regret

 apprehension enlightenment veneration

 reverence

 Let's begin by reading the whole sentence strategically. Immediately note the structural clue ***as long* as.**This phrase will tell us what to expect when we prepare to in the blank. The sentence tells us that old age bringspoverty, ***isolation,*** and ***illness.*** Naturally, therefore, we would face it with something like"fear."

 Now it's time to predict our answer. As we decided in Step  we should look in the answer choices for a word that means ***fear.***

 Here's where we scan the answer choices and look for one that best fits our predicted answer. ***Apprehension*** means "fear," so choice (2) is our best answer. But let's eliminate some answers that we know are wrong, just to be sure. Choice 1, ***regret,*** is tempting, but you feel regret for something that has already happened, not for something you will face in the future. ***Veneration*** and ***reverence*** both mean "great respect," so we can eliminate choices 4 and 5, too.

 Now we'll plug our answer into the sentence: ***We will face the idea of old age with apprehension as long as we believe that it invariably brings poverty, isolation, and illness.*** This sentence certainly makes sense, ***so*** we have found our winner!

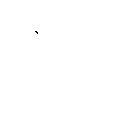


### PRACTICE SET

Now try the following sentence completion questions on your own, using the Kaplan

Step Method. Time yourself: Give yourself a maximum of seconds to do each example.

* 1. Despite much informed , the relationship between sunspot cycles and the earth's weather remains

 argument ... decisive  confusion ... tenuous

O conjecture ...ambiguous  evidence ... clear

analysis ... systematic

 **As** a consequence of the Antarctic's climate, the only forms of plant life to be found in the continent's interior are a few lichens and mosses that cling to the frozen rocks.

 frigid ... hardy

 extreme ... mysterious harsh ... luxuriant freezing ... complex changing ... tiny

**3.** Conflict between generations may be a problem that has per- sisted for centuries, but the nature and intensity of the conflict obviously in response to changes in social and

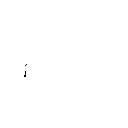
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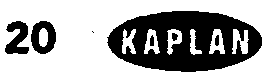
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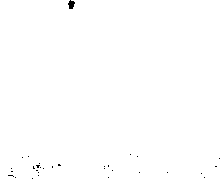
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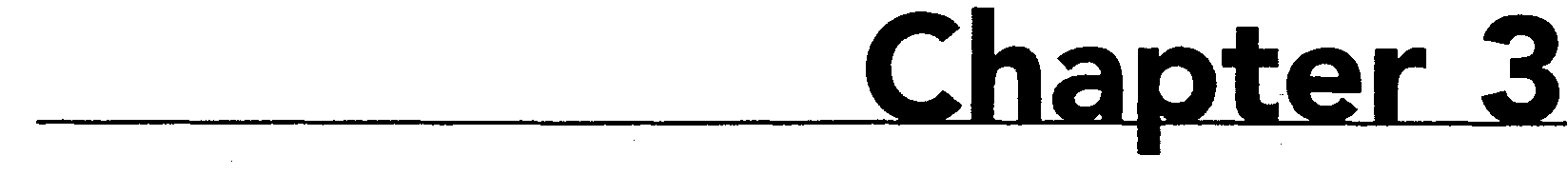
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Think about how you solved these sentence completion questions. To maximize your score, it's important to start practicing the techniques we covered in this chapter. On the pages that follow, you'll find sets of sentence completion practice questions that **will** help you to hone your skills with this question type. Try these practice sets under  conditions,  from one question to the next at a rapid pace. Complete, strategic explanations to  of these questions follow so that you can check your answers **and** learn the most efficient means for completing each question correctly.







## GRE ANALOGIES

The first step towards testing your best on GRE analogies is to get familiar with the format. Analogies test your vocabulary and your ability to figure out the relationships between pairs of words. You're given a pair of capitalized words (for example, POTATO :VEGETABLE), and you're asked to determine their relationship, then  the answer choice that has the same relationship.

The directions for this question type look like this:

 In this question, a related pair of words is followed by five lettered pairs of words. Choose the one pair that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed in the original pair.

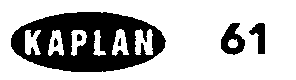
On the GRE, the more questions you get right, the more difficult the analogies you encounter will become. If you perform well on GRE Verbal, you can expect to see analogies towards the end of the test that feature quite difficult, esoteric vocabulary.

### THE FOUR FUNDAMENTALS

To improve your skill in answering GRE analogy questions, you'll need to familiarize yourself with the basic principles for approaching them-and you'll need some practice. The Four Fundamentals below will help you to increase your skills and confidence as you approach the day of the test. And with skills and confidence, you'll be able to earn points on test day!

###### GRE Analogy Questions Consist of Two Words

The two words, called the stem **pair,** are followed by five answer choices, each consisting of two words that are also separated by colons. Analogy questions on the GRE CAT look like this:







1. LITER : VOLUME ::

 bottle: can  knob: radio  scale : height  gram : weight  juice : vitamin

###### There Will Always Be a Direct and Necessary Relationship between the Words in the Stem Pair

You can express the relationship between the two stem words by making a short sentence that we call a ***bridge.*** Your goals when you build an analogy bridge should be to keep it as short and as clear as possible.

For the analogy above, as strong bridge would be: A LITER is by definition a measure of VOLUME.



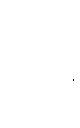
***WHAT'S A STEM PAIR?***

*Analogy questions consist of two words-the stem pair-that are separated by a colon. Stem pairs look like this:*

*PREPARATION*:*SUCCESS*::

###### Try to Build a "Bridge" before Looking at the Answer Choices

Because the CAT is a standardized test,  find that certain kinds of bridges appear on the test over and over again. At Kaplan, we call these frequently appearing bridges Classic Bridges. Getting familiar with Classic Bridges now will help you quickly recognize these rela- tionships when you encounter them on the CAT.



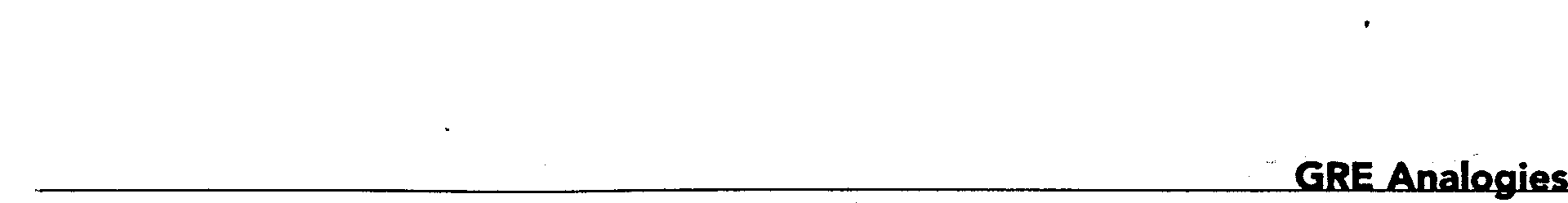


***WHAT'S A BRIDGE?***

*A bridge is a short sentence that connects the two words in the stem pair. You should always build a bridge before you look at the answer choices.*

**The Five Classic Bridges**

1. ***Definition*** ("is alwaysn or"is never")
2. ***Function or Purpose***
3. ***Lack***



1. ***Characteristic Actions or Items***
2. ***Degree*** (sometimes to the point of excess)

Each of the five classic bridges are illustrated below.

***The Definition Bridge***

CYGNET: SWAN **A** CYGNET is a young SWAN.

***The Function or Purpose Bridge***

TRUSS : SUPPORT **A** TRUSS is used as a SUPPORT.

***The Lack Bridge***

LOUT : GRACE **A** LOUT lacks GRACE.

***The Characteristic Actions or Bridge***

SKUNK : SCENT **A** SKUNK defends itself with its SCENT.

***The Degree Bridge *** ***to the point ofexcess)***

INTEREST: ENTHRALL To INTEREST greatly is to ENTHRALL.

Remember the five classic bridges and keep them in mind as you practice for the GRE.



***WHAT MAKES A STRONG BRIDGE?***

*You might think that the words* apple *and* pie *have a strong bridge. Don't be fooled. You can make many things other than pies out of apples, such as apple juice and apple sauce. And there are many different types of pies.* Apple *and fruit, on the other hand, do have a strong bridge. An apple is a type of fruit. This is always true: It's a strong, definite relationship.*

###### Watch Out for Common Wrong Answer Types

Because the bridges on GRE analogies are predictable, wrong answer types to these questions are also predictable. If you get stumped on any GRE analogy, you can earn points by ruling out as many wrong answer choices as you can and then picking from the remaining choices. Here are some of the typical wrong answer choices that appear on  analogies:

**Unrelated Words**

**A** pair of words with no strong relationship is a common wrong answer.

**Same Subject Trap**

The words in the answer choice are in the same fields (or have the same subject) as the words in the stem pair, but don't have the same bridge.





**"Both Are" Bridges**

This involves words that aren't related to each other, but are both related to a third word. For instance, the words ***bracelet: necklace*** refer to pieces of jewelry. Yet a ***bracelet*** has no necessary connection to a ***necklace.***

**Context Traps**

Words that often appear together in context, but don't have any relationship. For instance,

***mitigating***: ***circumstance.***

**Reverse Analogy**

The bridge would be right if the order of the words were reversed.

**Au Contraire or Opposite Bridge**

The bridge is the exact opposite of the bridge between the  in the stem pair.

 **Bridge**

The bridge is strong, but it doesn't have anything to do with the bridge in the stem pair.



Identify the Classic Bridges in the following stem pairs.

* 1. MISER : CHEAP

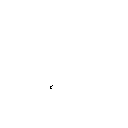


1. RULER: MEASURE
2. ELATED: HAPPY
3. BEAK: BIRD

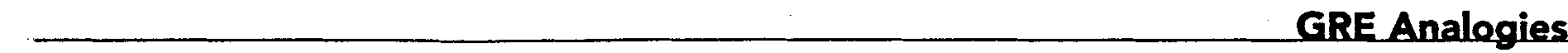
Now build a bridge for each of the following stem pairs.

1. CHICKEN: POULTRY



1. LOOM: WEAVE
2. RECLUSE: SOLITARY
3. LANGUID: ENERGY





**THE ** **FOUR-STEP METHOD**

Now that you have learned the basics for tackling analogies questions, you're ready for Kaplan's strategic approach to analogies on the GRE. Approaching analogies in a systematic manner is the best way to avoid common pitfalls and improve your score.

 **Find a Strong Bridge between the Stem Words**

In most cases, the more precisely you can express the connection between the two words, the better. A precise formulation is more likely to help you find the right answer.

 **Plug the Answer Choices into the Bridge**

Look for the answer choice pair that has the same relationship as the stem pair. Immediately eliminate answer choices that don't fit the bridge.

Always try all the answer choices; you might find that more than one answer choice works with the bridge that you built.

If only one answer choice works with the bridge you built, select that answer choice.

 **Adjust the Bridge, if Necessary**

If more than one answer choice  you'll have to narrow your bridge (make it more precise).

If none of the answer choices work, you probably need to expand it (make it more general).

Consider alternate definitions for the stem words. Perhaps your bridge uses the wrong definition of a 

 **If Stuck, Build Bridges between Answer Choice Pairs and Work Backwards**

Eliminate all answer choices that have no strong bridge.

Eliminate all answer choices that have an identical bridge to another answer choice. Beware of answer choices that reverse the bridge.

###### Try It Out

Let's apply the Kaplan Four-Step Method for Analogies to an example.

1. HANGAR : AIRCRAFT::

 orchestra: music  vault : money  hand : fingers

  : trees

 ecosystem: insect



 Begin by building a bridge: A HANGAR is a place built to keep AIRCRAFT.

 Now plug each of our answer choices into our bridge "a BLANK is a place keep BLANK."

Is an orchestra a place built to keep No. Eliminate choice  Is a vault a place built to keep  Yes, so keep choice (2).

Is a  a place built to keep  No, so eliminate this choice as well.

Is afarm a place built to keep a  Maybe, maybe not. Eliminate choice (4).

Is an ecosystem a place built to keep insects? No. Eliminate choice **(5).**

0 There is no need to adjust the bridge, since only answer choice (2) worked.

 If we needed to work backwards, we could have eliminated choices (4) and  since there is no strong bridge between the words in these pairs.

### PRACTICE SET

Now try the following analogy questions on your own, using the Kaplan Four-Step Method. Give yourself a maximum of 30-45 seconds to do each example.

1. LUCID: OBSCURITY ::  ambiguous: doubt  provident : planning  furtive : legality

 economical : extravagance  secure: violence

1. ATTENTIVE: RAPT::

 loyal : unscrupulous  critical : derisive

 inventive : innovative  jealous: envious

 kind : considerate

1. CLEAVER: BUTCHER ::  palette : artist

 stage : dancer  dictionary: poet  lock : burglar  chisel : sculptor

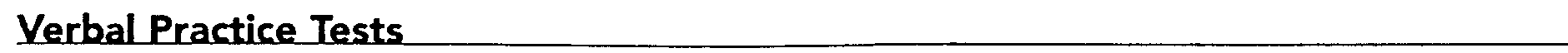




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**The answers to this section appear on the next page.**





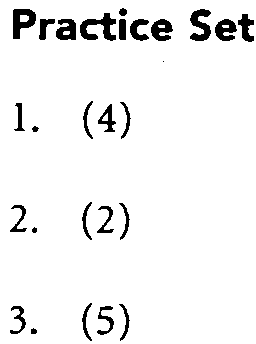
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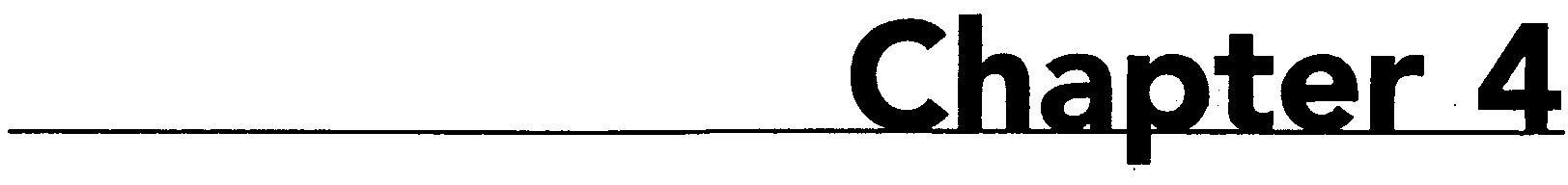


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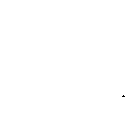
1. Definition
2. Lack
3. Function
4. Degree
5. Characteristic 
6. A CHICKEN is by definition a type of POULTRY.
7. To experience extreme FEAR is by definition to experience TERROR.
8. The purpose of a LOOM is by definition to WEAVE.
9. A RECLUSE is by definition SOLITARY.
10. Someone who's LANGUID is by definition lacking in EXERGY.







**GRE ANTONYMS**



Antonyms make up about one fourth of the GRE verbal section. They are also the Verbal ques- tion type that many students find the most difficult to improve their performance on. Antonym questions are designed to test your vocabulary, so your first step in preparing for this question type is to start building your knowledge by using the GRE Vocabulary Builder sec- tion of this book. In this chapter, we'll give you some vocabulary skill-building pointers and show you how to answer Antonym questions strategically. If you approach antonyms strategi- cally, you'll find that you'll get many questions right even if you don't know the exact defini- tions of the tested words.

The directions for these questions look like this:

Directions: This question consists of a capitalized word that is followed by five words or phrases. Choose the lettered word or phrase whose meaning is most nearly opposite to the meaning of the capitalized word. Because some questions require you to distinguish fine shades of meaning, it is advisable to consider all the choices before deciding on the best choice.

On the GRE, the more questions you get right, the harder the antonym questions you'll see. If you perform well on  you'll find that using  vocabulary strategies becomes increasingly important on later antonyms.

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###### Use Kaplan's Strategies for Decoding Difficult Vocabulary Words.

On hard antonyms, it might seem at first glance as if you don't know anything about the stem word. However, you need only a little bit of information to guess at a word's meaning. The fol- lowing techniques can give you enough of an idea about what the stem word means to get solve the question.

**Think of a Context in which You've Heard the Word Before**

You might be able to figure out the meaning of a word from a familiar context: For example, "crimes and misdemeanors,""mitigating circumstances:' or "abject poverty."

**Look at Word Roots, Stems, and Suffixes**

If you don't know what a particular word means, you might be able to guess its meaning based on your knowledge of one or more of the word's parts. If you don't know the meaning of bene- diction, for example, its prefix (bene, which means good) tells you that its opposite is  to be something bad. Perhaps the answer will begin with  as in 

**Use Your Knowledge of a Romance Language**

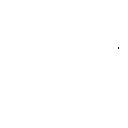
You might be able to guess a word's meaning because it sounds like a word you might have learned in foreign language class. You might guess at the word credulous, for instance, because know the Italian word  or you might notice that sounds like the

French word morte or that the word mundane sounds like the Spanish word mundo.

###### Use the Positive or Negative "Charges" of Words to Help You to Guess an Answer.

When all other vocabulary decoding strategies fail, use your ear. If you know a stem word sounds positive, for example, you know that its antonym must be negatively charged-and vice versa! This strategy can work wonders on harder questions. Here's a sample tough antonym question.

1. SCABROUS:

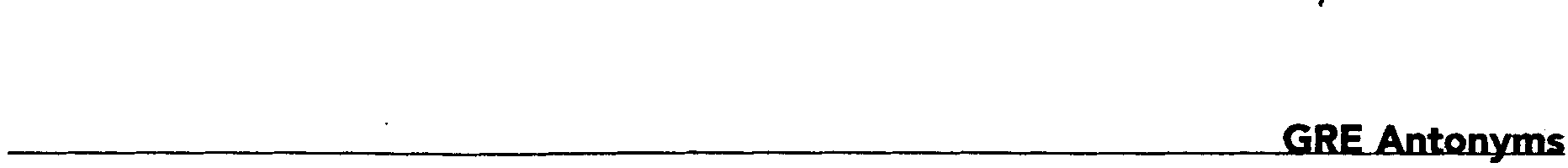
 thorny

 unblemished O perplexing  blank

 examined

Notice that SCABROUS sounds harsh-it has a negative (-) charge. Now let's check out the charges of the answer choices. Both thorny and perplexing are negatively charged, so choices

(1) and **(3)** cannot be antonyms of the stem word. The words blank and examined are neutral, they are neither positive or negative. The only positively charged word her is choice  unblemished. This is our answer; SCABROUS means rough or covered with unwholesome patches





***BE STRATEGIC***

***Antonyms are designed to test your vocabulary, but***

***attack these questions***

***you'll get many questions right even if you don't know the exact definition.***

**Watch Out for Common Wrong-Answer Types.**

Even if you have no idea what the word in the stem means, don't panic! Eliminating answer choices that you know are wrong will give you a good chance of guessing the right answer. Typical wrong answer types on antonyms are:

**Words That Have No Clear Opposites**

Such words as birthright and priority, and deserve, for example, can't be antonyms for any stem word!

**Any Answer Choices That Have the Same Opposites as Each Other**

If two or more of the answer choices have the same antonym, that choice can't be an antonym for the stem word because then there would be more than one correct answer to the question!

**Au Contraire, or Opposite, **

These answers mean exactly the opposite of the word you're looking for. In other words, they are synonyms, rather than antonyms, for the stem word.

##### Drill

Each of the word lists below relates to two concepts that are opposite in meaning. Practice cat- egorizing words relating to these opposites as a means for preparing for GRE antonyms. If you are unfamiliar with the meaning of any word, use the strategies for decoding tough vocabu- lary to decipher its meaning.

Write "harsh" next to those words that are harsh-sounding; write "pleasant" next to those words that are pleasant sounding.

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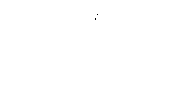
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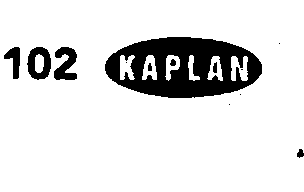
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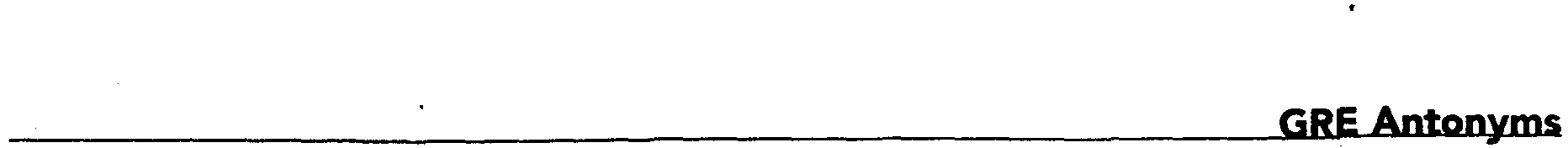


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**THE ** **FOUR-STEP METHOD**

Now that **you** have learned the basics, you're ready to Kaplan's strategic approach to antonyms on the CAT.  antonyms in a systematic manner is the best way to avoid common traps on the test and improve your score.

 **Define the Stem Word**

Even if you don't know the precise definition of the word, a general knowledge of the words is usually sufficient.

Use Kaplan vocabulary strategies, such as looking for familiar roots, to try to get a

rough definition of the word.

 **Define ** **Opposite and Prephrase an Answer**

Whenever possible, you should have an idea of what you're  for before check- ing any answer choices.

Consciously prephrasing an answer will reduce the chance that you'll select a choice that's a synonym.

 **Find the Answer Choice That Best Matches Your Prephrase**

Sometimes one or more answer choices will be close to your prephrase. Check **all** the answer choices for the best fit.

Consider alternate definitions for the stem words. Perhaps you're using the wrong definition of a word.

 **Use Guessing Strategies, If Necessary**

Eliminate any answer choices that have no clear opposite. Eliminate answer choices that are synonyms of one another.

Use word charge and answer choice patterns to avoid other probable wrong answers.

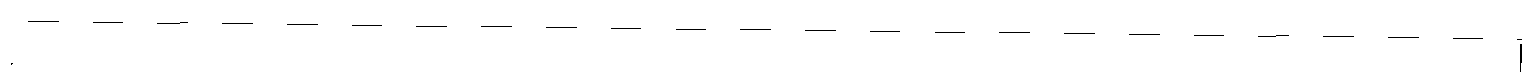
**Try It Out**

Let's apply the Kaplan Four-Step Method for antonyms to an example.

1. TRAIL: age

 depress rule wander precede





 Begin by defining our stem word, TRAIL. What does TRAIL mean? You will notice in this context that trail is a verb. It has to be, because choices  (3) and (4) can only be verbs, and the answer choices and the stem word must be the same part of speech. **As** a verb TRAIL means "to 

 Since TRAIL means"to follow': we need a word that means"to lead" or "come before."  Choice  precede, means "to come before" so it is the best answer.

 If you had to guess, you could have eliminated age and rule, since they have no clear

opposite.

### PRACTICE SET

Now try the following Antonym questions on your own, using the Kaplan Four-Step Method. Time yourself: Give yourself a maximum of seconds to do each example.

AMIABLE:

 faithful insulted distasteful indecent unfriendly

* 1. ACUTE:

 conspicuous relevant

 aloof dull distant

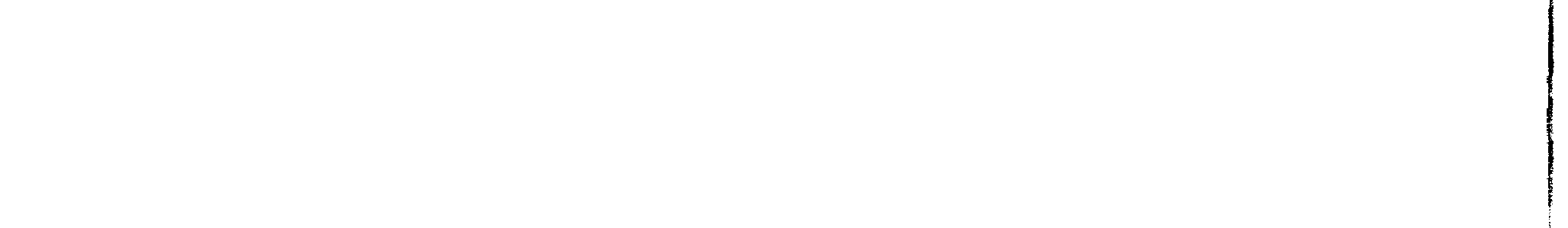
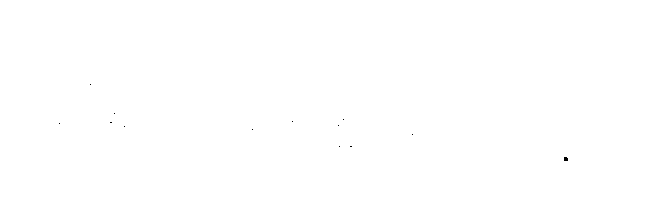
* 1. RECANT:

 affirm

O rectify

 offend ignore withdraw





**Think** about how you attacked these antonym questions. To maximize your score, it's  to start practicing the techniques we covered in this chapter. On the pages that follow, you'll  sets of Antonyms practice questions that will help you to hone your skills with this question type. Try these practice sets under  conditions, moving from one question to the next at a rapid pace. Complete, strategic explanations to  of these questions follow so that you can check your answers and learn the most efficient means  completing each ques-

tion correctly.

**Answer Key**

 **Questions**



Drill

CACOPHONOUS harsh

DISCORDANT harsh DULCET pleasant

FRACAS harsh

RAUCOUS harsh SONOROUS pleasant STRIDENT harsh



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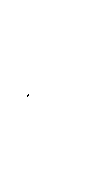


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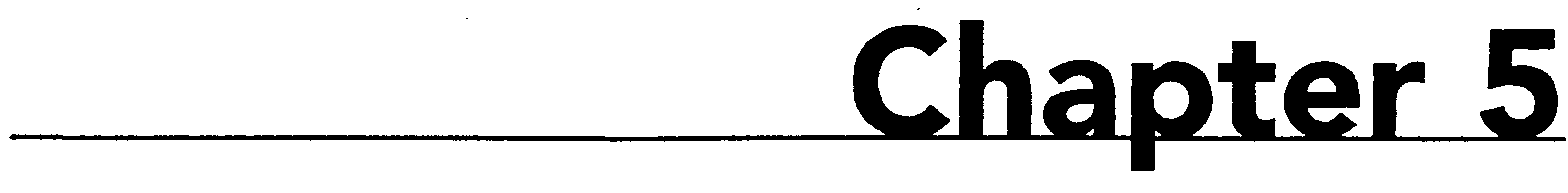
 





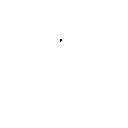






## GRE READING COMPREHENSION

Reading Comprehension is the only question type that appears on all major standardized tests, and the reason for this isn't too surprising. No matter what academic area you pursue, you'll have to make sense of some dense, unfamiliar material. The topics for  Reading Comp passages are taken from three areas: social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities. So in a way, Reading Comp is the most realistic of all the question types on the test. And right now is a good time to start. shoring up your critical reading skills, both for the test and for future study in your field.

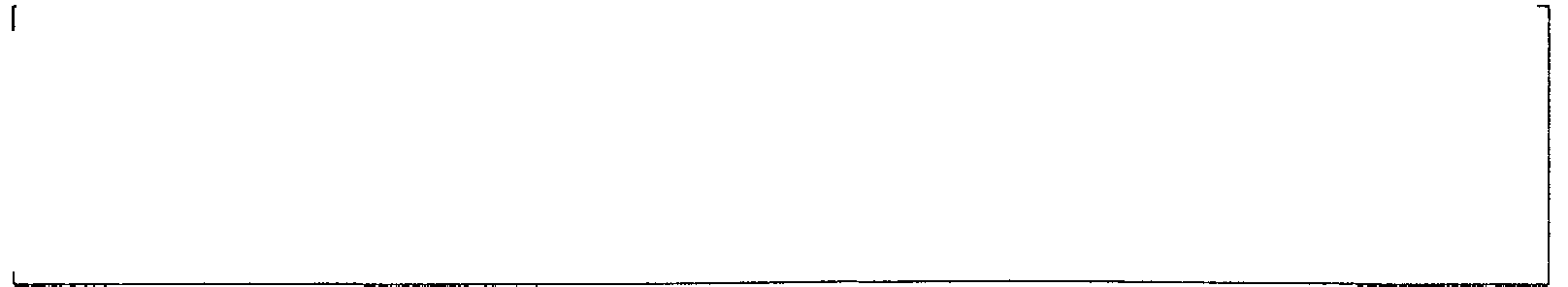
The directions for this question type look like this:

Directions: This passage in this test is accompanied by questions based on its content. After reading a selection, choose the best response to each question. Your replies are to be based on what is actually stated or implied in the passage.

On the  CAT you will see two to four Reading Comp passages, each with two to four ques- tions. You will have to tackle the passage and questions as they are given to you.

### THE FOUR FUNDAMENTALS

To improve your Reading Comprehension skills, you'll need a lot of practice-and patience. You may not see dramatic improvement after only one drill. But with ongoing practice, the basic principles below will help you to increase your skill and confidence on this section by the day of the test.



***ZOOM*** *IN!*

*As you read the*

*third of the passage, try to zoom in on the main idea of the pas-*

*sage, first by getting a sense of the general topic, and then by pinning down the scope*

*of the passage. Finally, zero in on the author's purpose in writing the passage.*

Read Actively: Don't Just "Read" the Passage

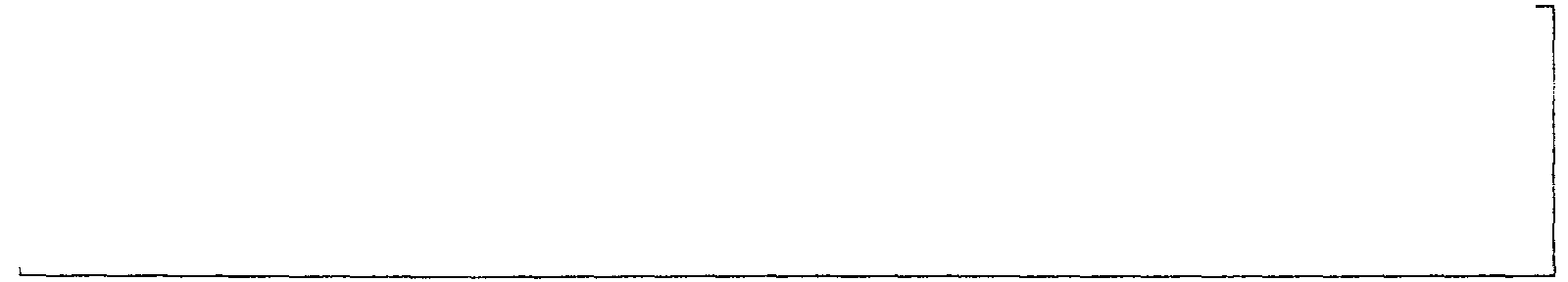
To do well on this section of the test,  need to do more than just read the words on the page. You'll need to read actively. Active reading involves keeping your mind working at all times, while trying to anticipate where the author's points are leading. It thinking about what you're reading as you read it. It means paraphrasing complicated-sounding ideas and jar- gon. Here are some pointers on reading a GRE passage actively.

Identify the topic.

Narrow it  to the precise scope that the author includes.

Make a hypothesis about why the author is writing and where he or she is going with it.

As you're reading, ask yourself:"Why did the author include this paragraph?""What shift did the author have in mind when moving on to this bearing does this paragraph have on the author's main the author's main point  the purpose of this paragraph? Of this sentence?"



***DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME!***

*You don't have to memorize or understand every little thing as you read the passage. Remember, you can always refer back to the passage to clarify the meaning of any specific detail.*

Read for Structure:

**Your Goal Is Not to Memorize Every Detail!**

In their efforts to understand what the author says, test takers often ignore the less glamorous but important structural side of the passage-namely, how the author says it. One of the keys to success with reading comprehension is to understand not only the passage's purpose but also the structure of each passage. Why? Because the questions at the end of the passage ask both what the author says and how he or she says it. To ensure that you read for structure, remember to do the following:

Always look for Keywords, the structural signals that authors use to indicate logical connections between sentences.

Don't try to memorize details! Skim them until the questions demand them.

Look for topic sentences to help you to  the function of each paragraph. Be alert for comparisons and contrasts between:

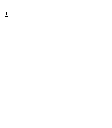
Two thinkers or theories Different points in time

The author's view and other views What's known and what's unknown

Remember,  Reading Comp passages usually do one of the following: Argue a position

Discuss a specific subject Explain new findings or research







***THE***

***You can be an active reader by: Thinking about what you're reading Paraphrasingthe complicated parts***

***Asking yourself questions about the passage Jotting down notes***

**Recognize the Most Common Question Types**

GRE Reading Comprehension questions are predictable. The test writers put the same types of questions on the test year after year. Practicing identifying and answering the following question types will help you get ready for them on test day.

**Global:** Ask you to identify the central idea or primary purpose of the passage

**Explicit ** Ask you to find what is true"according to the passage" or what the passage states

**Inference:** Ask you to determine what the passage suggests, what it implies, what conclu- sion it supports, or a statement the author would be most likely to agree with

**Logic:** Ask why the author includes a particular example sentence or phrase, or ask you to determine the function of a paragraph

**Vocabulary-in-Context:** Ask you to define a word or phrase as it is used in the passage

###### Watch Out for Wrong Answer Types

Because the GRE Reading Comprehension question types are predictable, wrong answer types to these questions are also predictable. If you get stumped on any  Reading Comp ques- tion, you should rule out as many wrong answer choices as you can and then pick from the remaining choices. Typical wrong answers to look for on GRE Reading Comp are:

**Au Contraire:** Sounds very similar to the correct answer but directly contradicts the passage

**Outside the Scope:** Raises a topic that's never mentioned in the passage

**Distortion:** Distorts or twists the facts or the main idea; sounds superficially plausible because it incorporates words or phrases from the passage, but actually confuses the author's intended meaning

**Faulty Use of Detail:** Mentions true points not relevant to the question (often from the wrong paragraph)

**Extreme:** Sounds too positive or too negative; uses exaggerated-sounding language,

***only,*** never, or ***always***

**Half-Right, Half-Wrong:** Present some information that is correct and some that is incorrect



Topics for Reading Comp passages come from: The social sciences

The natural sciences The humanities

### Drill

The correct answers to GRE Reading Comp questions must be irrefutable. For this reason, answer choices that are extreme or too emotional tend to be wrong. Decide whether each of the following sentences sounds Extreme or Moderate.

1. Reporters tend to focus on news stories which they believe will improve ratings.
2. It is impossible that one person could  authored all of the plays we currently consider to have been written by Shakespeare.

Scientists who refrain from making bold statements

to their peers about the significance of their experiments often employ far less technical language in news releases.

1. The melting of Antarctic ice sheets is one of several potential threats to the stability of the Earth's climate.
2. Though Copernicus is generally associated with the discovery of the sun-centered universe, Aristarchus may have conceived of the idea in 200 B.C.

Extreme Moderate Extreme

Extreme Moderate



Extreme Moderate Extreme Moderate

Now, read the following GRE-like sentence:

Marathon running has become increasingly popular as people have become more and more concerned about their health.

Remember that on GRE Reading Comp, some answer choices will sound like they fit the pas- sage, but will actually distort the author's point. Decide which of the three statements below agrees with the GRE-like sentence above.

Marathon running has become an international event that promotes friendship between cultures.

1. The fact that more people are running in marathons highlights the public's increasing interest in pursuing healthy activities.
2. The majority of people who take up marathon running do so because they are concerned about their health.



### THE FOUR-STEP METHOD

Now that you have the basics for  Reading Comprehension questions, you're ready to learn Kaplan's strategic approach to Reading Cornp on the GRE CAT. **As** is the case with all other GRE question types, approaching Reading Cornp in a systematic manner is the best way to avoid common  and improve your score.

 **Read the First Third**

Identify topic and scope, zero in on the purpose of the passage, and predict where the pas- sage will go.

Topic: The broad concept or idea addressed in the passage

Scope: The more narrow and specific area of the topic that is being discussed

Purpose: **A** hypothesis about why the author is writing and where he or she is going with the passage.

Here's a hypothetical example. Suppose you encounter a reading passage about the Battle of Gettysburg on the GRE. The broad topic of "The Battle of Gettysburg, for example, would be a lot to cover in a Reading  passage. So if you encountered such a passage, you would also need to ask yourself,"What is the scope of this author's passage?"or, in this case,"What specific aspect of the battle does the author address?" Whatever that chunk is-the prebattle scouting, how the battle was fought-is the passage's scope. Finally, you should also consider why the author is writing. For example, is the author writing to refute an established point of view (a common format on the GRE), or to contrast two interpretations of why the battle occurred? Being able to answer this question will tell you how the passage is organized.

 **Read the Remaining Two **

Create a brief "road map"-jot down some brief notes-as you read.

 **Review Your "Road Map"**

Confirm topic, scope and purpose.

 **Attack the Questions**

Use the stem to plan your attack! Reread any relevant text.

Predict an answer.

Choose an answer.



### PRACTICE SET

Now that you've got the fundamentals of reading comp under your belt and you've had some practice in identifying reading comp wrong answer types, let's put your knowledge to use on the following  passage and questions.

Tsunamis are huge, fast-moving waves that are capable of causing enormous destruction and loss of life if they broach the shoreline on a populated coast. To communities that have been devastated by such an event, the tsunami often seems to come out of nowhere, and sur- vivors are mystified as to why such a huge wave could appear with so little warning. The terrify- ing suddenness of a tsunami's arrival is a consequence of where and how they are created.

When submarine tectonic activity distorts the sea floor, it vertically displaces the overlying sea water. As the displaced water seeks equilibrium under the influence of gravity, waves form, and when the distortion is of sufficient magnitude, a tsunami can result. If the earthquake occurs near the shore, the tsunami may take only minutes to reach a populated coast.

Tsunamis attain their enormous heights through a process of decreasingspeed and increas- ing height. The energy flux of a tsunami is constant, which leads to an inversely proportional relationship between the wave's speed and its height. Since speed is directly proportional to water depth, as the wave approaches shallower water, its speed decreases, causing its height to increase to compensate for the loss and thus maintain the wave's energy flux. Through this process, a barely perceptible deep ocean wave formed by an earthquake far from shore can rapidly transform into a tsunami that can exceed 30 meters at its final  height, which it attains onshore above sea level.

* 1. The author is primarily concerned with

 establishing that tsunamis are formed by submarine tectonic activity.

 explaining why tsunamis can appear so suddenly and with so little warning.

 arguing that a tsunami's energy flux results in its great height and destructive capac- ity.

 demonstrating that devastating tsunamis must be formed by earthquakes close to shore.

 challenging long held beliefs about the formation of deep ocean waves.

* 1. It may be inferred from the passage that a tsunami that entered deeper water would rience an increase in

 destructive power.  speed.

 energy flux.  visibility. height

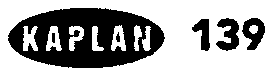






Think about how you attacked these Reading Comprehension questions. To maximize your score, it's important to start practicing the techniques we've covered in this chapter now. On the pages that follow, you'll  sets of  Reading Comp passages and practice questions that will help you to hone your skills with this question type. Try these practice sets under test- like conditions, moving from one question to the next at a rapid pace. Complete, strategic explanations to  of these questions follow so that you can check your answers and learn the most efficient means for completing each question correctly.



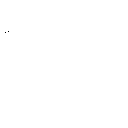


###### Answer Key

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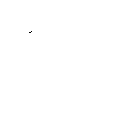
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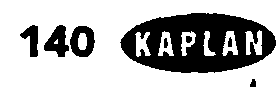
**Distortion Exercise**

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2. Inference
3. Distortion

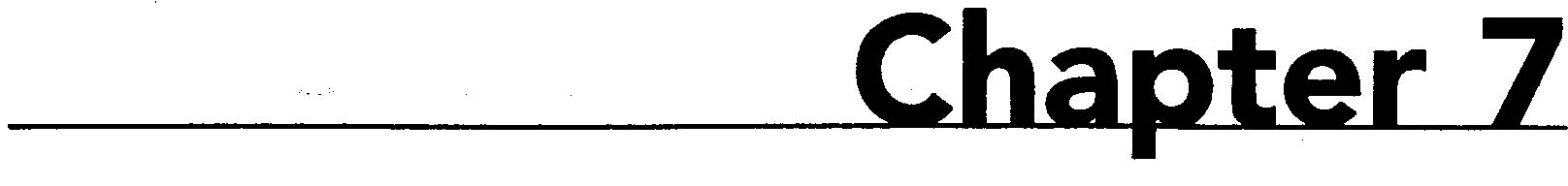
**Practice Set**











INCREASING YOUR GRE VOCABULARY

**BEFORE YOU GET STARTED**

A strong vocabulary is the greatest asset that you can bring to the GRE verbal section. Antonyms, which make up a quarter of the verbal section, are a direct test of your vocabulary  The other types of short verbal questions (analogies and sentence completions) also require you to understand the meanings of a large number of words.

So, how do you start improving your vocabulary? Don't say to yourself,"I'm going to get ready for the GRE by opening the dictionary and starting on page  In real life, the dictionary is the single most useful verbal tool there is. But the GRE is not real life, and for the purposes of preparing for the GRE, the dictionary is  It includes a lot more words than you need to look at, including all those everyday words you already know and all those esoteric words that will never appear on the GRE.

Building up a good vocabulary takes time, a lifetime for most people. However, you can increase your GRE vocabulary quickly. There are a couple of reasons for this.

1. **The GRE tests the same words over and over again.**

If you know the words that the  loves, you have a big head start in increasing your GRE vocabulary, We have included the words that appear most often on the GRE in chapter 10, "Top GRE Words." Start learning the meanings of these words as soon as you can.

1. **The GRE does not test the exact definitions of words. If you have some idea of what the word means, you can usually get to the answer.**

You don't need to know the exact definitions of words to get a good verbal score on the GRE. It's better to know something about ten words than everything about one word. This is why learning words in groups is such a powerful technique. We have included common word groups for the GRE in chapter 9,"GRE Word Groups."

Knowing the meanings of common word roots can be helpful in two ways. First of all, know- ing the meaning of word roots can help you guess at the meanings of unfamiliar words you

encounter on the GRE. Second, when you're learning new  it's more effective to study words in groups rather than one by one. Learning groups of words that are related by a common root will help you to learn more words faster. We have included a list of common GRE word roots in chapter 10.

Once you've looked over the top GRE words and the chapters on word roots and word groups, you can hone your skills using our opposite drills in chapter 1 1. Finally, we've included a mini- dictionary that gives you the definitions of thousands of  words. Use it whenever you encounter an unfamiliar word in your study.

### BASICS OF VOCABULARY BUILDING

The way most people build their vocabulary is by reading words in context. Reading is ulti- mately the best way to increase your vocabulary, although it also takes the most time. Of course, some types of reading material contain more GRE  words than others. You should get into the habit of reading high-level publications, such as the  Street Journal, the Economist, and the ***New*** York Times. (Because you'll have to read from the computer screen on Test Day, we recommend that you read these publications online, if possible. And if you read lengthy articles that require scrolling through, so  the better.)

When you come across words you don't know and can't figure out from the context, look them up in the dictionary and make a note of them. It sounds tedious, but it's definitely worth the time and effort come Test Day. The words you encounter during your prep can be found in the GRE Minidictionary in chapter 12. This handy reference tool contains thousands of words that you might find on the GRE.

Note that you will find nothing on pronunciation in the Minidictionary. Pronunciation is not tested on the GRE, so we don't recommend spending study time learning how to pronounce words. Some people, however, find it much easier to remember the meaning of a word if they have the sound of the word in their heads. If you're such a person, then use the dictionary to figure out how to pronounce words you're not familiar with.

### PARTS OF SPEECH

The never directly tests your ability to classify words by part of speech, but you'll do bet- ter if you can distinguish nouns, adjectives, and verbs.

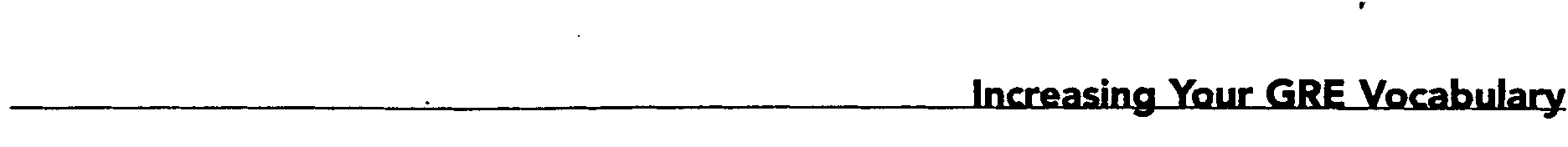
**Nouns**

A noun names a person, place, or thing. A noun answers the questions "who," "where," or "what." A noun can function as the subject ("The soliloquy was eloquentn) or object of a verb ("He wrote an eloquent soliloquyn).

If you know the meaning of the word, you can tell if it's a noun by thinking about the way it would be used in a sentence.





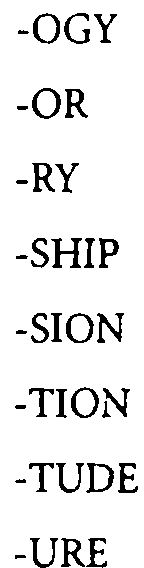
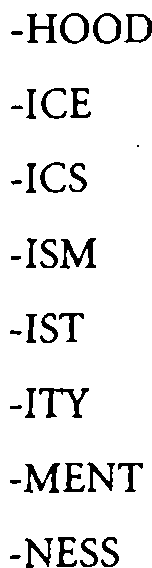


If the word can function as the subject of a sentence, it's a noun.

If it can be replaced by a pronoun like ***he, she, it,*** or  it's a noun.

If you can put an article like ***the,*** a, an, or ***some*** in front of it, it's a noun.

If it has a plural  (usually the ending  it's a noun. If it has a possessive form (usually the ending  it's a noun.

If you don't know the meaning of a word, but it has one of the following  then it's probably a noun.



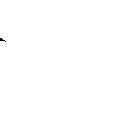
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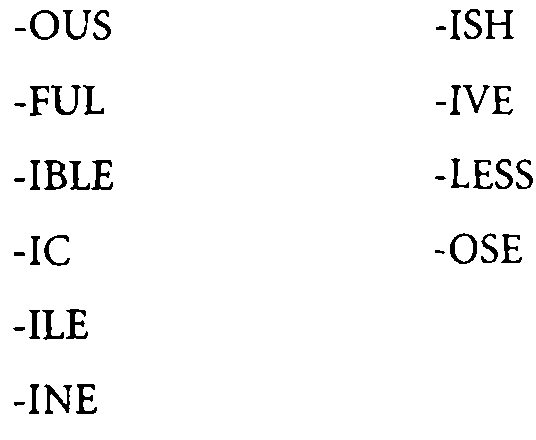
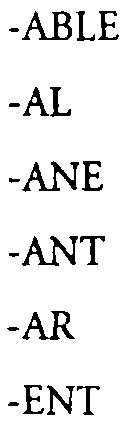


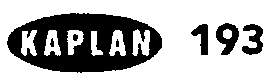
**Adjectives**

**An** adjective describes a noun, answering the questions "what kind," "which one," or "how many." In a sentence, you will generally find adjectives right in front of the nouns they describe ("The book is full of ***sophomoric*** humor") or after a form of the verb be or some other link- ing verb ("The book's humor is ***sophomoric").***

If you know the meaning of a word, you can tell if it's an adjective by thinking about the way the word would be used in a sentence. If the word **can** be used to describe a noun, it's an adjec- tive. Most adjectives have comparative and superlative forms ***(rife, ***  and ***sanguine, more sanguine, most sanguine).*** Most adjectives **can** be turned into adverbs by adding  ***(intemperately.)***

If you don't know the meaning of a word, but it has one of the following suffixes, then it's probably an adjective.





**Verbs**

***A*** verb is a word that represents an action or state of being. Every sentence must have at least one verb. The main verb usually comes right after the subject ***("They*** squander their for- tunes"), but sometimes is separated from the subject ("The contestant with the second high- est vote total wins the consolation prize") and sometimes even precedes the subject ("Quickly  the years.")

If you know the meaning of the word, you can tell if  a verb by thinking about the way the word would be used in a sentence. If, with the addition of an it can follow a pronoun like he or ***it*** and make a sentence, it's a verb ("Hepanders").If it has a past form ending in -ed (pan- dered) and a progressive form ending in  (pandering), it's a verb.

If you don't  the meaning of a word, but it has one of the following  then it's probably a verb.



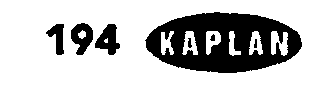
**Split-Personality Words**

Remember that many words in the English language can function as more than one part of speech. Here's a single word used as a noun, adjective, and verb:

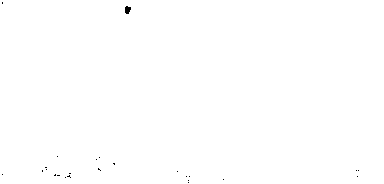
***As*** the test tube rested overnight, some precipitate formed. (noun)

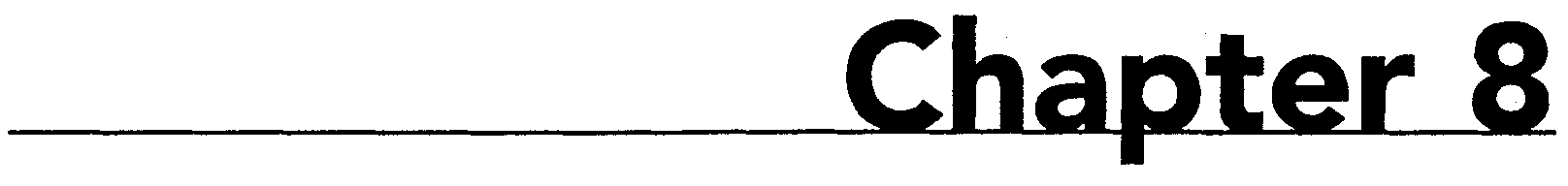
It would be better to proceed with caution than to take precipitate action. (adjective) Passage of the resolution could well precipitate rebellion. (verb)

When you see a word all by itself in an analogy or an antonym, with no sentence to show you the word in use, you may not be able to tell at  what part of speech it is. For example, if you see the word brook out of context, don't assume you're looking at a noun. It can also be a verb, as in: "She would brook no interference with her intentions." Instead, look at the answer choices or the other word in an analogy's stem. They should make it pretty clear what meaning they are testing.









TOP GRE WORDS

Some words appear on the GRE more than others. The following words all turn up regularly on the test, although some turn up more than others. You should start by learning these words, and the groups of words that have similar meanings to them.

The top **12** words on the GRE are:

ANOMALY EQUIVOCAL LUCID PRECIPITATE

The next **20** most popular words are:

ABSTAIN AUDACIOUS DESICCATE GULLIBLE

PEDANT VACILLATE

ASSUAGE ERUDITE OPAQUE PRODIGAL

ADULTEIWTE CAPRICIOUS ENGENDER HOMOGENOUS LOQUACIOUS PRAGMATIC VOLATILE

ENIGMA FERVID PLACATE ZEAL

APATHY CORROBORATE EPHEMERAL LACONIC MITIGATE PROPRIETY

The next most popular words after these are:

ADVOCATE ANTIPATHY

CACOPHONY DERIDE

ENERVATE EULOGY

INGENUOUS LETHARGIC MISANTHROPE OBDURATE PARADOX PHILANTHROPIC

VENERATE WAVER

BOLSTER DISSONANCE GARRULOUS MALLEABLE OSTENTATION PREVARICATE





### 200 TOP GRE WORDS IN CONTEXT

**ABATE:** to reduce in amount, degree, or severity

As the hurricane's force  the winds dropped and the sea became calm.

Words with similar meanings:

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| EBB | LAPSE | LET UP |
| MODERATE  SUBSIDE | RELENT  WANE | SLACKEN |

**ABSCOND:** to leave secretly

The patron ABSCONDED from the restaurant without paying his bill by sneaking out the back door.

Words with similar meanings:

FLEE DECAMP ESCAPE

**ABSTAIN:** to choose not to do something:

During Lent, practicing Catholics ABSTAIN from eating meat.

Words with similar meanings:

FORBEAR REFRAIN WITHHOLD

**ABYSS:** an extremely deep hole

The submarine dove into  ABYSS to chart the previously unseen depths.

Related words:

ABYSSAL: pertaining to great depth ABYSMAL: extremely bad

Words with similar meanings:

CHASM VOID

**ADULTERATE:** to make impure

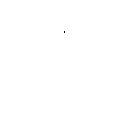
The restaurateur made his ketchup last longer by ADULTERATING it with water.

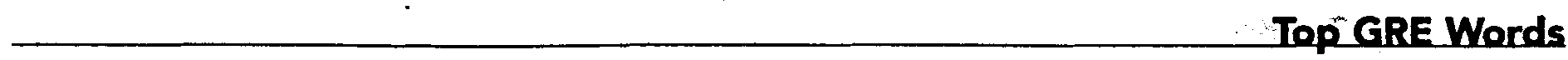
Related words:

UNADULTERATED: pure

ADULTERY an illicit relationship; an affair

Words with similar meanings:

DOCTOR



**ADVOCATE:** to speak in favor of

The vegetarian ADVOCATED a diet containing no meat.

Related words:

ADVOCACY: active support for Words with similar meanings:

BACK CHAMPION SUPPORT

**AESTHETIC:** concerning the appreciation of beauty

Followers of the AESTHETIC Movement regarded the pursuit of beauty as the only true purpose of art.

Related words:

AESTHETE: someone unusually sensitive to beauty AESTHETICISM: concern with beauty

Words with similar meanings:

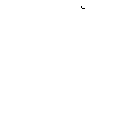
ARTISTIC TASTEFUL

**AGGRANDIZE:** to increase in power, influence, and reputation

The supervisor sought to AGGRANDIZE himself by claiming that the achievements of his staff were actually his own.

Words with similar meanings:

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| AMPLIFY | APOTHEOSIZE | AUGMENT |
| DIGNIFY | ELEVATE | ENLARGE |
| ENNOBLE | EXALT | GLORIFY |
| MAGNIFY  WAX | SWELL | UPLIFT |

**ALLEVIATE:** to make more bearable:

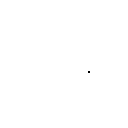
Taking aspirin helps to ALLEVIATE a headache.

Words with similar meanings:

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| ALLAY | ASSUAGE | COMFORT |
| EASE | LESSEN | LIGHTEN |
| MITIGATE | PALLIATE | RELIEVE |

**AMALGAMATE:** to combine; to mix together

Giant Industries AMALGAMATED with Mega Products form Giant-Mega Products Incorporated.





Related Words:

AMALGAM: a mixture, especially of two metals Words with similar meanings:

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| ADMIX | BLEND | COMBINE |
| COMMINGLE  FUSE MERGE | COMMIX  INTERMINGLE MINGLE | COMPOUND    MIX |

AMBIGUOUS: doubtful or uncertain; able to be interpreted several ways

The directions he gave were so AMBIGUOUS that we disagreed on which way to turn.

Related Words:

AMBIGUITY: the quality of being ambiguous Words with similar meanings:

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| CLOUDY | DOUBTFUL | DUBIOUS |
| EQUIVOCAL | NEBULOUS | INDETERMINATE |
| OBSCURE | UNCLEAR | VAGUE |

AMELIORATE: to make better; to improve

The doctor was able to AMELIORATE the patient's suffering using painkillers.

Words with similar meanings:

AMEND BETTER IMPROVE

PACIFY UPGRADE

ANACHRONISM: something out of place in time

The aged hippie used ANACHRONISTIC phrases like  andfar out that had not been popular for years.

Words with similar meanings:

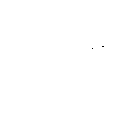
ARCHAISM INCONGRUITY

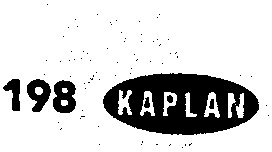
ANALOGOUS: similar or alike in some way; equivalent to

In a famous argument for the existence of God, the universe is ANALOGOUS to a mechan- ical timepiece, the creation of a divinely intelligent 

Related word..

ANALOGY: a similarity between things that are otherwise dissimilar

ANALOGUE: something that is similar in some way to something else   with similar meanings:



**Words**



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| ALIKE | COMPARABLE | CORRESPONDING |
| EQUIVALENT  SIMILAR | HOMOGENEOUS | PARALLEL |

**ANOMALY:** deviation from what is normal

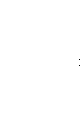
Albino animals may display too great **an** ANOMALY in their coloring to attract normally colored mates.

Related words:

ANOMALOUS: deviating from what is normal Words with similar meanings:

ABERRANCE ABERRATION ABNORMALITY

 DEVIATION IRREGULARITY PRETERNATURALNESS

**ANTAGONIZE:** to annoy or provoke to anger

The child discovered that he could ANTAGONIZE the cat by pulling its tail.

Related Words:

ANTAGONISTIC: tending to provoke conflict ANTAGONIST: someone who fights another

Words with similar meanings

CLASH CONFLICT

IRRITATE OPPOSE

PROVOKE VEX

INCITE PESTER

**ANTIPATHY:** extreme dislike

The ANTIPATHY between the French and the English regularly erupted into open warfare.

Words with similar meanings:

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| ANIMOSITY | ANIMUS | ANTAGONISM |
| AVERSION  REPELLENCE | ENMITY | HOSTILITY |

. lack of interest or emotion

The APATHY of voters is so great that less than half the people are eligible to vote actu- ally bother to do so.

Words with similar meanings:

COOLNESS DISINTEREST DISREGARD

IMPASSIVITY INDIFFERENCE INSENSIBILITY LASSITUDE LETHARGY LISTLESSNESS PHLEGM STOLIDITY UNCONCERN UNRESPONSIVENESS

**ARBITRATE:** to judge a dispute between two opposing parties

Since the couple could not come to agreement, a judge was forced to ARBITRATE their divorce proceedings.

Related words:

ARBITRATION: a process by which a conflict is resolved ARBITRATOR: a judge

Words with similar meanings:

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| ADJUDGE | ADJUDICATE | DECIDE |
| DETERMINE | JUDGE | MODERATE |
| REFEREE | RULE |  |

**ARCHAIC:** ancient, old-fashioned

Her ARCHAIC Commodore computer could not run the latest  Related words:

ARCHAISM: an outdated word or phrase

Words with similar meanings:

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| ANCIENT | ANTEDILUVIAN | ANTIQUE |
| BYGONE | DATED | DOWDY |
| FUSTY | OBSOLETE | OLD-FASHIONED |
| OUTDATED | OUTMODED | PASSE |
| PREHISTORIC | STALE | SUPERANNUATED |
| SUPERSEDED | VINTAGE |  |

**ARDOR:** intense and passionate feeling

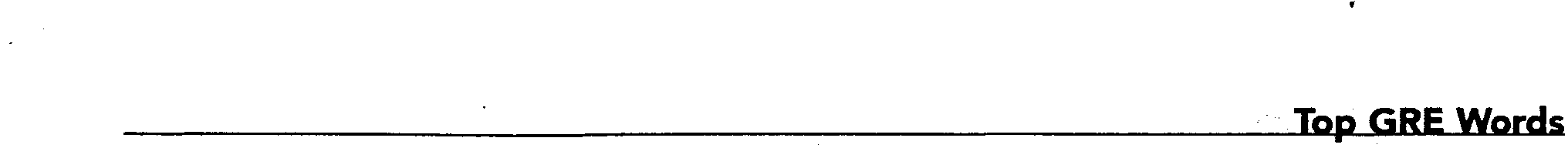
Bishop's ARDOR for landscape was evident when he passionately described the beauty of the scenic Hudson Valley.

Related words:

ARDENT: expressing ardor; passionate Words with similar meanings:

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| DEVOTION | ENTHUSIASM | FERVENCY |
| FERVIDITY | FERVIDNESS | FERVOR |
| FIRE  ZEALOUSNESS | PASSION | ZEAL |





**ARTICULATE:** able to speak clearly and expressively

She is such an ARTICULATE defender of labor that unions are among her strongest sup- porters.

Words with similar meanings

ELOQUENT EXPRESSIVE FLUENT

 SILVER-TONGUED SMOOTH-SPOKEN

**ASSUAGE:** to make something unpleasant less severe

Like many people, Philip  used alcohol to ASSUAGE his sense of meaninglessness and despair.

Words with similar meanings:

ALLAY COMFORT LIGHTEN PACIFY PROPITIATE SWEETEN

ALLEVIATE CONCILIATE MITIGATE PALLIATE RELIEVE

APPEASE EASE MOLLIFY PLACATE SOOTHE

 to reduce in force or degree; to weaken

The Bill of Rights ATTENUATED the traditional power of government to change laws at will.

Words with similar meanings:

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| DEBILITATE | DEVITALIZE | DILUTE |
| ENERVATE | ENFEEBLE | RAREFY |
| SAP | THIN | UNDERMINE |
| UNDO | UNNERVE | WATER |
| WEAKEN |  |  |

**AUDACIOUS:** fearless and daring

"And you, your majesty, may  my bum!" replied the AUDACIOUS peasant.

Related words:

 the quality of being audacious Words with similar meanings:

ADVENTURESOME AGGRESSIVE

BOLD BRAVE

DARING DAUNTLESS

FEARLESS GALLANT

HEROIC INTREPID

PLUCKY STOUT

ASSERTIVE

COURAGEOUS DOUGHTY GAME METTLESOME STOUTHEARTED



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| UNAFRAID | UNDAUNTED | VALIANT |
| VALOROUS | VENTURESOME | VENTUROUS |

**AUSTERE:** severe or stern in appearance; undecorated

The lack of decoration makes Zen temples seem AUSTERE to the untrained eye.

Related words:

AUSTERITY:severity, especially poverty Words with similar meanings:

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| BLEAK | DOUR | GRIM |
| HARD | HARSH | SEVERE |

**BANAL:** predictable, cliched, boring

He used BANAL phrases like Have a nice day, or Another day, another dollar.

Related words:

 the quality of being banal Words with similar meanings:

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| BLAND | BROMIDIC | CLICHED |
| COMMONPLACE | FATUOUS | HACKNEYED |
| INNOCUOUS | INSIPID |  |
| MUSTY | PLATITUDINOUS | PROSAIC |
| QUOTIDIAN | SHOPWORN | STALE |
| STEREOTYPIC | THREADBARE | TIMEWORN |
| TIRED  WORN-OUT | TRITE | VAPID |



**BOLSTER:** to support; to prop up

The presence of giant footprints BOLSTERED the argument that Sasquatch was in the area.

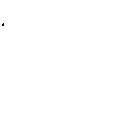
Words with similar meanings:

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| BRACE | BUTTRESS | PROP |
| SUPPORT | SUSTAIN | UNDERPIN |
| UPHOLD |  |  |

**BOMBASTIC:** pompous in speech and manner

 speeches were mostly BOMBASTIC; his boasting and outrageous claims had no basis in fact.

Related words:

BOMBAST: pompous speech or writing





Words with similar meanings:

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| BLOATED | DECLAMATORY | FUSTIAN |
| GRANDILOQUENT | GRANDIOSE | HIGH-FLOWN |
| MAGNILOQUENT  RHETORICAL | OROTUND  SELF-IMPORTANT | PRETENTIOUS |

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**CACOPHONY:** harsh, noise

The junior high orchestra created an almost unbearable CACOPHONY as  tried to tune their instruments.

Words with similar meanings:

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| DISCORD | CHAOS | DISHARMONY |
| NOISE | CLAMOR | DIN |

**CANDID:** impartial and honest in speech

The observations of a child can be charming since they are CANDID and unpretentious.

Words with similar meanings:

DIRECT FORTHRIGHT FRANK

HONEST OPEN SINCERE STRAIGHT STRAIGHTFORWARD UNDISGUISED

**CAPRICIOUS:** changing one's mind quickly and often

Queen Elizabeth I **was** quite  her courtiers could never be sure which of their number would catch her fancy.

Related words:

CAPRICE: whim, sudden fancy Words with similar meanings:

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| ARBITRARY | CHANCE | CHANGEABLE |
| ERRATIC | FICKLE | INCONSTANT |
| MERCURIAL  WILLFUL | RANDOM | WHIMSICAL |

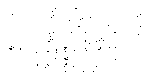
**CASTIGATE:** to punish or criticize harshly

Americans are amazed at how harshly the authorities in Singapore perpetra- tors of what would be considered minor crimes in the



Words with similar meanings:

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| ADMONISH | CHASTISE | CHIDE |
| REBUKE | REPRIMAND | REPROACH |







REPROVE SCOLD TAX UPBRAID

**CATALYST:** something that brings about a change in something else

The imposition of harsh taxes was the CATALYST that finally brought on the revolution.

Related 

CATALYZE: to bring about a change in something else

**CAUSTIC:** biting in wit

Dorothy Parker gained her reputation for CAUSTIC wit from her cutting, yet clever, insults.

Words with similar meanings:

ACERBIC BITING TRENCHANT

MORDANT

**CHAOS:** great disorder or confusion

In most religious traditions, God created an ordered universe from CHAOS. Related Words:

CHAOTIC: jumbled, confused

Words with  meanings:

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| CLUTTER | CONFUSION | DISARRANGEMENT |
| DISARRAY | DISORDER | DISORDERLINESS |
| DISORGANIZATION | JUMBLE | MESS |
| MUDDLE  TOPSY-TURVINESS | SCRAMBLE  TURMOIL | SNARL |

**CHAUVINIST:** someone prejudiced in favor of a group to which he or she belongs

The attitude that men are inherently superior to women and therefore must be obeyed is common among male CHAUVINISTS.

Words with similar meanings:

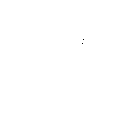
PARTISAN

**CHICANERY:** deception by means of craft or guile

Dishonest used car salesmen often use CHICANERY to  their beat-up old cars.

Words with similar meanings:

ARTIFICE CONNMNG CRAFTINESS





 **Top Words**



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| DECEPTION | DEVIOUSNESS | MISREPRESENTATION |
| PETTIFOGGERY | SHADINESS | SNEAKINESS |
| SOPHISTRY | SUBTERFUGE | UNDERHANDEDNESS |

**COGENT:** convincing and well reasoned

Swayed by the COGENT argument of the defense, the jury had no choice but to acquit the defendant.

Related words:

COGITATE: to think deeply Words with similar meanings:

CONVINCING PERSUASIVE

SOUND TELLING

SOLID VALID

**CONDONE:** to overlook, pardon, or disregard

Some theorists believe that failing to prosecute minor crimes is the same as CONDONING an air of lawlessness.

Words with similar meanings:

EXCULPATE EXCUSE REMIT

PARDON

**CONVOLUTED:** intricate and complicated

Although many people bought ***A Brief History of Time,*** few could follow its CONVOLUT- ED ideas and theories.

Words with similar meanings:

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| BYZANTINE | COMPLEX | ELABORATE |
| INTRICATE  PERPLEXING | KNOTTY  TANGLED | LABYRINTHINE |

**CORROBORATE:** to provide supporting evidence

Fingerprints CORROBORATED the witness's testimony that he saw the defendant in the victim's apartment.

Words with similar meanings:

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| AUTHENTICATE | BACK | BEAR OUT |
| BUTTRESS  VALIDATE | CONFIRM  VERIFY | SUBSTANTIATE |







**CREDULOUS:** too trusting; gullible

Although some 4-year-olds believe in the Easter Bunny, only the most CREDULOUS year-olds also believe in him.

Related words:

CREDULITY the quality of being credulous Words with similar meanings:

SUSCEPTIBLE TRUSTING

**CRESCENDO:** steadily increasing volume or force

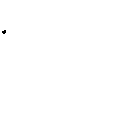
The CRESCENDO of tension became unbearable as  Knievel prepared to jump his motorcycle over the school buses.

**DECORUM:** appropriateness of behavior or conduct; propriety

The countess complained that the vulgar peasants lacked the DECORUM appropriate for a visit to the palace.

Related words:

DECOROUS: conforming to acceptable standards

Words with similar meanings: 

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| CORRECTNESS | DECENCY | ETIQUETTE |
| MANNERS  SEEMLINESS | MORES | PROPRIETY |

**DEFERENCE:** respect, courtesy

The respectfulyounglaw  treated the Supreme **Court** justicewith the utmost DEFERENCE. Related words:

DEFER: to delay; to show someone deference

DEFERENT: courteous and respectful Words with similar meanings:

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| COURTESY | HONOR | HOMAGE |
| OBEISANCE  VENERATION | RESPECT | REVERENCE |

**DERIDE:** to speak of or treat with contempt; to mock

The awkward child was often DERIDED by his"cooler"peers.

Related words:

DERISION: mockery and **taunts**



 **Words**

**DERISIVE:** in a  manner Words with similar meanings:

GIBE RIDICULE TAUNT

JEER SCOFF

MOCK SNEER

**DESICCATE:** to dry out thoroughly

After a few weeks of lying on the desert's baking sands, the cow's carcass became complete- ly DESICCATED.

Related words:

DESICCANT: something that removes water from another substance Words with similar meanings:

DRY PARCH DEHYDRATE

**DESULTORY:** jumping from one thing to another; disconnected

Diane had a DESULTORY academic record; she had changed majors 12 times in 3 years.

Words with similar meanings:

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| AIMLESS | DISCONNECTED | ERRATIC |
| HAPHAZARD | INDISCRIMINATE | OBJECTLESS |
| PURPOSELESS | RANDOM | STRAY |
| UNCONSIDERED | UNPLANNED |  |

**DIATRIBE:** an abusive, condemnatory speech

The trucker bellowed a DIATRIBE at the driver who had cut him off.

Words with similar meanings:

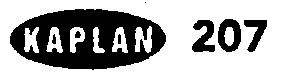
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| FULMINATION | HARANGUE | INVECTIVE |
| JEREMIAD | MALEDICTION | OBLOQUY |
| TIRADE |  |  |

**DIFFIDENT: ** self-confidence

Steve's DIFFIDENT manner during the job interview stemmed from his nervous nature and lack of experience in the field.

Words with similar meanings:

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| BACKWARD | BASHFUL | COY |
| DEMURE | MODEST | RETIRING |
| SELF-EFFACING | SHY | TIMID |



**DILATE:** to make larger; to expand

When you enter a darkened room, the pupils of your eyes DILATE to let in more light.  with similar meanings:

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| AMPLIFY | DEVELOP | ELABORATE |
| ENLARGE | EXPAND | EXPATIATE |

**DILATORY:** intended to delay

The congressman used DILATORY measures to delay the passage of the bill.

Words with similar meanings:

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| DRAGGING | FLAGGING | LAGGARD |
| LAGGING | SLOW | SLOW-FOOTED |
| SLOW-GOING | SLOW-PACED | TARDY |

**DILETTANTE:** someone with an amateurish and superficial interest in a topic

Jerry's friends were such DILETTANTES that they seemed to have new jobs and hobbies every week.

Words with similar meanings:

AMATEUR DABBLER SUPERFICIAL TYRO

**DIRGE:** a funeral hymn or mournful speech

Melville wrote the poem A DIRGE for James  for the funeral of a Union gener- al who was killed in

Words with similar meanings:

ELEGY LAMENT

**DISABUSE:** to set right; to free from error

 observations DISABUSED scholars of the notion that the Sun revolved around the

Earth.

Words with similar meanings:

CORRECT UNDECEIVE

**DISCERN:** to perceive; to recognize

It is easy to DISCERN the difference between butter and butter-flavored topping.

Related words:

DISCERNMENT: taste and cultivation



Words with similar meanings:

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| CATCH | DESCRY | DETECT |
| DIFFERENTIATE | DISCRIMINATE | DISTINGUISH |
| ESPY | GLIMPSE | KNOW |
| SEPARATE  TELL | SPOT | SPY |

**DISPARATE:** fundamentally different; entirely unlike

Although the twins appear to be identical physically, their personalities are DISPARATE.

Words with similar meanings:

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| DIFFERENT | DISSIMILAR | DIVERGENT |
| DIVERSE | VARIANT | VARIOUS |

**DISSEMBLE:** to present a false appearance; to disguise one's real intentions or character

The villain could DISSEMBLE to the police no longer-he admitted the deed and tore up the floor to reveal the body of the old man.

Words with similar meanings:

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| ACT | AFFECT | ASSUME |
| CAMOUFLAGE | CLOAK | COUNTERFEIT |
| COVER UP | DISGUISE | DISSIMULATE |
| FAKE | FEIGN | MASK |
| MASQUERADE | POSE | PRETEND |
| PUT ON | SHAM | SIMULATE |

**DISSONANCE:** a harsh and disagreeable combination, often of sounds

Cognitive DISSONANCE is the inner conflict produced when long-standing beliefs are contradicted by new evidence.

Words with similar meanings:

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| CLASH | CONTENTION | DISCORD |
| DISSENSION | DISSENT | DISSIDENCE |
| FRICTION | STRIFE | VARIANCE |





**DOGMA:** a firmly held opinion, often a religious belief

Linus' central DOGMA was that children who believed in the Great Pumpkin  be rewarded.

Words with similar meanings:

CREED DOCTRINE TEACHING TENET

**DOGMATIC:** dictatorial in one's opinions

The dictator was  and only he, was right.

Words with similar meanings:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| AUTHORITARIAN | BOSSY | DICTATORIAL |
| DOCTRINAIRE | DOMINEERING | IMPERIOUS |
| MAGISTERIAL | MASTERFUL | OVERBEARING |
| PEREMPTORY |  |  |

**DUPE:** to deceive; a person who is easily deceived

Bugs Bunny was able to DUPE Elmer Fudd by dressing up as a lady rabbit. similar meanings:



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| BEGUILE | BETRAY | BLUFF |
| COZEN | DECEIVE | DELUDE |
| FOOL | HOODWINK | HUMBUG |
| MISLEAD | TAKE IN | TRICK |

**ECLECTIC:** selecting from or made up from a variety of sources

Budapest's architecture is an ECLECTIC mix of eastern and western styles.  with similar meanings:

SELECTIVE CATHOLIC BROAD

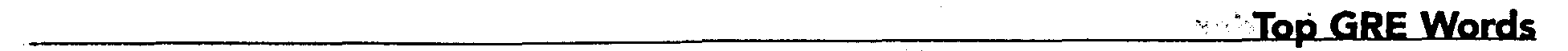
**EFFICACY:** effectiveness

The EFFICACY of penicillin was unsurpassed when it was first introduced; the drug com- pletely eliminated almost  bacterial infections for which it was administered.

Related Words:

EFFICACIOUS: effective; productive

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| Words with similar meanings: |  | |
| DYNAMISM | EFFECTIVENESS | EFFICIENCY |
| FORCE | POWER | PRODUCTIVENESS |
| PROFICIENCY | STRENGTH | VIGOR |



**ELEGY:** a sorrowful poem or speech

Although Thomas Gray's "ELEGY Written in a Country Churchyard" is about death and loss, it urges its readers to endure this life, and to trust in spirituality.

Related Words:

ELEGIAC: like an elegy; mournful Words with similar meanings:

DIRGE LAMENT

**ELOQUENT:** persuasive and moving, especiallyin speech

The  Address is moving not only because of its lofty sentiments but also because of its ELOQUENT words.

Words with similar meanings:

ARTICULATE EXPRESSIVE

MEANINGFUL SIGNIFICANT

FLUENT

SMOOTH-SPOKEN

**EMULATE:** to copy; to try to equal or excel

The graduate student sought to EMULATE his professor in every way, copying not  how she taught, but also how she conducted herself outside of class.

Words with similar meanings:

APE IMITATE SIMULATE

**ENERVATE:** to reduce in strength

The guerrillas hoped that a series of surprise attacks would ENERVATE the regular army.

Related Words:

UNNERVE: to deprive of strength or courage Words with similar meanings:

DEBILITATE ENFEEBLE

WEAKEN

SAP

**ENGENDER:** to produce, cause, or bring about

His fear and hatred of clowns was ENGENDERED when he witnessed the death of his father at the hands of a clown.

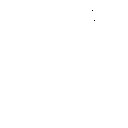
Words with similar meanings:

BEGET GENERATE PROCREATE

PROLIFERATE REPRODUCE





**ENIGMA:** a puzzle; a mystery

Speaking in riddles and dressed in old robes, the artist gained a reputation as something of an ENIGMA.

Words with similar meanings:

CONUNDRUM PERPLEXITY

**ENUMERATE:** to count, list, or itemize

Moses returned from the mountain with tablets on which the commandments were ENU- MERATED.

Words with similar meanings:

CATALOG INDEX TABULATE

**EPHEMERAL:** lasting a short time

The lives of mayflies seem EPHEMERAL to us, since the flies' average life span is a matter of hours.

Words with similar meanings:

EVANESCENT FLEETING MOMENTARY TRANSIENT

**EQUIVOCATE:** to use expressions of double meaning in order to mislead

When faced with criticism of his policies, the politician EQUIVOCATED and left all par- ties thinking he agreed with them.

Related Words:

EQUIVOCAL: undecided; trying to deceive EQUIVOCATION: the act or state of equivocating

Words with similar meanings:

AMBIGUOUS EVASIVE WAFFLING

**ERRATIC:** wandering and unpredictable

The plot seemed predictable until it suddenly took a series of ERRATIC turns that sur- prised the audience.

Related Words:

ERRANT: straying, mistaken, roving Words with similar meanings:

CAPRICIOUS INCONSTANT

WHIMSICAL

IRRESOLUTE





 **Words**

**ERUDITE:** learned, scholarly, bookish

The annual meeting of philosophy professors was a gathering of the most ERUDITE, published individuals in the field.

Related Words:

ERUDITION: extensive knowledge or learning Words with similar meanings:

SCHOLASTIC LEARNED WISE

**ESOTERIC:** known or understood by only a few

Only a handful of experts are knowledgeable about the ESOTERIC world of particle physics.

Words with similar meanings:

ABSTRUSE ARCANE OBSCURE

**ESTIMABLE:** admirable

Most people consider it ESTIMABLE that Mother Teresa spent her life helping the poor of India.

Related Words:

ESTEEM: high regard

Words with similar meanings:

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| ADMIRABLE | COMMENDABLE | CREDITABLE |
|  | LAUDABLE | MERITORIOUS |
| PRAISEWORTHY  WORTHY | RESPECTABLE | VENERABLE |

**EULOGY:** speech in praise of someone

His best friend gave the EULOGY, outlining his many achievements and talents.

Words with similar meanings:

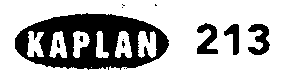
COMMEND EXTOL LAUD

**EUPHEMISM:** use of an inoffensiveword or phrase in place of a more distasteful one

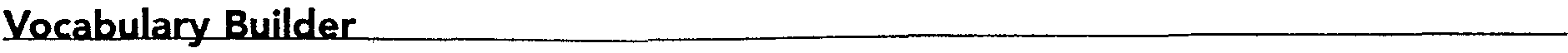
The funeral director preferred to use the EUPHEMISM "sleeping" instead of the word "dead."

Words with similar meanings:

CIRCUMLOCUTION WHITEWASH





**EXACERBATE:** to make worse

It is unwise to take  to try to relieve heartburn; instead of providing relief, the drug will only EXACERBATE the problem.

Words with similar meanings:

ANNOY AGGRAVATE INTENSIFY

IRRITATE PROVOKE

**EXCULPATE:** to clear from  prove innocent

The adversarial legal system is intended to convict those who are guilty and to EXCULPATE those who are innocent.

Words with similar meanings:

ABSOLVE ACQUIT CLEAR

EXONERATE VINDICATE

**EXIGENT:** urgent; requiring immediate action

The patient was losing blood so rapidly that it was EXIGENT to stop the source of the bleeding.

Words with similar meanings:

CRITICAL IMPERATIVE NEEDED URGENT

**EXONERATE:** to clear of blame

The fugitive was EXONERATED when another criminal confessed to committing the crime.

Words with similar meanings:

ABSOLVE ACQUIT CLEAR

EXCULPATE VINDICATE

**EXPLICIT:** clearly stated or shown; forthright in expression

The owners of the house left a list of EXPLICIT instructions detailing their house-sitters' duties,  a schedule for watering the house plants.

Related Words:

EXPLICABLE: capable of being explained EXPLICATE: to give a detailed explanation

Words with similar meanings:

CANDID FRANK

UNEQUIVOCAL

STRAIGHTFORWARD





**FANATICAL: ** excessively enthusiastic;  with extreme, unquestioned devotion

The stormtroopers were FANATICAL in their devotion to the  readily sacrificing their lives for him.

Words with similar 

EXTREMIST FIERY FRENZIED ZEALOUS

**FAWN:** to grovel

The understudy FAWNED over the director in hopes of being cast in the part on a perma- nent basis.

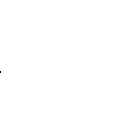
Words with similar meanings:

BOOTLICK GROVEL TOADY PANDER

**FERVID:** intensely emotional; feverish

The fans of Maria Callas were particularly FERVID, doing anything to catch a glimpse of the great opera singer.

Related Words: FERVENT: enthusiastic FERVOR: passion

Words with similar meanings:

BURNING IMPASSIONED VEHEMENT

PASSIONATE ZEALOUS

**FLORID:** excessively decorated or embellished

The palace had been decorated in an excessively FLORID style; every surface had been carved and gilded.

Words with similar meanings:

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| BAROQUE | ELABORATE | FLAMBOYANT |
| ORNATE | OSTENTATIOUS | ROCOCO |

**FOMENT:** to arouse or incite

The protesters tried to FOMENT feeling against the war through their speeches and demonstrations.

Words with similar meanings:

AGITATE IMPASSION

INSTIGATE KINDLE

INFLAME





 a tendency to be thrifty or cheap

Scrooge  FRUGALITY was so great that he accumulated enough wealth to a giant storehouse with money.

Words with similar meanings:

ECONOMICAL PARSIMONY PRUDENCE SPARING

**GARRULOUS:** tending to talk a lot

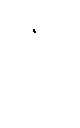
The GARRULOUS parakeet distracted its owner with its continuous talking.

Words with similar meanings:

EFFUSIVE LOQUACIOUS

**GREGARIOUS:** outgoing, sociable

She was so GREGARIOUS that when she found herself alone she felt quite sad.

Words with similar meanings:

AFFABLE CONGENIAL COMMUNICATIVE SOCIABLE

**GUILE:** deceit or trickery

Since he was not fast enough to catch the roadrunner on foot, the coyote resorted to GUILE in an effort to trap his enemy.

Related Words:

GUILELESS: innocent, without trickery Words with similar meanings:

ARTIFICE CHICANERY 

DUPLICITY

**GULLIBLE:** easily deceived

The con man pretended to be a bank officer so as to fool GULLIBLE bank customers into giving him their account information.

 Words:

GULL: a person who is easily tricked Words with similar meanings:

CREDULOUS EXPLOITABLE NAIVE



 **Wards**

**HOMOGENOUS:** of a  kind

The class was fairly HOMOGENOUS, since almost  of the students were senior journal- ism majors.

Related Words:

HOMOGENIZED: thoroughly  together Words with similar meanings:

CONSISTENT STANDARDIZED UNIFORM

UNVARYING

**ICONOCLAST:** one who opposes established beliefs, customs, and institutions

His lack of regard for traditional beliefs soon established him as an ICONOCLAST. Words with similar meanings:

MAVERICK NONCONFORMIST REBEL

REVOLUTIONARY

**IMPERTURBABLE:** not capable of being disturbed

The counselor had ***so*** much experience dealing with distraught children that she seemed IMPERTURBABLE,even when faced with the wildest tantrums.

Related Words:

PERTURB: to disturb greatly Words with similar meanings:

COMPOSED DISPASSIONATE IMPASSIVE

SERENE STOICAL

**IMPERVIOUS:** impossible to penetrate; incapable of being affected A good raincoat will be IMPERVIOUS to moisture.

Words with similar meanings:

RESISTANT IMPREGNABLE

**IMPETUOUS:** quick to without thinking

It is not good for an investment broker to be IMPETUOUS, since much thought should be given to all the possible options.

Related Words:

IMPETUS: impulse







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| Words with similar meanings: |  | |
| IMPULSIVE RECKLESS | PRECIPITATE SPONTANEOUS | RASH |

**IMPLACABLE:** unable to be calmed down or made peaceful

His rage at the betrayal was so great that he remained  for weeks.

Related Words:

PLACATE: to make peaceful Words with similar meanings:

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| INEXORABLE | INTRANSIGENT | IRRECONCILABLE |
| RELENTLESS | REMORSELESS |  |
| UNRELENTING |  |  |

**INCHOATE:** not fully formed; disorganized

The ideas expressed in  mature work also appear in an INCHOATE form in his earliest writing.

Words with similar meanings:

AMORPHOUS INCOHERENT INCOMPLETE UNORGANIZED

**INGENUOUS: ** innocence or childlike simplicity

She was so INGENUOUS that her friends feared that her innocence and trustfulness would be exploited when she visited the big city.

Related Words:

INGENUE: a naive girl or young woman DISINGENUOUS: giving a false impression of innocence

Words with similar meanings:

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| ARTLESS | GUILELESS | INNOCENT |
| NAIVE | SIMPLE | UNAFFECTED |

**INIMICAL:** hostile, unfriendly

Even though a cease-fire had been in place for months, the two sides were still INIMICAL to each other.

Words with similar meanings:

ADVERSE ANTAGONISTIC DISSIDENT RECALCITRANT



**words**



**INNOCUOUS:** harmless

Some snakes are poisonous, but most species are INNOCUOUS and pose no danger to humans.

Words with similar meanings:

BENIGN HARMLESS INOFFENSIVE

**INSIPID:** lacking interest or flavor

The critic claimed that the painting was INSIPID, containing no interesting qualities at all.

Words with similar meanings:

BANAL. BLAND DULL VAPID

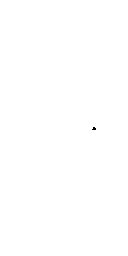
**INTRANSIGENT:** uncompromising; refusing to be reconciled

The professor was INTRANSIGENT on the deadline, insisting that everyone turn the assignment in at the same time.

Words with similar meanings:

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| IMPLACABLE | INEXORABLE | IRRECONCILABLE |
| OBDURATE | OBSTINATE | REMORSELESS |
| RIGID | UNBENDING | UNRELENTING |



**INUNDATE:** to overwhelm; to cover with water

The tidal wave INUNDATED Atlantis, which was lost beneath the water.

Words with similar meanings:

DELUGE DROWN ENGULF

FLOOD SUBMERGE

**IRASCIBLE:** easily made angry

 the Hun's IRASCIBLE and violent nature made  who dealt with him fear for their

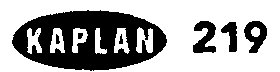
lives.

Related Words: IRATE: angry

Words with similar meanings:

CANTANKEROUS IRRITABLE TESTY

ORNERY





**LACONIC:** using few words

She was a LACONIC poet who built her reputation on using words as sparingly as possible.

Words with similar meanings:

CONCISE CURT PITHY

TERSE TACITURN

**LAMENT:** to express sorrow; to grieve

The children continued to the death of the goldfish weeks after its demise.

Words with similar meanings:

BEWAIL DEPLORE GRIEVE MOURN

LAUD: to give praise; to glorify

Parades and fireworks were staged to LAUD the success of the rebels.

Related 

LAUDABLE: worth of praise LAUDATORY: expressing praise

Words with similar meanings:

ACCLAIM APPLAUD

COMPLIMENT EXALT

HAIL PRAISE

COMMEND EXTOL

**LAVISH:** to give unsparingly (v.); extremely generous or extravagant (adj.)

She LAVISHED the puppy  so many treats that it soon become overweight and spoiled.

Words with similar meanings:

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| BESTOW | CONFER | EXUBERANT |
| EXTRAVAGANT | OPULENT | PROFUSE |
| PRODIGAL, | LUXURIANT | SUPERABUNDANT |

**LETHARGIC:** acting in an indifferent or slow, sluggish manner

The clerk was so LETHARGIC that, even when the store **was** slow, he always had a long line in front of him.

Words **with** similar meanings:

LANGUID LACKADAISICAL

LISTLESS TORPID



**LOQUACIOUS:** talkative

She was naturally LOQUACIOUS,which was a problem in situations in which listening was more important than talking.

Related Words:

ELOQUENCE: powerful, convincing speaking

 the quality of being loquacious Words with similar meanings:

EFFUSIVE GARRULOUS VERBOSE

**LUCID:** clear and easily understood

The explanations were written in a simple and LUCID manner so that students were imme- diately able to apply what they learned.

Related Words:

LUCIDITY: clarity

LUCENT: glowing with light Words with similar meanings:

CLEAR COHERENT EXPLICIT

INTELLIGIBLE LIMPID

**LUMINOUS:** bright, brilliant, glowing

The park was bathed in LUMINOUS sunshine which warmed the bodies and the souls of the visitors.

Related Words:

ILLUMINATE: to shine light on LUMINARY: an inspiring person Words with similar meanings:

INCANDESCENT LUCENT LUSTROUS

RADIANT RESPLENDENT

**MALINGER:** to evade responsibility by pretending to be 

A common way to avoid the draft was by MALINGERING-pretending to be mentally or physically  so as to avoid being taken by the Army.

Related Words:

LINGER: to be slow in leaving Words with similar meanings:

SHIRK SLACK

**MALLEABLE:** capable of being shaped

Gold is the most MALLEABLE of precious metals; it can easily be formed into almost any shape.

Words with similar meanings:

ADAPTABLE DUCTILE PLASTIC PLIABLE PLIANT

**METAPHOR: a** figure of speech comparing two different things; a symbol

The METAPHOR"a sea of troubles" suggests a lot of troubles by comparing their number to the vastness of the sea.

Related Words:

METAPHORICAL: standing as a symbol for something else Words with similar meanings:

ANALOGY COMPARISON

**METICULOUS:** extremely careful about details

To find the clues at the crime scene, the investigators METICULOUSLY examined every inch of the area.

 with similar meanings:

CONSCIENTIOUS PRECISE SCRUPULOUS

**MISANTHROPE:** a person who dislikes others

The character Scrooge in ***A Christmas*** Carol is such a MISANTHROPE that even the sight of children  makes him angry.

**MITIGATE:** to soften; to lessen

A judge may MITIGATE a sentence if she decides that a person committed a crime out need.

Words with similar meanings:

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| ALLAY | ALLEVIATE | ASSUAGE |
| EASE | LIGHTEN | MODERATE |
| MOLLIFY | PALLIATE | TEMPER |

**MOLLIFY:** to calm or make less severe

Their argument was intense that is was difficult to believe any compromise would MOLLIFY them.

Words with similar meanings:

APPEASE ASSUAGE . CONCILIATE PACIFY

**MONOTONY:** lack of variation

The MONOTONY of the sound of the dripping faucet almost drove the research assistant crazy.

Related Words:

MONOTONE: a sound that is made at the same tone or pitch Words with similar meanings:

DRONE TEDIUM

**NAIVE:** lacking sophistication or experience

Having never traveled before, the  were more NAIVE than the people they met in Beverly Hills.

Related Words:

 the state of being naive Words with similar meanings:

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| ARTLESS | CREDULOUS | GUILELESS |
| INGENUOUS | SIMPLE | UNAFFECTED |

**OBDURATE:** hardened in feeling; resistant to persuasion

The President was completely OBDURATE on the issue, and no amount of persuasion would change his **mind.**

Words with similar meanings:

INFLEXIBLE INTRANSIGENT RECALCITRANT TENACIOUS UNYIELDING

**OBSEQUIOUS:** overly submissive and eager to please

The OBSEQUIOUS new associate made sure to compliment her supervisor's tie and agree with him on every issue.

Related Words:

OBEISANCE: a physical show of respect or submission, such as a bow Words with similar meanings:

COMPLIANT DEFERENTIAL SERVILE

SUBSERVIENT

**OBSTINATE:** stubborn, unyielding

The OBSTINATE child could not be made to eat any food that he disliked.

Words with similar meanings:

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| INTRANSIGENT | MULISH | PERSISTENT |
| PERTINACIOUS | STUBBORN | TENACIOUS |

**OBVIATE:** to prevent; to make unnecessary

The river was shallow enough to wade across at many points, which OBVIATED the need for a bridge.

Words with similar meanings:

FORESTALL PRECLUDE PROHIBIT

**OCCLUDE:** to stop up; to prevent the passage of

A shadow is thrown across the Earth's surface during a solar  the light from the sun is OCCLUDED by the moon.

Words with similar meanings:

BARRICADE BLOCK OBSTRUCT

CLOSE

**ONEROUS:** troublesome and oppressive; burdensome

The assignment was so extensive and difficult to manage that it proved ONEROUS to the team in charge of it.

Words with similar meanings:

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| ARDUOUS | BACKBREAKING | BURDENSOME |
| CUMBERSOME | DIFFICULT | EXACTING |
| FORMIDABLE | HARD | LABORIOUS |
| OPPRESSIVE  TRYING | RIGOROUS | TAXING |

**OPAQUE:** impossible to see through; preventing the passage of light

The heavy buildup of dirt and grime on the windows almost made them OPAQUE. Related Words:

OPACITY the quality of being obscure and indecipherable

Words with similar meanings:

OBSCURE



**OPPROBRIUM:** public disgrace

After the scheme to  the elderly was made public, the treasurer resigned in utter OPPROBRIUM.

Words with similar meanings:

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| DISCREDIT | DISGRACE | DISHONOR |
| DISREPUTE  OBLOQUY | IGNOMINY  SHAME | INFAMY |

**OSTENTATION:** excessive showiness

The OSTENTATION of the Sun King's court is evident in the lavish decoration and luxu- riousness of his palace at 

Related Words:

OSTENSIBLE: apparent

Words with similar meanings:

CONSPICUOUSNESS FLASHINESS PRETENTIOUSNESS SHOWINESS

**PARADOX:** a contradiction or dilemma

It is a  that those most in need of medical attention are often those least able to obtain it.

Words with similar meanings:

INCONGRUITY AMBIGUITY

**PARAGON:** model of excellence or perfection

She is the PARAGON of what a judge should be: honest, intelligent, hardworking, and just.

Words with similar meanings:

APOTHEOSIS IDEAL QUINTESSENCE STANDARD

**PEDANT:** someone who shows off learning

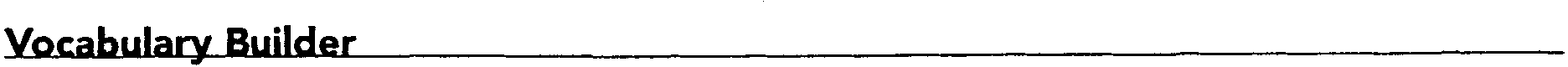
The graduate instructor's tedious and excessivecommentary on the subject soon gained her a reputation as a PEDANT.

Related Words:

PEDANTIC: making an excessive display of learning







**PERFIDIOUS: ** to betray one's trust

The actress's PERFIDIOUS companion revealed all of her intimate secrets to the gossip columnist.

Related Words:

PERFIDY: deceit, treachery Words with similar meanings:

DISLOYAL FAITHLESS TREACHEROUS

TRAITOROUS

**PERFUNCTORY:** done in a routine way; indifferent

The machinelike bank teller processed the transaction and gave the waiting customer a PERFUNCTORYsmile.

Words with similar meanings:

APATHETIC AUTOMATIC MECHANICAL

**PERMEATE:** to penetrate

This miraculous new  fluid is able to PERMEATE stains and dissolve them in minutes!

Related Words:

IMPERMEABLE: unable to be permeated Words with similar meanings:

IMBUE INFUSE SUFFUSE



**PHILANTHROPY:** charity; a desire or effort to promote goodness

New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art owes much of its collection to the PHILANTHROPY of private collectors who  their estates to the museum.

Related Words:

PHILANTHROPIST: someone who is generous and desires to promote goodness Words with similar meanings:

HUMANITARIANISM ALTRUISM

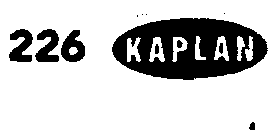
**PLACATE:** to soothe or pacify

The burglar tried to PLACATE the snarling dog by saying,"Nice doggy," and offering it a **treat**

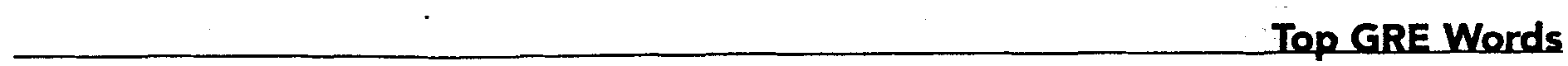
Related Words:

PLACID: tolerant; calm

IMPLACABLE: unable to be made peaceful







Words with similar meanings:

APPEASE CONCILIATE 

**PLASTIC:** able to be molded, altered, or bent

The new material was very PLASTIC and could be formed into products of vastly different shape.

Words with similar meanings:

ADAPTABLE DUCTILE MALLEABLE PLIANT

**PLETHORA.** excess

Assuming that more was better, the defendant offered the judge a PLETHORA of excuses.

Words with similar meanings:

GLUT OVERABUNDANCE SUPERFLUITY SURFEIT

**PRAGMATIC:** practical as opposed to idealistic

While daydreaming gamblers think they can get rich by frequenting casinos, PRAGMATIC gamblers realize that the odds are heavily stacked against them.

Related Words:

PRAGMATISM: a practical approach to problem solving Words with similar meanings:

REALISTIC RATIONAL

**PRECIPITATE:** to throw violently or bring about abruptly; lacking deliberation

Upon learning that the couple married after knowing each other only two months, friends and family members expected such a PRECIPITATE marriage to end in divorce.

Related  PRECIPITOUS: very steep PRECIPICE: a steep cliff

PRECIPITATION: weather phenomena, like rain or snow, that fall from the sky Words with similar meanings:

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| ABRUPT  HURRIED | HASTY  ILL-CONSIDERED | HEADLONG |
| IMPULSIVE  RECKLESS | PROMPT  SUDDEN | RASH |



**PREVARICATE:** to lie or deviate from the truth

Rather than admit that he had overslept again, the employee  and claimed that heavy traffic had prevented him from arriving at work on time.

Words with similar meanings:

EQUIVOCATE LIE PERJURE

**PRISTINE:** fresh and clean; uncorrupted

Since concerted measures had been taken to prevent looting, the archeological site was still PRISTINE when researchers arrived.

Words with similar meanings:

INNOCENT UNDAMAGED

**PRODIGAL:** lavish, wasteful

The PRODIGAL Son quickly wasted all of his inheritance on a lavish lifestyle devoted to pleasure.

Related Words:

PRODIGALITY: excessive or reckless spending Words with similar meanings:

EXTRAVAGANT LAVISH

SPENDTHRIFT WASTEFUL

PROFLIGATE

**PROLIFERATE:** to increase in number 

Although he only kept two guinea pigs initially, they PROLIFERATED to such an extent that he soon had dozens.

Related Words:

PROLIFIC: very productive or highly able to reproduce rapidly Words with similar meanings:

BREED MULTIPLY

PROPAGATE REPRODUCE

PROCREATE

SPAWN

**PROPITIATE:** to conciliate; to appease

The management PROPITIATED the irate union by agreeing to raise wages for its members.

Related Words:

PROPITIOUS: advantageous, favorable





Words with similar meanings:

APPEASE CONCILIATE

PACIFY PLACATE

MOLLIFY

**PROPRIETY:** correct behavior; obedience to rules and customs

The aristocracy maintained a high level of PROPRIETY, adhering to even the most minor social rules.

Related Words:

APPROPRIATE: suitable for a particular occasion or place Words with similar meanings:

DECENCY DECORUM

SEEMLINESS

MODESTY

**PRUDENCE:** wisdom, caution, or restraint

The college student exhibited PRUDENCE by obtaining practical experience along with her studies, which greatly strengthened her 

Related Words:

PRUDE: someone who is excessively concerned with propriety PRUDISH: prissy and puritanical

Words with similar meanings:

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| ASTUTENESS | CIRCUMSPECTION | DISCRETION |
| FRUGALITY | JUDICIOUSNESS | PROVIDENCE |
| THRIFT |  |  |

**PUNGENT:** sharp and irritating to the senses

The smoke from the burning tires was extremely PUNGENT. Words with similar meanings:

ACRID CAUSTIC PIQUANT

POIGNANT STINGING

**QUIESCENT:** motionless

 QUIESCENT over the winter months, minimizing activity in order to

conserve energy.

Related Words:

QUIESCENCE: state of rest or inactivity Words with similar meanings:

LATENT DORMANT

 to make thinner or sparser

Since the atmosphere RAREFIES as altitudes increase, the air at the top of very tall  mountains is too thin to breathe.

Related Words:

RAREFACTION: the process of making something less dense  with similar meanings:

ATTENUATE THIN

**REPUDIATE:** to reject the validity of

The old woman's claim that she was Russian royalty was REPUDIATED when DNA tests showed she was of no relation to them.

Words with similar meanings:

DENY DISAVOW 

DISOWN RENOUNCE

**RETICENT:** silent, reserved

Physicallysmall and RETICENT in her speech, Joan  often went unnoticed by those upon whom she was reporting.

Words with similar meanings:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| COOL | INTROVERTED | LACONIC |
| STANDOFFISH | TACITURN | UNDEMONSTRATIVE |



**RHETORIC:** effective writing or speaking

Lincoln's talent for RHETORIC was evident in his beautifully expressed Gettysburg Address.

Words with similar meanings:

ELOQUENCE ORATORY

**SATIATE:** to satisfy fully or overindulge

His desire for power was so great that nothing less than complete control of the country could SATIATE it.

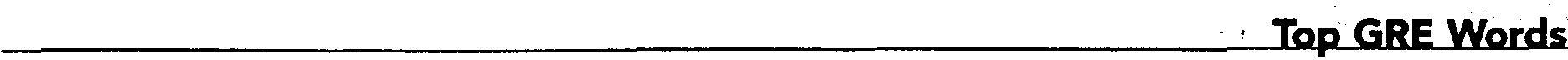
Related Words:

SATE: to  satisfy or overindulge INSATIABLE:

incapable of being satisfied







Words with similar meanings:

CLOY GLUT

SURFEIT

GORGE

**SOPORIFIC:** causing sleep or lethargy

The movie proved to be so SOPORIFIC that soon loud snores were heard throughout the theater.

Related Words:

 deep sleep

Words with similar meanings:

HYPNOTIC NARCOTIC SLUMBEROUS SOMNOLENT

**SPECIOUS:** deceptively attractive; seemingly plausible but fallacious

The student's SPECIOUS excuse for being late sounded legitimate, but was proved other- wise when his teacher called his home.

Words with similar meanings:

ILLUSORY OSTENSIBLE PLAUSIBLE

SPURIOUS SOPHISTICAL

**STIGMA:** a mark of shame or discredit

In The Scarlet Letter, Hester  was required to wear the letter "A" on her clothes as a public STIGMA for her adultery.

Related Words:

STIGMATIZE: to disgrace; to label with negative terms or reputation Words with similar meanings:

BLEMISH BLOT OPPROBRIUM

STAIN TAINT

**STOLID:** unemotional; lacking sensitivity

The prisoner appeared STOLID and unaffected by the judge's harsh sentence.

Words with similar meanings:

APATHETIC  INDIFFERENT

PHLEGMATIC STOICAL UNCONCERNED



**SUBLIME:** lofty or grand

The music was so SUBLIME that it transformed the rude surroundings into a special place.

Related Words:

SUBLIMATE: to elevate or convert into something of higher worth SUBLIMINAL: existing outside conscious awareness

Words with similar meanings:

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| AUGUST | EXALTED | GLORIOUS |
| GRAND  NOBLE | REGAL | MAJESTIC  RESPLENDENT |
| SUPERB |  |  |

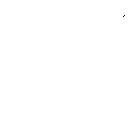
**TACIT:** done without using words

Although not a word had been said, everyone in the room knew that a TACIT agreement had been made about which course of action to take.

Related Words:

TACITURN: silent, not  Words with similar meanings:

IMPLICIT  UNDECLARED

UNSAID UNUTTERED

**TACITURN:** silent, not talkative

The clerk's TACITURN nature earned him the nickname "Silent Bob." Related Words:

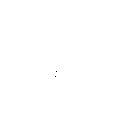
TACIT: done without using words

Words with similar meanings:



LACONIC RETICENT

**TIRADE:** long, harsh speech or verbal attack

Observers were shocked at the manager's TIRADE over such a minor mistake.

Words with similar meanings:

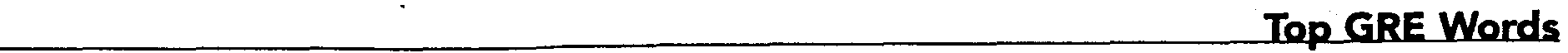
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| DIATRIBE | FULMINATION | HARANGUE |
| OBLOQUY | REVILEMENT | VILIFICATION |

**TORPOR:** extreme mental and sluggishness



After surgery, the patient experienced TORPOR until the anesthesia wore off.





Related Words:

TORPID: sluggish, lacking movement Words with similar meanings:

APATHY LANGUOR

**TRANSITORY:** temporary, lasting a brief time

The reporter lived a TRANSITORY life, staying in one place only long enough to cover the current story.

Related Words:

TRANSIT: to pass through; to change or make a transition

TRANSIENT: passing quickly in and out of existence; one who stays a short time Words with similar meanings:

EPHEMERAL EVANESCENT FLEETING

 MOMENTARY

**VACILLATE:** to sway physically; to be indecisive

The customer held up the line as he VACILLATED between ordering chocolate chip or rocky road ice cream.

Words with similar meanings:

DITHER FALTER FLUCTUATE

OSCILLATE WAVER

**VENERATE:** to respect deeply

In a traditional Confucian society, the young VENERATE their elders, deferring to the elders' wisdom and experience.

Related Words:

VENERABLE: old, worthy of respect Words with similar meanings:

ADORE HONOR IDOLIZE

REVERE

 filled with truth and accuracy

so everyone trusted her description of events.



Related Words:

VERITY: truth

VERACIOUS: truthful, accurate





Words with similar meanings:

CANDOR EXACTITUDE FIDELITY PROBITY

**VERBOSE:** wordy

The professor's answer was so VERBOSE that his student forgot what the original question had been.

Related Words:

VERBALIZE: to put into words

VERBATIM: to quote using the exact words, word for word VERBIAGE: lots of words that are  superfluous

Words with similar meanings:

LONG-WINDED LOQUACIOUS PROLIX SUPERFLUOUS

**VEX:** to annoy

The old man who loved his peace and quiet ***was*** VEXED by his neighbor's loud music.

Related Words:

VEXATION: a feeling of irritation  with similar meanings:



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| ANNOY | BOTHER | CHAFE |
| EXASPERATE | IRK | NETTLE |
| PEEVE | PROVOKE |  |

**VOLATILE:** easily aroused or changeable; lively or explosive

His VOLATILE personality made it difficult to predict his reaction to anything.

Words with similar meanings:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| CAPRICIOUS | ERRATIC | FICKLE |
| INCONSISTENT | INCONSTANT | MERCURIAL. |
| TEMPERAMENTAL |  |  |

**WAVER:** to fluctuate between choices

If you WAVER too long before making a decision about which testing site to register for, you may not get your first choice.

Words with similar meanings:

DITHER FALTER FLUCTUATE

OSCILLATE VACILLATE







WHIMSICAL: acting in a fanciful or capricious manner; unpredictable

The ballet **was** WHIMSICAL, delighting the chiien with its imaginative characters and unpredictable **sets.**

Related Words:

WHIM: a fancy or sudden notion Words with similar meanings:

CAPRICIOUS ERRATIC FRIVOLOUS

FLIPPANT

**ZEAL:** passion, excitement

She brought her typical ZEAL to the project, sparking enthusiasm in the other team members.

Related Words:

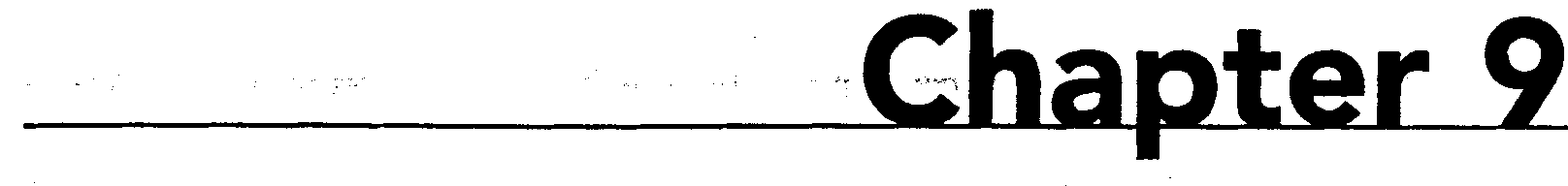
ZEALOT: a fanatic Words with similar meanings:

ARDENCY FERVOR

PASSION

FIRE





## GRE WORD GROUPS

Learning words in groups is an efficient way of increasing your  vocabulary, since the GRE often tests only that you have a general sense of what a word means. Say you saw the follow- ing question on the test:

DENOUNCE:

 blaspheme acclaim permit

 gather

O assist

If you looked up ***denounce*** in a dictionary, you'd see something like this:

 (di-nouns') ***transitive verb,*** [Middle



English: ***denouncen,*** fr. Latin fr. ***de*** + to report, announce, fr.

 messenger]

1. To declare (a  an idea, behavior, a philosophy) to be censurable or evil; stigmatize or accuse, especially publicly and indignantly; inveigh against openly
2. ***archaic*** to announce in a public, formal and solemn manner: to declare or publish some- thing disastrous
3. to inform against: declare or expose a lawbreaker to the authorities 4a. ***obsolete*** to indicate or portend

4b. ***archaic*** to announce in a warning or threatening manner

1. to proclaim formally and publicly the ending of a treaty or pact
2. ***Mexican Law*** to offer for record legal notice of a claim for a mining concession on land held by the government

***Synonym*** see CRITICIZE





Do you need to know  this to answer the question? No-all you need to know is that ***denounce*** means something like criticize. And in the time it took you to learn the meaning of denounce from the dictionary, you could have memorized a whole list of other words that also mean something like ***criticize (aspersion, belittle, berate, calumny, castigate, decry, defamation, denounce, *** ***diatribe, rebuke,*** etcetera).

And the answer to the above question? Well, that would be drawn from the list of words that mean ***praise (acclaim, accolade, aggrandize, encomium, eulogize, extol, fawn, ***  etcetera.)

This is why learning words in groups is a better general strategy for beefing up your  vocabulary than working slowly through the dictionary.

Just remember, the categories in which these words are listed are GENERAL and not to be taken for the exact definitions of the words.

BOLD

audacious courageous dauntless

**CHANGING QUICKLY**

capricious

mercurial



volatile

**HESITATE**

**ACT QUICKLY**

dither vacillate

apace

impetuous

oscillate waver

abrupt precipitate

teeter



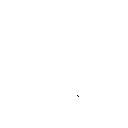


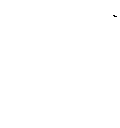
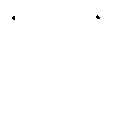
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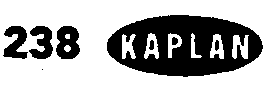
ingenuous novitiate

naive







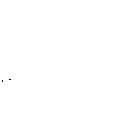


**DIFFICULTTO UNDERSTAND**



bemusing esoteric opaque recondite

ambiguous arcane

cryptic enigmatic

inscrutable obscure

paradoxical perplexing turbid

**EASY TO UNDERSTAND**

articulate evident pellucid



astute perspicacious



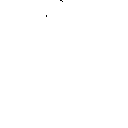
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cogent limpid

canny

belittle castigate denounce disparage harangue



opprobrium rebuke revile

eloquent lucid

erudite

berate decry

deridelderisive excoriate impugn obloquy pillory reprehend tirade



**CAROUSAL**

**TRUTH**

bacchanalian iniquity licentious salacious

candorlcandid indisputable probity

verity

depraved



reprobate sordid

fealty indubitable sincere

dissipated libidinous ribald

turpitude

frankness legitimate veracious

**FALSEHOOD**

apocryphal canard

dissemble duplicity

erroneous ersatz

feigned guile

mendacity perfidy

specious spurious

chicanery equivocate fallacious mendacious prevaricate

**BITING (as in** wit or temperament)

acerbic acidulous

asperity caustic

mordacious trenchant

**PRAISE**

acrimonious mordant

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| acclaim | accolade | aggrandize |
| encomium  fawn | eulogize | extol  venerate |

**HARMFUL**

**BORING**

**WEAKEN**

baleful inimical minatory

craven recreant

banal insipid

platitude trite

adulterate inhibit

undermine

baneful

injurious perfidious

diffident timorous

fatuous mundane prosaic

enervate obviate vitiate

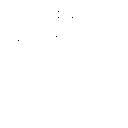
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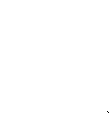
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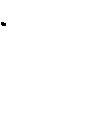
hackneyed pedestrian quotidian

exacerbate



 **Word Groups**

**ASSIST**

**HOSTILE**

**STUBBORN**

**GREEDY**

**TERSE**

abet bolster espouse

proponent

antithetic irascible truculent

implacable intransigent recalcitrant untoward

burgeoning inchoate

altruistic largess philanthropic

avaricious miserly rapacious

compendious pithy

advocate

corroborate mainstay stalwart

churlish malevolent vindictive

inexorable obdurate refractory vexing

callow incipient

beneficent

magnanimous unstinting

covetous penurious

curt succinct

ancillary countenance munificent sustenance

curmudgeon misanthropic



obstinate renitent

engender nascent

clement munificent

mercenary venal

laconic taciturn



bombastic circumlocution  grandiloquent loquacious periphrastic

prolix rhetoric turgid verbose



**HATRED**

dogmatic hegemonic peremptory

abhorrence antipathy loathing rancor

authoritarian despotic

hegemony imperious tyrannical

antagonism anathema

detestation enmity

malice odium



dilettante novitiate

**LAZYISLUGGISH**

indolent languid phlegmatic torpid

**PACINISATISN**

ameliorate defer placate slake

fledgling proselyte

inert lassitude quiescent

appease mitigate propitiate

neophyte tyro



lackadaisical lethargic slothful

assuage satiate

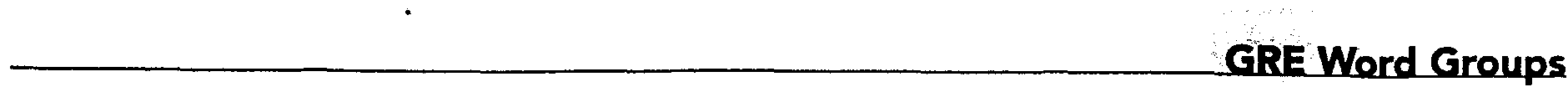
**FORGIVE**

absolve exonerate redress

acquit expiate vindicate

exculpate palliate







**POOR**

destitute impecunious

esurient indigent

 **IMPARTIAL**

t partisan

doctrinaire tendentious

fervid zealot

**DENYING OF SELF**

abnegate Spartan

abstain stoic

ascetic temperate

**WALKING ABOUT**

ambulatory itinerant peripatetic

**INSINCERE**

disingenuous ostensible

dissemble unctuous

fulsome

**PREVENT/OBSTRUCT**

discomfit forfend inhibit

encumber hinder occlude

fetter impede



aberrant eclectic iconoclast

anomalous esoteric

anachronism

discrete

**FUNNY**

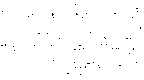
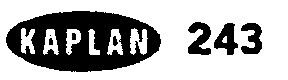
chortle flippant levity riposte

droll gibe ludicrous simper



facetious jocular



**SORROW**

disconsolate doleful

elegiac forlorn

lugubrious melancholy

plaintive threnody

dolor lament morose



defile

noisome rebarbative

fetid

odious

invidious putrid



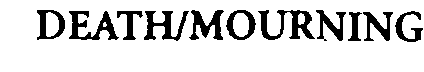
abeyance abjure

abortive abrogate

demur recant

remission renege retrograde

abnegation decamp recidivism rescind



bereave demise knell

moribund wraith

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**COPY**

**EQUAL**

**UNUSUAL**

counterpart emulate

factitious paradigm

quintessence simulated

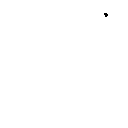
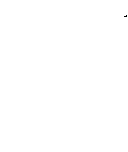
equitable equity

aberration anomaly idiosyncrasy

facsimile precursor vicarious

tantamount

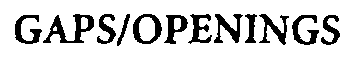
iconoclast



Word



**WANDERING**

**HEALTHY**

discursive expatiate

itinerant peregrination sojourn

abatement aperture

hiatus interregnum orifice

respite rift

beneficial salubrious

forage peripatetic

fissure interstice rent

salutary

**ABBREVIATED COMMUNICATION**

abridge curtail terse

compendium syllabus

cursory synopsis

**WISDOM**

adage axiom

epigram truism

aphorism bromide platitude

apothegm dictum sententious

**ILY**

conjugal consanguine

endogamous filial

progenitor scion

distaff fratricide

**NOT A STRAIGHT LINE**

askance carom gyrate oblique sinuous

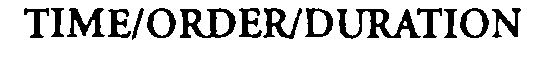


circuitous labyrinth serrated

undulating

careen circumvent meander sidle vortex



**INVESTIGATE**

**BAD MOOD**

appraise descry

anachronism anterior

eon fortnight synchronous

bilious petulant querulous

ascertain peruse

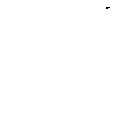


archaic

ephemeral millennium temporal

dudgeon pettish

umbrage

assay

antedate diurnal epoch penultimate

irascible pique waspish

**EMBARRASS**

abash chagrin

contrition diffidence

foible gaucherie

compunction expiate

rue

**HARDHEARTED**

asperity fell sardonic vitriolic

baleful malevolent scathing

vituperation

dour

mordant truculent

**NAG**

**PREDICT**

admonish enjoin hector reproof

augur harbinger prescient

cavil

exhort martinet

auspice

portentous prognosticate

belabor

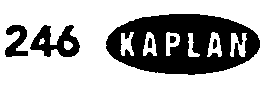
harangue

remonstrate



presage







**LUCK**

**adventitious fortuitous optimum propitious**

**amulet auspicious**

**kismet nemesis**

**portentous propitiate**

**providential talisman**

**NASTY**

**fetid**

**noisome**

**noxious**

**HARSH-SOUNDING**

**assonance dissonant**

**cacophony raucous**

**din strident**

**PLEASANT-SOUNDING**

**euphonious sonorous**

**harmonious melodious**





WORD ROOT

**INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD ROOT **

The following list presents some of the commonest word roots-mostly Greek and Latin- that appear in English. Learning to recognize these word roots is a great help in expanding your vocabulary. Many seeminglydifficultwords yield up their meanings easily when you rec- ognize the word, roots that make them up. ***Excrescence,*** for example, contains the roots **ex-,** meaning out or out of, and meaning to grow; once you know this, the meaning of ***excrescence,*** an outgrowth (whether normal, such as hair, or abnormal, such as a wart) is eas- ily deduced.

The list  on Latin and Greek roots because these are the most frequently used to form compound words in English, and because they tend not to be self-explanatory to the average reader. Each entry gives the root in the most common form or forms in which it appears in English, with a very brief definition. (The definition does not cover all the shades of meaning of the given root, only the most important or the most broadly applicable.) The rest of the entry is a list of some of the common English words derived from this root; this list is only intended to provide a few examples of such words, and not even to come close to being exhaustive. Some words will naturally be found under more than one entry. The words them- selves are not defined. We hope the Word Root List will encourage you to turn to the Minidictionary or, better yet, to a good dictionary.

**Builder**

 NOT, WITHOUT



amoral, anarchy, anomalous, anonymous, aseptic, asexual, atheism, atro-  phy, averse

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**AB** FROM, AWAY, APART . , I -

. abduct, abhor,-ab-.je.ct-, abnormal, abrupt, absent, abuse

**ABLE, ** CAPABLE OF, WORTHY OF

changeable, durable, laudable, indubitable, inevitable, infallible, irre- ducible, tolerable, variable

**AC, ACR** SHARP, SOUR . . ,

acerbic, acetate, a.cid, acrid, acumen, ac-ut-e



**ACOU** HEARING

acoustic

**AD, A** TO

(Often d is dropped and the first letter to which a is prefixed is doubled.) adapt, adequate, adumbrate, advocate, accede, adduce, affiliate, aggregate, allocate, annunciation, appall, arrest, assiduous, attract

**AMBI, ** BOTH, ON BOTH SIDES, AROUND

ambidextrous, ambient, ambiguous, ambition,  amphibian, amphitheater

**AMBL, AMBUL** WALK

amb.le., ambulance,--ambulatory, perambulator, preamble  MIND, SPIRIT, BREATH



-- animal, animate, animosity, equanimity, magnanimity,

pusillanimous, unanimity,

**ANT, ANTE** BEFORE

antecedent, antechamber, ancient

anterior, anticipate, antiquity,



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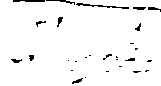
**ANTI, ANT** AGAINST, OPPOSITE

anticlimax, antidote, antipathy,  antipodes, antithesis,

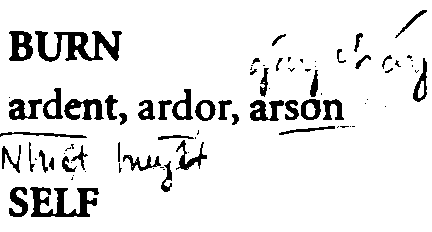


**AQUA, AQUE** WATER

aquamarine, aquarium, aquatic, aquatint, aqueduct, subaqueous





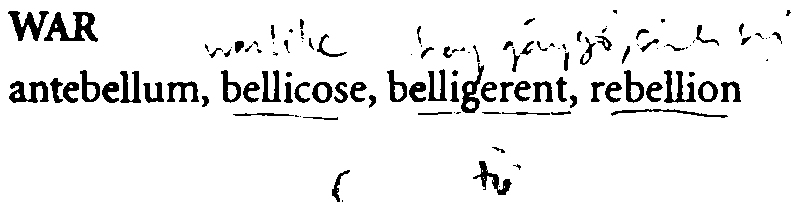
**ARD, **

**AUTO, AUT**

autobiography, autocracy, autograph, automaton, autonomous, autopsy, autism --

**BEL, BELL** BEAUTIFUL

belle, embellish



**WELL,**GOOD

**BELL, **

**BEN, BEN**

 benefactor, benevolent, benign



**BI, BIN**

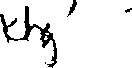
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bicameral, bicycle, bifocals, bifurcate, bilateral, binoculars, biped, combination ,  . . .



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**BON, BOUN** GENEROUS , , . ,' .



bonus, boun.t-iful, bounty, debonair

**BREW, BRID,** SHORT, SMALL ,



abbreviate, abridge, brevet, brevity, brief



**BURS**



bursary, disburse, reimburse

**CARN** FLESH

carnage, carnal, carnival, carnivorous, charnel, 

**CAUS, CAUT** BURN

caustic, cauterize, cautery, encaustic, holocaust

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**CED, CESS** YIELD, GO ,



abscess, accede, access, accessory, ancestor, antecedent, cession,

exceed, excess, intercede, precede,proceed, recede, recess, recession,secede, ,

succeed  ,,

**CELER** SPEED

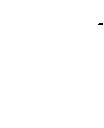
accelerate, celerity, decelerate









**CENT** HUNDRED, HUNDREDTH

cent, centennial, bicentennial, centigrade, centigram, centiliter, centimeter, centipede, century, percent

**CHROM** COLOR

chromatic, chrome, chromosome, monochromatic

**CHRON** TIME

anachronism, chronic, chronicle, chronological, chronometer, synchronize





circumference, circumnavigate, circumspect, circumstance

  **CON** WITH, TOGETHER



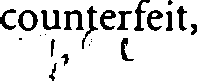
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coeducation, coefficient, coincide, communicate, communist, compare, concert, concubine, conflict, cooperate, correspond

**CONTRA, CONTRO, COUNTER**

AGAINST

contradict, contrary, controversy, counter, counteract, counterattack, countermand, counterpart, counterpoint, encounter



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**CORD, CARD**

 **CORS**

**COSM**

**CRED**

**CRYPT**

HEART

accord, cardiac, cardiograph, cardiology, concord, cordial, discord, record

BODY

corporate, corps, corpse, corpulent, corpus, corpuscle, corset, incorporation

ORDER, UNIVERSE, WORLD

cosmetic,cosmic, cosmology, cosmonaut, cosmopolitan, cosmos, microcosm

TRUST, BELIEVE . 



accredit, credentials, credible, credit, creditable, credo, credulity, c-r-ee-d-, incredible, incredulous

HIDE 



crypt, cryptic, cryptography, apocryphal

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**CULP**

**CUMB, CUB**

FAULT, **BLAME**

culpable, culprit, inculpate, exculpate

LIE DOWN 



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concubine, cubicle, incubate, incubus, incumbent, recumbent, succubus, succumb









**CYN, CAN**

**DE**

**DELE**

**DEXT**



DOG



DOWN, OUT, AWAY FROM, APART

dehydrate, deject, depend, depress, deport, descend, describe, devalue

ERASE

dele, delete, indelible

RIGHT HAND, RIGHT SIDE

 dexterity, dexterous

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DAY



meridian, quotidian

dial, diary, dismal,

**DIA**

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THROUGH, ACROSS ' I

diadem, diagnosis, diagonal, diagram, dialect, dialogue, diameter, diaphanous, diaphragm, diarrhea, diatribe

  **DIT**

SPEAK

abdicate,  benediction, condition, contradict, dedicate, dictate, die-

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diction, dictionary, ditto, &indicate, i.ndict, interdict,



malediction, predict, valedictorian, verdict

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 **DIS**

AWAY, APART

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disagreeable, discard, discern, disdain, dismay, dismiss, distant, diverge

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**DOL**



**DORM**

GRIEVE 

c.o-n-d-o-le, condolence, doleful, dolor, indolent

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SLEEP

dormant,



**DORS**

**DUC, DUCT**

**DULC**

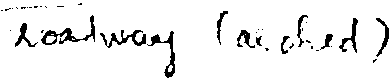
**BACK**

dorsal, endorse

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adduce, deduce, duct, duke, educate, induction. conduct, produce, reduce, seduce, traduce, viaduct

SWEET

dulcet, dulcified, 



**DUR HARD, LASTING**



--durable, duration, during, endure, obdurate, perdurable



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**T**

eliminate, emanate, eradicate, erase, evade, evict, evince, exact, excavate, except, ;\_Xi& excite, exclusive, execute, exhale, exile, exit



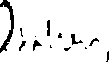
**EGO SELF **

ego, egocentric, egoism, egotist

**EQU EQUAL**

adequate, equable, equal, equation, equator, eq. uilibrium,equinox, equivocate

**ERR**



aberra-tion, err, errant, e.rratic, erroneous, error



**EU WELL, GOOD**

eugenics, eulo-g-y, euphemism, euphony, euphoria, euthanasia

**FAL LIABLE TO ERR TO**

default, fail, fallacy false, faux pas, infallible

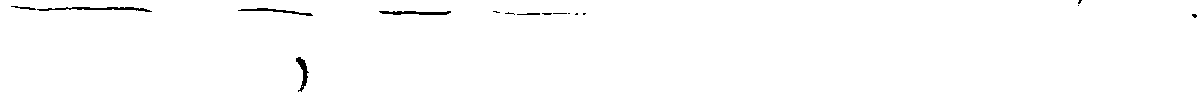
**FATU FOOLISH**

fatuity, fatuous, infatuate

**FERN**

**BOIL** %A



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effervescent,

fervor

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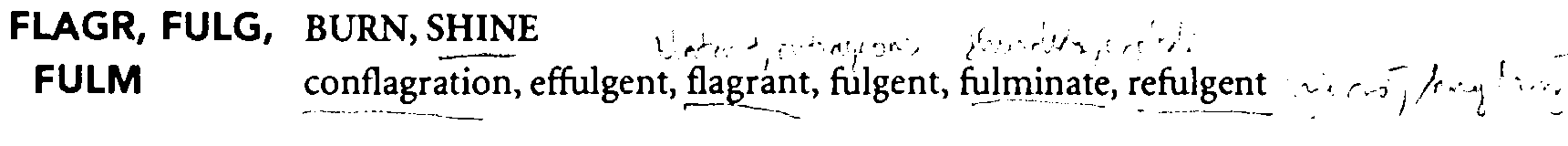




, affiance,affidavit, confidant, fealty, fidelity, fiducial, fiduciary





**FLECT, FLEX BEND, TURN**

circumflex,  flex, flexible, inflection, reflect

**FUG FLEE**



centrifuge, fugitive, fugue,  refugee, subterfuge

**FUM SMOKE**

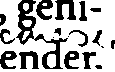
fume, fumigate, perfume

**Word **

**GEN** BIRTH, CLASS, **KIN**

gender, gene, general, generation, generosity, genesis, genetics, , tal, genius, gentle, gentile, gentility, gentry,congenital, degenerate, er, eugenics, ingenious, ingenuity, ingenuous, progeny, progenitor, regenerate

genial, eni-



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**COGN,** , cognizance, diagnosis, gnomic, ignore,-incog-nito,



**CONN**

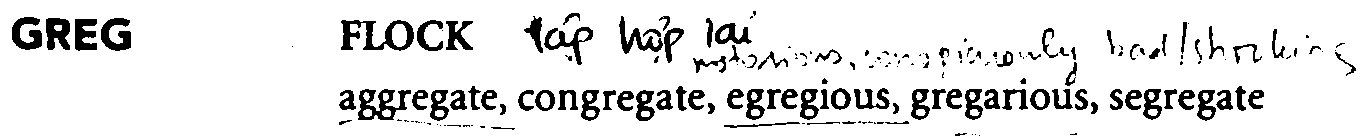
prognosis, qu-ai-nt, recognize, reconnaissance~econnoiter

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 **GRAPH WRITE,DRAW**

diagram, epigram, epigraph, grammar, grammarian, gramophone, graphic, graphite, phonograph, photograph, program, telegram



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haphazard, hapless, happen, happily, happy,  mishap

 **HALF**

hemiptera, hemisphere, hemistich

**HETERO** OTHER  

heterodox, heterodyne, heterogeneous, heterosexual

**HOL** WHOLE

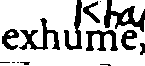
catholic, holocaust, hologram, holograph, holistic

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**HOMO SAME** (from Greek)

homogeneous, homogenize, homologue, homonym, homophone, homoptera, homosexual, 

**HUM** EARTH



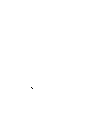
huinble, humility,



**ICON** IMAGE, IDOL

icon, iconic, iconoclast, iconography, 



 **IN** NOT

immature,  imperfect, improvident, indigestible, inhospitable, innocuous, intolerant



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**IN, IM, I**

 **INTER**



**IT, **

**JOC**

**JOUR**

**JUD**

IN, ON

(Often is dropped and the first letter to which i is  is doubled.) illuminate, incantation, induct, infer, imbibe, immigrate, impact, irrigate

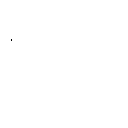
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BETWEEN, AMONG

intercept, interchange, interfere, interject, interpret, interval

INSIDE,

intramural, intrastate, intravenous

WAY, JOURNEY

ambition, circuit, initial, itinerant, itinerary, reiterate, transit



jocose, jocular, jocularity, jocund, joke

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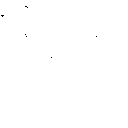
DAY

adjourn, journey, journal, adjourn

JUDGE

adjudicate, iudiciary, judicious, prejudice

**JUNCT, JUG**

**JUR**



JOIN

junctive LAW

conjugal conjunction, injunction, junction, junta, subjugate, sub-



 adjure, conjure, injure, juridical, jurist,



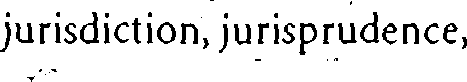


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**JUV**



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**LAUD**

 **LAU, LU**



**LEAS, LES LEG, LEC, LEX**

YOUNG

juvenile, juvenilia, rejuvenate I

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PRAISE



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applaud, cum laude, laud, laudable, laudatory,

WASH

ablution, laundry, lava, lavatory, lave

LO, OSE

lax, laxative, laxity, lease, leash, lessee, lessor, relax, release

READ, SPEAK

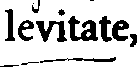
dialect, lectern, lecture, legend, legible, lesson, lexicographer, lexicon



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**LEV LIGHT ** 



 alleviation, elevate, leaven, lever, levity,-levy, relieve



 **FREE**

delivery, illiberal, liberal, liberality, liberate,

 **BIND** ,



ally, league, liaison, liable, lien, ligament, ligature, oblige, religion, rely

**LING, LANG TONGUE**

bilingual, language, linguistics

 **STONE**

acrolith, lithography, lithoid, lithology, lithotomy, megalith, monolith

**LOG, LOQU SPEECH, THOUGHT**

biology,  colloquial, dialogue, ecology, elocution, eloquent, geology, grandiloquent, interlocutor, locution, logic, loquacious, mono-

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logue, obloquy, soliloquy, ventriloquism, zoology

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**LIGHT**.

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elucidate, lucid, lucubrate, luster, pellucid,



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**MACRO GREAT, LONG**

macrobiotics, macrocephalous, macrocosm



**MAG, MAX, GREAT** ,



**MAJ, MAS** magistrate, magnanimous, magnate, magnificent, magnify, magniloquent, magnitude, major, majority, master, maxim,  mistress





**MAL BAD**

maladroit, malady, ma-le-diction, malefactor, malevolence, malice, malinger



**MAN, HAND** , , '.





amanuensis, emancipation, manacle, manage, maneuver, ma.nifest, manip-

ulate, manner, manual, manufacture, manuscript ,



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**MAND, MEND COMMAND, ER**



command, countermand, demand, mandate,  recommend, remand, reprimand

 **MIDDLE**

 intermediate, mean, media, median, mediate, medieval,

mediocre, medium medius

**MEGA**

**MICRO**

LARGE, GREAT

megalithic, megalom.ania, megalopolis, megaphone, megaton

VERY SMALL

microbe, microcosm, micron, microorganism, microphone, microscope

**MIS**

BAD, WRONG, HATE



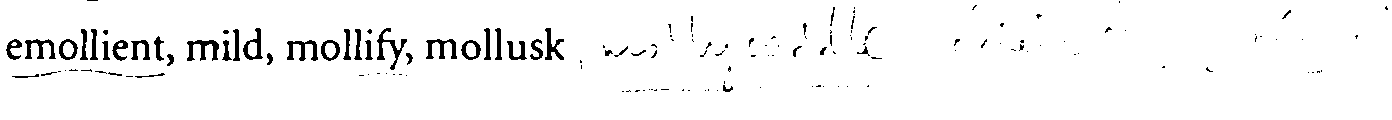
misapply, miscarry, mischance, mischief,

misconstrue, miscount, misfit, misinterpret

**MOLL**

**MON, MONO**

SOFT

ONE

monarchy, monastic, monism, monk, monochord, monograph, mono-

gram,  monolithic, monologue, monomania, monosyllable,

monotonous . ***,***



**MOR, MORT**

DEATH . , . .



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amortize, immortal, moribund, mortgage, .

**MOT, MOV,**

MOVE

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**MOM, MOB**

**MULT**

**MUT**

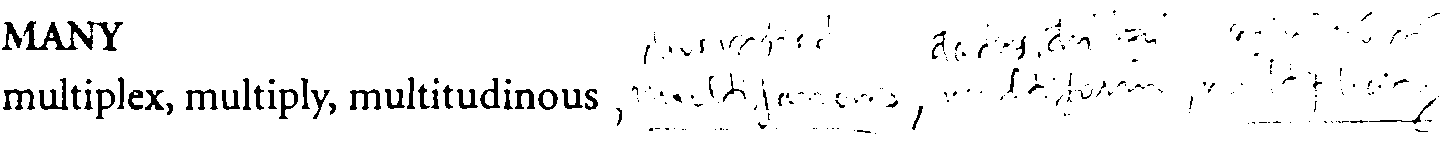
**NASC, NAT,**



BIRTH

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automobile, demote, locomotion, mob, mobile, mobility, mobilize, momentous, motive, motor, move, mutiny, promote, removable



CHANGE

commute, immutable, mutability, mutation, mutual, permutation, transmute



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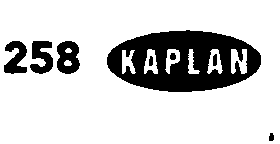


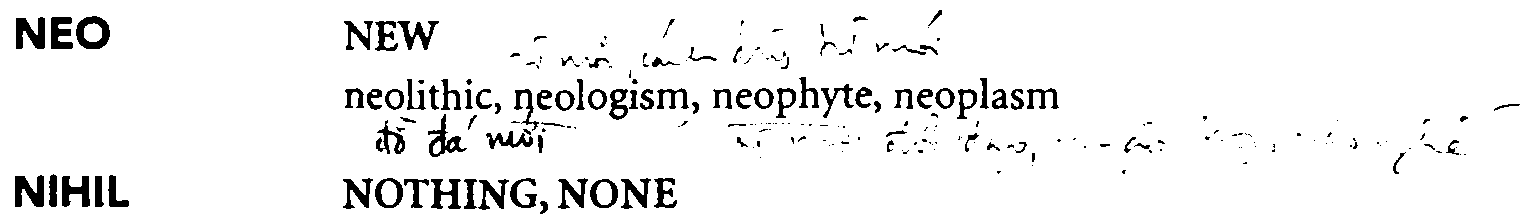
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**GNA** natal, native, natural, nature, pregnant, Renaissance

**NAU, NAV**

astronaut, cosmonaut, circumnavigate, nauseous, naval, nave, navy





annihilate,





**NOCT, NOX**

**NIGHT**

nocturnal, nocturne





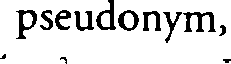
**NOX, NOC**

**NOM, NYM NEC**

**NON**

**HARM ** 

innocent, inn--ocuous, internecine, noxious, nuisance, obnoxious, pernicious.



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anonymous, antonym, cognomen, denominator,

renowned, synonym . ,

nomenclature, nominal, nominate, noun, pronoun,

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**NOT**

nonconformist, n--onentity, nonpareil, nonpartisan

**NOV**

**NULL**

**OB**



**ONER**

**NEW**

innovate, nova,  novice, novitiate, renovate

**NOTHING**

annul, null, nullify, nullity

**AGAINST**

 obliterate, oblong, obloquy,object, obstacle, obstreperous, obstruct

**ALL**

omnibus, omnipresent, omnip.otent, omniscient, omnivorous

**BURDEN**

exonerate, onerous, onus

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 **OSTE**

**PALP**

**PAN, PANT**

**PATH**

**PEC**

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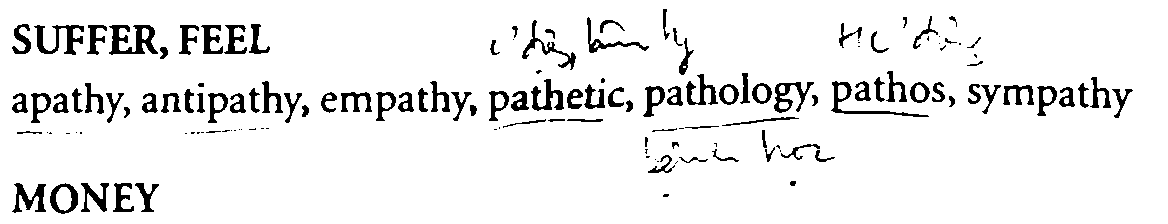
 ossicle, ossiferous, ossify, ossuary, osstectomy, osteopathy



**ALL** , .,



panacea,  pandemonium,   panorama, pantomime



impecunious, peculation, pecuniary

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**PED, POD**

FOOT .



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arthropod, impede, pedal, pedestal, pedes.trian, pedigree, tripod

pediment,

**PED**

**PEL**

**PENE, PEN**





**PHOB**

**PHON**

**PLAC**

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pedant, pediatrician



encyclopedia,

DRIVE, PUSH

appellate, appellation, compel, dispel, expel, impel, propel

ALMOST

antepenult, peninsula, penult, penultimate, penumbra

AROUND

pericardium, perihelion, perimeter, perineum, periphery, periscope

LOVE

bibliophile, necrophilia, philanthropy, philately, philharmonic,  philology, philosophy

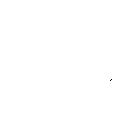
  

FEAR

claustrophobia, hydrophobia, phobia, phobic, xenophobia

SOUND

antiphony, euphony, megaphone, phonetics, phonograph, polyphony, sax- ophone,  telephone

PLEASE 

complacent, implacable, placate, placebo, placid

**PLEN, PLET, PLE**

**POLY**



FILL, FULL

accomplishment, complement, complete, deplete, implement, plenary, plenipotentiary, plenty, replenish, replete, supplement





MANY

polyandry, polygamy, polyglot, polygon, polyhedron, polynomial, poly- syllable, polytechnic, polytheism

**CARRY**



comport, deportment, disport, export, import, important, portable, portage, porter, portfolio, portly, rapport, supportive, transport



**POST**

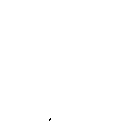
BEHIND, AFTER

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posterior, posterity, postern,  postmeridian, postmortem,

postscript, postwar,



**POT DRINK**

potable, potation, potion

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**PRE** BEFORE, **IN** FRONT

preamble, precaution, preclude, precocity, precursor, predecessor, predict, prelate, president



**PRIM, PRI** FIRST

 primary, primal, primeval, primordial, .-



**PRO** IN FRONT, BEFORE

 proboscis, procedure, proceed, proclaim,   nate, procure, propound, prostrate, protest

**PROP, PROX **

approximate, propinquity, proximate, proximity

 **PROT** FIRST

protagonist, protocol, prototype, protozoan

**PSEUDO,** FALSE

**PSEUD** pseudepigrapha, pseudoclassic, pseudomorph, pseudonym, pseudopod, pseudoscientific

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**PUG, PUN HIT, PRICK** .



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,... expunge, poignant, pugilist, pugnacious, punch, punctual,

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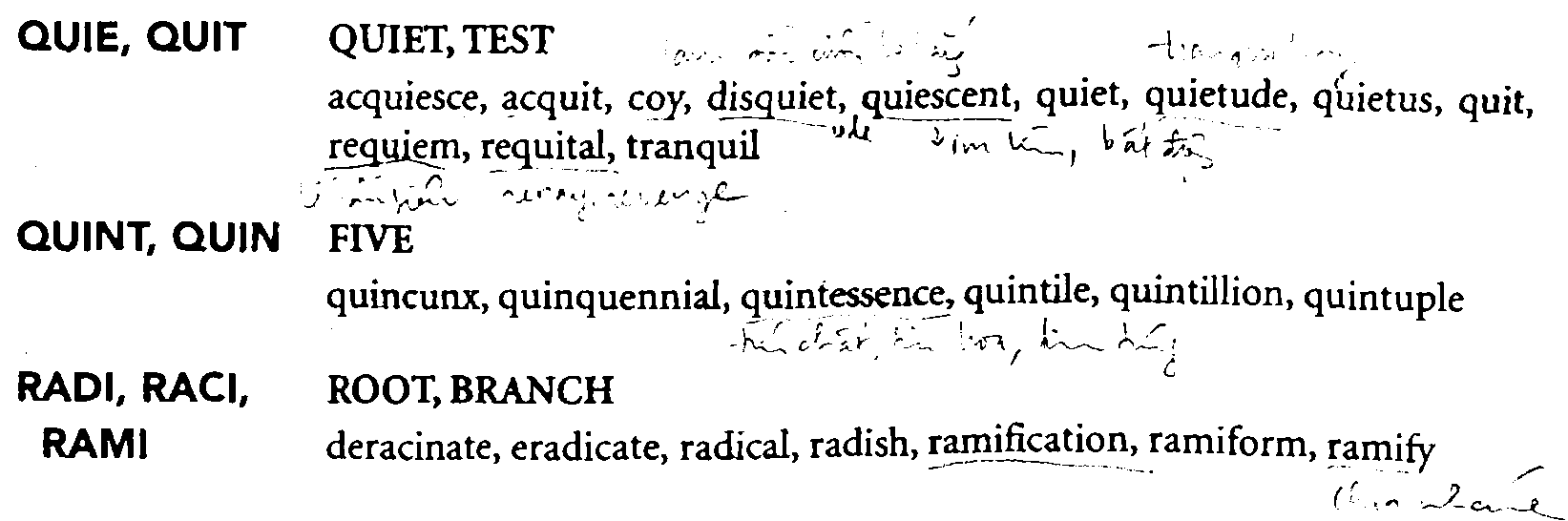
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**PYR** FIRE

pyre, pyromania, pyromania, pyrometer, pyrosis, pyrotechnic

**QUAD, QUAR,** FOUR

**QUAT** quadrant, quadrille, quadrinomial, quadruple, quadruplets, quart, ter, quaternary





**RE**

**RECT**

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**RETRO**

**RUB, RUD**

**RUD**

**SACER, SACR, SANCT**



BACK, AGAIN

recline, refer, regain, remain, reorganize, repent, request



STRAIGHT, RIGHT . 

correct, direct, erect, rectangle, rectify, rectilinear,  rector

KING, RULE

interregnum, realm, regal, regent, regicide, regime, regiment, region, regular,

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re gulate - ,, ,

BACKWARD

retroactive, retroflex, retrograde, retrospective



RED

rouge, rubella, rubicund, rubric, ruby, ruddy, russet



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erudite, rude, rudimentary, rudiments HOLY

consecration, desecrate, execrate, sacerdotal, sacrament, sacred, sacrifice, sacrilege, sacristy, sacrosanct, saint, sanctify, sanctimonious, sanction, sanctity, .sanctuary, sanctum



SALT

salary, saline



**SAG, SAP, SAV** TASTE, THINK

insipid, sagacious, sagacity, sage, sapient, savant, savor



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  HEALTH, SAVE

safe, salubrious, salutary, salute, salvage, salvation, salve, savior

 HEALTHY

sane, sanitarium, sanitation, sanity

**SANG** BLOOD

consanguinity,  sangui.n-e ,



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**SAT** ENOUGH

asset, dissatisfied, insatiable, sate, satiate, satisfy, saturate



**SCRIB, SCRIV,** WRITE



**SCRIPT** ascribe indescribable, inscription, prescribe, scribe, script, scripture, scrivener,

subscribe, transcription

 DOWN, OUT, AWAY, APART

secede, seclude, secret, secrete, secure, sedition, seduce, segregate, select,

**SED, SID**

separate

SIT ,



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**SEM**

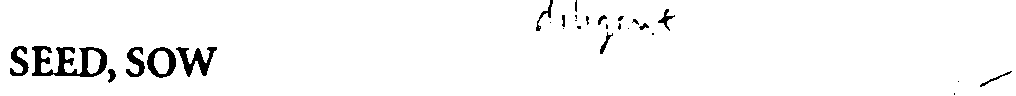
dissi ent insidious, preside, reside, residue, seance, 

sedative, sedentary, sediment, session, siege, subside, supersede





HALF .



disseminate, semen, seminal, seminar, seminary

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semicircle,semicolon, semiconscious, semifluid

**SEN**

**SEQU, SECU, SUE, SUI**

**SINU, SIN**

**SOL**

OLD

senate, senescent, senile, senior, sire  ,



FOLLOW

consecutive, consequent, execute, executive, non sequitur, obsequious, obsequy,-persecute, prosecution, pursue, sequel, sequence, subsequent, sue, suitable, suite, suitor

BEND, FOLD

cosine, insinuate, sine, sinuous, sinus

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SUN , .

parasol, solar, solarium, solstice -



**SOL** ALONE **,** ;



desolate, isolate, sole, solipsism,-sol-itude, solo

**SOMN** SLEEP



insomnia, somniferous, somnolent



**SOPH** WISDOM

philosopher, sophism, sophist, sop.histicated,

 sophomore



**SPEC, LOOK,** .



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aspect, circumspect, despicable, . spect,

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perspective, perspicacious, prospectus,

respectable, retrospect, specimen, spectacle, spectator, specter, spectrum, suspect, suspicious , .

 **BREATH** .

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aspire,  inspire, perspire, respirator, spirit, spiritual, sprightly, sprite, suspire,

**STRICT, STRING, TIGHT**



constrict, district, restriction, strain, strait, strangle,

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stringent

 **PLEASE**

as.suage, dissuade, persuade, persuasive, suasion, suave, sweet



**SUB UNDER**

subdivide, subdue, subjugate, subjunctive, sublunary, submarine, sub-

merge, subordinate, subpoena, subscribe, subside, substitute, subterf-uge, subterranean, suburb

**SUMM HIGHEST**

consummate, sum, summary, summit

, **SUPER, SUR ABOVE**

insuperable, superabound, superannuated, superb, supercharge, supercil- ious, superficial, super.  supernatural,

fluous,



merary, supervise, surmount, surrealism, survey



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**SURG, SOURC, RISE ,**

**SURRECT** insurgent, insurrection, resource,  resurrection, source, surge

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,   **TOGETHER**

sympathy, symposium, synonym, synthesis



**TACIT SILENT**

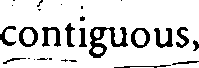
 

reticent, tacit, taciturn

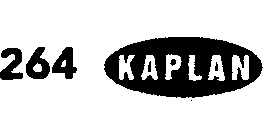
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**TACT, TAG, TOUCH**

**TAM, TANG** contact,  contamination,  cotangent, intact, gible, integral tact, tactile, tangent, tangential





**TEST**

**THERM**

**TIM**

**TORP**

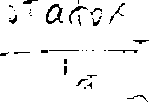
**TORQ, TORT, TOR**

**TOX**

**TRANS**

BEAR WITNESS

attest, contest, detest, intestate, protest,  testimonial HEAT



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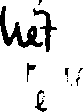
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diathermy, thermal, thermesthesia, thermometer, thermonuclear,

 thermostat

FEAR

intimidate,  timidity, timorous



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STIFF,

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torpedo, torpid, torpor

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extort, retort, torch, torment, torque, torsion, tort, tortuous,

POISON

antitoxin, intoxication, toxemia, toxic, toxicology, toxin

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transcend, transcontinental, transcribe, transient, transmit,



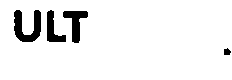
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transpire, transport



 LAST, BEYOND

penultimate, ulterior, ultimate, ultimatum, ultramarine, ultramontane,

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ultraviolet

**UMBR**



**UND**

**UNI, UN**

**URB**

adumbrate, penumbra, somber, umber, umbrage, umbrella NOT

unaccustomed, unruly, unseen, untold, unusual



WAVE

abound, abundance, in.undate, redundant,

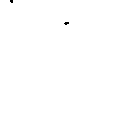


ONE

reunion, unanimous, unicorn, uniform, union,  unit, unite,  universe

CITY

exurbanite, suburban, urban, urbane, urbanity,



**VAL, **

**STRENGTH, USE, WORTH**

 avail, convalescent, countervailing, equivalent, evaluate, invalid, prevalent, valediction, valiant, valid, valor, value

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**VER**

**VERB**

**VERD**



**RU**

**TRUE**

aver, veracious, verdict, verify, verily, v-e-r-isimilitude, verity, very

 .

**WORD**

adverb, proverb, verb, verbal, verbalize, verbatim, verbose, verbiage



**GREEN**

verdant, ve.rdigris,





**BASE, MEAN**

revile, vile, vilify, vilification





**POISON**



virulence, virulent,

virus

 revival, revive, survive, vital, vitality, vivacious, vivid, viviparous,

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vivisection  **, **

 **CALL, WORD**

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advocacy, advocate, convocation, convoke, equivocal, evoke, invoca- tion, invoke, provoke, revoke, vocabulary, vocal, vocalist, vocation,



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ous, vouch, vouchsafe .

**VOL**

**VOLU, VOLV**

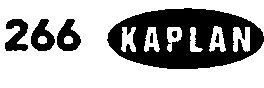
**FLY**

volant, volatile, volley

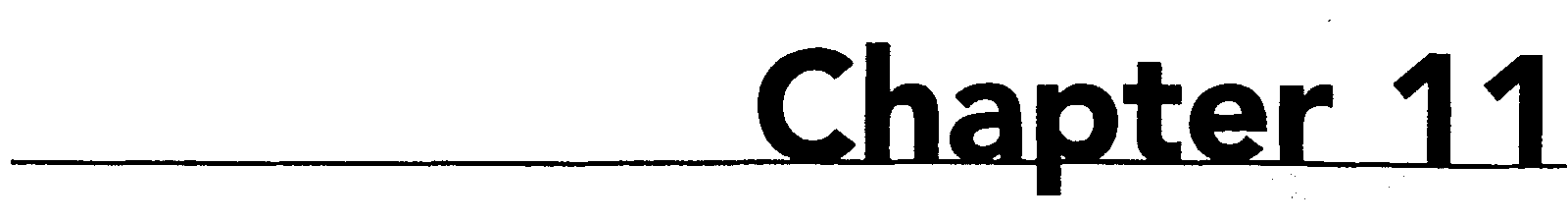
**ROLL,TURN** .**,**

circumvolve, convolution, devolve, evolve, involution, revolt, revolve, voluble, volume, voluminous, volute , , ,







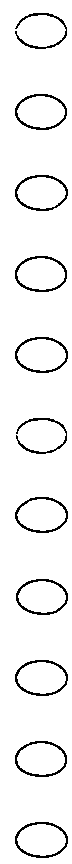


OPPOSITE DRILLS

Each of the word lists below relates to two concepts that are opposite in meaning. The words in each list relate to one of the concepts or its opposite. Try to sort out which category each word belongs in. For each word, check the oval under the appropriate concept. If you don't know the meaning of a word, make your best guess, using roots, charge (whether the word sounds"goodn or"badn),  or context to help you.

No definitions are provided. Look up words that you are unsure of in the

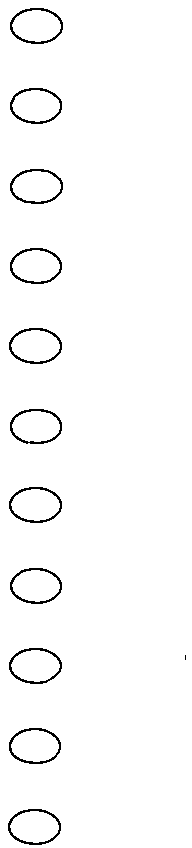
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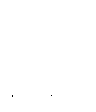
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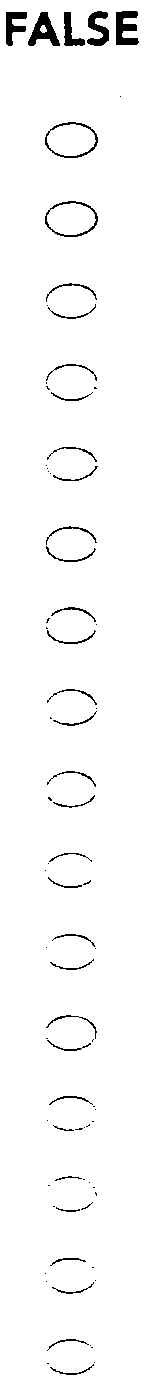
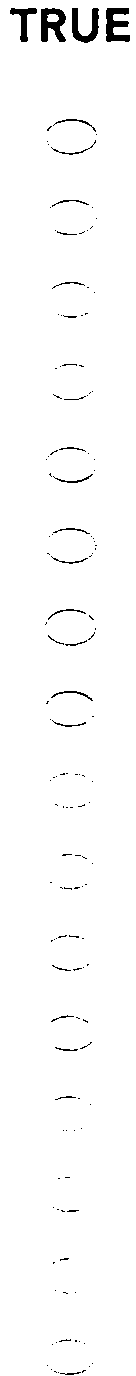
WOE

**SAD**



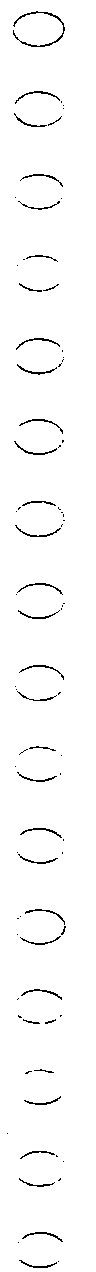
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APOCRYPHAL CALUMNY CANARD

CANDOR CHICANERY DISSEMBLE DISSIMULATE DUPE DUPLICITY EQUIVOCATE ERRONEOUS ERSATZ FALLACIOUS FEALTY FEIGNED FOIST

TRUE

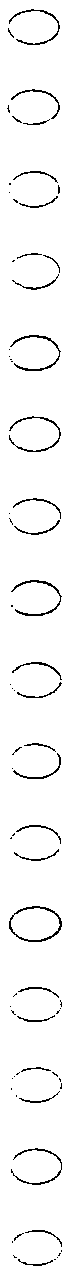


FRANKNESS GUILE



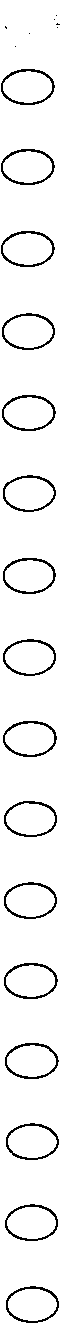
INDUBITABLE LEGITIMATE MALINGER MENDACIOUS MENDACITY PERFIDY PREVARICATE PROBITY SINCERE SPECIOUS SPURIOUS VERACIOUS VERITY

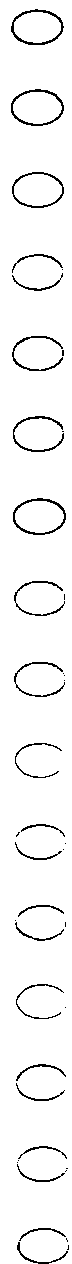
**FALSE**



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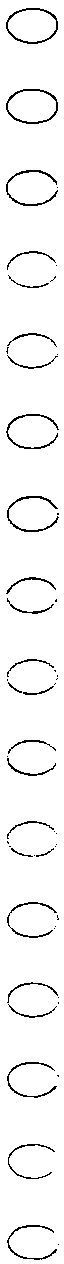
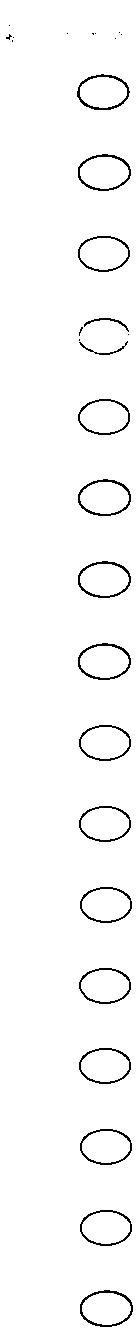


AGREEMENT DISAGREEMENT

ACCORD ALTERCATE ALTERCATION ANTITHETIC ASKANCE ASSENT AVERSE BICKER

CAVIL CONCORD CONCUR CONSENSUS CONSONANCE CONTENTION CONTENTIOUS CONTRADICT

AGREEMENT DISAGREEMENT

DETRACTOR DIFFER DISPARAGE DISPUTE DISSENT EXCORIATE FEUD HARMONY



MOOT POLEMIC

.QUIBBLE RAPPORT SQUABBLE UNANIMITY WRANGLE

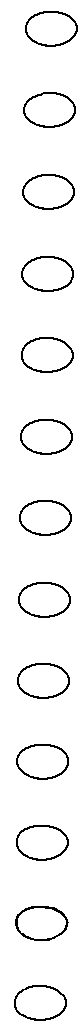
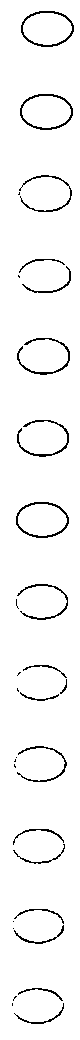
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ATTRACTION OR 

**REPULSION OR DISLIKE**

**ATTRACTION OR LIKE**

**REPULSION OR DISLIKE**

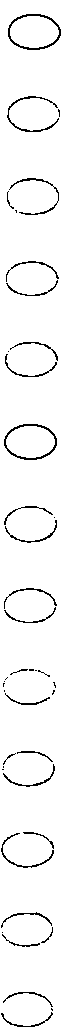
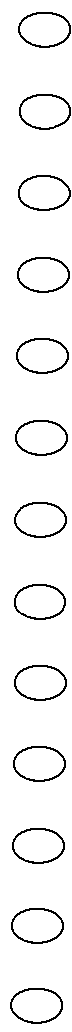
ABHOR ABOMINATE AFFINITY ALLURE

ANATHEMA ANTIPATHY BANE BEGUILE BENT

CHARM DISSUADE DRAW

ELICIT

ENCHANT ENTICE

ESCHEW INVEIGLE LOATH PARRY

PENCHANT PREDILECTION

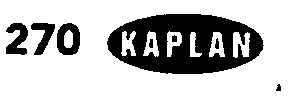


PROPENSITY

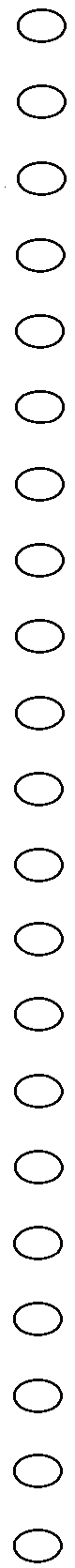
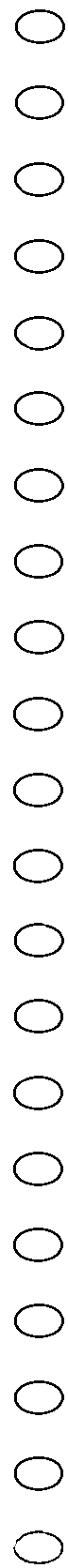
RANCOR  REVILE

SPURN

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BRAVERY OR CONFIDENCE FEAR OR CAUTION

APLOMB APPREHENSION AUDACIOUS AUDACITY CHARY

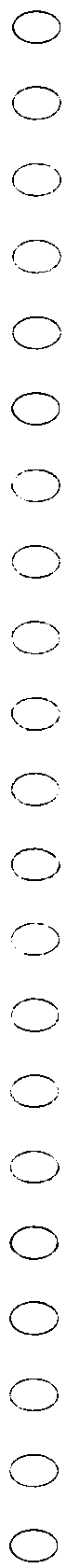
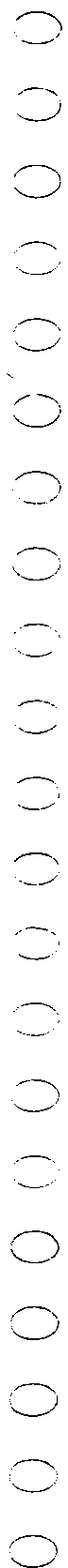
CIRCUMSPECTION CRAVEN DAUNTLESS DOUGHTY GALLANTRY GAME

INTREPID METTLESOME

PLUCKY PUSILLANIMOUS TEMERITY TREPIDATION UNDAUNTED VALIANT VALOROUS

**Answer key on page 293.**

CALMNESS AGITATION

BECALM BLUSTER

COLLECTED COMPOSED COMPOSURE DETACHED

DISCOMPOSED DISPASSIONATE DISQUIETED

DISTRAUGHT FLURRIED FLUSTER

FRENETIC FULMINATE

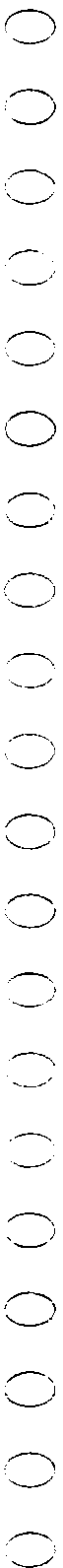
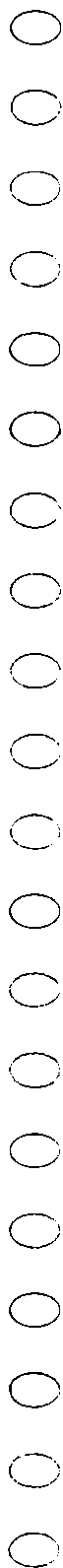
FUROR

IMPERTURBABLE INDOLENT

INSURGENT KINETIC

LANGUOR LULL

CALMNESS AGITATION

NONCHALANT PERTURB

PLACID

QUIESCENT RAGING

RAIL REPOSE

ROIL

RUFFLED SEDENTARY SERENE

STAID STEADY

TRANQUIL

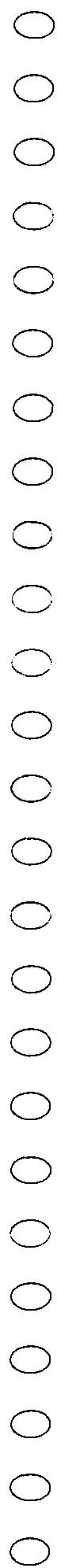
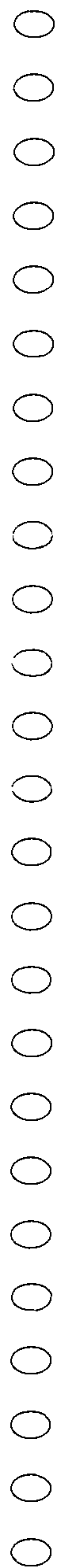
TUMULTUOUS TURBID

TURBULENT UNRUFFLED VEHEMENCE



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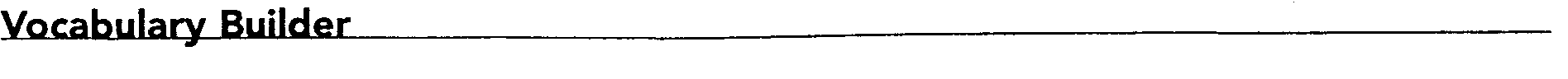
CHANGE LACK OF CHANGE

CATALYST COMMUTATION CONSISTENT CONSTANT DETERMINATE ENTRENCHED FIXITY IMMUTABLE IMPERVIOUS INERT INGRAINED INNOVATIVE INVARIABLE INVIOLATE LODGED METAMORPHOSIS MUTABLE ROOTED STEADFAST

TRANSFIGURATION TRANSFORMATION TRANSLATION TRANSMOGRIFY TRANSMUTATION UNFAILING

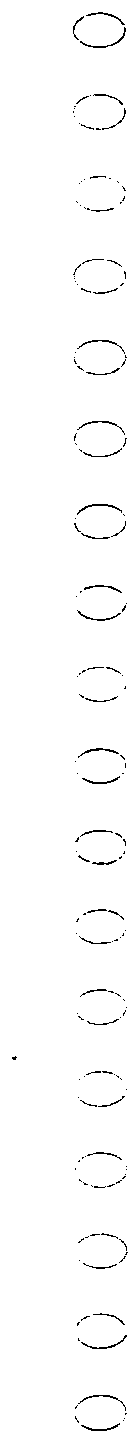
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GOODNESS 

**OR MORALITY OR IMMORALITY**

ALTRUISM BACCHANALIAN BEATIFIC

BENEFICENT BENIGN

BENISON CLEMENT

CONTINENCE DEBAUCH

DECADENCE ELEVATED ETHICAL

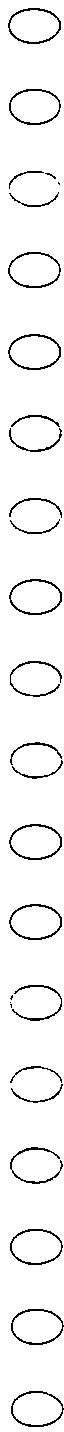
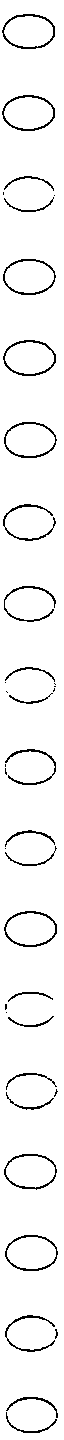
EXEMPLARY FIENDISH

ILLICIT

INFERNAL INIQUITOUS INTEGRITY

GOODNESS L

**OR MORALITY OR IMMORALITY**

INVIDIOUS LASCIVIOUS LICENTIOUS LURID MISCREANT NEFARIOUS NOBLE PERFIDIOUS PROBITY PROFLIGATE PRURIENT RAPACITY

RECTITUDE REPROBATE RIGHTEOUS

TEMPERANCE TURPITUDE



**Answer key on page 296.**

**LARGE AMOUNT SMALL AMOUNT LARGE AMOUNT SMALL AMOUNT OR EXCESS OR SHORTAGE OR EXCESS OR SHORTAGE**

 CAPACIOUS   CAVALCADE 

MYRIAD

 OPULENCE 

 CLOYING   OVERABUNDANCE 

 CORNUCOPIA   PAUCITY 

 DEARTH   DEFECT   DEFICIENT   DILATE   DISTEND 

 PLETHORA   POVERTY   PREPONDERANCE 

0 PRIVATION 0

 PRODIGIOUS 

 EFFUSIVE   PROFUSION 

 FAMINE   REPLETE 

 FRAUGHT   SCANTINESS 

 GLUT   SCARCITY 

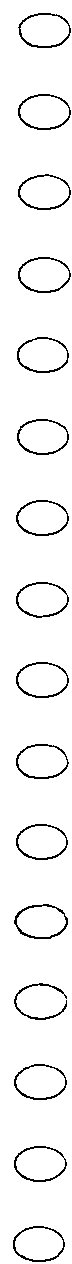
 INSUFFICIENCY   MANIFOLD   MEAGER   MULTIFARIOUS 

 STINTING   SUPERABUNDANCE   SUPEREROGATORY SUPERFLUITY   SURFEIT 

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**GROW**



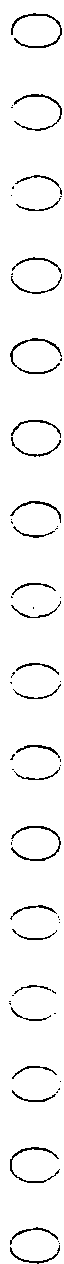
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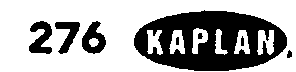
ABATE ACCRETE AGGRANDIZE AMPLIFY APPEND AUGMENT BURGEON

CONSTRICT CORRODE DWINDLE EBB

ERODE ESCALATE UPSURGE WAX WANE

SHRINK





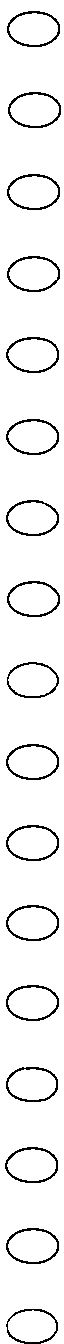
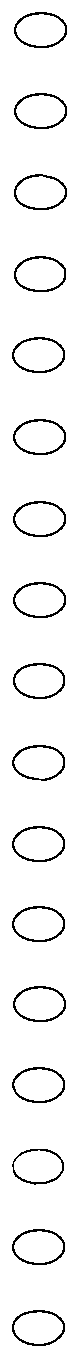






**GRAND **

**AND IMPORTANT OR UNIMPORTANT**

ABJECT

APOTHEOSIS ASTRAL

AUGUST

CONSEQUENTIAL CONSIDERABLE DEBASED ELEVATED

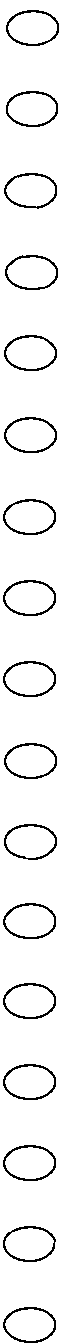
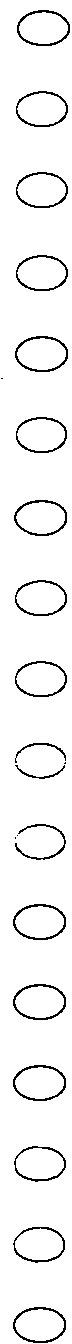
ELOQUENT EXALTED FRIVOLOUS GRANDIOSE IGNOBLE

INCONSEQUENTIAL INGLORIOUS LOFTY

MEANINGFUL

GRAND 

**AND IMPORTANT OR UNIMPORTANT**

MOMENTOUS NEGLIGIBLE NIGGLING

NONENTITY OVERWEENING

PALTRY PICAYUNE PIDDLING

PRETENTIOUS REGAL

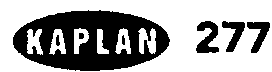
SALIENT SERVILE

SPLENDID STATELY SUBLIME

SUBSTANTIAL WEIGHTY

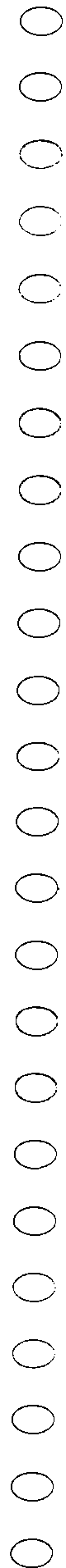
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**UNLIMITED OR FREE**



**Answer key on page 300.**

CIRCUMSCRIBED DURESS

EMANCIPATED ENCUMBRED FETTERED

HERMETIC IMMURE

INCOMMUNICADO INDENTURE INSULAR

LATITUDE LAXITY

LICENSE

MANUMISSION MAVERICK

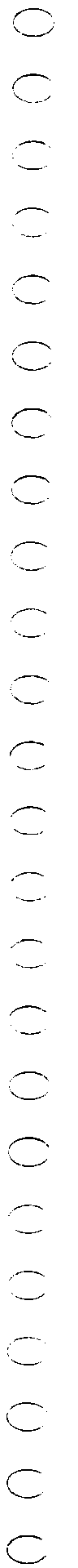
OCCLUSION STRICTURE STYMIE

THRALL

TRAMMELED UNBRIDLED UNFETTERED

UNTRAMMELED YOKE

**LIMITED OR CLOSED**



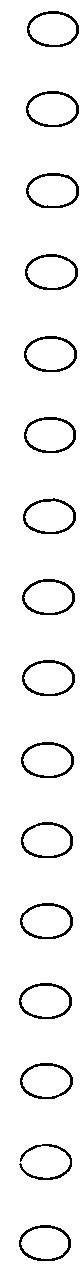
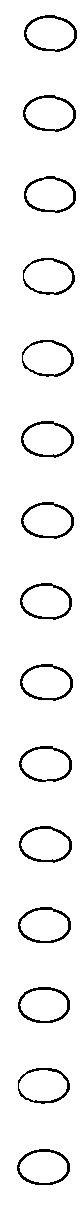


**YOUTH OR IMMATURITY**

ABIDING

OLD AGE OR MATURITY



CALLOW DOTAGE GERIATRIC GREEN HOARY INVETERATE JUVENILE

NEOPHYTE PUERILE

SENESCENT SOPHOMORIC

STRIPLING SUPERANNUATED

0 TYRO

**Answer key on page**





**PRAISE**



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ACCLAIM ACCOLADE ADULATORY APPLAUSE

APPROBATION BOUQUET CELEBRATE

CENSURE COMMEND DEFAME

DEMEAN DENIGRATE DENOUNCE

DENUNCIATE DEPRECATE ENCOMIUM

**CRITICISM PRAISE**







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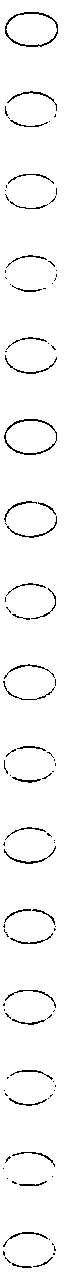
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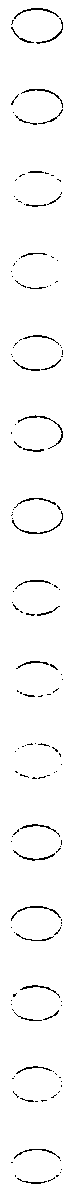
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TRIBUTE



**CRITICISM**





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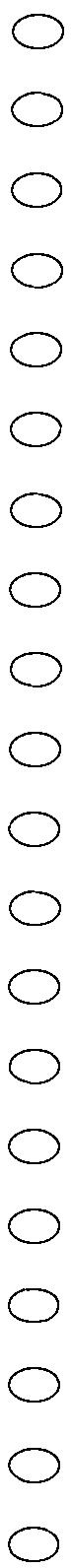








SWIFTNESS OR BRIEFNESS

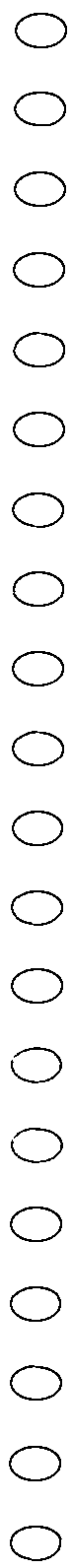
ALACRITY CELERITY CURSORY DALLY DILATORY EPHEMERAL EVANESCENT

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PROTRACTED RETARD SLUGGISH TORPID TRANSIENT

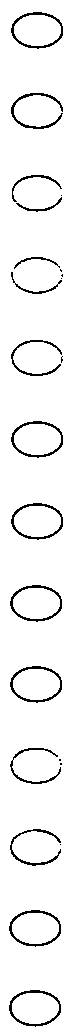
DELAY OR SLOWNESS



**Answer key on page 303.**

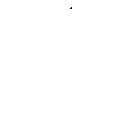


**SUBTLE OR SLIGHT**

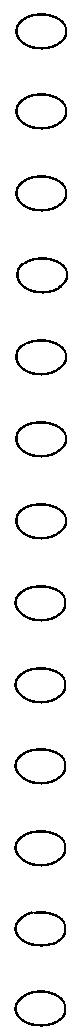


**Answer key on page 304.**

BLATANT EGREGIOUS FLAGRANT GOSSAMER MANIFEST MODICUM NUANCE OSTENTATIOUS OVERT

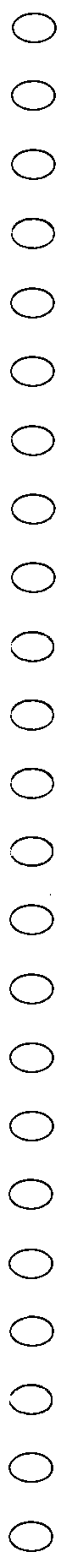
PATENT RAREFY REFINED SCINTILLA

OBVIOUS





**RUDENESS**



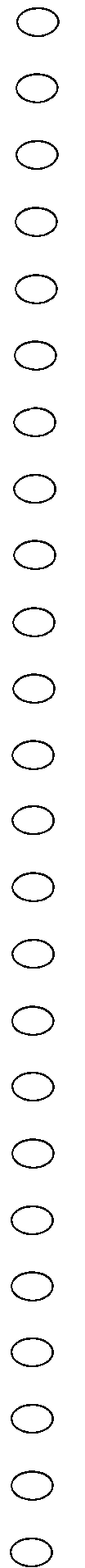
**Answer key on page 305.**

ASOCIAL BOORISH CHEEKY CHURLISH CIVIL CRASS

DEFERENTIAL DEMURE EARTHY EFFRONTERY GALLANT GENTEEL OBEISANCE OBLIGING OBSTREPEROUS PHILISTINE PUNCTILIOUS RAW

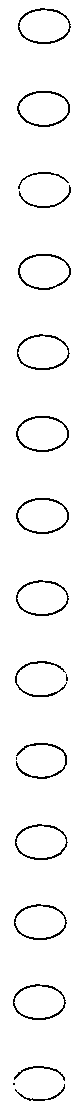
SCABROUS SOLICITOUS TACTFUL UNGRACIOUS UNPOLISHED WLGAR

POLITENESS





**INTELLIGENCE STUPIDITY**

**AND ABILITY AND CLUMSINESS**



ASININE ASTUTE

DERANGED DOLTISH FATUOUS FINESSE FLAIR

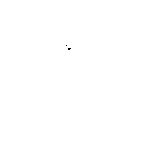
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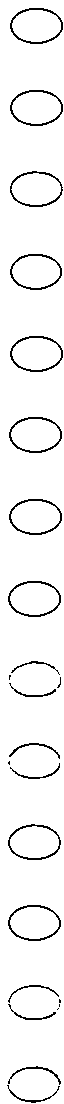


IMPOLITIC INANE INCISIVE

**Answer key on page 306.**

**INTELLIGENCE STUPIDITY**

**AND ABILITY AND CLUMSINESS**

INGENIOUS KEN



OMNISCIENT PERCIPIENT PERSPICACIOUS PRECOCIOUS

PUNDIT SAGACIOUS SAPIENT SIMPLE

UNWITTING



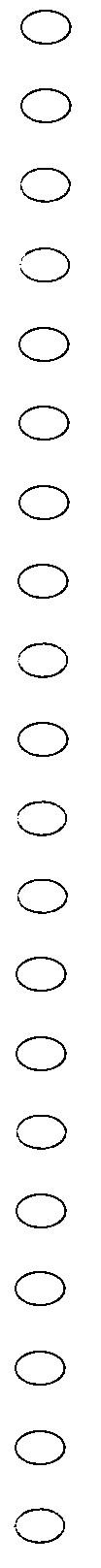
VAPID



LOUD, LONG,

**OR A LOT OF SPEECH**



**Answer key on page 307.**

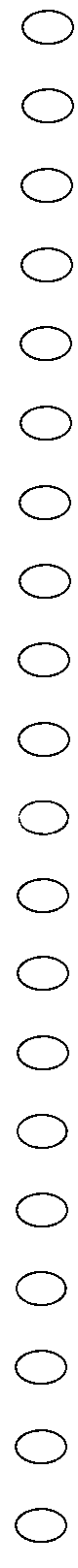
BOMBAST CURT DUMB ELOQUENT GARRULOUS

GRANDILOQUENT LACONIC LOQUACIOUS MUTE

OROTUND PLANGENT PROLIX RETICENT STENTORIAN SUCCINCT TACIT TACITURN TERSE TURGID VERBOSE

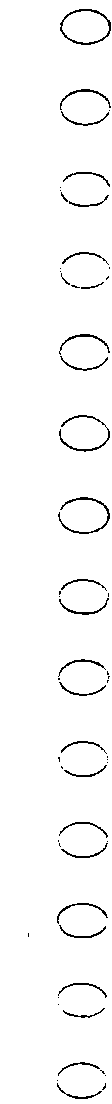
QUIET, SHORT,

**OR ABSENCE OF SPEECH**





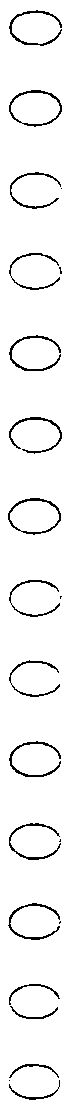
**CLEAN**



**Answer key on page 308.**

ABLUTION BESMEAR BESPATTER DEFILE GRIMY GRUBBY IMMACULATE PRISTINE SLOVENLY SMUTTY SULLY UNSOILED UNSULLIED VIRGINAL

DIRTY

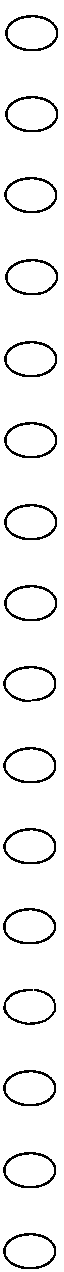
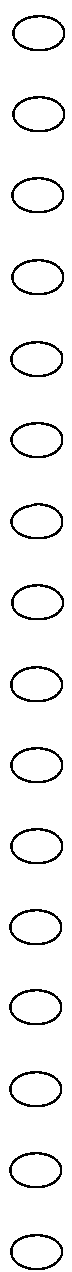






**TOGETHER SEPARATE**

**OR ** **OR DISCONTINUOUS**

ABUT AGGREGATION ASUNDER BIFURCATE ***CABAL***

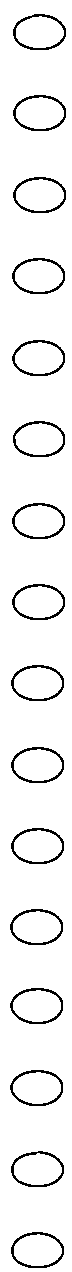
COLLATE



COLLUSION CONCATENATE CONCOMITANT CONFLUENCE CONJOIN CONSENSUS CONSONANCE COTERIE DIFFUSE

TOGETHER SEPARATE

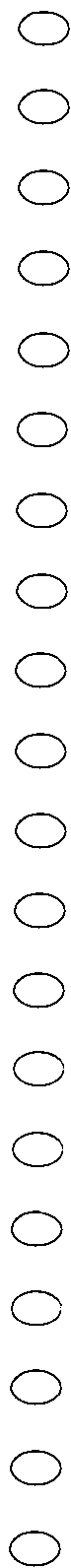
**OR CONTINUOUS OR DISCONTINUOUS**

DISCRETE DISJOINTED DISPERSE DISSIPATE DIVERGE ESTRANGE HIATUS INCONGRUOUS INTERREGNUM INTERSTICE RIFT

SCHISM SEQUESTERED SYNCHRONOUS SYNTHESIS TANDEM

**Answer key on page 309.**

STUBBORN



ACCEDE ACCOMMODATING ACQUIESCE AMENABLE CAPITULATE COMPLY

CONCEDE

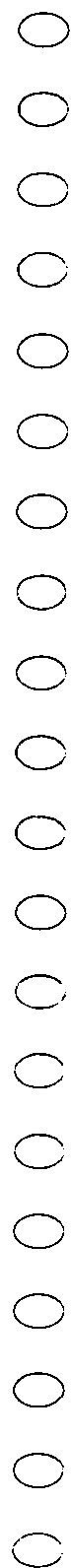
CONTUMACIOUS DOGMATIC

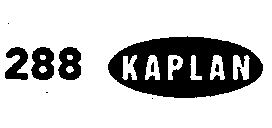
HIDEBOUND INTRANSIGENT

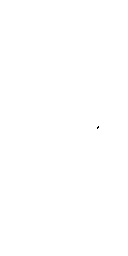
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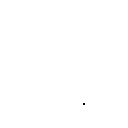
UNBENDING UNSWAYABLE

AGREEABLE



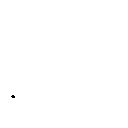


**Answer key on page 310.**



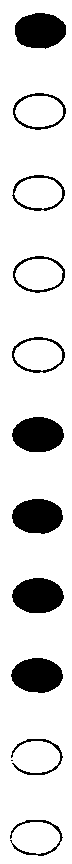








HAPPY

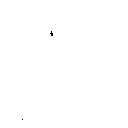
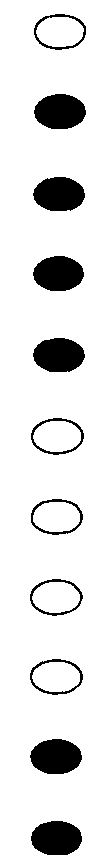


BLITHE DISCONSOLATE DISPIRITED DOLDRUMS DOLOROUS EBULLIENT EUPHORIC



PROVIDENT RUE WOE

SAD



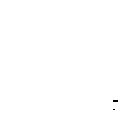
*DIS* means"not,"so here the two *DIS* words mean*"not* consolate" and "not spirited," that is,"sad."Also, *DOL*

means,"pain," so ***dolorous*** and ***doldrums*** also mean "sad."





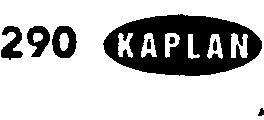


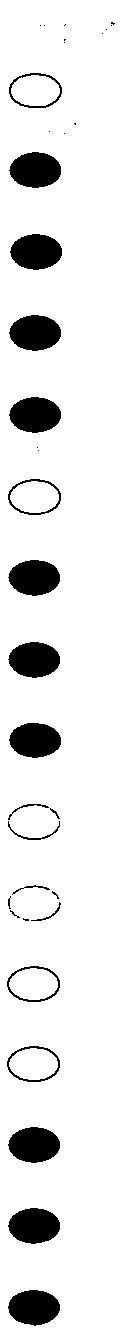


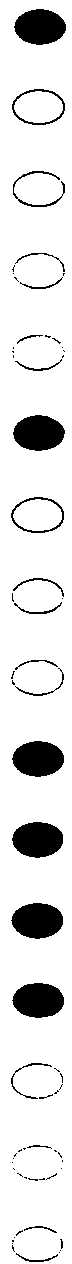
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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **TRUE** | **FALSE** | **TRUE** | **FALSE** |
| APOCRYPHAL |  |  | FRANKNESS |
| CALUMNY |  |  | GUILE |
| CANARD |  |  | INDISPUTABLE |
| CANDOR |  |  | INDUBITABLE |
| CHICANERY |  |  | LEGITIMATE |
| DISSEMBLE |  |  | MALINGER |
| DISSIMULATE |  |  | MENDACIOUS |
| DUPE |  |  | MENDACITY |
| DUPLICITY |  |  | PERFIDY |
| EQUIVOCATE |  |  | CATE |
| ERRONEOUS |  |  |  |
| ERSATZ FALLACIOUS  FEALTY |  |  | SINCERE  SPECIOUS  SPURIOUS |
| FEIGNED |  |  | VERACIOUS |
| FOIST |  |  | VERITY |

Notice that  and ***verity*** both have to do with truthfulness. (The root VER is from the Latin word for truth.) Perhaps you know that Yale's motto is  et veritas," or "light and 





AGREEMENT DISAGREEMENT

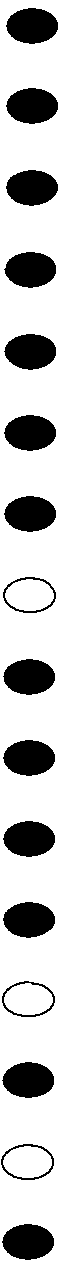
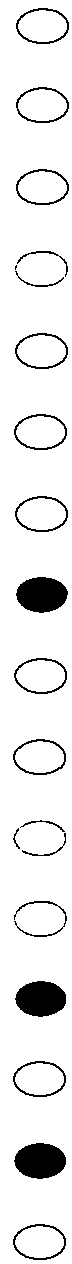
ACCORD ALTERCATE ALTERCATION ANTITHETIC ASKANCE ASSENT AVERSE BICKER

CAVIL

CONCORD CONCUR

CONSENSUS CONSONANCE CONTENTION CONTENTIOUS CONTRADICT

AGREEMENT DISAGREEMENT

DETRACTOR DIFFER DISPARAGE DISPUTE

DISSENT EXCORIATE

FEUD

HARMONY INIMICAL MOOT

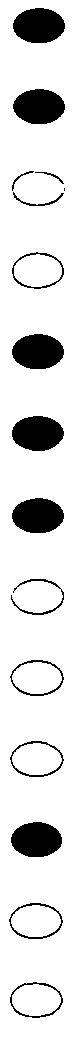
POLEMIC QUIBBLE RAPPORT SQUABBLE

UNANIMITY WRANGLE

Notice that all the words that began with had to do with disagreement.

 **REPULSION ** **REPULSION**

**OR ** **OR DISLIKE OR OR DISLIKE**

 ABHOR ABOMINATE AFFINITY ALLURE

ANATHEMA ANTIPATHY BANE

 BEGUILE BENT

 DISSUADE DRAW ELICIT

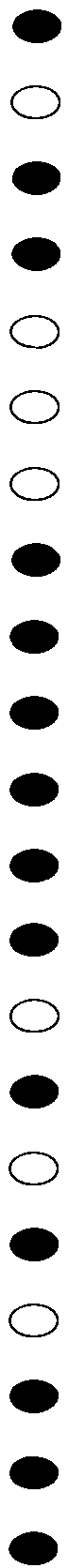
 ENCHANT   ENTICE   ESCHEW 

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LOATHE   PARRY   PENCHANT   PREDILECTION   PROCLIVITY   PROPENSITY   RANCOR   REVILE   SPURN 

When you talk about the pros and cons of a situation, you're talking about the positives and negatives. Notice that the words with PRO mean "attraction" or "like."

**BRAVERY OR CONFIDENCE**



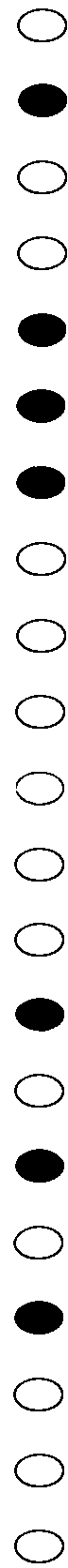
**APLOMB APPREHENSION AUDACIOUS AUDACITY CHARY**

**CIRCUMSPECTION CRAVEN DAUNTLESS DOUGHTY GALLANTRY**

**GAME INTREPID METTLESOME MISGIVING PLUCKY**

**PUSILLANIMOUS TEMERITY TREPIDATION UNDAUNTED VALIANT VALOROUS**

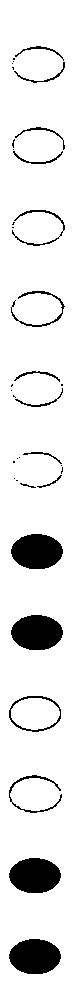
**FEAR OR CAUTION**



**Notice that there are several words in this list with the same roots. For instance,*valiant* and *valorous* both use the root VAL. If *intrepid* means "fearless," then *trepidation* must be "fear."And *dauntless* and *undaunted* both mean the same thing.**

**CALMNESS AGITATION**

BECALM BLUSTER

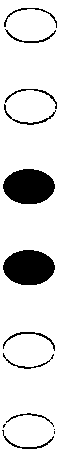


COLLECTED COMPOSED COMPOSURE DETACHED

DISCOMPOSED DISPASSIONATE DISQUIETED

FLURRIED FLUSTER FRENETIC

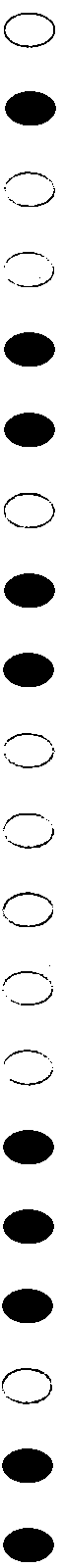
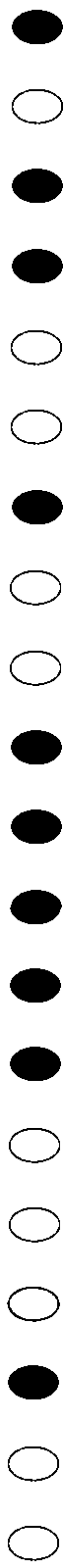
FULMINATE FUROR

IMPERTURBABLE INDOLENT

INSURGENT KINETIC

LANGUOR LULL

**CALMNESS AGITATION**

NONCHALANT PERTURB

PLACID

QUIESCENT RAGING RAIL

REPOSE ROIL

RUFFLED SEDENTARY SERENE

STAID STEADY

TRANQUIL

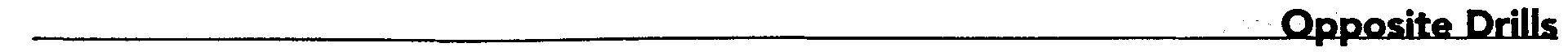


TURBID

TURBULENT UNRUFFLED VEHEMENCE VERVE

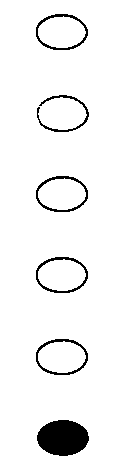
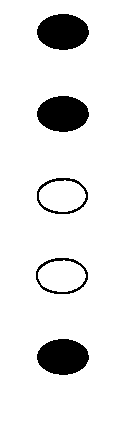
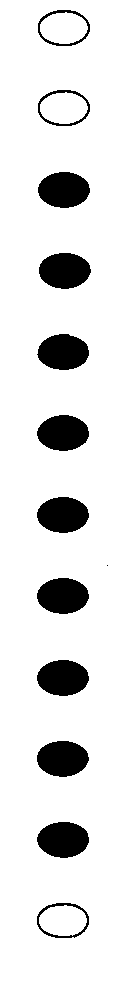
On this list, you can use "charge" to answer many of these words. Words like ***frenetic, furor, *** ***perturb,*** and ***tumultuous*** sound agitating, while ***becalm, serene,*** and ***tranquil*** all sound



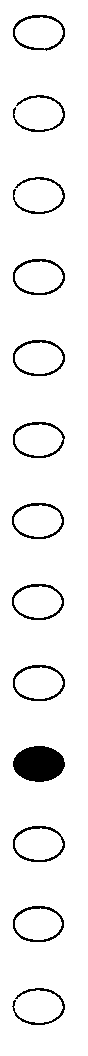


**CHANGE LACK OF CHANGE**

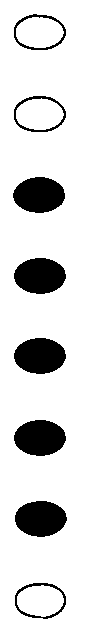
CATALYST



COMMUTATION CONSISTENT CONSTANT DETERMINATE ENTRENCHED FIXITY IMMUTABLE IMPERVIOUS INERT INGRAINED INNOVATIVE INVARIABLE INVIOLATE LODGED



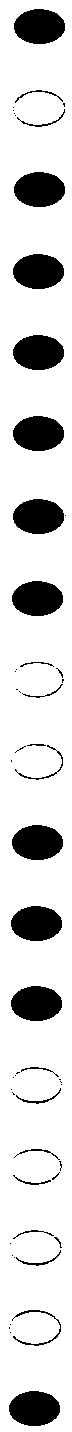
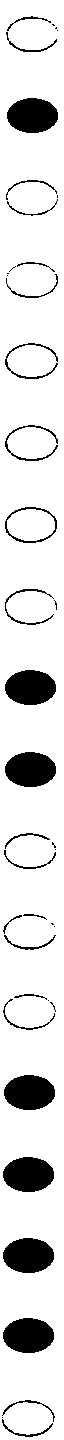
METAMORPHOSIS MUTABLE



ROOTED STEADFAST TRANSFIGURATION TRANSFORMATION TRANSLATION TRANSMOGRIFY TRANSMUTATION UNFAILING

TRANS means "across,"so the five words in this list which begin with this root are all words that have to do with change.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **GOODNESS** | **L** | **GOODNESS** |  | |
| **OR MORALITY** | **OR IMMORALITY** | **OR MORALITY** | **OR** | **IMMORALITY** |

ALTRUISM BACCHANALIAN BEATIFIC BENEFICENT BENIGN BENISON

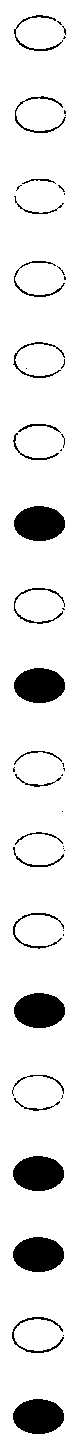
CLEMENT

CONTINENCE DEBAUCH DECADENCE ELEVATED ETHICAL EXEMPLARY FIENDISH ILLICIT INFERNAL

INIQUITOUS INTEGRITY

INVIDIOUS LASCIVIOUS LICENTIOUS LURID MISCREANT NEFARIOUS NOBLE PERFIDIOUS PROBITY PROFLIGATE PRURIEST



RECTITUDE REPROBATE RIGHTEOUS



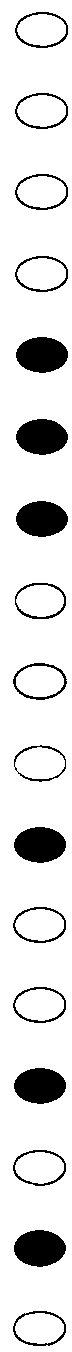
TURPITUDE VIRTUE

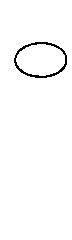
The root BEN means"good." Notice that the three words in this list that include this root all mean something having to do with goodness or morality.





**LARGE AMOUNT SMALL AMOUNT LARGE AMOUNT SMALL AMOUNT OR EXCESS OR SHORTAGE OR EXCESS OR SHORTAGE**

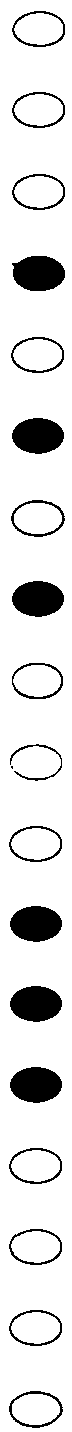
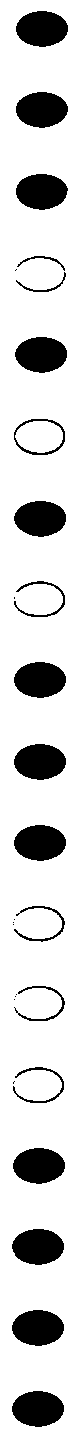
CAPACIOUS CAVALCADE CLOYING



CORNUCOPIA DEARTH DEFECT DEFICIENT DILATE DISTEND EFFUSIVE

GLUT INSUFFICIENCY MANIFOLD MEAGER MULTIFARIOUS



OPULENCE OVERABUNDANCE PAUCITY

PLETHORA POVERTY

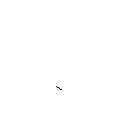
PREPONDERANCE PRIVATION

PRODIGIOUS PROFUSION REPLETE SCANTINESS SCARCITY

STINTING SUPERABUNDANCE SUPEREROGATORY SUPERFLUITY SURFEIT

Notice that all the words that start with SUPER have to do with excess.

GROW SHRINK

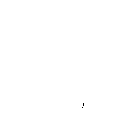
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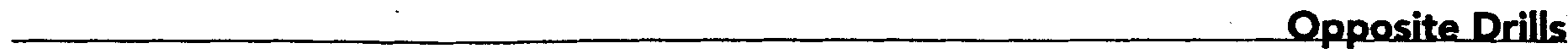
CONSTRICT CORRODE DWINDLE EBB

ERODE ESCALATE UPSURGE WAX

Here you might want to think of cliched phrases. For instance, an ***ebb tide*** is a tide that's going out. A ***burgeoning debt*** is a debt that's increasing at a healthy rate. And the moon has  (growing) and ***wan- ing*** (shrinking) phases.

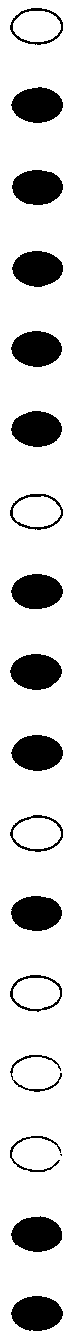






**GRAND ** **GRAND **

**AND IMPORTANT OR UNIMPORTANT AND IMPORTANT OR UNIMPORTANT**

ABJECT  APOTHEOSIS 

AUGUST  CONSEQUENTIAL 

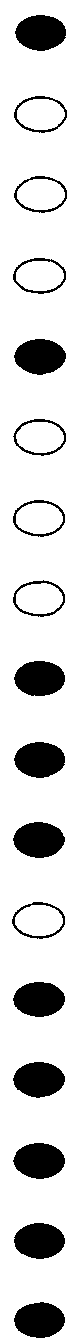
DEBASED  ELEVATED  ELOQUENT  EXALTED  FRIVOLOUS  GRANDIOSE  IGNOBLE 

INCONSEQUENTIAL  INGLORIOUS 

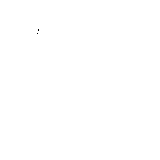
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MEANINGFUL 

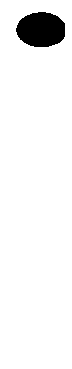
MOMENTOUS NEGLIGIBLE NIGGLING NONENTITY OVERWEENING PALTRY PICAYUNE

PIDDLING PRETENTIOUS REGAL SALIENT SERVILE SPLENDID STATELY SUBLIME SUBSTANTIAL WEIGHTY

This is another list in which common phrases can help you figure out the meaning of words. For instance, if someone makes a *salient point,* it's central to an argument. In physics, certain forces, such as air resistance, are often considered *negligible,* or ignored.



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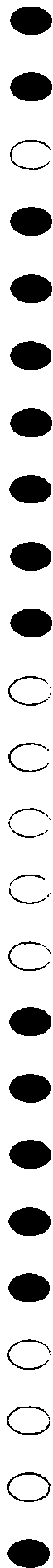
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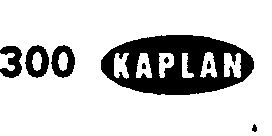
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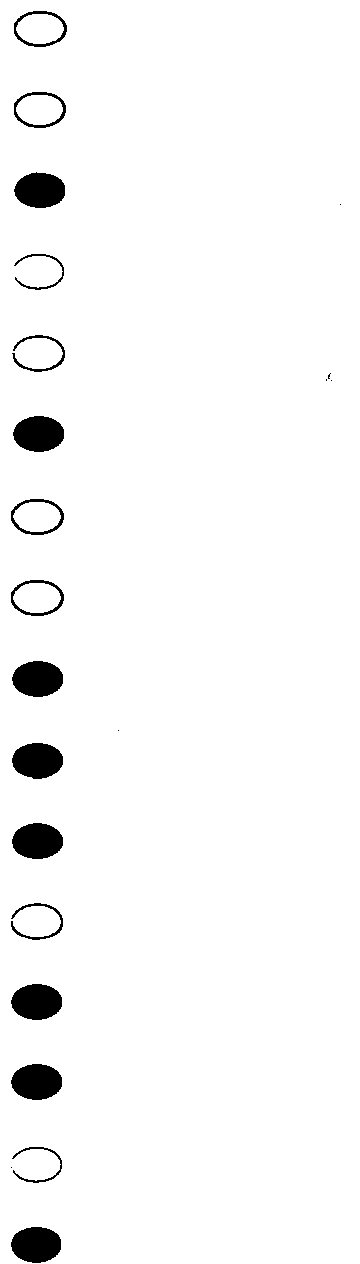




Notice that  and *fettered* are joined on this list by untrammeled and unfettered. Also, notice that all the  with are free.



**YOUTH OR IMMATURITY**



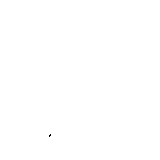
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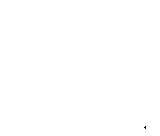
**OLD AGE OR MATURITY**





This list is full of roots to help you figure things out: NEO means "new." means "old." ***Senescent*** comes from the Latin which means "old man." ***Superannuated*** has to do with lots of years.





**PRAISE**





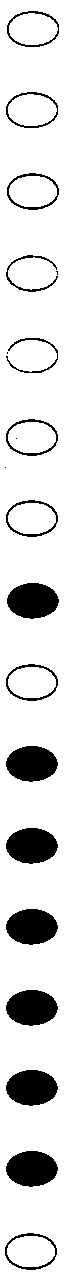
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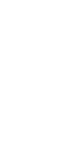
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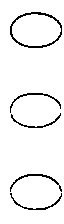
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**CRITICISM PRAISE**





EULOGIZE EXALT EXTOL



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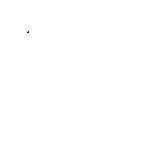
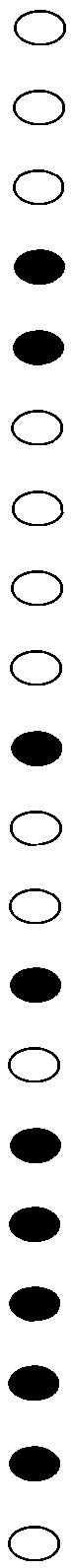
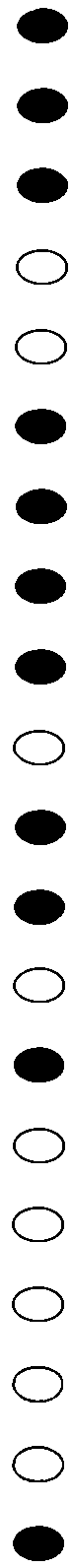
**In** this exercise, every word that uses  which can mean "down," as a prefix is negative. For instance,

***denounce*** means "to speak down" or "to criticize."





SWIFTNESS OR BRIEFNESS DELAY OR SLOWNESS

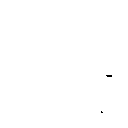
ALACRITY CELERITY CURSORY DALLY DILATORY EPHEMERAL EVANESCENT

EXTEMPORANEOUS IMPROMPTU LAGGARD MERCURIAL PERFUNCTORY PERPETUITY PRECIPITOUS PROCRASTINATION PROTRACTED RETARD

SLUGGISH TORPID

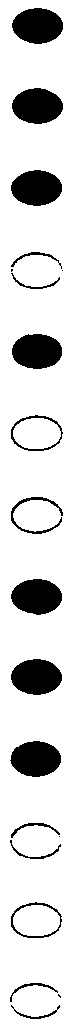
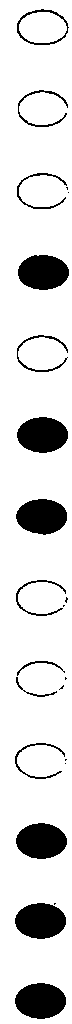
TRANSIENT

*Mercurial* is a word based on a mythological figure. Mercury was the messenger of the gods who traveled with winged sandals. Thus, *mercurial* is fast.





SUBTLE OR SLIGHT OBVIOUS

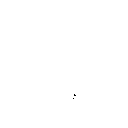
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PATENT



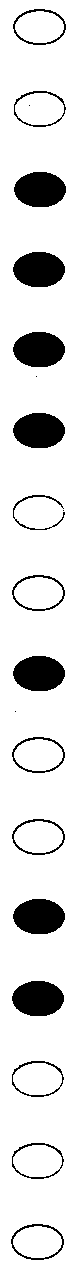
REFINED SCINTILLA

This list has several words that you can probably recognize from when they are used in context. For instance, people often refer to an ***"egregious*** error" or a ***"ntodicum*** of respect."



RUDENESS POLITENESS

 ASOCIAL BOORISH CHEEKY CHURLISH



 CRASS DEFERENTIAL

DEMURE EARTHY EFFRONTERY

GALLANT GENTEEL OBEISANCE

 OBLIGING OBSTREPEROUS PHILISTINE

PUNCTILIOUS RAW

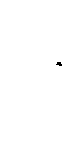
 SCABROUS SOLICITOUS

TACTFUL UNGRACIOUS UNPOLISHED WLGAR

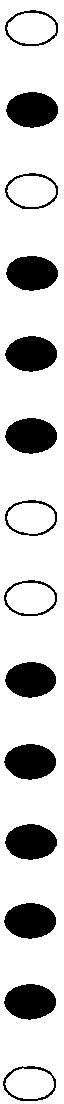
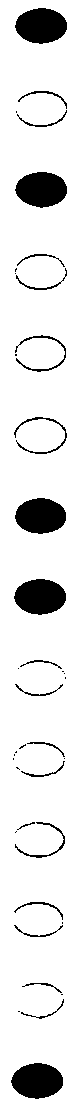
The word ***Philistine*** from a reference to people of Philistia. These people had a reputation for being smug and ignorant,  in the area of art and culture.



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**INTELLIGENCE STUPIDITY INTELLIGENCE STUPIDITY**

**AND ABILITY AND CLUMSINESS AND ABILITY AND CLUMSINESS**

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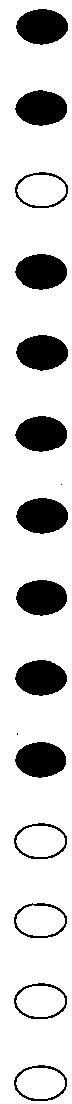
DERANGED DOLTISH FATUOUS FINESSE FLAIR

GAUCHE GULLIBLE

IGNORAMUS

IMPOLITIC INANE INCISIVE

INGENIOUS KEN

MALADROIT OMNISCIENT PERCIPIENT

PERSPICACIOUS PRECOCIOUS

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UNWITTING VACUOUS VAPID

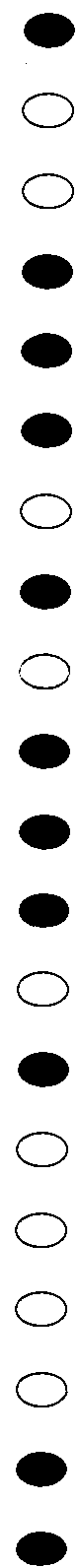
Many of these words have roots that can lead you to the answer. MAL means "bad," so ***maladroit*** deals with clumsiness. OMNI means"all," and means "knowing:' so ***omniscient*** means 





LOUD, LONG,

**OR A LOT OF SPEECH**



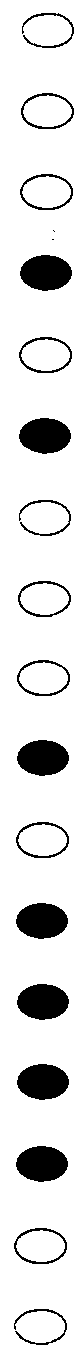
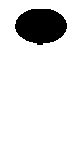
BOMBAST CURT DUMB ELOQUENT GARRULOUS

GRANDILOQUENT LACONIC LOQUACIOUS MUTE

OROTUND PLANGENT PROLIX RETICENT STENTORIAN SUCCINCT TACIT TACITURN TERSE TURGID VERBOSE

**QUIET, SHORT.,**

OR ABSENCE OF SPEECH



Notice that there are three different words with the root *LOQU* in this list. *LOQU* means "word, speech," so these three words all have to do with a lot of speech.

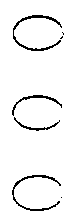






CLEAN 

ABLUTION BESMEAR BESPATTER DEFILE



 GRIMY

GRUBBY

IMMACULATE PRISTINE SLOVENLY

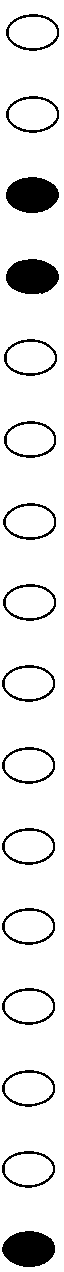
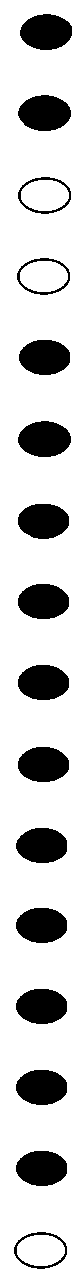
SMUTTY SULLY

UNSOILED UNSULLIED VIRGINAL

In this case, the sound of the words tell you a lot about the words themselves. If the word sounds dirty, as the words ***besmear, bespatter, defile,*** or ***slovenly*** do, you can bet that's what it means.

TOGETHER SEPARATE

**OR CONTINUOUS OR DISCONTINUOUS**

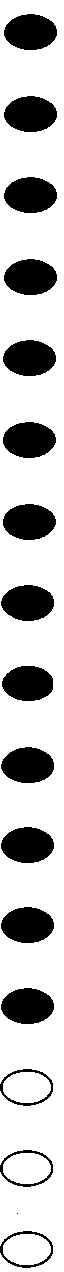
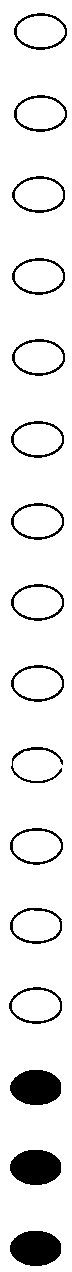
ABUT AGGREGATION ASUNDER BIFURCATE CABAL COLLATE COLLOQUY COLLUSION CONCATENATE



CONFLUENCE CONJOIN CONSENSUS CONSONANCE COTERIE DIFFUSE

TOGETHER SEPARATE

**OR CONTINUOUS OR **

DISCRETE DISJOINTED DISPERSE DISSIPATE DIVERGE

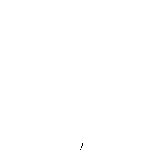


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INCONGRUOUS INTERREGNUM INTERSTICE RIFT

SCHISM SEQUESTERED SYNCHRONOUS SYNTHESIS TANDEM

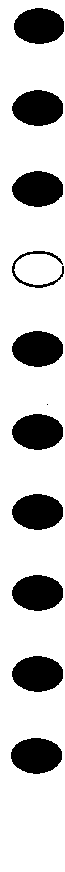
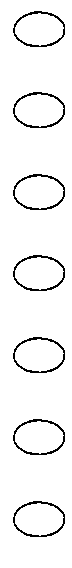
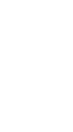
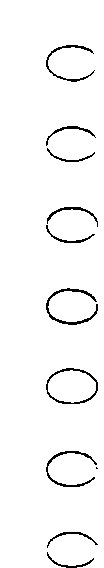
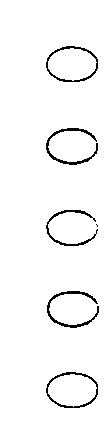
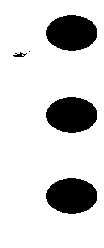
This list is  of roots. "same"; *CON, COM,* and *COLL* mean"with"; and DIS means"away from" or "apart." Use your knowledge of these roots to make your decisions.

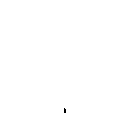




STUBBORN AGREEABLE

ACCEDE



ACCOMMODATING ACQUIESCE

CAPITULATE COMPLY

CONCEDE

CONTUMACIOUS DOGMATIC

HIDEBOUND INTRANSIGENT

OBDURACY OBLIGING OBSTINATE OSSIFIED

PERTINACIOUS RECALCITRANT REFRACTORY

UNBENDING UNSWAYABLE

means "not," so ***unswayable*** and ***unbending*** both mean "stubborn."



**GRE MIN-IDICTIONARY**

This Minidictionary provides you with the definitions of many common  words. Use this list not only when you work with the vocabulary exercises but whenever you encounter an unfamiliar word anywhere-such as in released tests or everyday reading.

##### A

ABANDON (n) total lack of inhibition ABASE to humble, disgrace

ABASH to embarrass ABATEMENT decrease. reduction

ABDICATE to give up a position, right, or power atypical, not normal

ABERRATION something different from the usual or normal

ABET to aid, act as accomplice

ABEYANCE temporary suppression or suspension ABHOR to loathe, detest

ABIDING enduring, continuing ABJECT miserable, pitiful

ABJURE to reject, abandon formally ABLUTION act of  ABNEGATE to deny, renounce

ABOLITIONIST one who opposes the practice of slavery

ABOMINATE to hate

ABORTIVE interrupted while incomplete ABRIDGE to condense. shorten

ABROGATE to abolish or invalidate by authority ABRUPT sudden, unexpected

ABSCOND to depart secretly ABSOLVE to forgive, free from blame

ABSTAIN to refrain deliberately from something ABSTEMIOUS moderate in appetite ABSTRACT (adj) theoretical; complex, difficult ABSTRUSE difficult to comprehend

ABUT to touch, to be in contact with ABYSS an extremely great depth ACCEDE to express approval; agree to

ACCESSIBLE attainable, available; approachable

ACCESSORY attachment, ornament; accomplice, partner

 praise

ACCOLADE praise, distinction ACCOMMODATING helpful

ACCORD to reconcile, come to an agreement ACCOST to approach and speak to someone ACCRETION growth in size or increase in amount ACCRUE to accumulate, grow by additions



ACERBIC bitter, sharp in taste or temper ACIDULOUS sour in taste or manner ACME highest point, summit ACQUIESCE to agree, comply quietly ACQUITTAL release from blame ACRID harsh, bitter

 bitterness, animosity ACUITY sharpness

 sharpness of insight ACUTE sharp, pointed ADAGE old saying or proverb

 uncompromising, unyielding ADAPT to accommodate, adjust

ADHERE to cling or to  without deviation  next to

ADJUNCT something added, attached, or joined ADMONISH to caution or reprimand

 skillful, accomplished, highly competent ADULATION high praise

ADULTERATE to corrupt or make impure

to sketch, outline in a shadowy way  favorable, useful ADVENTITIOUS accidental

ADVERSARIAL antagonistic, competitive unfavorable, unlucky, harmful

ADVOCATE to speak in favor of

having to do with the air

nook or nest built high in the air

AERODYNAMIC relating to objects moving through the air AESTHETIC pertaining to beauty or art

AFFABLE friendly, easy to approach AFFECTED (adj) pretentious, phony AFFINITY fondness, liking; similarity AFFLUENT rich, abundant AFFRONT (n) personal offense, insult

AGENDA plan, schedule

AGGRANDIZE to make larger or greater in power AGGREGATE (n) collective mass or sum; total AGGRIEVE to afflict, distress

AGILE well coordinated, nimble

AGITATION commotion, excitement; uneasiness AGNOSTIC one doubting that people can know God AGRARIAN relating to farming or rural matters  cheerful willingness,eagerness;speed

ALCHEMY medieval chemical philosophy based on quest to change metal into gold

ALGORITHM  problem-solving procedure ALIAS assumed name

ALIENATED distanced, estranged

ALIGNED precisely adjusted; committed to one side or



ALLAY to lessen, ease, or soothe ALLEGORY symbolic representation

 to relieve, improve partially

ALLITERATION repetition of the beginning sounds of words

ALLOCATION allowance, portion, share ALLURE (v) to entice by charm; attract ALLUSION indirect reference

ALLUSIVENESS quality of making many indirect references

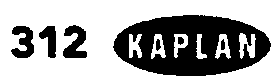
ALOOF detached, indifferent ALTERCATION noisy dispute

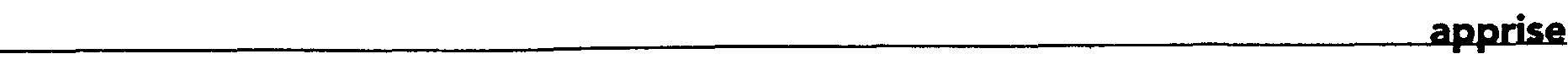
 unselfish concern for others' welfare  mixture, combination, alloy AMBIDEXTROUS able to use both hands equally well AMBIGUOUS uncertain; subject to multiple interpretations

AMBIVALENCE attitude of  conflicting emotions

AMBULATORY itinerant; related to walking around

to **make** better, improve





AMENABLE  cooperative AMEND to improve or correct  in

AMENITY pleasantness; something increasing comfort AMIABLE friendly, pleasant, likable

AMICABLE friendly, agreeable AMITY friendship

AMORAL unprincipled, unethical

AMOROUS strongly attracted to love; showing love AMORPHOUS having no definite form AMORTIZE to diminish by installment payments

AMPHIBIAN (n) creature equally at home on land or in water

AMPHITHEATER arena theater with ruing tiers around a

central open space

AMPLE abundant, plentiful AMPLIFY to increase, intensify

AMULET ornament worn as a charm against evil spirits ANACHRONISM something  inappropriate ANACHRONISTIC outdated

ANALGESIA a lesseningof pain ANALOGOUS comparable, parallel

ANARCHY absence of government or law; chaos ANATHEMA ban, curse; something shunned or disliked ANCILLARY accessory, subordinate, helping ANECDOTE short, usually funny account of an event ANGULAR characterized by sharp angles; lean and gaunt ANIMATION enthusiasm, excitement

ANIMOSITY hatred, hostility

ANNUL to cancel, nullify,  void, or make  invalid

ANODYNE something that **calms** or soothes pain ANOINT to apply oil to, as a sacred rite ANOMALY irregularity or deviation from the norm

ANONYMITY condition of having no name or an unknown name

ANTAGONIST foe, opponent, adversary

ANTECEDENT (adj) coming before in place or time

ANTEDATE dated prior to  actual occurrence ANTEDILUVIAN prehistoric, ancient beyond

measure

ANTEPENULTIMATE third from last

ANTERIOR preceding, previous, before, prior (to) ANTHOLOGY collection of literary works ANTHROPOMORPHIC  human  to

nonhumans

ANTIPATHY dislike, hostility; extreme opposition or aversion

ANTIQUATED outdated, obsolete

ANTIQUITY ancient times; the quality of being old or ancient

ANTITHESIS exact opposite or direct contrast APACE done 

APATHETIC indifferent, unconcerned APATHY lack of feeling or emotion APERTURE an opening or hole APHASIA inability to speak or words

APHELION point in a planet's orbit that is farthest from the sun

APHORISM old saying or short  statement APLOMB poise, confidence

APOCRYPHAL not genuine; 

APOSTATE (n) one who renounces a religious faith APOSTROPHE speech to the reader or someone not

present; a superscript sign  APOTHEGM a short, instructive saying APOTHEOSIS glorification; glorified ideal APPEASE to satisfy, placate, ***calm,***pacify

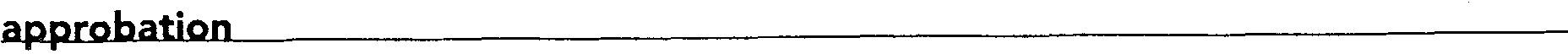
APPEND to attach

APPLAUSE praise

APPRAISE to evaluate the value of something APPREHENSION the act of comprehending; fear,

foreboding

APPRISE to give notice of; inform



APPROBATION praise; approval APPROPRIATE  to take possession of  belonging or living in water ARABLE suitable for cultivation

ARBITRARY depending  on individual will; inconsistent

ARBITRATOR mediator, negotiator ARBOREAL relating to trees;  in trees

ARBORETUM place where trees are displayed and studied ARCANE secret, obscure, known only to a few

ARCHAIC antiquated, from an earlier time; outdated ARCHIPELAGO large group of islands

 passionate, enthusiastic, fervent ARDOR great emotion or passion ARDUOUS extremely difficult, laborious ARID extremely dry or deathly boring ARRAIGN to call to court to answer a charge ARROGATE to demand, claim arrogantly ARSENAL ammunition storehouse

ARTICULATE (adj) well-spoken, expressing oneself clearly ARTIFACT historical relic, item made by human craft ARTISAN craftsperson; expert

ARTLESS open and honest ASCEND to rise or climb

ASCENDANCY state of rising, ascending; power or control ASCERTAIN to  discover, make certain of ASCETIC  self-denying, abstinent, austere

ASCRIBE to attribute to, assign ASHEN resembling ashes; deathly pale

ASININE lacking intelligence or sound judgment ASKANCE scornfully

ASKEW crooked, tilted

ASOCIAL unable or  to interact socially  harshness, roughness

ASPERSION false damaging report, slander

ASPIRE to have great hopes; to aim at a  ASSAIL to attack, 

ASSAY to analyze or estimate ASSENT  to express agreement ASSERT to affirm, attest

ASSIDUOUS diligent, persistent, hardworking

ASSIGNATION appointment for lovers' meeting; assignment

ASSIMILATION act of  in, becoming similar ASSONANCE resemblance in sound, especially in vowel

sounds; partial rhyme

ASSUAGE to make less severe, ease, relieve

ASTRAL exalted, elevated in position; relating to the stars ASTRINGENT harsh, severe, stem

ASTUTE having good judgment ASUNDER  into different 

ASYMMETRICAL not corresponding in size, shape, position, etcetera

ATONE to make amends for a wrong ATROCIOUS monstrous,  bad, wicked ATROPHY (v) to waste away, wither from disuse ATTAIN to accomplish, gain

ATTENUATE to make thin or slender; weaken ATTEST to testify, stand as proof of, bear witness AUDACIOUS bold, daring, fearless

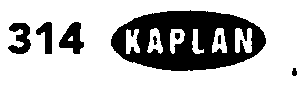
AUDIBLE capable of being heard

AUDIT (n) formal  of financial records AUDITORY having to do hearing

AUGMENT to expand, extend AUGURY (adj) prophecy, prediction of

AUGUST dignified, awe-inspiring, venerable AUSPICIOUS having favorable prospects, promising AUSTERE stern, strict, unadorned AUTHORITARIAN extremely  bossy AUTOCRAT dictator

AUTONOMOUS separate, independent



AUXILIARY supplementary, reserve AVARICE greed

AVENGE to retaliate, take revenge for an injury or crime AVER to dedare to be true, **affirm**

AVERSE being disinclined toward something

AVERSION intense dislike

AVERT to turn (something) away; prevent AVIARY large  housing birds AVOW to state openly or 

AWRY crooked, askew, amiss

AXIOM premix, postulate, self-evident truth

###### B

BACCHANALIAN drunkenly festive BALEFUL harmful, with evil intentions BALK  to refuse, shirk; prevent BALLAD folk song, narrative poem BALM soothing, healing influence BAN (v) to forbid, outlaw

BANAL trite and overly common

BANE something causing ruin, death, or destruction BANTER playful conversation

BASE being of low value or position BASTION fortification, stronghold

BAY (v) to bark. especially in a deep, prolonged way BEATIFIC appearing to be saintly, angelic

to make calm or still; keep motionless by lack of

wind

BECLOUD to confuse; darken with clouds BEGUILE to deceive, mislead; charm BEHEMOTH huge creature

BELABOR to insist repeatedly or harp on BELATED late

BELEAGUER to harass, plague

BELFRY bell tower, room in which a bell is hung

BELIE to misrepresent; expose as false

 to represent as unimportant, make light of BELLICOSE warlike, aggressive

BELLIGERENT hostile, tending to fight BELLOW to roar, shout

BEMUSE to confuse, stupefy; plunge deep into thought BENCHMARK standard of measure

BENEFACTOR someone giving aid or money BENEFICIAL advantageous

BENEFICENT kindly, charitable; doing good deeds; producing good effects

BENIGHTED unenlightened BENIGN kindly, gentle or harmless BENISON blessing

BENT a natural inclination toward something BEQUEATH to give or leave through a will; to hand down BERATE to  harshly

BEREAVED suffering the death of a loved one BESEECH to beg, plead, implore

BESMEAR to smear BESPATTER to spatter BESTIAL beastly, animal-like BESTOW to give as a gih

BETOKEN to indicate, signify, give evidence of BEVY group

prejudice. slant BIBLIOGRAPHY list of books BIBLIOPHILE book lover BICKER to have a petty argument BIFURCATE divide into two parts BILATERAL two-sided

BILIOUS bad-natured

to cheat, defraud

BILLET board and lodging for troops BIPED two-footed animal



BISECT to cut into two  equal) parts  to pale; take the color out of BLANDISH to coax with flattery BLASPHEMOUS cursing, profane, irreverent BLATAST glaring, obvious, showy

BLIGHT  to afflict, destroy

BLITHE joyful, cheerful, or without appropriate thought BLUDGEON to hit as with a short heavy club

BLUSTER to boast or make threats loudly BOISTEROUS rowdy, loud, unrestrained BOLSTER to support; reinforce

 using high-sounding but meaningless language

 extremely large amount; something profitable BONHOMIE good-natured geniality; atmosphere of good

cheer

BOOK blessing, something to be thankful for

BOOR crude person, one lacking manners or taste  scientist who  plants plentiful

BOUQUET a bunch of cut flowers

BOURGEOIS middle-class

 relating to cows

BRAZEN bold, shameless, impudent; of or like brass BREACH act of breaking, violation

the quality of being brief in time bandit, 

BROACH to mention or suggest for the first time

BROMIDE a dull, commonplace person ***or*** idea BRUSQUE rough and abrupt in manner BUFFET  to strike, hit

BUFFOON or fool

BULWARK defense wall; anything serving as defense BURGEON to sprout or flourish

BURLY brawny, husky

BURNISH to polish, make smooth and bright BURSAR treasurer

BUSTLE commotion, energetic activity

 person or thing that is object of ridicule BUTTRESS (v) to reinforce or support

back road



CABAL a secret group seeking to overturn something CACOPHONOUS jarring, unpleasantly noisy CADAVER dead body

CADENCE rhythmic flow of poetry; marching beat CAJOLE to flatter, coax, persuade

CALAMITOUS disastrous, catastrophic CALLOUS thick-skinned, insensitive CALLOW immature, lacking sophistication

CALUMNY false and malicious accusation, misrepresenta- tion, slander

CANARD a lie

CANDID frank or fair

CANDOR honesty of expression

CANNY smart; founded on common sense

CANONIZE to  a person a saint; raise to highest honors

 to examine  conduct a poll CAPACIOUS large, roomy;  CAPITULATE to submit completely, surrender

CAPRICIOUS impulsive,  without much thought

 physician specializing in diseases of the heart

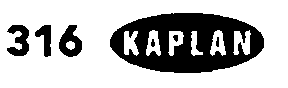
CAREEN to lean to one side

exaggerated portrait, cartoon 

CARNAL of the flesh

CARNIVOROUS meat-eating CAROM to strike and rebound

CARP **(v)** to  fault, complain constantly



CARTOGRAPHY science or art of making maps CAST  copy, replica

CAST (v) to **fling,** to throw

CASTIGATE to punish, severely CATACLYSMIC disastrous



CATALYST something causing change without being changed

CATEGORICAL absolute, without exception CATHARSIS purification, 

CATHOLIC universal; broad and comprehensive

CAUCUS  group within an organization; a meeting of such a group

 to make watertight

CAUSALITY cause-and-effect relationship CAUSTIC biting, sarcastic; able to burn CAVALCADE a procession

CAVALIER (adj) carefree, happy; with lordly disdain CAVIL to raise trivial objections

CAVORT to frolic, frisk

CEDE to surrender possession of something CELEBRITY fame, widespread acclaim CELERITY quick moving or acting CENSORIOUS severely critical

CENSURE to criticize or  fault with

CENTRIPETAL directed or moving toward the center

CERTITUDE assurance, certainty CESSATION temporary or complete CESSION act of surrendering something

CHAGRIN shame, embarrassment, humiliation CHALICE goblet, cup

CHAMP (v) **chew** noisily CHAMPION (v) to defend or support CHAOS confusion

 extremely disorderly CHARLATAN quack, fake

CHARM compelling attractiveness CHARY watchful, cautious, extremely shy

to punish, discipline, xold  piece of personal property

CHAUVINIST someone prejudiced in the belief of their  superiority

CHEEKY lacking prudence or discretion

CHERUBIC sweet, innocent, resembling a cherub angel CHICANERY trickery, fraud, deception

CHIDE to xold, express disapproval

CHIMERICAL fanciful, imaginary, visionary; impossible CHOICE (adj) specially selected, preferred

CHOLERIC easily angered, short-tempered CHORTLE to chuckle

CHROMATIC relating to color

CHRONICLER one who keeps records of historical events CHURLISH rude

CIRCUITOUS roundabout

CIRCUMFERENCE boundary or distance around a circle or sphere

CIRCUMLOCUTION roundabout, lengthy way of saying something

CIRCUMNAVIGATE to sail completely around CIRCUMSCRIBE to encircle; set limits on, confine CIRCUMSPECT cautious, wary

CIRCUMVENT to go around; avoid CISTERN tank for rainwater CITADEL fortress or stronghold

polite; relating to citizens CMLITY courtesy, politeness

CLAIRVOYANT (adj) having ESP, psychic CLAMOR (n) noisy outcry

CLAMOR (v) to make a noisy outcry

CLANDESTINE secretive, concealed for a darker purpose CLARITY dearness; clear understanding

 fear of small,  places



CLEAVE to split or separate; to stick, cling, adhere CLEMENCY  leniency

CLEMENT mild

CLOISTER  to confine, seclude CLOYING indulging to excess

COAGULATE to clot or change from a liquid to a solid COALESCE to grow together or cause to unite as one CODDLE to baby, treat indulgently

COERCE to compel by force or intimidation COFFER strongbox, large chest for money

COGENT logically forceful, compelling, convincing COGNATE related, similar, akin

 mental process by which knowledge is acquired

COGNOMEN family name; any name, especially a



COHABIT to live together

COHERENT intelligible, lucid, understandable COLLATE to arrange in an order COLLATERAL accompanying

COLLECTED acting calm and composed COLLOQUIAL characteristic of informal speech

 dialogue or conversation, conference  collaboration, complicity, conspiracy COMELINESS physical grace and beauty

COMMEND to compliment, praise COMMENSURATE proportional

 fee payable to an agent; authorization COMMODIOUS roomy, spacious

COMMONPLACE ordinary, found every day COMMUNICABLE transmittable

COMMUTE to change a penalty to a less severe one COMPATRIOT fellow countryman

COMPELLING (adj) having a powerful and irresistible effect

COMPENDIOUS summarizing completely and briefly

COMPENSATE to repay or reimburse

COMPLACENT self-satisfied, smug, affable COMPLAISANT agreeable, friendly

COMPLEMENT to complete, perfect COMPLIANT submissive and yielding

COMPLICITY knowing partnership in wrongdoing COMPOSED acting calm

COMPOSURE a calm manner or appearance

COMPOUND (adj) complex; composed of  parts COMPOUND (v) to combine, add to

COMPRESS (v) to reduce, squeeze COMPULSIVE obsessive, fanatic

 feeling guilty or having misgivings

COMPUNCTION feeling of uneasiness caused by guilt or regret

CONCATENATE linked together CONCAVE curving inward

CONCEDE to yield, admit

 to envision, imagine

CONCERN a matter of importance or worthy of consideration

CONCERTO musical composition for orchestra and



CONCILIATORY overcoming distrust or hostility CONCOMITANT accompanying something

CONCORD agreement CONCUR to agree

CONDONE to pardon or forgive; overlook, justify, or excuse a fault

CONDUIT tube, pipe, or similar passage CONFECTION something sweet to eat CONFISCATE to appropriate,  CONFLAGRATION big, destructive fire

CONFLUENCE meeting place; meeting of two streams CONFOUND to baffle, perplex

CONGEAL to become thick or solid, as a liquid freezing







CONGENIAL similar in and habits CONGENITAL existing since birth CONGLOMERATE collected group of varied things CONGRESS formal meeting or assembly CONGRUITY correspondence, harmony, agreement CONJECTURE speculation, 

CONJOIN to join together CONJUGAL pertaining to marriage CONJURE to **evoke** a spirit, cast a spell CONNIVE to conspire, scheme

CONNOISSEUR a person with refined taste CONSANGUINEOUS same origin; related by blood

governed by conscience;careful and

thorough

CONSECRATE to declare sacred; dedicate to a goal CONSENSUS unanimity,  of opinion or attitude CONSEQUENTIAL important

CONSIDERABLE significant, worth considering CONSIGN to commit, entrust

CONSISTENT containing no  being harmonious

CONSOLATION something providing comfort or solace for a loss or hardship

CONSOLIDATE to combine, incorporate CONSONANT (adj) consistent with, in agreement with CONSTANT completely uniform and unchanging CONSTITUENT component, part; citizen, voter CONSTRAINED forced, compelled; confined, restrained

CONSTRAINT something that forces or compels; some- thing that restrains or confines

CONSTRICT to inhibit CONSTRUE to explain or interpret

CONSUMMATE (adj) accomplished, complete, perfect CONSUMMATE (v) to complete,

CONTEND to battle, clash; compete

CONTENTIOUS quarrelsome,  belligerent

CONTINENCE self-control, self-restraint

 to deny or oppose

CONTRAVENE to contradict, deny, act contrary to CONTRITE deeply  and repentant for a wrong CONTUMACIOUS rebellious

CONTUSION bruise

CONUNDRUM riddle, puzzle or problem with no solution CONVALESCENCE gradual recovery after an  CONVENE to meet, come together, assemble CONVENTIONAL typical, customary, commonplace CONVEX curved outward

CONVIVIAL sociable; fond of eating, drinking, and people CONVOKE to call together, summon

CONVOLUTED twisted, complicated, involved

COPIOUS abundant, plentiful COQUETTE woman who flirts CORNUCOPIA abundance

CORPOREAL having to do with the body; tangible, material CORPULENCE obesity, fatness, bulkiness

CORRELATION association, mutual relation of two or more things

CORROBORATE to confirm, verify CORRODE to weaken or destroy

CORRUGATE to mold in a shape with parallel grooves and ridges

COSMETIC (adj) relating to beauty; affecting the surface of something

COSMOGRAPHY science that deals with the nature of the universe

COSMOPOLITAN sophisticated, free from local prejudices COSSET to pamper, treat with great care

COTERIE group of people with a common interest or pur- pose

COTERIE small group of persons with a similar purpose COUNTENANCE(n) facial expression; look of approval or

support

COUNTENANCE(v) to favor, support



COUNTERMAND to annul, cancel, make a contrary order COUNTERVAIL to counteract, to exert force  COVEN group of witches

COVERT hidden; secret

COVET to strongly desire something possessed by another COWER to cringe in fear

CRASS crude, unrefined CRAVEN cowardly

CREDENCE acceptance of something as true or CREDIBLE plausible, believable

CREDULOUS gullible, trusting CREED statement of belief or principle

CRESCENDO gradual increase in volume of sound CRINGE to shrink in fear

CRITERION standard for judging, rule for testing CRYPTIC puzzling

CUISINE characteristic style of  CULMINATION climax, final stage CULPABLE guilty, responsible for wrong CULPRIT guilty person

CUMULATIVE resulting from gradual increase CUPIDITY greed

CURATOR caretaker and overseer of an exhibition, esp. in a museum

CURMUDGEON cranky person CURSORY hastily done, superficial CURT abrupt, blunt

CURTAIL to shorten

CUTLERY cutting instruments; tableware CYGNET young swan

CYNIC person who distrusts the motives of others

**D**

DALLY to act playfully or waste time DAUNT to discourage, intimidate DEARTH lack, scarcity,insufficiency

DEBASE to degrade or lower in quality or stature DEBAUCH to corrupt, seduce from virtue or duty; indulge DEBILITATE to weaken, enfeeble

DEBUNK to discredit, disprove

DEBUTANTE young woman making debut in high society DECADENCE  or decay, deterioration

DECAMP to leave suddenly DECAPITATE to behead

DECATHLON athletic contest with ten events

DECIDUOUS losing leaves in the fall; short-lived, temporary

DECLIVITY downward slope

DECOROUS proper, tasteful,  correct DECORUM proper behavior, etiquette DECRY to belittle, openly condemn

DEFACE to mar the appearance of, vandalize DEFAMATORY slanderous, injurious to the reputation DEFAME to disgrace or slander

DEFECT an imperfection or 

DEFENDANT person required to answer a legal action or suit

DEFER to submit or yield DEFERENCE respect, honor

DEFERENTIAL respectful and polite in a submissive way DEFICIENT defective, not meeting a normal standard DEFILE to make  or dishonor

DEFINITIVE dear-cut,  or decisive DEFLATION decrease, depreciation DEFORM to  distort

 skillful, dexterous

DEFUNCT no longer **** extinct





DELECTABLE appetizing, delicious DELEGATE **(v)** to  **powers**to another

DELETERIOUS harmful, destructive, detrimental

DELINEATION depiction, representation DELTA tidal deposit at the mouth of a river DELUGE (n) **flood**

DELUGE  to submerge, overwhelm

DEMAGOGUE leader or rabble-rouser who usually uses appeals to emotion or prejudice

DEMARCATION borderline; act of defining or marking a boundary or distinction

DEMEAN to degrade, humiliate, humble DEMISE death

DEMOGRAPHICS data relating to study of human population

DEMOTE to reduce to a lower grade or rank DEMOTION lowering in **rank** or grade DEMUR to express doubts or objections

 to remove mystery from, clarify DENIGRATE to slur or  someone's reputation DENOUNCE to accuse, blame

DENUDE to  bare, uncover, undress DENUNCIATION public condemnation DEPICT to describe, represent DEPLETE to use up, exhaust

DEPLORE to expressor feel disapproval of; regret strongly DEPLOY to spread out strategically over an area

DEPOSE to remove from a high position, as from a throne DEPRAVITY sinfulness, moral corruption

DEPRECATE to belittle, disparage DEPRECIATE to lose value gradually DERANGED to be disturbed or insane DERIDE to mock, ridicule, make **fun** of DERISIVE expressing ridicule or scorn DERIVATNE copied or adapted; not   to originate; take from a certain source

DEROGATE to belittle, disparage DESCRY to  or  DESECRATE to abuse something sacred DESICCATE to dry completely, dehydrate DESIST to stop doing something

DESPONDENT feeling discouraged and dejected DESPOT tyrannical ruler

DESTITUTE very poor, poverty-stricken DESULTORY at random, rambling,  DETACHED separate, unconnected

DETER to discourage; prevent from happening DETERMINATE having defined limits; conclusive DETESTATION extreme hatred

DETRACTOR one who takes something away DETRIMENTAL causing harm or injury DEVIATE to stray, wander

DEVIATION departure, exception, anomaly DEVOID totally lacking

DEVOUT deeply religious

DEXTEROUS skilled physically or mentally DIABOLICAL fiendish; wicked

DIALECT regional style of speaking

DIAPHANOUS allowing light to show through; delicate DIATRIBE bitter verbal attack

DICHOTOMY division into two parts

DICTUM authoritative statement; popular saying DIDACTIC excessively instructive

DIFFER disagree

DIFFERENTIATE to distinguish between two items DIFFIDENCE shyness, lack of confidence DIFFRACT to cause to separate into parts, esp. light DIFFUSE widely spread out

DIGRESS to turn aside; to stray from the main point DILAPIDATED in disrepair, run-down, neglected DILATE to enlarge, swell, extend



DILATORY slow, tending to delay DILETTANTE an amateur

 relating to a flood DIMINUTIVE small

 discretion, tact DIRGE funeral hymn

DISABUSE to free from a misconception DISAFFECTED discontented and disloyal DISARRAY clutter, disorder

DISBAND to break up

DISBAR to expel from  profession DISBURSE to pay out

DISCERN to perceive something obscure  to deny, disavow

DISCLOSE to confess, 

DISCOMFIT to cause  and embarrassment DISCOMPOSE to disturb the composure or 

DISCONCERTING bewildering, perplexing, slightly disturbing

DISCONSOLATE unable to be consoled; extremely sad DISCORDANT harsh-sounding, badly out of tune DISCREDIT to dishonor or disgrace

DISCREDITED disbelieved, discounted; disgraced, dishonored

DISCREPANCY difference between DISCRETE distinct, separate

DISCRETIONARY subject to one's own judgment DISCURSIVE wandering from topic to topic DISDAIN to regard with scorn and contempt DISDAINFUL contemptuous, scornful DISENGAGED disconnected, disassociated DISGORGE to vomit, discharge violently DISHEVELED untidy, disarranged, unkempt DISINCLINED averse, unwilling, lacking desire DISINGENUOUS sly and crafty

DISINTEREST lack of interest or a disadvantage DISJOINTED lacking coherence or order, being separated DISPARAGE to belittle, speak disrespectfully about DISPARATE dissimilar, different in

DISPARITY contrast, dissimilarity

DISPASSIONATE free from emotion; impartial, unbiased to drive out or scatter

DISPENSE to distribute, administer

DISPENSE  to  the operation of, do without DISPERSE to break up,

 to dishearten, make dejected DISPUTE to debate, to quarrel

DISQUIETED being disturbed, lacking peace DISREGARD to neglect, pay no attention to



DISREPUTE disgrace, dishonor

DISSEMBLE to pretend, disguise one's motives DISSEMINATE to spread far and wide DISSENSION difference of opinion

 to disguise or put on a false appearance  to scatter; to pursue pleasure to excess DISSOCIATE to separate; remove from an association DISSONANT harsh and unpleasant sounding

DISSUADE to persuade someone to alter original intentions

DISTAFF the female branch of a family DISTEND to  inflate, bloat.

DISTRAUGHT very worried and distressed DISTRUST (n) disbelief and suspicion

DITHER (v) to move or act confusedly or  clear purpose

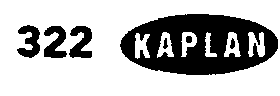
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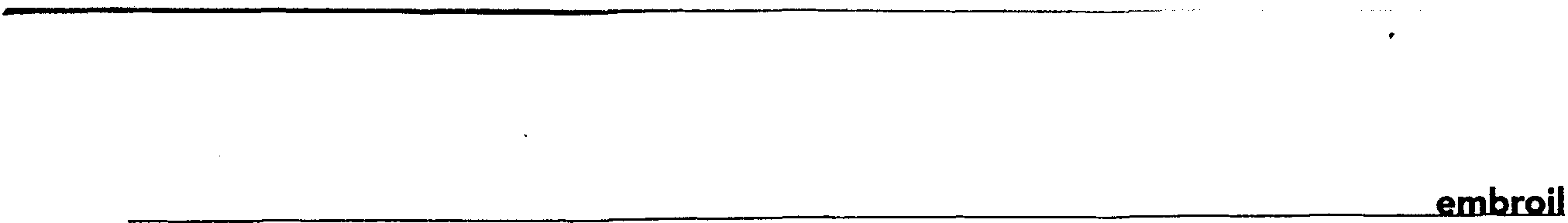
DIVERGE to move in different directions, to deviate from a source

DIVERSE differing

DIVERT to turn from one course to another DNEST to get rid of

DMNE (v) to  or know by inspiration





DMSIVE creating  or  DOCILE tame, willing to be taught

 rigidly devoted to theories DOGGED (adj) persistent, stubborn

DOGMATIC rigidly fixed in opinion, opinionated DOLDRUMS a period of despondency DOLEFUL sad, mournful

DOLOR sadness

DOLT idiot, dimwit, foolish person

DOMINEER to  over something in a  way DONOR benefactor, contributor

DORMANT at rest, inactive, in suspended animation DOTAGE senile condition, mental decline

DOTARD senile old person

DOTING excessively fond, loving to excess DOUGHTY courageous

DOUR sullen and gloomy; stern and

DOWRY money or property given by a bride to her husband

 (v) to plan, outline; to recruit, conscript DRAW to attract, to pull toward

DRIVEL stupid talk; slobber

DROLL amusing in a **wry.** subtle way

DROSS waste produced during metal smelting; garbage DUDGEON angry indignation

DULCET pleasant sounding, soothing to the ear DUMB unable to speak

DUPE (n) fool, pawn DUPE  to deceive, trick

DUPLICITY deception, dishonesty, double-dealing  strength, sturdiness

DURATION period of time that something lasts

DURESS threat of force or intimidation; imprisonment DWINDLE to shrink or decrease



DYSPEPTIC suffering from indigestion; irritable

E

**EARTHY**

EBB (v) to fade away, recede

 exhilarated,  of enthusiasm and high spirits ECLECTIC selecting from various sources

ECSTATIC joyful

EDDY air or wind current

EDICT law, command, official public order EDIFICE building

 to instruct morally and spiritually EDITORIALIZE to an opinion on an issue EFFACE to erase or make illegible EFFERVESCENT bubbly, 

EFFICACIOUS effective, efficient EFFIGY stuffed  likeness of a person

 outpouring of gases or vapors EFFRONTERY impudent boldness; audacity EFFULGENT brilliantly shining

 expressingemotion without restraint

EGOCENTRIC acting as if things are centered around oneself

EGREGIOUS conspicuously bad EGRESS exit

ELATION  joy

ELEGY mournful poem, usually about the dead  high in status, exalted

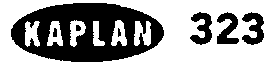
ELICIT to draw out, provoke ELOQUENCE fluent and effective speech

 to explain, clarify

 skinny, scrawny, gaunt, esp. from hunger  to set free, liberate

 to ornament, make attractive with decoration or details; add details to a statement

 to steal money in violation of a trust  to involve in; cause to fall into disorder





EMEND to correct a text

EMINENT celebrated, distinguished; outstanding, towering EMOLLIENT having soothing qualities, esp. for skin EMOTIVE appealing to or expressing emotion

EMPATHY identification with another's feelings EMULATE to copy, imitate

ENCHANT to charm or attract

ENCIPHER to translate a message into code ENCOMIUM warm praise

ENCORE additional performance, often demanded by audience

ENCUMBER to hinder, burden, restrict motion

 belonging to a particular area, inherent ENDOGAMOUS marrying within a specific group due to

law or custom

ENDURANCE ability to withstand hardships ENERVATE to weaken, sap strength from ENGENDER to produce, cause, bring about ENIGMATIC  inexplicable

ENJOIN to urge, order, command; forbid or prohibit, as  judicial order

ENMITY hostility, antagonism,  ENNUI boredom, lack of interest and energy ENORMITY state of being gigantic or terrible ENSCONCE to settle comfortably into a place

ENSHROUD to cover, enclose with a dark cover ENTAIL to involve as a necessary result, necessitate ENTHRALL to captivate, enchant, enslave

ENTICE to lure or tempt

ENTITY something with its own existence or form ENTOMOLOGIST scientist who studies insects ENTREAT to plead, beg

ENTRENCHED established solidly ENUMERATE to count, list, itemize ENUNCIATE to pronounce clearly EON  long period of time

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EPHEMERAL momentary, transient, fleeting EPICURE person with refinedtaste in food and wine EPIGRAM short, witty saying or poem

EPIGRAPH quotation at the beginning of a literary work EPILOGUE concluding section of a literary work 

EPITHET an abusive word or phrase

 representative of an entire group; summary EPOCHAL very significant or  defining an epoch

or time period

EQUANIMITY calmness, composure EQUESTRIAN (n) one who rides on horseback EQUINE relating to horses

EQUITABLE fair EQUITY justice, fairness

EQUIVOCAL ambiguous, open to two interpretations

EQUIVOCATE to **use** vague or ambiguous language intentionally

ERADICATE to erase or wipe out

ERODE to diminish or  over a period of time ERRANT straying, mistaken, 

ERRATIC wandering and unpredictable ERRONEOUS in error; mistaken ERSATZ fake

ERUDITE learned, scholarly

ESCALATE to increase the intensity or scope of ESCHEW to abstain  avoid

ESOTERIC understood only by a learned few ESPOUSE to support or advocate; to marry ESTIMABLE admirable

ESTRANGE to alienate, keep at a distance  hungry, greedy

ETHEREAL not earthly, spiritual. delicate

ETHICAL moral, abiding by an accepted code of conduct

ETHOS beliefs or character of a group

ETYMOLOGY origin and history of a word; study of words







EULOGY high praise, often in a public speech EUPHEMISM use of an inoffensive word or phrase in place

of a more distasteful one

EUPHONY pleasant, harmonious sound EUPHORIA feeling of well-being or happiness EURYTHMICS art of harmonious bodily movement

EUTHANASIA mercy killing; intentional, easy and painless death

EVADE to avoid, dodge

EVANESCENT momentary, transitory, short-lived EVICT to put out or force out

EVIDENT clear, able to be understood EVINCE to show clearly, display, signify

EVOKE to inspire memories; to produce a reaction EXACERBATE to aggravate, intensify the bad qualities EXALT to glorify, to elevate

EXASPERATION irritation

EXCERPT  selection from a book or play

 to bar from membership in the church EXCORIATE to denounce

EXCRUCIATING agonizing, intensely painful EXCULPATE to clear of blame or fault EXECRABLE utterly detestable

  as an example, commendable

EXHILARATION state of being energetic or filled with happiness

EXHORT to urge or incite  strong appeals EXHUXIE to remove from a grave; uncover a secret EXIGENT urgent; excessively demanding EXONERATE to clear of blame

EXORBITANT extravagant, greater than reasonable EXORCISE to expel evil spirits

EXOTIC foreign; romantic, excitingly strange EXPANSIVE sweeping, comprehensive; tending to expand EXPATIATE to wander; to discuss or describe at  EXPATRIATE  one who lives outside one's native land

EXPATRIATE (v) to drive someone from hislher native land EXPEDIENT (adj) convenient, efficient, practical

EXPIATE to atone for, make amends for EXPIRE to come to an end; die; breathe out EXPLICABLE capable of being explained

EXPLICIT clearly defined, specific; forthright in expression EXPLODE to debunk, disprove; blow up, burst EXPONENT one who champions or advocates

EXPOUND to elaborate; to expand or increase EXPUNGE to erase, eliminate completely EXPURGATE to censor

EXTEMPORANEOUS unrehearsed, on the spur of the moment

EXTENUATE to lessen  strength, or effect of EXTINCTION end of a living thing or species

EXTOL to praise

EXTORT to obtain something by threats EXTRANEOUS irrelevant, unrelated, unnecessary EXTRAPOLATE to estimate

 outermost or farthest point EXTRICATE to free from, disentangle, free

EXTRINSIC not inherent or essential, coming from without EXTROVERT an outgoing person

EXUBERANT lively, happy, and full of good spirits EXUDE to give off, ooze

EXULT to rejoice

F

FABRICATE to make or devise; construct

 constructed, invented; faked, falsified FACADE face, front; mask, superficial appearance FACETIOUS witty in an inappropriate way

FACILE very easy FACILITATE to aid, assist

FACILITY aptitude, ease in doing something





FACSIMILE an exact copy

 wrong, unsound, illogical FALLIBLE capable of failing

FALLOW uncultivated, unused FAMINE extreme scarcity of iood

FANATICISM extreme  to a cause FARCICAL absurd, ludicrous FASTIDIOUS careful with details

FATHOM (v) to measure the depth of, gauge; to understand FATUOUS stupid; foolishly 

FAULT break in a rock formation; mistake or error FAWN  to flatter  seek the favor of FAZE to bother, upset, or disoncert

 intense loyalty

FEASIBLE possible, capable  being done FECKLESS ineffective, careless, irresponsible FECUSD fertile, fruitful, productive

 union of  union of several states, each of which retains local power

FEIGN to pretend, give a false impression; to invent   excitable, easily draw into quarrels

FELICITOUS suitable, appropriate; well-spoken  feeling great happiness

FELL (v) to chop, cut down FELL cruel

FERVID passionate, intense zealous FETID foul-smelling, putrid FETTER to bind, chain, confine

FEUD a prolonged quarrel between families FEY otherworldly; doomed

 disaster, utter failure FICKLE unreliable

 fictional,  FIDELITY loyalty

FIENDISH excessively bad or cruel

 to steal



FILIAL appropriate for a child

FILIBUSTER use of  tactics in a legislative assembly to prevent adoption of a measure

FINESSE refinement or skill at a task or in a situation FINICKY fuss); difficult to please

 process of splitting into two parts FISSURE a crack or break

FITFUL intermittent, irregular FIXITY being  or stable FLACCID limp, flabby,  FLAG to loose energy and strength

FLAGRANT outrageous, shameless

FLAIR a natural inclination toward something FLAMBOYANT flashy. garish; exciting, dazzling

 combustible, being easily burned FLAUXT to show off

FLEDGLING young bird just learning to fly; beginner, novice

 disrespectful, casual FLORA plants

FLORID gaudy, extremely ornate; ruddy, flushed FLOUNDER to falter, waver; to muddle, struggle FLOUT to treat  scorn

FLUCTUATE to alternate,

FLURRIED to become agitated and confused 

FLUSTER to agitate or confuse FODDER material; feed for animals

FOIBLE minor weakness or character flaw FOIL **(v)** to defeat, frustrate

FOIST to pass off as genuine FOLIATE to grow, sprout leaves FOMENT to arouse or incite

FORAGE to  in search of food FORBEARANCE patience, restraint, leniency



FORD (v) to cross a body of water at a  place

FOREBODING dark sense of  to come FORECLOSE to rule out; to seize debtor's property for

of payments

FORENSIC relating to legal proceedings; relating to debates FORENSICS study of argumentation and debate FORESTALL to prevent, delay; anticipate

FORETHOUGHT anticipation, foresight FORFEND to prevent

FORGO to go without, refrain from

FORLORN dreary, deserted; unhappy; hopeless, despairing; pitiful in appearance

FORMULATE to conceive, devise; to draft, plan; to express, state

FORSAKE to abandon, withdraw from

FORSWEAR to repudiate, renounce, disclaim, reject FORTE (n) strong point, something a person does FORTNIGHT two weeks

FORTUITOUS happening by luck, fortunate FOSTER (v) to nourish, cultivate, promote

FOUNDATION groundwork, support; institution estab- lished by donation to aid a certain cause

FOUNDER (v) to fall helplessly; sink FRACAS noisy dispute

FRACTIOUS unruly, rebellious

FRAGMENTATION division, separation into parts, disorga- nization

FRANK honest and straightforward FRATRICIDE the killing of a brother or sister FRAUD deception, hoax

FRAUDULENT deceitful, dishonest, unethical FRAUGHT full of, accompanied by FRENETIC wildly frantic, frenzied, hectic

FRENZIED feverishly fast, hectic, and confused FRIVOLOUS petty, trivial;



FROND 

FRUGAL. thrifty; cheap FULMINATE to explode with anger

FULSOME excessive, overdone,  abundant FUNEREAL  appropriate to a  FUROR rage, fury

FURTIVE secret, stealthy

FUSION process of merging things into one

## G

GAINSAY to deny

GALL (n) bitterness; careless nerve

(v) to exasperateand irritate GALLANT a very fashionable young man  to dance or skip around playfully

GAME  courageous GARGANTUAN giant, tremendous

to gather and store GARRULOUS very talkative GAUCHE crude, socially awkward

GAUCHERIE a tactless or awkward act GAUNT thin and bony

GAVEL mallet used for commanding attention GENRE type,  category

GENTEEL stylish, elegant in manner or appearance

 relating to old age or the process of aging GERMINATE to begin to grow (as in a seed or idea) GESTATION growth process from conception to birth GIBE (v) to make heckling, taunting remarks

GIRTH distance around something

GLIB fluent in an insincere manner; offhand, casual GLOBAL involvingthe entire world; relating to a whole GLOWER to glare, stare angrily and intensely GLUTTONY eating and  to excess

GNARL to make knotted, deform GNOSTIC having to do with knowledge





 to prod or urge

GOSSAMER something light, delicate, or tenuous GOUGE scoop out; extort

GRADATION process occurring by regular degrees or stages; variation in color

GRANDILOQUENCE pompous talk, fancy but meaningless language

GRANDIOSE magnificent and imposing;  and pretentious

GRANULAR having a grainy texture

GRASP (v) to perceive and understand; to hold securely GRATIS free, costing nothing

GRATUITOUS free, voluntary; unnecessary



 something given voluntarily, tip GREGARIOUS outgoing, sociable

GRIEVOUS causing  or serious and distressing  facial expression showing pain or disgust  dirty, filthy

GROSS    flagrant

GROSS (n) total before deductions

 to humble oneself in a demeaning way GRUBBY  sloppy

GUILE trickery, deception GULLIBLE easily deceived

GUSTATORY relating to sense of taste GYRATE to move in a circular motion

#### H

HABITAT dwelling place HACKNEYED worn out by over-use HAIL to greet with praise

HALLOW to make holy; treat sacred HAMLET  village

HAPLESS unfortunate, having bad 

 a pompous speech

HARBINGER precursor, sign of something to come

HARDY robust, vigorous

HARMONY accord, tranquillity, agreement HARROWING extremely distressing, terrifying HASTEN to hurry, to speed up

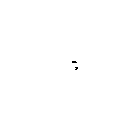
HAUGHTY arrogant and condescending HEADLONG recklessly

HEADSTRONG reckless; insisting on one's own way HEATHEN pagan; uncivilized and irreligious HECTIC hasty, hurried, confused

HECTOR a bully, 

HEDONISM pursuit of pleasure as a goal

HEGEMONY leadership, domination, usually by a country HEIGHTEN to raise

HEINOUS shocking, wicked, terrible

 semicircular form or structure

 bleeding HEMORRHAGE  to bleed heavily



HERETICAL opposed to an established religious  HERMETIC tightly sealed

HETERODOX unorthodox, not widely accepted

HETEROGENEOUS composed of unlike parts, different, diverse

HEW to cut with an **ax**

HIATUS a gap or a break

HIDEBOUND excessively rigid; dry and stiff  to hamper

HINDSIGHT perception of events after they happen

HINTERLAND wilderness

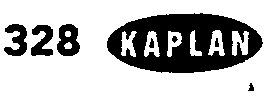
HOARY very  whitish or gray from age

HOLISTIC emphasizing importance of the whole and inter- dependence of its parts

HOLOCAUST widespread destruction,  by fire HOMAGE public honor and respect

HOMOGENEOUS composed of identical parts

HOMONYM word identical in pronunciation but different in meaning



HONE to sharpen

HONOR  to praise, glorify, pay  to HUMANE merciful, 

HUSBAND (v) to farm; manage carefully and thriftily HUTCH pen or coop for animals; shack, shanty  to add water to

HYGIENIC clean, sanitary

HYMN religious song,  of praise or thanks HYPERBOLE purposeful exaggeration for effect HYPERVENTILATE to breathe abnormally fast HYPOCHONDRIA unfounded belief that one is often

HYPOCRITE person  beliefs or virtues he or she doesn't really possess

HYPOTHERMW abnormally low body temperature HYPOTHESIS assumption subject to proof

HYPOTHETICAL theoretical, speculative

IMMUNE exempt; protected from harm or disease; unresponsive to

IMMUNOLOGICAL relating to immune system IMMURE to imprison

IMMUTABLE unchangeable, invariable to damage, injure

 blocked path, dilemma with no solution IXIPASSIONED with passion

 showing no emotion

IMPEACH to charge with misdeeds in public office; accuse IMPECCABLE flawless, without fault

 poor, having no money IMPEDIMENT barrier, obstacle; speech disorder IMPERATIVE essential; mandatory

IMPERIOUS arrogantly self-assured, domineering, over- bearing

#### I

ICONOCIAST one who attacks traditional beliefs

 pursuit of noble goals

 rude

not capable of being disturbed PERVIOUS impossible to penetrate; incapable of being

affected

IDIOSYNCRASY peculiarity of temperament, eccentricity IGNOBLE dishonorable, not noble in character

 disgraceful and dishonorable

 an ignorant person ILK type or kind

ILLICIT  improper ILLIMITABLE limitless ILLUSORY unreal, deceptive ILLUSTRIOUS famous, renowned

IMBUE to infuse; dye, wet, moisten IMMACULATE spotless; free from error

IMMATERIAL extraneous, inconsequential, nonessential; not consisting of matter

 enormous, huge

 to bathe, dip; to engross, preoccupy  not moveable;still

 quick to act without thinking

IMPIOUS not devout in religion

IMPLACABLE inflexible,  of being pleased IMPLANT to set securely or deeply; to instill IMPLAUSIBLE improbable, inconceivable

 to involve in a crime, incriminate  implied, not directly expressed IMPOLITIC

IXIPORTUNE to ask repeatedly, beg IMPOSE to inflict, force upon

 dignified, grand

IMPOTENT  ineffective,lacking strength  to seize and confine

to make poor or bankrupt IMPRECATION curse

IMPREGNABLE totally safe from attack, able to resist defeat







IMPRESSIONABLE easily  or affected IMPROMPTU spontaneous, without rehearsal IMPROVIDENT without planning or foresight, negligent IMPRUDENT 

 arrogant and rude IMPUGN to call into question, IMPULSE sudden tendency, IMPULSIVE spontaneous, unpredictable INADVERTENTLY 



INANE foolish, silly, lacking significance

INAUGURATE to begin or start officially; to induct into office

INCANDESCENT shining brightly INCARCERATE to put in jail; to  INCARCERATION imprisonment INCARNADINE blood-red in color

 having bodily form

INCENDIARY combustible, flammable, burning easily INCENSE **(v)** to infuriate, enrage

INCEPTION beginning

INCESSANT continuous, never ceasing INCHOATE just begun; disorganized

INCIPIENT beginning to exist or appear; in an initial stage INCISIVE perceptive, penetrating

INCLINATION tendency towards

 comprehensive, all-encompassing INCOGNITO in disguise, concealing one's identity INCOMMUNICADO lacking a means to communicate INCONCEIVABLE impossible, unthinkable INCONGRUOUS incompatible, not harmonious

 unimportant, trivial INCONTROVERTIBLE unquestionable, beyond dispute INCORRIGIBLE incapable of being corrected INCREDULOUS skeptical, doubtful

INCULCATE to teach, impress in the mind

INCULPATE to blame, charge a crime



INCUMBENT (adj) holding a specified office, often political; required, obligatory

INCURSION sudden invasion INDEFATIGABLE never tired INDEFENSIBLE inexcusable, unforgivable INDELIBLE permanent, not erasable

 bound to another by contract INDICATIVE showing or pointing out, suggestive of INDICT to accuse formally, charge with a crime INDIGENOUS native, occurring naturally in an area  very poor

INDIGNANT angry, incensed, offended INDISPUTABLE not disputed, unquestioned INDOLENT habitually  idle

INDOMITABLE fearless, unconquerable  INDUBITABLE unquestionable

INDUCE to persuade; bring about INDUCT to place  in  INDULGE to give in to a craving or desire

INDUSTRY business or trade; diligence, energy INEBRIATED drunk, intoxicated

INEPT clumsy, awkward

INERT unable to move, tending to inactivity INESTIMABLE too great to be estimated INEVITABLE certain,  INEXORABLE inflexible,  INEXTRICABLE incapable of being disentangled INFALLIBLE incapable of making a mistake INFAMY reputation for bad deeds

INFANTILE childish, immature

INFATUATED strongly or foolishly attached to, inspired with foolish passion, overly in love

INFER to  deduce INFERNAL hellish, diabolical









INFILTRATE to pass secretly into enemy territory INFINITESIMAL extremely tiny

INFIRMITY disease, ailment

INFNNGE to encroach, trespass; to transgress, violate  to anger, provoke, outrage INFURIATING provoking anger or outrage INGENIOUS original, clever, inventive

INGENUOUS  open; naive and unsophisticated

INGLONOUS lacking fame or honor, shameful INGRAINED an innate quality,deep-seated INGRATE ungrateful person

INGRATIATE to bring oneself purposely into another's good graces

INGRESS entrance

INHIBIT to hold back, prevent, restrain INIMICAL hostile, unfriendly INIQUITY sin, evil act

INITIATE to begin, introduce; to enlist, induct INJECT to force into; to introduce into conversation INJUNCTION command, order

 causing injury INKLING hint; vague idea INNATE natural, inborn

INNATENESS state of being natural or inborn INNOCUOUS harmless; inoffensive INNOVATE to invent, modernize, revolutionize

INNUENDO indirect and subtle criticism, insinuation

INNUMERABLE too many to be counted INOFFENSIVE harmless,

INOPERABLE not operable; incurable by surgery INQUEST investigation; court or legal  INQUISITIVE curious

INSATIABLE never satisfied

INSCRUTABLE impossible to understand 

INSENTIENT unfeeling, unconscious INSIDIOUS sly, treacherous, devious INSINUATE to suggest, say  imply INSIPID bland, Lacking flavor; lacking excitement INSOLENT insulting and arrogant

INSOLUBLE not able to be solved or explained INSOLVENT bankrupt, unable to pay one's debts INSTIGATE to incite, urge, agitate INSUBSTANTIAL modest, insignificant INSUFFICIENCY lacking in something INSULAR isolated, detached

INSUPERABLE insurmountable, unconquerable INSURGENT (adj) rebellious, insubordinate

rebellion INTEGRAL central, indispensable INTEGRATED unified

INTEGRITY decency,honest; wholeness INTEMPERATE not moderate

ISTER to bury

INTERDICT to forbid, prohibit INTERJECT to interpose, insert

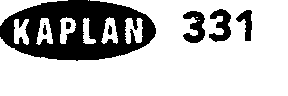
INTERLOCUTOR someone taking part in a dialogue INTERLOPER trespasser; meddler in others' affairs INTERMINABLE endless

INTERMITTENT starting and stopping INTERNECINE deadly to both sides

INTERPOLATE to insert; change by adding new words or material

INTERPOSE to insert; to intervene INTERREGNUM interval between reigns INTERROGATE to question formally

INTERSECT to divide by passing through or across INTERSPERSE to distribute among, mix with INTERSTICE a space between things INTIMATION clue, suggestion





 not easily managed INTRAMURAL within an institution like a school

**J**

 tired by excess or overuse; slightly cynical



reconciled

uncompromising, refusing to be

JANGLING clashing, jarring; harshly unpleasant (in sound)

JARGON nonsensical  specialized language

INTREPID fearless

INTRIGUED interested, curious INTRINSIC inherent, internal

INTROSPECTIVE contemplating one's thoughts and feelings

 someone given to self-analysis  trespass, invasion of another's 

instinctive, untaught

to cover with water; overwhelm INURE to harden; accustom; become used to INVALIDATE to negate or 

constant, not changing

INVECTIVE  abuse protest strongly

 ceremony conferring authority

confirmed, long-standing, deeply

rooted

INVIDIOL'S likely to provoke ill  offensive INVINCIBLE invulnerable, unbeatable INVIOLABLE safe from violation or assault  to  upon, request help

IOTA very tiny amount IRASCIBLE easily angered IRIDESCENT showing many colors

IRRESOLVABLE unable to be resolved; not  IRREVERENT disrespectful

IRREVOCABLE conclusive, irreversible

ITINERANT wandering from place to place, unsettled ITINERARY route of a traveler's 

  discoloration of skin

JAUNDICED affected by jaundice; prejudiced or embittered JETTISON to cast off, throw cargo overboard

 to shift suddenly from one side to the other  belligerent support of one's country  jovial, playful, humorous

JUBILEE special anniversary

 sensible, showing good judgment

JUGGERNAUT huge force in its path   point where are joined



 philosophy of law JUVENILE young or childish acting JUXTAPOSITION side-hy-side placement

##### K

KEEN  a sharp edge; intellectually sharp, perceptive

KERNEL innermost, essential part: seed grain, often in a shell

KEYNOTE note or tone on which a musical key is founded; main idea of a speech, program, etcetera

KINDLE to set fire to or ignite; excite or inspire

KISETIC relating to motion; characterized by movement fate

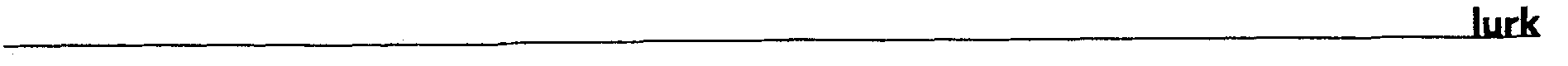
KNELL sound of a funeral  omen of death or failure KUDOS fame, glory, honor

#### L

 maze LACERATION cut or wound LACHRYMOSE tearful

LACKADAISICAL idle,  apathetic, indifferent LACKLUSTER dull





LACONIC using few words LAGGARD dawdler, loafer, **lazy** person LAMBASTE disapprove angrily LAMENT (v) to deplore, grieve

LAMPOON (v) to attack with satire, mock harshly LANGUID lacking energy, indifferent, slow LANGUOR listlessness

LAP  to drink using the tongue; to wash against LAPIDARY relating to precious stones

LARCENY theft of property LARDER place where food is stored LARGESS generosity; gift

organ containing cords LASCIVIOUS lewd, lustful LASSITUDE lethargy,  LATENT present but hidden; potential

LATITUDE freedom of action or choice LAUDABLE  of praise LAVISH to give plentiful amounts of LAXITY carelessness

LEERY suspicious LEGERDEMAIN trickery LEGIBLE readable

LEGISLATE to decree, mandate,  laws LEGITIMATE adhering to the law, rightful LENIENT easygoing, permissive LETHARGY indifferent inactivity LEVITATE to rise in the air or cause to rise LEVITY humor, frivolity, gaiety

LEXICON dictionary, list of words

LICENSE freedom to act

LICENTIOUS  unrestrained by society

LIEN  to possess and the property of a debtor LIMPID clear and simple; serene; transparent LINEAGE ancestry

LINGUISTICS study of language

LINIXIENT medicinal liquid used externally to ease pain LIONIZE to treat as a celebrity

LISSOME easily flexed, limber, agile LISTLESS lacking energy and enthusiasm

LITERAL word for word; upholding the exact meaning of a word

LITERATE able to read and write; well-read and educated

LITHE  and bending ease;  LITIGATION lawsuit

LIVID discolored from bruise; reddened with anger LOATHE to abhor, despise, hate

 movement from place to place LODGED fixed in one position

LOFTY noble, elevated in position LOGO corporate symbol

LOITER to stand around idly LOQUACIOUS talkative

LOW (v) to make a sound like a cow, moo LUCID clear and easily understood LUDICROUS laughable, ridiculous LUGUBRIOUS sorrowful, mournful

LULL to soothe

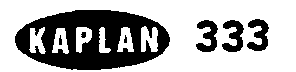
LUMBER (v) to move slowly and 

LUMINARY  object; celebrity; source of inspiration

LIBERAL tolerant, broad-minded; generous, lavish LUMINOUS bright, brilliant, glowing LIBERATION freedom, emancipation LUNAR relating to the moon

LIBERTARIAN one who believes in unrestricted freedom harshly shocking, sensational; glowing

one without moral restraint LURK to prowl, sneak LIBIDINOUS lustful



LUSCIOUS very good-tasting LUXURIANCE elegance, lavishness

 suitable for poetry and song; expressing feeling

###### M

 gruesome, producing horror  plot or scheme

 art of prolonging life by  diet of

organic, substances

MACROCOSM system regarded as an entity with subsystems

MANUMISSION release from slavery MAR to damage, deface; spoil MARGINAL barely sufficient MARITIME relating to the sea or sailing

MARTIAL warlike, pertaining to the military

 strict disciplinarian, one rules



MARTYR person dying for  beliefs MASOCHIST one who enjoys pain or humiliation MASQUERADE disguise; action that conceals the truth

MATERIALISM preoccupation with material things







grudge



whirlpool; turmoil; agitated state of

generous, noble in spirit  or  person

extent, greatness of size chief support

clumsy, tactless illness

humorous misuse of a

discontented person, one who holds a

curse

evd-doer; 

ill-wdled; causing evil or harm to others



to  to work spite, hatred

to evade  by  to be

MATRICULATE to enroll as a member of a college or university

MATRILINEAL tracing ancestry through mother's line rather than father's

MAUDLIN overly sentimental

MAVERICK a person who resists adherence to a group MAWKISH sickeningly sentimental

MEAGER scanty, sparse

MEANDER to wander aimlessly without direction MEANINGFUL significant

MEDDLER person  in others'  MEDIEVAL relating to the Middle Ages

MEGALITH huge stone used in prehistoric structures

MEGALOMANIA mental state  delusions of wealth and power

MELANCHOLY sadness, depression MELODIOUS having a pleasing melody

MALLEABLE capable of being shaped MALNUTRITION undernourishment MALODOROUS foul-smelling MANDATORY necessary, required MANIFEST  

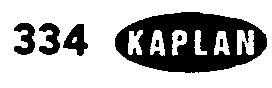
MANIFOLD diverse, varied, comprised of many parts MANNERED artificial or stilted in character MANUAL (adj) hand-operated; physical

MELODY pleasing musical sounds; tune

MENAGERIE various animals kept together for exhibition

MENDACIOUS dishonest MENDACITY a lie, falsehood MENDICANT beggar

MENTOR experienced teacher and  adviser MERCENARY (adj) motivated only by greed



MERCENARY (n) soldier for hire in foreign countries MERCURIAL quick, shrewd, and unpredictable MERETRICIOUS gaudy, falsely attractive

MERIDIAN  passing through the two poles of the earth

MERITORIOUS deserving reward or praise METAMORPHOSIS change, 

METAPHOR figure of speech comparing two different things

METICULOUS extremely  fastidious, painstaking METRONOME time-keeping device used in music  courageousness; endurance

MICROBE microorganism

MICROCOSM tiny system used **as** analogy for larger system MIGRATORY wandering from place to place with the

seasons

MILITATE to operate against, work against MILLENNIUM one thousand years MINATORY menacing, threatening MINIMAL smallest in amount, least possible MINUSCULE very 

MIRTH frivolity, gaiety, laughter MISANTHROPE person who hates human beings MISAPPREHEND to misunderstand, fail to know

MISCONSTRUE to misunderstand, fail to discover MISCREANT one who behaves criminally MISERLINESS extreme stinginess

MISGIVING apprehension, doubt, sense of foreboding MISHAP accident; misfortune

MISNOMER an incorrect name or designation MISSIVE note or letter

MITIGATE to soften, or make milder

MNEMONIC relating to memory; designed to assist memory

MOBILITY ease of movement MOCK (v) to deride, ridicule

MODERATE (adj) reasonable, not extreme

MODERATE (v) to make less excessive, restrain; regulate MODICUM a small amount

MOLLIFY to  or make less severe MOLLUSK sea animal with a soft body

MOLT (v) to shed hair, skin, or an outer layer periodically MOMENTOUS important

MONASTIC extremely plain or seduded, as in a monastery MONOCHROMATIC having one color



MONOGAMY custom to one person at a time

MONOLITH large block of stone

MONOLOGUE dramatic speech performed by one actor MONOTONY lack of variation; wearisome sameness MONTAGE composite picture

  previously decided

MORBID gruesome; relating to disease; abnormally gloomy  caustic, biting

MORDANT sarcastic MORES customs or manners MORIBUND dying, decaying

MOROSE gloomy, sullen, or surly MORSEL small bit of food MOTE small particle, speck

MOTLEY many-colored; composed of diverse parts MOTTLE to mark with spots

MULTIFACETED having many parts, many-sided MULTIFARIOUS diverse

MUNDANE worldly; commonplace MUNIFICENT generous MUNITIONS ammunition MUTABILITY changeability MUTE unable to speak

 near-sighted

MYRIAD immense number, multitude



NADIR lowest point

NAIVE lacking sophistication

 a lack of worldly wisdom  account, story

 starting to develop, coming into existence NATAL relating to birth

NEBULOUS vague, cloudy

 black magic NEFARIOUS vicious, evil NEGLIGENT careless, inattentive NEGLIGIBLE not worth considering

 a formidable, often victorious opponent  new word or expression

newborn child

 novice, beginner  located under or below

KETTLE  to irritate

 disinterest, impartiality  to balance, offset

elegant or delicate feature; minute distinction NICHE recess in a wall; best position for something  stingy

 trifle, petty

belief that existence and all traditional values are meaningless

NOBLE illustrious, moral

 pertaining to night; active at night NOISOME stinking, putrid

moving from place to place

NOMENCLATURE terms used in a particular science or discipline

NOMINAL existing in name  negligible

NON SEQUITUR conclusion not  from apparent evidence

 unconcerned, indifferent

NONDESCRIPT lacking interesting or distinctive qualities; dull

NONENTITY an insignificant person NOTORIETY fame; unfavorable fame  apprentice, beginner

 period of being a beginner or novice  harmful, unwholesome

NUANCE shade of meaning

to make legally invalid; to counteract the effect of NUMISMATICS coin collecting

NUPTIAL relating to marriage NUTRITIVE relating to nutrition or health

## 0

OBDURATE stubborn

OBEISANCE a show of respect or submission

OBFUSCATE to confuse, obscure  OBJURGATE scold

 accommodating, agreeable OBLIQUE indirect, evasive; misleading, devious OBLITERATE demolish completely, wipe out OBLIVIOUS unaware, inattentive

OBLOQUY abusive language;  repute OBSCURE (adj) dim, unclear; not well known OBSCURITY place or thing that's hard to perceive OBSEQUIOUS overly submissive, brownnosing OBSEQUY funeral ceremony

OBSESSIVE preoccupying, all-consuming OBSOLETE no longer in use OBSTINATE stubborn

OBSTREPEROUS troublesome, boisterous, unruly OBTRUSNE pushy, too conspicuous

OBTUSE insensitive, stupid, 

OBVIATE to make unnecessary; to anticipate and prevent OCCLUDE to shut, block



ODIOUS hateful, contemptible OFFICIOUS too helpful, meddlesome OFFSHOOT branch

OMINOUS menacing, threatening, indicating misfortune OMNIPOTENT having unlimited power

OMNISCIENT  infinite knowledge OMNIVOROUS eating everything; absorbing everything ONEROUS burdensome

ONTOLOGY theory about the nature of existence OPALESCENT iridescent, displaying colors

OPAQUE impervious to light;  to understand  functioning, working

OPINE to express an opinion OPPORTUNE appropriate. fitting

OPPORTUNIST one who takes advantage of circumstances OPPROBRIOUS disgraceful, contemptuous

OPTIMUXI the most favorable degree OPULENCE wealth

ORACLE person who foresees the future and gives advice ORATION lecture, formal speech

ORATOR lecturer, speaker ORB spherical body; eye

ORCHESTRATE to arrange music for performance; to coordinate, organize

ORDAIN to make someone a priest or minister; to order ORIFICE an opening

ORNITHOLOGIST scientist who studies birds OROTUND pompous

OSCILLATE to move back and forth OSSIFY to turn to bone; to become rigid OSTENSIBLE apparent OSTENTATIOUS showy

 exclusion, temporary banishment OUSTER expulsion, ejection OVERABUNDANCE excess, surfeit

OVERSTATE to embellish, exaggerate OVERT in the open, obvious

OVERTURE musical introduction; proposal, offer

OVERWEENING arrogant

OVERWROUGHT agitated, overdone 

## P

PACIFIC  peaceful PACIFIST one opposed to war

PACIFY to restore calm, bring peace  a song of praise or thanksgiving PALATIAL like a palace,  PALAVER idle talk

PALEONTOLOGY  of past geological eras through fossil remains

PALETTE board for mining  range of colors PALISADE fence made up of stakes

PALL (n) covering that darkens or obscures; coffin PALL  to lose strength or interest

PALLIATE to make less serious, ease PALLID lacking color or liveliness PALPABLE obvious, real, tangible

PALPITATION trembling, shaking, irregular beating PALTRY pitifully small or worthless

PANACEA cure-all PANACHE flamboyance,

PANDEMIC spread over a whole area or country PANEGYRIC elaborate praise; formal hymn of praise PANOPLY impressive array

PANORAMA broad view; comprehensive picture PARADIGM ideal example, model

PARADOX contradiction, incongruity; dilemma,  PARADOXICAL  but true PARAGON model of excellence or perfection

 supreme, dominant, primary

PARAPHRASE to reword, usually in simpler terms PARASITE person or animal that lives at another's expense PARCH to dry or shrivel

PARE to trim PARIAH outcast PARITY 

PARLEY discussion, usually enemies PAROCHIAL. of limited scope or outlook, provincial PARODY humorous imitation

PAROLE conditional release of a prisoner PARRY to ward off or deflect .

PARSIMONY stinginess PARTISAN (adj) biased in of

 (n) strong supporter

PASTICHE piece of literature or music imitating other



 (adj) obvious, unconcealed

 (n) official document right to an invention



 fatherhood; descent from father's ancestors PATHOGENIC causing disease

PATHOS pity, compassion PATRICIAN aristocrat PATRICIDE murder of one's father

PATRIMONY inheritance or heritage derived from one's father

PATRONIZE to condescend to, disparage; to buy from PAUCITY scarcity, lack

PAUPER very poor person

PAVILION tent or light  used for shelter or exhibitions

PECCADILLO minor sin or offense PECULATION theft of money or goods PEDAGOGUE teacher

PEDANT one who pays undue attention to book learning and rules; one who displays learning ostentatiously

PEDESTRIAN (adj) 

PEDIATRICIAN doctor specializing in children and their ailments

PEDIMENT triangular gable on a roof or facade PEER (n) contemporary, equal, match PEERLESS unequaled

 having bad connotations; disparaging PELLUCID transparent; translucent; easily understood PENANCE voluntary suffering to repent for a wrong PENCHANT inclination

PENDING (prep) during, while 

PENITENT expressing sorrow for sins or offenses, repentant PENSIVE thoughtful

 next to last PENUMBRA partial shadow PENURY extreme poverty PERAMBULATE walk about

 discerning, able to perceive  complete and utter loss; damnation PEREGRINATE to wander from place to place PEREMPTORY imperative; dictatorial

PERENNIAL present throughout the years; persistent PERFIDIOUS faithless, disloyal, untrustworthy PERFUNCTORY done in a routine way; PERIHELION point in orbit nearest to the sun PERIPATETIC moving from place to place PERIPHRASTIC containing too many words PERJURE to tell a lie under oath

PERMEABLE penetrable PERNICIOUS very harmful PERPETUAL endless,  PERPETUITY continuing  PERPLEXING  bewildering

PERSONIFICATION act of attributing human qualities to objects or abstract qualities



PERSPICACIOUS shrewd, astute, keen-witted PERT lively and bold

PERTINACIOUS persistent. stubborn PERTINENT applicable, appropriate

 disturbance PERUSAL close examination

present throughout

PERVERT **(v)** to cause to change in immoral way; to misuse PESTILENCE epidemic, plague

PETTISH fretful

PETULANCE rudeness, peevishness

PHALANX massed group soldiers, people, or things

 pursuer of casual love affairs PHILANTHROPY love of humanity; generosity to worthy

  person, someone  appreciation for art or culture

PHILOLOGY study of words PHLEGLI coldness or 

  in temperament; sluggish  horror

  immortal bird that for 500

burns itself to death, and rises from its ashes PHONETICS study of speech sounds

PHONIC relating to sound

petty, of little  trivial

PIETY

PILFER to steal

PILLAGE to loot,  during a war PILLORY ridicule and abuse

 peak, highest point of development PIOUS dedicated, devout, extremely religious

PIQCE fleeting feeling of hurt pride

PITHY profound, substantial; concise, succinct, to the point PITTANCE meager amount or wage

PLACATE to soothe or pacify PLACID calm

PLAGIARIST one who steals words or ideas PLAINTIFF injured person in a lawsuit

 expressing sorrow PLAIT to braid

loud sound; wailing sound  flexible; pliable

PLATITUDE stale, overused expression PLAUDIT applause

PLEBEIAN crude, vulgar; low-class PL abundance, plenty PLETHORA excess, overabundance

  yielding

to pull strings on musical instrument  courageous, spunky

to fall, plunge

PLCRALISTIC including a variety of groups

PLY  to use diligently; to engage; to join together relating to air; worked by compressed air

 to steal game or fish; cook in boiling liquid

 or lectern for orchestra conductors **or**

speakers

POIGNANT emotionally moving

POLAR relating to a geographic pole; exhibiting



 to tend towards opposite extremes

  argument; verbal attack POLITIC shrewd and practical; diplomatic POLYGLOT speaker of many languages  self-important

PONDEROUS weighty,  large PONTIFICATE to speak in a pretentious manner PORE  to study closely or meditatively POROUS full of holes, permeable to liquids



PORTENT omen PORTLY stout, dignified

 to put in position; to suggest an idea POSTERIOR bottom, rear

POSTERITY future generations; all of a person's descendants

POTABLE drinkable

 monarch or ruler  great  POVERTY lacking money or possessions

  moved by facts rather than abstract ideals

PRATTLE meaningless, foolish talk PRECARIOUS uncertain PRECEPT principle;

PRECIPICE edge, steep overhang

(adj) sudden and unexpected

PRECIPITATE **(v)** to throw a height; to cause to happen



 hasty too little caution PRECIS short summary of facts



PREPONDERANCE majority in number; dominance PREPOSSESSISG attractive, engaging, appealing PREPOSTEROUS absurd, illogical

PRESAGE to foretell, indicate in advance

 having foresight

PRESCRIBE to set  a rule; to recommend a treatment

 premonition, sense of foreboding PRESTIDIGITATION sleight of hand PRESUMPTUOUS rude,  bold

 showy, self-important PRETEXT excuse, pretended reason

 widespread

to lie, evade  truth ancient, primitive

 original, existing  the beginning PRISTINE untouched, uncorrupted

 of usual necessities or comforts PROBITY honesty, 

tendency, inclination

 state of being

PRECLUDE to rule out

exactness



done

putting something that must be

PRECOCIOUS unusually advanced at an early age PRECURSOR forerunner, predecessor

PREDATOR one that preys on others, destroyer, plunderer  to decide in advance

 difficult situation

PREDICATE  to found or base on

relating to prediction, indicative of the future PREDILECTION preference, 

PREDISPOSITION tendency, inclination PREEMINENT celebrated, distinguished

PREFACE introduction to a book; introductory remarks to a speech

PREMEDITATE to consider, plan beforehand PREMONITION forewarning: presentiment

PROCRASTISATOR one continually and unjustifiably postpones

PROCURE to obtain

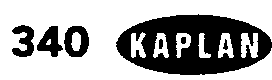
PRODIGAL  extravagant, lavish PRODIGIOUS vast, enormous, extraordinary PROFASE impure; contrary to religion; sacrilegious PROFICIENT expert, in a certain subject PROFLIGATE corrupt, degenerate

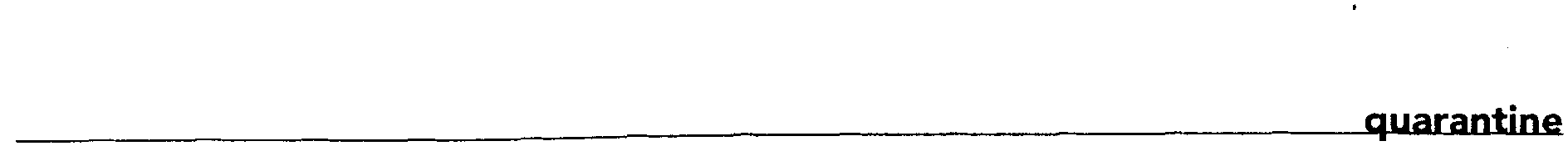
PROFUNDITY great depth PROFUSE lavish, extravagant

PROGENITOR originator, forefather, ancestor in a direct line

 offspring, children

PROGNOSIS prediction of disease outcome; any prediction PROGNOSTICATE to predict





PROGRESSIVE favoring progress or change; moving



PROLIFERATION propagation, reproduction; enlargement, expansion

PROLIFIC productive, fertile PROLIX tedious; wordy

PROLOGCE  section of a literary work or play

  of  or rock its surroundings



 to make  publicly to breed

PRL'DE one who is excessively proper or modest PRUDENT careful, cautious

PRURIENT lustful, exhibiting lewd desires PRY to intrude into; force open

PSECDONYM pen name; fictitious or borrowed name

 (adj) having to do with the mind; perceptive of nonmaterial, spiritual forces

PCDGY chubby, overweight PCERILE childish, immature, silly  boxing

 quarrelsome, eager and ready to fight

PROPESSITY inclination.





 to win over. appease





supporter

 beauty

PCLL'ERIZE to pound, crush, or grind into  destroy to pound, beat

  in observing  of behavior or



  to prose; dull, commonplace to forbid. outlaw



 ordinary  used in everyday speech  person  initiates a or suit  to to a  belief or religion  flat on the ground  main character in a play or story. hero   assuming different forms or characters PROTESTATION declaration



 ceremony and manners observed by diplomats

 an authority or critic

PCSGENT strong or sharp in smell or taste  having to do with punishment  process of cleansing, purification PCRGE (v) to cleanse or free from impurities

 adhering to a rigid moral code PCRPORT to profess, suppose, claim

 cowardly PUTRID rotten

###### Q

 to prolong.  something that sticks  prudent, 



skill



one who falsely to have

four-sided polygon animal having four 

prudent, lucky

 rustic, unsophisticated, limited in scope  cause, incitement to act or respond   skill

 nearness

  to as substitute for another

QCAFF to drink heartily

 marsh; difficult situation  to provide with needed skills;



  difficulty

 isolation period, originally 40 days, to prevent spread of disease

QUATERXARY consisting of or relating to four units or members

QUELL to crush or subdue

QUERULOUS inclined to complain, irritable QUERY (n) question

QUIBBLE to argue about insignificant and irrelevant details QUICKEN to hasten, arouse, excite

QUIESCENCE inactivity, stillness QUIESCENT inactive, at rest

QUINTESSENCE most  example; concentrated essence

QUIVER (v) to shake slightly, tremble, vibrate QUIXOTIC overly idealistic, impractical

QUOTIDIAN occurring daily; 

R

RACONTEUR witty, skillful storyteller RADICAL (adj) fundamental; drastic RAGING violent, wild

 (v) to scold with bitter or abusive language RAILLERY lighthearted jesting

RALLY (v) to assemble; recuperate RAMBLE (v) to roam, wander; to babble, digress

RAMIFICATION implication, outgrowth, or consequence RAMPANT unrestrained

RAMSHACKLE  to collapse RANCID spoiled, rotten

RANCOR bitter hatred

RANT to harangue, rave, forcefully scold RAPACIOUS greedy; predatory

RAPPORT relationship of trust and respect

RAPPROCHEMENT having a cordial relationship RAPT deeply absorbed

RAREFY to make thinner, purer, or more refined RASH (adj)  **hasty,** reckless

RATIFY to approve  confirm

RATIOCINATION methodical, logical reasoning RATION (n) portion, share

RATION (v) to supply; to restrict consumption of RATIONAL logical, reasonable

RATIONALE line of reasoning

 harsh-sounding; boisterous RAVAGE to destroy, devastate RAVENOUS extremely hungry RAVINE deep, narrow gorge

 vulgar, coarse

RAZE to tear down. demolish

REACTIONARY (adj) marked  extreme conservatism,  in politics

 irritating; repellent REBUFF  blunt rejection REBUKE  to reprimand, scold

REBUT to refute by evidence or argument RECALCITRANT resisting  or control

RECANT to retract a statement, opinion, etcetera

RECAPITULATE to review with a summary 

RECEPTIVE open to others' ideas; congenial RECIDIVISM tendency to repeat  behavior RECIPROCATE to show or feel in return RECLUSIVE shut off from the world

RECONDITE relating to obscure learning;  to only a



to describe facts or RECREANT disloyal; cowardly



RECRUIT  to draft, enlist; to seek to enroll RECTIFY to correct

RECTITUDE moral uprightness RECURRENCE repetition

REDRESS (n) relief from wrong or injury REDUNDANCY unnecessary repetition REFECTORY room where meals are served



REFLECTION image, likeness; opinion, thought, impression REFORM  to change, correct

REFRACT to detlect sound or light REFRACTORY obstinately resistant REFUGE escape, shelter REFURBISH to renovate

REFUTE to contradict, 

REGAL magnificent, splendid, fit for royalty REGARD high esteem

REGIMES government  systematic plan

REGRESS to move backward; to an earlier form or state

 to restore to good health or condition;  a person's good reputation

REITERATE to say again, repeat REJOISDER response

REJWESATE to make young again; renew

RELEGATE to assign to a class, especially to an inferior one RELENT to become gentler in attitude

RELINQCISH to renounce or surrender something RELISH  to enjoy greatly

 capable of being corrected REXIEDY  to cure, correct REMINISCENCE remembrance of past events  lessening, relaxation

to send  money) as payment REMONSTRATE to protest or object REMOTE



pay or reward for work, trouble, etcetera RENASCENT reborn, coming into being again

RENEGADE traitor, person abandoning a cause RENEGE to go back on one's word

RENITENT resisting pressure, obstinate

 give up or reject a right, etcetera



fame,  acclaim

RENT (adj) torn apart REPAST meal or mealtime

REPEAL to revoke or  withdraw (often a law) REPEL to rebuff, repulse; disgust, offend

REPENT to regret a past action REPENTANT apologetic, REPLETE abundantly supplied REPLICATE to duplicate, repeat REPOSE relaxation, leisure



REPREHEND to criticize

REPREHENSIBLE blameworthy, disreputable REPRESS to restrain or hold in

REPRESSION act of restraining or holding in REPRISE repetition, esp. of a piece of music REPROACH  to find fault with; blame REPROBATE morally unprincipled person REPROVE to criticize or correct REPUDIATE to reject as having no authority REPULSE to repel, fend  sicken, disgust

 hymns or religious service for the dead REQUITE to return or repay

RESCIND to repeal, cancel

RESIDUE remainder, leftover, remnant

RESILIENT able to recover quickly after illness or bad luck; able to bounce back into shape

RESOLUTE determined; with a clear purpose

determination, firmness of purpose RESOLVE (v) to conclude, 



RESONATE to echo RESPIRE to breathe RESPITE interval of relief

RESPLENDENT splendid, brilliant

RESTITUTION act of compensating for loss or damage RESTIVE impatient, uneasy, restless

RESTORATIVE having the power to renew or revitalize

 controlled, repressed, restricted RESUSCITATE to revive, bring back to life RETAIN to hold, keep possession of

RETARD  to  hold back

RETICEST not speaking freely; reserved

 group of attendants  an important person shy, modest, reserved

RETORT cutting response RETRACT to draw in or take back RETRESCH to regroup, reorganize

to bring, fetch; reclaim  applying to an earlier time

RETROGRADE having a  motion or direction RETROSPECTIVE looking back to the past

boisterous festivity  to worship, regard   to backslide, regress

to criticize with harsh language, verbally abuse to renew;  energy to

REVOKE to annul, cancel, call back

 strong feeling of repugnance or dislike RHAPSODY emotional literary or  work

RHETORIC persuasive use of language

 regular pattern or variation of sounds and stresses

RIBALD humorous in a



RIDDLE  to make holes in; permeate widespread, prevalent; abundant

an open space; to divide RIGHTEOUS morally right RIPOSTE a retort

 bordering on being inappropriate or indecent ROBUST strong and healthy; hardy

ROCOCO very,  ornamented to disturb or cause disorder

ROOT **(v)** to dig with a snout (like a pig) ROOTED to have an origin or base

 stage for  speaking ROTUND round in shape; fat

RUE to regret RUFFLED irritated

 to contemplate, reflect upon RUSTIC rural

## S

SACCHARINE excessively sweet or sentimental SACROSANCT extremely sacred; beyond criticism SAGACIOUS shrewd, wise

SALACIOUS lustful

SALIENT prominent or conspicuous sickly yellow in color

SALUBRIOUS healthful SALUTATION greeting

 permission, support;  SANCTUARY haven, retreat



SANGUINE ruddy; cheerfully optimistic SAP  to weaken gradually

SAPIENT wise

 cynical, scornfully mocking to sat 

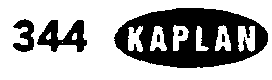
to amble; in a  manner

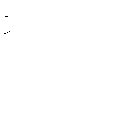
learned person

agreeable in taste or smell SCABBARD sheath for sword or dagger

SCABROUS dealing with indecent things; blemished SCALE **(v)** to climb to the top of

SCANTINESS barely enough, meager SCARCITY not enough, insufficient SCATHING harshly critical; painfully hot SCENARIO plot outline; possible situation





 a division or separation; disharmony SCINTILLA very small amount SCINTILLATE to sparkle, 

SCION descendent, child SCOFF to deride, ridicule

SCORE  notation for a musical composition SCORE  to make a notch or scratch SCRIVENER professional copyist SCRUPULOUS restrained; careful and precise SCRUTINY careful observation

SCURRILOUS vulgar, low. indecent

SECANT straight line intersecting a curve at two points

SHARD piece of broken glass or potterv SHEEPISH timid, meek, or 

SHIRK to avoid a task due to laziness or fear

SIDLE to cause to turn sideways; to move along one side SIGNIFY denote, indicate; symbolize

  relating to apes  to smirk, smile foolishly

 lacking in knowledge or intelligence  fake,  to look

SINCERE genuine, true

SINECURE well-paying job or  that requires little or no 

SECEDE to withdraw formally from an organization SECLUDED isolated and remote

SECTARIAS narrow-minded; relating to group or sect SECULAR not specifically pertaining to  SEDENTARY inactive,  sluggish

SEDITION behavior promoting rebellion SEISMOLOGY science ot earthquakes

  to the beginning or seeds of something SENESCENT aging, growing old

SENSUAL  or gratifying the senses; suggesting sexuality

SENTENTIOUS having a moralizing tone SENTIENT aware, conscious,  to perceive SEPULCHRAL typical of a place of burial SEQUEL anything that follows

SEQUESTER to remove or set apart; put into seclusion SERAPHIC angelic, pure, sublime

SERENDIPITY habit of making fortunate discoveries by chance

SERENITY calm, peacefulness SERPENTINE serpentlike;  winding SERRATED saw-toothed, notched

SERVILE submissive, obedient

 to burn slightly, scorch  winding; intricate, complex SKEPTICAL doubtful. questioning

 to move in a stealth?,or cautious sneak SLAKE to calm down or moderate

SLIGHT to treat as unimportant; insult SLIPSHOD careless, hasty

SLOTH sluggishness, laziness SLOUGH to  or shed  untidy, messy SLUGGARD  inactive person

to melt metal in order to refine it



 obscene, indecent SNIPPET tiny part, tidbit SOBRIETY 

SOBRIQUET nickname

SODDEN thoroughly soaked; saturated

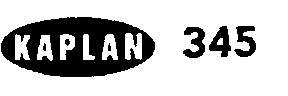
 visit, stay

SOLACE comfort in distress; consolation

 room or glassed-in area exposed to the sun  grammatical mistake

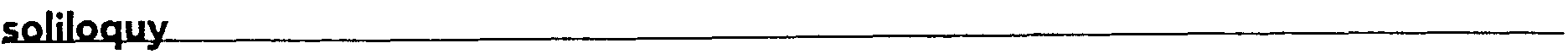
SOLICITOUS concerned, attentive; eager

SOLIDARITY unity based on common aims or interests







SOLILOQW literary or dramatic speech by one character, not addressed to others

SOLIPSISM belief that the self is the only reality SOLSTICE shortest or longest day of the year SOLUBLE capable of being solved or dissolved SOMBER dark and gloomy; melancholy, dismal

 sleepwalker SOMNOLENT drowsy, sleepy; inducing sleep SONIC relating to sound

SONOROUS producing a full, rich sound SOPHIST person good at arguing deviously SOPHISTRY  reasoning or argumentation SOPHOMORIC immature and overconfident SOPORIFIC sleepy or tending to cause sleep SORDID filthy; contemptible and corrupt SOVEREIGN having supreme power

SPARTAN austere, severe, grave; simple, bare SPAWN to generate, produce

SPECIOUS deceptively attractive

SPECULATION contemplation; act of taking business  for financial gain

SPECULATIVE involving assumption; theoretical SPLENDID grand, illustrious

 on the spur of the moment, impulsive SPORADIC infrequent, irregular

SPORTIVE frolicsome, playful SPRIGHTLY  animated, energetic SPUR  to prod

SPURIOUS lacking authenticity; counterfeit, false SPURN to  or refuse contemptuously; scorn SQUABBLE quarrel

SQUALID filthy; morally repulsive SQUANDER to waste

STACCATO marked by abrupt, clear-cut sounds STAGNANT immobile, stale

STAID self-restrained to the point of  STALK  to hunt, pursue

STALWART strong, unwavering STAND  group of trees STARK bare, empty, vacant

 motionless state; standstill STATELY grand, unapproachable STEADFAST immovable STEADY stable, unfaltering STENTORIAN extremely loud

STIFLE to smother or suffocate; suppress STIGMA mark of disgrace or inferiority STILTED stiff, unnatural

STINT (n) period of time spent doing something STINT  to be sparing or frugal

STIPEND allowance; fixed amount of money paid regularly STOCKADE  area forming defensive

STOIC indifferent to or unaffected by emotions STOLID having or showing little emotion STRATAGEM trick designed to deceive an enemy  to arrange into layers

STRIATE striped, grooved

STRICTURE something that restrains; negative criticism STRIDENT loud, harsh, unpleasantly noisy STRINGENT imposing severe, rigorous standards STRIPLING an adolescent boy

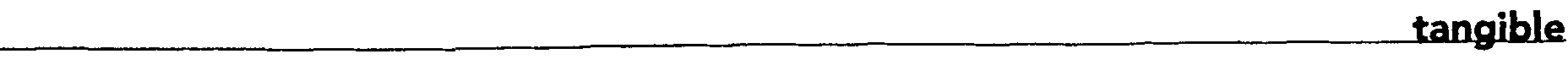
STULTIFY to impair or reduce to uselessness  having arrested growth or development STUPEFY to  the senses of; stun, astonish STYLIZE to fashion, formalize

 to block or thwart

SUAVE smoothly gracious or polite; blandly ingratiating SUBDUED suppressed, 

SUBJECTION dependence, obedience, submission SUBJUGATE to conquer, subdue; enslave





SUBLIMATE to repress impulses

SUBLIME awe-inspiring; of high spiritual or  value SUBLIMINAL subconscious; imperceptible SUBMISSIVE tending to be meek and submit SUBPOENA notice ordering someone to appear in court SUBSEQUENT following in time or order SUBSTANTIAL important, real

SUBTERFUGE trick or tactic used to avoid something SUBTERRANEAN hidden, secret; underground

to detect or describe; perceptive SUBVERT to undermine or corrupt SUCCINCT terse, brief, concise

SUCCULEST juicy; full of vitality or freshness SUFFERABLE bearable

 one who advocates extended voting rights SULLEN brooding, gloomy

SULLY to soil, stain, tarnish; taint

 lavish, splendid

 excessive

 too old, obsolete, outdated SUPERCILIOUS arrogant,  overbearing,

condescending

SUPEREROGATORY nonessential SUPERFICIAL hasty; shallow and phony SUPERFLUOUS extra, more than necessary SUPERSEDE to take the place of; replace

SUPERVISE to direct or oversee the work of others  to replace, substitute

SUPPLE



SUPPLICANT one who  humbly and earnestly SUPPOSITION assumption

SURFEIT excessiveamount SURLY rude and bad-tempered

 to make an educated guess  to conquer, overcome

SURPASS to do better than, be superior to SURPLUS

SURREPTITIOUS characterized by secrecy SURVEY (v) to examine in a comprehensive way SUSCEPTIBLE vulnerable, unprotected SUSPEND to defer, interrupt; dangle, hang SUSTAIN support, uphold; endure, undergo SUSTENANCE supplying the necessities of life SWARTHY having a dark complexion

SYBARITE person devoted to pleasure and  SYCOPHANT self-serving flatterer, yes-man SYLLABUS outline of a course

SYMBIOSIS cooperation, mutual helpfulness

 meeting with short presentations on related topics

SYNCHRONOUS happening at the same time SYNCOPATIOS temporary  in musical rhythm SYNOPSIS plot summary

SYNTHESIS blend, combination SYNTHETIC artificial, imitation

###### T

TABLEAU vivid description, striking incident or scene TACIT silently understood or implied

TACITURN uncommunicative, not inclined to speak much TACTFUL  in dealing with others

TACTILE relating to the sense of touch  to spoil or infect; to stain honor

TAINTED stained, tarnished; corrupted, poisoned TALISMAN something producing a magical effect TALON claw of an animal, esp. a bird of prey  acting as a group or in partnership  sharp flavor or odor

TANGENTIAL digressing, diverting

TANGIBLE able to be sensed; perceptible, measurable







TANTAMOUNT  in value or significance; amounting to

TARNISHED corroded, discolored; discredited, disgraced TAM7DRY gaudy, cheap, showy

TAXONOMY science of classification

TECHNOCRAT strong believer in technology; technical  TEETER to waver or move unsteadily

recklessness

TEMPERANCE restraint, self-control, moderation  moderated, restrained

TEMPESTUOUS stormy, raging, furious

TEMPORAL relating to time; chronological TENABLE defensible, reasonable

TENACIOUS stubborn, holding firm TENDENTIOUS biased

TENET belief, doctrine

TENSILE capable of withstanding physical stress   insubstantial

TEPID lukewarm; showing little enthusiasm

concluding, final; fatal TERMINAL  depot, station



TERRESTRIAL earthly; down-to-earth, commonplace TERSE concise, brief, free of extra words TESTAMENT statement of belief; will

 statement testifying to a truth; something given in tribute to a person's achievement

TETHER  to bind, tie

government by priests representing a god THEOLOGY study of God and religion

THEORETICAL abstract

THERAPEUTIC medicinal

THESAURUS book of synonyms and antonyms

THESIS theory or hypothesis; dissertation or long written composition

THRALL a person in servitude, enslaved THRENODY a sad poem or song

THWART to block or prevent  happening; frustrate TIDINGS news

TIMOROUS timid, shy, full of apprehension TINGE to color slightly

long violent speech;  assault TITAN person of colossal stature or achievement TOADY flatterer, hanger-on, yes-man

TOLERANCE  to respect different values; capacity to endure or resist something

TOME book, usually large and academic TONAL relating to pitch or sound

TOPOGRAPHY art of making maps or charts TORPID lethargic; unable to move; dormant

burning hot; passionate

TORSION act of twisting and turning

TORTUOUS having many twists and turns; highly complex TOTTERING barely standing

TOXIN poison

TRACTABLE obedient, yielding TRAMMEL to impede or hamper TRANQUIL to calm or steady

TRANSCEND to rise above, go beyond

TRANSCENDENT rising above, going beyond TRANSCRIPTION copy, reproduction; record

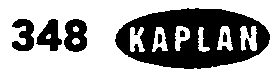
TRANSFIGURATION a change; an exalting change TRANSFORMATION a change in form or appearance TRANSGRESS to trespass, violate a law

TRANSIENT (adj) temporary, short-lived, fleeting TRANSITORY short-lived, existing only briefly

TRANSLATION a change from one state to another; converting one language into another

TRANSLUCENT  transparent

TRANSMUTE to change in appearance or shape TRANSPIRE to happen, occur; become known TRAVESTY parody, exaggerated imitation, caricature









TREMULOUS trembling, quivering, fearful, timid

TRENCHANT acute, sharp, incisive; forceful, effective TREPIDATION fear and anxiety

TRIBUTE a gift or statement showing respect or gratitude TRIFLING of slight worth, trivial, insignificant

TRITE shallow, superficial

TROUNCE to beat severely, defeat TROUPE group of actors

TRUCULENT savage and cruel; fierce; ready to fight TRUISM something that is obviously true TRUNCATE to cut off, shorten by cutting

 difficult to deal with

TRYST agreement between lovers to meet; rendezvous TUMULT state of confusion; 

TUNDRA treeless plain found in or subarctic regions TURBID muddled; unclear

TURBULENCE commotion, disorder

swollen, bloated

TURPITUDE inherent vileness, foulness, depravity TYRANNICAL oppressive; dictatorial

TYRO beginner, novice

U

UBIQUITOUS being everywhere simultaneously UMBRAGE offense, resentment UNADULTERATED absolutely pure

state of total agreement or unity UNAPPEALING unattractive, unpleasant UNAVAILING hopeless, useless

UNBENDING  unyielding UNBRIDLED unrestrained

UNCONSCIONABLE unscrupulous; shockingly unfair or unjust

UNCTUOUS greasy, oily; smug and falsely earnest UNDAUNTED resolute even in adversity UNDERMINE to sabotage, thwart

UNDOCUMENTED not certified, unsubstantiated UNDULATING moving in waves

UNEQUIVOCAL absolute, certain

UNFAILING not likely to fail, constant, infallible free, unrestrained

to strip of priestly duties UNGRACIOUS rude, disagreeable UNHERALDED unannounced, unexpected

UNIDIMENSIONAL having one size or dimension UNIFORM (adj) consistent and unchanging; identical UNIMPEACHABLE beyond question

UNINITIATED not familiar with an area of  UNKEMPT uncombed, messy in appearance UNOBTRUSIVE modest, unassuming UNPOLISHED lacking  UNRUFFLED poised. calm

UNSCRUPULOUS dishonest UNSOILED clean, pure UNSOLICITED unrequested UNSTINTING generous UNSULLIED clean

unable to change

not favorable; unruly unhampered

groundless, unjustified unconscious; unintentional

UNYIELDING firm, resolute UPBRAID to scold sharply UPROARIOUS loud and forceful UPSURGE sudden rise

URBANE courteous, refined, suave USURP to seize by force

 practice of lending money at exorbitant rates UTILITARIAN efficient, functional, useful

 perfect place



v

VACILLATE to waver, show indecision

VACUOUS empty, void;  intelligence, purposeless VAGRANT poor person with no home

VALIANT brave, courageous VALIDATE to authorize, certify, confirm VALOROUS brave, valiant

VANQUISH to conquer, defeat VAPID tasteless, .

VARIABLE changeable, inconstant

VARIEGATED varied; marked with different colors VAUNTED boasted about, bragged about

 strongly, urgently

willing to do wrong for money

VENDETTA prolonged feud marked by bitter  VENERABLE respected because of age

VENERATION adoration, honor, respect VENT  to express, say out loud VERACIOUS  accurate VERACITY accuracy, truth

VERBATIM word for word VERBOSE wordy

VERDANT green with vegetation; inexperienced VERDURE fresh, rich vegetation

VERIFIED proven true

 quality of appearing true or real VERITY truthfulness; belief viewed as true and enduring VERMIN small creatures offensive to humans

VERNACULAR everyday language used by ordinary  specialized language of a profession

VERNAL related to spring VERSATILE adaptable, all-purpose VERVE energy, vitality

VESTIGE trace, remnant VETO (v) to reject 

VEX to irritate, annoy; confuse,  VIABLE workable, able to succeed or grow

VIADUCT series of elevated arches used to cross a valley

VICARIOUS substitute, surrogate; enjoyed through imag- ined participation in another's experience

VICISSITUDE change or variation; ups and downs to compete, contend

VIGILANT attentive, watchful

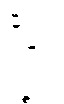
VIGNETTE decorative design; short literary composition VILIFY to slander, defame

VIM energy, enthusiasm

VINDICATE to clear of blame; support a claim VINDICATION clearance from blame or suspicion VINDICTIVE spiteful, vengeful, unforgiving VIRGINAL pure, chaste

VIRILE manly, having qualities of an adult male VIRTUE conforming to what is right

 someone masterly skill; expert musician

extremely poisonous; malignant; hateful   thick, syrupy and 

VITIATE reduce in  or effectiveness VITRIOLIC burning, caustic; sharp, bitter VITUPERATE to abuse verbally

 lively, spirited

VIVID bright and intense in color; strongly perceived VOCIFEROUS loud, vocal and noisy

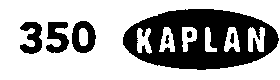
VOID (adj) not legally  empty VOID  emptiness, vacuum

 (v) to cancel, invalidate VOLATILE explosive

VOLITION free choice, free **will;** act of choosing

VOLLEY (n) flight of missiles, round of gunshots VOLUBLE speaking much and easily, talkative; glib

VOLUMINOUS large; of great quantity; writing or speaking at great length







VORACIOUS having a great appetite VORTEX swirling, resembling a whirlpool WLGAR obscene; common, of low 

VULNERABLE  unprotected; innocent, naive

**W**

WAIVE to refrain from enforcing a rule; to give up a  right

WALLOW to indulge oneself excessively, luxuriate WAN sickly pale

WANE to dwindle, to decrease

WANTON undisciplined, unrestrained, reckless

guarantee of a product's soundness careful, cautious

 rude, behaving badly  to show indecision WAX to increase

erratic, unrestrained, reckless

(v) to endure, undergo important, momentous

WELTER (n) a confused mass; a jumble WHET to sharpen, stimulate

WHIMSY  or fanciful idea WILY clever, deceptive

 sudden, unexpected good fortune WINSOME charming, happily engaging

 unsociable, aloof; shy, timid WIZENED withered, shriveled, wrinkled

WOE deep suffering or grief WRAITH a ghost WRANGLE loud quarrel

WRIT written document, WRY amusing. ironic



**Y**

YOKE (v) to join together

# z

ZEALOT someone passionately devoted to a cause ZENITH highest point, summit

ZEPHYR gentle breeze

ZOOLOGIST scientist who studies animals

##### X

XENOPHOBIA fear or hatred of foreigners or strangers



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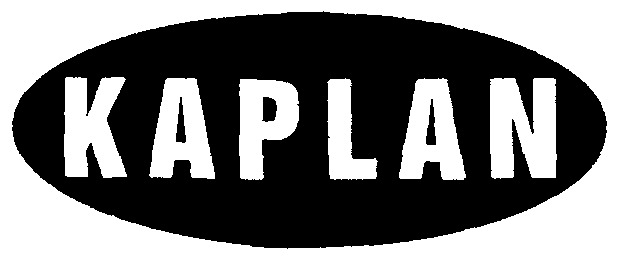
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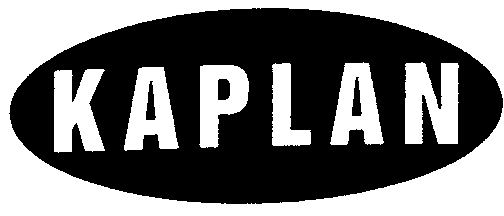
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