

Build Your Vocabulary for IELTS

A

1. **Abandon** *v.* desert, leave behind, discard, renounce, dispose of, forsake
2. **Able** *adj.* capable, qualified, fit, proficient, competent
3. **Abolish** *v.* end, eliminate, eradicate, close down, do away with
4. **Abrupt** *adj.* sudden, hasty, unexpected, rapid, rushed, immediate
5. **Acclaim** *v.* applaud, praise, honour; *n.* applause, praise, honour, commendation, approbation
6. **Accommodating** *adj.* helpful, welcoming, cooperative, obliging, compliant, long-suffering
7. **Acrid** *adj.* bitter, sharp, biting, pungent, caustic, unpleasant, harsh, choking, caustic
8. **Adapt** *v.* adjust, modify, acclimatize, get a feel for, become accustomed, settle in
9. **Adept** *v.* skillful, expert, skilled, proficient, adroit, practised
10. **Adhere** *v.* stick, cling, hold fast, hold, grip
11. **Admonish** *v.* warn, caution, advise, reprove, reprimand, rebuke, reproach, tell off
12. **Adorn** *v.* decorate, ornament, embellish, beautify, gild, titivate, garnish
13. **Advent** *n.* coming on, arrival, initiation, start, dawn, beginning, introduction
14. **Adverse** *adj.* hostile, negative, contrary, unfavorable, undesirable, unpleasant, bad
15. **Affluent** *adj.* rich, wealthy, prosperous, well-to-do, thriving
16. **Aggravate** *v.* (1) annoy, irritate, fan the flames of; (2) intensify, worsen, exacerbate, magnify
17. **Aggregate** *adj.* entire, total, combined, collective, amassed, cumulative, summative
18. **Agile** *adj.* (1) nimble, lively, supple, lithe, sprightly, limber, acrobatic, (2) alert, acute, shrewd
19. **Ailment** *n.* sickness, illness, disease, disorder, complaint
20. **Allot** *v.* divide, distribute, allocate, ration, give, apportion
21. **Amazing** *adj.* astonishing, astounding, surprising, startling
22. **Amiable** *adj.* agreeable, congenial, pleasant, friendly, good-natured, cordial, sociable
23. **Anticipate** *v.* foresee, expect, predict, look forward to, wait for, be hopeful of
24. **Anxious** *adj.* (1) worried, nervous, apprehensive; (2) eager, avid, keen, desirous, impatient
25. **Appraise** *v.* evaluate, estimate, assess, judge, value, review
26. **Apt** *adj.* (1) appropriate, suitable, correct, relevant, proper; (2) likely, prone, inclined, liable
27. **Arduous** *adj.* difficult, strenuous, exhausting, hard, labourious, grueling, tough, onerous
28. **Arid** *adj.* dry, barren, parched, baked, waterless, scorched, bone-dry
29. **Aroma** *n.* fragrance, smell, odour, scent, perfume, bouquet, whiff, tang
30. **Artificial** *adj.* synthetic, imitation, man-made, non-natural, imitation, mock
31. **Astonishing** *adj.* surprising, amazing, astounding, shocking, beyond belief
32. **Astute** *adj.* intelligent, clever, perceptive, smart, incisive, judicious
33. **Attain** *v.* accomplish, achieve, conquer, get, arrive at, reach
34. **Augment** *v.* supplement, increase, strengthen, expand, add to, boost, bump up
35. **Austere** *adj.* strict, harsh, severe, stern, grave, ascetic
36. **Authentic** *adj.* genuine, true, bona fide, real, valid, reliable, dependable
37. **Averse** *adj.* opposed to, against, hostile to, unenthusiastic, reluctant, loath, disinclined
38. **Aversion** *n.* dislike, hostility, fear, hate, repugnance, hatred, distaste
39. **Awkward** *adj.* clumsy, ill at ease, tongue-tied, discomfited, gauche, out of your depth

B

40. **Baffle** *v.* confuse, puzzle, mystify, perplex, confound, flummox, stump
41. **Balmy** *adj.* mild, warm, pleasant, clement, gentle, temperate
42. **Ban** *v.* prohibit, forbid, disallow, outlaw, bar, interdict, veto
43. **Bar** *v.* (1) prevent, obstruct, block, hinder, ban, (2) bolt, lock, fasten, secure
44. **Barren** *adj.* sterile, unproductive, bleak, lifeless, infertile, inhospitable, desolate
45. **Barter** *v.* trade, exchange, negotiate, bargain, haggle, swap, switch

46. **Beckon** *v.* summon, call, signal, summon, gesture, indicate, motion
47. **Belligerent** *adj.* hostile, aggressive, argumentative, cantankerous, quarrelsome, confrontational
48. **Beneficial** *adj.* helpful, useful, advantageous, valuable, favorable, positive, of assistance
49. **Benevolent** *adj.* benign, kind, compassionate, good, generous, munificent, caring
50. **Bias** *n.* prejudice, partiality, unfairness, preconception, favoritism, predisposition
51. **Blanched** *adj.* whitened, bleached, faded, sun-bleached, washed-out
52. **Blatant** *adj.* flagrant, obvious, overt, unconcealed, transparent, barefaced, unashamed
53. **Blend** *v.* mix, mingle, combine, merge, unify; *n.* combination, amalgamation, fusion, mixture
54. **Bloom** *v.* blossom, flower, flourish, prosper, burgeon, progress; *n.* (1) radiance, luster, sheen (2) flower, floret, floweret, (3) prime, perfection, acme, peak
55. **Blow up** *v.* (1) explode, go off, detonate; (2) become angry, annoy, upset; (3) magnify, expand
56. **Blunder** *v.* make a mistake, bungle, goof, trip up; *n.* error, mistake, gaffe, oversight, faux pas
57. **Blunt** *adj.* (1) unsharpened, dull, rounded; (2) abrupt, curt, terse, brutal, harsh
58. **Blurry** *adj.* unfocused, unclear, indistinct, fuzzy, dim, shadowy, hazy, blurred
59. **Bold** *adj.* brave, courageous, daring, intrepid, audacious, gallant, valiant
60. **Bolster** *v.* support, sustain, boost, buttress, strengthen, reinforce, shore up, augment, encourage
61. **Bond** *v.* join, connect, fix; *n.* tie, link, connection, union, attachment
62. **Boom** *v.* (1) thunder, blare, echo; (2) expand, prosper, roar; *n.* (1) expansion, prosperity, growth; (2) reverberation, resonance, crashing, pounding
63. **Brace** *n.* support, reinforce, strut, prop, stay, buttress
64. **Brilliant** *adj.* (1) bright, shiny, radiant, dazzling; (2) talented, gifted, intelligent, intellectual
65. **Brisk** *adj.* (1) lively, quick, vigorous, fast, efficient; (2) cool, chilly, nippy, invigorating
66. **Brittle** *adj.* fragile, breakable, weak, frail, delicate
67. **Bulky** *adj.* huge, large, colossal, massive, hulking, immense
68. **Bully** *v.* torment, bother, terrorize, force others to do things; *n.* a person who torments others
69. **Buttress** *v.* support, bolster, boost, strengthen, prop up, structure

C

70. **Calamity** *n.* disaster, catastrophe, mishap, misfortune, blow
71. **Candid** *adj.* honest, truthful, realistic, frank, sincere, straight
72. **Capable** *adj.* competent, able, efficient, skillful, proficient, gifted, skilled
73. **Carve** *v.* cut, sculpt, slice, pare, whittle, cut up, cut in slices
74. **Casual** *adj.* (1) informal, comfortable; (2) accidental, chance, (3) indifferent, apathetic, blasé; (4) relaxed, easy going, friendly; *n.* part-timer, freelancer, temporary worker
75. **Caustic** *adj.* biting, harsh, sarcastic, scathing, mordant, acerbic, sharp
76. **Cautious** *adj.* careful, alert, prudent, watchful, vigilant, precautionary, wary, guarded
77. **Celebrated** *adj.* distinguished, famous, prominent, renowned, eminent, feted, illustrious
78. **Charming** *adj.* delightful, lovely, attractive, appealing, charismatic, fascinating, pleasant
79. **Cherish** *v.* appreciate, esteem, treasure, value, take pleasure in, attach importance to, relish
80. **Choice** *n.* selection, option, alternative, election; *adj.* exceptional, superior, premier, excellent
81. **Cite** *v.* quote, mention, refer to, list, name, allude to
82. **Clash** *v.* argue, dispute, quarrel; *n.* argument, conflict, dispute
83. **Clever** *adj.* smart, sharp, witty, bright, brainy, intellectual, intelligent, quick
84. **Cling** *v.* stick, adhere, hold, clutch, grip, fit tightly, hang, hug
85. **Clog** *v.* block, obstruct, bung up, obstruct, jam, congest, stop up
86. **Clumsy** *adj.* awkward, inept, ungainly, maladroit, ham-fisted, gauche, lumbering, all thumbs
87. **Clue** *n.* hint, suggestion, sign, piece of evidence, suspicion, trace, indication, intimation

88. **Cluster** *n.* group, bunch, collection, huddle, crowd, clump, mass
89. **Coax** *v.* persuade, wheedle, cajole, win over, sweet-talk, charm, entice
90. **Colossal** *adj.* huge, enormous, gigantic, massive, immense, gargantuan, oversize
91. **Commerce** *n.* trade, business, export-import, buying-selling
92. **Commodity** *n.* product, goods, merchandise, service, article of trade
93. **Compel** *v.* force, require, coerce, induce, oblige, twist somebody's arm
94. **Competent** *adj.* adept, skillful, capable, able, proficient, expert, skilled
95. **Complement** *v.* supplement, complete, balance; *n.* supplement, addition, accompaniment
96. **Compliment** *v.* praise, flatter, commend, accolade; *n.* praise, flattery, tribute, kind word
97. **Comprehensive** *adj.* complete, thorough, inclusive, full, widespread, wide-ranging, ample
98. **Compulsory** *adj.* necessary, obligatory, mandatory, required, essential, unavoidable
99. **Concede** *v.* admit, acknowledge, recognize, grant, forfeit, give in, compromise
100. **Concise** *adj.* brief, short, abbreviated, to the point, succinct, summarizing, terse, crisp
101. **Concrete** *adj.* tangible, specific, real, existing, material, solid, actual
102. **Conflict** *n.* (1) disagreement, argument, variance, inconsistency; (2) battle, war, combat
103. **Congregate** *v.* assemble, gather, collect, flock, mass
104. **Conspicuous** *adj.* noticeable, obvious, prominent, eye-catching, striking, evident, patent
105. **Constant** *adj.* continuous, steady, unvarying, regular, invariable, stable
106. **Contemplate** *v.* think about, ponder, speculate, consider, mull over, weigh up, study
107. **Controversial** *adj.* disputable, debatable, contentious, divisive, hot
108. **Convenient** *adj.* accessible, available, handy, fitting, expedient, well-located, well-situated
109. **Conventional** *adj.* standard, ordinary, normal, conservative, traditional, usual, straight
110. **Cope with** *v.* deal with, manage, handle, administer, hack it, get by, muddle through
111. **Copious** *adj.* abundant, ample, plentiful, profuse, bountiful, numerous, many
112. **Cordial** *adj.* congenial, warm, friendly, affable, amiable, jovial, convivial, pleasant
113. **Cosmopolitan** *adj.* (1) sophisticated, worldly, urbane; (2) international, worldwide, universal
114. **Courteous** *adj.* polite, refined, gracious, chivalrous, considerate, well-mannered, civil
115. **Covert** *adj.* secret, hidden, clandestine, stealthy, concealed, underground, copse
116. **Cozy** *adj.* (1) comfortable, warm, comfy, snug; (2) friendly, intimate, close, welcoming
117. **Crave** *v.* desire, long for, hope for, yearn for, hunger after, want, pine for, need
118. **Craving** *n.* desire, need, longing, passion, hunger, thirst, yearning, hankering, yen
119. **Craze** *n.* fad, popular (but short-lived), fashion, vogue, trend, obsession, rage, whim
120. **Critical** *adj.* (1) unfavorable, fault-finding, disapproving; (2) important, crucial, vital, key; (3) serious, grave, dangerous; (4) analytical, judgmental
121. **Crooked** *adj.* (1) curved, twisted, zigzag, warped; (2) dishonest, corrupt, criminal
122. **Crucial** *adj.* critical, decisive, key, essential, fundamental, vital, important
123. **Crude** *adj.* (1) rude, impolite, vulgar; (2) unprocessed, raw, unrefined
124. **Cruel** *adj.* brutal, vicious, ruthless, nasty, pitiless, malicious, spiteful, vindictive, unkind
125. **Cryptic** *adj.* secret, mysterious, enigmatic, puzzling, obscure
126. **Curb** *v.* restrict, limit, control, restrain, hold back, rein in, curtail, cut back, reduce
127. **Curious** *adj.* (1) inquisitive, fascinate, snooping, probing, prying; (2) odd, strange, unusual
128. **Curt** *adj.* abrupt, blunt, impolite, brisk, brusque, rude, terse, offhand, brief

D

129. **Damp** *adj.* moist, wet, humid, soggy, clammy
130. **Daring** *adj.* bold, courageous, brave, audacious, enterprising, intrepid, heroic
131. **Dazzling** *adj.* shining, sparking, blinding, bright, stunning, glittering, astounding

132. **Debris** *n.* wreckage, ruins, broken pieces, rubble, rubbish, fragments
133. **Declare** *v.* announce, proclaim, speak out, say publicly, proclaim, affirm
134. **Defective** *adj.* flawed, faulty, broken, malfunctioning, out of order, on the blink
135. **Delicate** *adj.* exquisite, fragile, flimsy, frail, insubstantial, weak
136. **Delightful** *adj.* charming, attractive, enchanting, amusing, lovely, agreeable
137. **Delusion** *n.* illusion, dream, fantasy, hallucination, mirage, apparition
138. **Demolish** *v.* tear down, destroy, wreck, raze, bulldoze, blow up, knock down, flatten
139. **Dense** *adj.* thick, solid, packed, intense, impenetrable, dark, crowded
140. **Desist** *v.* stop, cease, discontinue, give up, abstain from, call a halt, end
141. **Detect** *v.* observe, spot, sense, perceive, identify, discover, notice, become aware of
142. **Determine** *v.* (1) decide, agree on, settle on, conclude; (2) control, shape, govern
143. **Device** *n.* instrument, tool, mechanism, apparatus, appliance, gadget, contrivance, equipment
144. **Devise** *v.* invent, plan, figure out, work out, think up, formulate, set up, develop
145. **Dim** *adj.* unclear, faint, indistinct, diffuse, soft, muted, badly lit, not bright
146. **Din** *n.* noise, clamor, commotion, hubbub, racket, ruckus, hullabaloo, disturbance
147. **Dire** *adj.* desperate, grievous, serious, terrible, calamitous, awful, ominous, horrible, dismal
148. **Discard** *v.* abandon, leave behind, forsake, disown, desert, throw away, dispose of, cast off
149. **Dismal** *adj.* gloomy, depressing, dreary, miserable, dull, murky, bleak, drab
150. **Disperse** *v.* scatter, distribute, spread, disband, diffuse, separate, break up, dissolve
151. **Dispute** *n.* argument, quarrel, debate, clash, feud, conflict, row, heated discussion
152. **Distinct** *adj.* discrete, separate, different, dissimilar, diverse, divergent, distinctive, individual
153. **Distinguished** *adj.* celebrated, notable, famous, well known
154. **Diversity** *n.* variety, assortment, multiplicity, range, miscellany, mixture
155. **Divulge** *v.* reveal, admit, disclose, tell, let drop, give away, let slip
156. **Dogged** *adj.* stubborn, determined, persistent, strong-willed, strong-minded, resolute, gritty
157. **Domestic** *adj.* (1) home, household, residential; (2) national, nationalized, public, state-run
158. **Dominate** *v.* rule, control, govern, lead, direct, dictate, take over, overlook
159. **Dominant** *adj.* strongest, main, ruling, leading, overriding, foremost, prevailing, principal
160. **Dot** *v.* located in, are scattered around; *n.* spot, point, blotch, speckle, particle
161. **Downfall** *n.* collapse, defeat, ruin, disgrace, fall, breakdown, demise
162. **Doze** *v.* sleep, nap, catnap, snooze, nod off, slumber, have forty winks
163. **Drab** *adj.* dull, plain, uninteresting, dreary, dowdy, dingy, monotonous, colourless
164. **Draw** *v.* (1) sketch, make a picture, depict, portray; (2) pull, heave, attract, magnetize
165. **Drawback** *n.* disadvantage, weakness, flaw, downside, shortcoming, hitch, snag
166. **Drench** *v.* wet, soak, saturate, douse, steep, flood
167. **Drowsy** *adj.* sleepy, tired, dozy, snoozing, lethargic, somnolent, nodding, in a haze
168. **Dubious** *adj.* doubtful, skeptical, uncertain, unsure, unconvinced, hesitant, questioning
169. **Durable** *adj.* lasting, enduring, resistant, robust, resilient, tough, hard-wearing
170. **Dusk** *n.* evening, sunset, twilight, nightfall, sundown, end of the day, early evening
171. **Dwell** *v.* live, reside, inhabit, settle, have your home, stay
172. **Dwelling** *n.* (1) house, home, residence, abode, lodging
173. **Dwindle** *v.* decrease, diminish, decline, fall, fall off, drop off, reduce, regress
174. **Dynamic** *adj.* energetic, forceful, active, vibrant, forceful, full of life, self-motivated

E

175. **Eerie** *adj.* strange, odd, unusual, mysterious, frightening, weird, creepy, supernatural, ghostly
176. **Elderly** *adj.* old, aged, matured

177. **Electrify** *v.* excite, thrill, exhilarate, shock, amaze, astonish, stun, surprise
178. **Elegant** *adj.* sophisticated, polished, stylish, graceful, chic, pleasing to the eye, well-designed
179. **Eligible** *adj.* suitable, qualified, acceptable, entitled, appropriate (2) single, unmarried, bachelor
180. **Elude** *v.* escape, avoid, evade, stay away from, get away from, dodge
181. **Eminent** *adj.* celebrated, distinguished, famous, reputed, prominent, renowned
182. **Emit** *v.* send out, discharge, emanate, secrete, produce, release, give out, give off
183. **Enchanting** *adj.* delightful, charming, captivating
184. **Encounter** *v.* meet, find, come across, stumble upon; *n.* meeting, confrontation, quarrel
185. **Endeavor** *n.* attempt, venture, enterprise, effort, undertaking
186. **Endorse** *v.* authorize, approve, support, sanction, back, give your backing to
187. **Enhance** *v.* intensify, amplify, strengthen, augment, boost, increase
188. **Ensue** *v.* follow, result, develop, proceed, arise
189. **Entice** *v.* lure, attract, tempt, allure, beguile, charm, inveigle, persuade
190. **Era** *n.* period, age, stage, epoch, time
191. **Essential** *adj.* critical, vital, crucial, key, necessary, indispensable, fundamental
192. **Esteem** *v.* cherish, honour, admire, value, appreciate, respect, high regard
193. **Evade** *v.* escape, avoid, elude, dodge, shirk, skirt, equivocate, prevaricate
194. **Exhaustive** *adj.* thorough, complete, comprehensive, in-depth, meticulous, extensive
195. **Exhilarating** *adj.* exciting, thrilling, stimulating, electrifying, elating, bracing, heady
196. **Extravagant** *adj.* excessive, lavish, profligate, spendthrift, wasteful, exaggerated, overstated

F

197. **Fable** *n.* mythical story, tale, allegory, myth, legend, parable
198. **Fabled** *adj.* legendary, mythical, famous, fabulous, enchanted, magical
199. **Facet** *n.* aspect, point, feature, side, face, component, surface
200. **Faint** *adj.* dim, pale, faded, indistinct, slight, soft
201. **Falter** *v.* hesitate, waver, abate, tail off, wane, pause, dither
202. **Fancy** *adj.* decorative, ornate, elaborated *v.* imagine, think, consider, believe
203. **Fasten** *v.* attach, secure, tie up, zip, lock, button up, do up
204. **Fatal** *adj.* mortal, lethal, deadly, terminal, incurable, grave, serious, critical
205. **Fatigue** *v.* tire, exhaust, enervate, wear out; *n.* exhaustion, weariness, tiredness, weakness
206. **Faulty** *adj.* flawed, inferior, defective, imperfect, broken down, out of order
207. **Feasible** *adj.* possible, practicable, viable, reasonable, sufficient, realistic
208. **Feeble** *adj.* weak, fragile, frail, delicate, shabby, meager, pathetic, thin
209. **Ferocious** *adj.* fierce, savage, violent, vicious, cruel, brutal, wild, unruly
210. **Feverish** *adj.* (1) blazing, burning, heated; (2) passionate, fervent, vehement, excited
211. **Fitting** *adj.* suitable, proper, apt, appropriate, right, decent, fit, correct
212. **Flagrant** *adj.* blatant, obvious, barefaced, deliberate, unashamed, brazen
213. **Flaw** *n.* defect, imperfection, fault, error, blemish, mistake, imperfection, failing
214. **Flee** *v.* escape, go away, elude, run away, run off, fly, take flight, take off
215. **Fleeting** *adj.* short-lived, quick, brief, momentary, passing, Fleeting, Fleeting
216. **Flimsy** *adj.* fragile, frail, weak, feeble, delicate, insubstantial
217. **Foe** *n.* enemy, opponent, antagonist, rival
218. **Forage** *v.* (1) hunt, look for, search, scavenge, rummage, seek, (2) feed, nosh, give to eat
219. **Forego** *v.* abandon, give up, pass by, do without, miss out on, sacrifice
220. **Foremost** *adj.* chief, principal, leading, dominant, primary, prime
221. **Forge** *v.* (1) create, form, make, build; (2) falsify, fake, copy improperly, counterfeit
222. **Fragment** *n.* particle, piece, bit, portion, section, part, splinter, chip, scrap

- 223. **Fragrant** *adj.* aromatic, scented, perfumed, sweet-smelling, sweet-scented, odorous
- 224. **Fraudulent** *adj.* false, deceptive, deceitful, sham, counterfeit, imitation
- 225. **Fundamental** *adj.* basic, integral, elemental, primary, original, deep-seated
- 226. **Fuse** *v.* join, combine, unite, blend, mingle
- 227. **Fusion** *n.* blend, merger, union, synthesis, combination, blending
- 228. **Futile** *adj.* useless, pointless, vain, fruitless, unsuccessful, ineffectual, ineffective, wasted
- 229. **Fuzzy** *adj.* (1) furry, hairy; (2) unclear, blurry, unfocused, hazy; (3) uncertain, indefinite

G

- 230. **Gag** *n.* (1) joke, trick; (2) something that prevents someone from speaking; *v.* (1) choke for a moment, feel momentarily sick; (2) prevent someone from speaking
- 231. **Gala** *adj.* festive, happy, joyous, *n.* festival, celebration, party, ball, festivity, social event
- 232. **Gap** *n.* break, breach, opening, crack, fissure, slit, hole, space
- 233. **Garrulous** *adj.* talkative, chatty, voluble
- 234. **Gaudy** *adj.* showy, flashy, conspicuous, garish, extravagant, kitschy, ornate
- 235. **Genial** *adj.* pleasant, cordial, agreeable, amiable, friendly, gracious, hospitable, welcoming
- 236. **Gentle** *adj.* mild, kind, considerate, nice, calm, tender, moderate, placid, temperate
- 237. **Genuine** *adj.* authentic, real, valid, indisputable, true, unadulterated, actual, legitimate
- 238. **Glitter** *v.* sparkle, shine, glisten, gleam, dazzle, shimmer, flash, twinkle
- 239. **Glory** *n.* grandeur, majesty, fame, magnificence, brilliance, splendor, wonder, credit, beauty
- 240. **Gorgeous** *adj.* attractive, beautiful, elegant, stunning, lovely, good-looking, dazzling, striking
- 241. **Grade** *n.* quality, value, worth, score, mark, evaluation, position, status, rating, rank
- 242. **Graphic** *adj.* (1) visual, pictorial, diagrammatic, drawn; (2) clear, explicit, vivid, full, detailed
- 243. **Grasp** *v.* (1) grab, seize, grip; (2) understand, comprehend, perceive; *n.* control, clutches, power
- 244. **Grave** *adj.* serious, grievous, severe, critical, momentous, crucial, vital, weighty, important
- 245. **Gregarious** *adj.* sociable, friendly, outgoing, extroverted, expressive, expansive, unreserved
- 246. **Grim** *adj.* severe, dreary, bleak, somber, harsh, forbidding, dour, dismal, depressing, dismal
- 247. **Grip** *v.* hold, grasp, seize, clench, grab, hang on, clutch; *n.* hold, grasp, possession
- 248. **Grueling** *adj.* exhausting, difficult, arduous, taxing, punishing, tough
- 249. **Gullible** *adj.* innocent, naive, trusting, credulous, susceptible, easy to fool, easy to fleece

H

- 250. **Hamper** *v.* delay, obstruct, hinder, block, impede, basket, get in the way, slow down
- 251. **Handful** *n.* (1) not many, few, scattering, trickle (2) nuisance, problem, irritant, headache
- 252. **Haphazard** *adj.* random, chance, aimless, unplanned
- 253. **Hardly** *adv.* barely, scarcely, rarely, only just, almost not, by a hair's breadth
- 254. **Hardship** *n.* (1) difficulty, trouble, suffering, (2) poverty, privation, destitution, need
- 255. **Harm** *v.* injury, damage, hurt, destruction, mischief, impairment, spoil
- 256. **Harmful** *adj.* hurtful, destructive, damaging, injurious, detrimental, dangerous, unsafe, risky
- 257. **Harmony** *n.* accord, agreement, peace, concord, synchronization
- 258. **Harmonious** *adj.* agreeable, friendly, peaceful, musical, melodious, tuneful, melodious
- 259. **Harness** *v.* control, utilize, strap up, yoke, attach, bind, connect, exploit
- 260. **Harsh** *adj.* severe, rough, strict, cruel, callous, insensitive, unsympathetic, inconsiderate
- 261. **Hasty** *adj.* quick, rushed, hurried, speedy, swift, rapid, fast
- 262. **Hazardous** *adj.* dangerous, risky, perilous, unsafe, harmful
- 263. **Hazy** *adj.* (1) misty, cloudy, foggy; (2) unclear, fuzzy, obscure, indistinct, muddled

264. **Heed** *v.* observe, listen to, mind, follow, regard, notice, pay attention to, take note of
 265. **Hinder** *v.* block, obstruct, hamper, thwart, encumber, deter, hold back
 266. **Hitherto** *adv.* previously, so far, thus far, up to now, till now, up till now, until then, till then
 267. **Hoist** *v.* lift, raise, pick up, heave, winch, crane, elevate, erect
 268. **Hue** *n.* colour, tint, shade, tone, tinge, dye, pigment
 269. **Huge** *adj.* enormous, giant, colossal, immense, vast, gigantic, massive, mammoth, titanic
 270. **Hurl** *v.* pitch, throw, fling, toss, chuck, launch, heave

I

271. **Idea** *n.* concept, notion, thought, design, plan, scheme, initiative
 272. **Ideal** *n.* model, standard, principle; *adj.* perfect, model, idyllic, ultimate, supreme
 273. **Idle** *adj.* (1) inactive, unused, inert, inoperative, redundant; (2) lazy, passive,
 274. **Illusion** *n.* (1) fantasy, delusion, daydream, chimera; (2) an erroneous perception or concept
 275. **Illustration** *n.* picture, drawing, description, diagram, graphic, figure, design, image
 276. **Imaginary** *adj.* unreal, fantasy, fictitious, make-believe, made-up, pretend, invented
 277. **Imaginative** *adj.* creative, original, clever, ingenious, artistic, inventive, inspired
 278. **Immense** *adj.* enormous, giant, colossal, huge, vast, gigantic, massive, mammoth, titanic
 279. **Impair** *v.* damage, injure, spoil, interfere with, harm, make worse, blight, mess up
 280. **Impartial** *adj.* fair, unbiased, neutral, unprejudiced, disinterested, independent, objective
 281. **Implement** *v.* realize, apply, achieve, put into practice, execute; *n.* tool, utensil, instrument
 282. **Incessant** *adj.* constant, ceaseless, continuous, nonstop, never-ending, relentless, persistent
 283. **Increment** *n.* increase, amount, augmentation, rise, growth
 284. **Incursion** *n.* raid, attack, small-scale invasion, sortie, storming
 285. **Indifferent** *adj.* uncaring, apathetic, unconcerned, unresponsive, unsympathetic, unmoved
 286. **Indigenous** *adj.* native, aboriginal, original, home-grown, local
 287. **Indispensable** *adj.* necessary, essential vital, critical, crucial, requisite, obligatory, central
 288. **Indistinct** *adj.* unclear, blurry, hazy, fuzzy, vague, imprecise, dim, indistinguishable
 289. **Induce** *v.* persuade, convince, coax, stimulate, provoke, encourage, tempt
 290. **Inept** *adj.* incompetent, awkward, clumsy, inexperienced, ham-fisted, heavy-handed, bungling
 291. **Inexorable** *adj.* unstoppable, unalterable, inevitable, inescapable, relentless, unavoidable
 292. **Infamous** *adj.* (1) notorious, villainous, wicked; (2) shocking, abominable, shameful, heinous
 293. **Infinite** *adj.* limitless, endless, boundless, never-ending, unlimited, inestimable, immeasurable
 294. **Infinitesimal** *adj.* tiny, minute, minuscule, microscopic, extremely small, insignificant
 295. **Ingenious** *adj.* brilliant, imaginative, clever, inventive, resourceful, creative, nifty
 296. **Ingenuous** *adj.* naive, trusting, gullible, simple, candid, innocent, credulous, unsuspecting
 297. **Inhabit** *v.* live, dwell, reside, populate, occupy, make your home in
 298. **Inhibit** *v.* control, limit, restrain, slow down, slow up, hinder, stall, hamper, hold back
 299. **Initial** *adj.* original, first, beginning, introductory, early, preliminary, opening, primary
 300. **Innate** *adj.* natural, inborn, inherent, intrinsic, native, innate, natural, instinctive
 301. **Innocuous** *adj.* harmless, inoffensive, innocent, safe, mild, bland
 302. **Intense** *adj.* powerful, heightened, concentrated, strong, forceful, deep, passionate, extreme,
 303. **Intricate** *adj.* complicated, complex, involved, obscure, difficult, convoluted, elaborated
 304. **Involved** *adj.* concerned, caught up, occupied, mixed up, implicated, drawn in, complicated
 305. **Irate** *adj.* angry, annoyed, upset, incensed, furious, mad, irritated, enraged, fuming, infuriated

J

306. **Jagged** *adj.* rough, rugged, uneven, irregular, serrated, pointy, sharp, toothed
 307. **Jeopardy** *n.* danger, hazard, risk, threat, peril, difficulty, trouble
 308. **Jolly** *adj.* joyful, happy, cheerful, jovial, bright, ebullient, cheery
 309. **Jolt** *v.* shock, jar, shake up, surprise, joggle, nudge; *n.* blow, surprise, shock, jerk

K

310. **Keen** *adj.* (1) sharp, intense; (2) shrewd, clever, bright; (3) eager, enthusiastic, ardent
 311. **Key** *adj.* crucial, important, critical, *n.* solution, answer, explanation, means
 312. **Knack** *n.* skill, ability, aptitude, talent, flair, capacity, capability, gift

L

313. **Lack** *v.* need, require, not have, be short of, be deficient in; *n.* shortage, absence, scarcity
 314. **Lag** *v.* fall behind, go slowly, holdup, delay, wait, insulate, wrap
 315. **Lavish** *adj.* luxurious, plentiful, abundant, copious, sumptuous, prolific, bountiful
 316. **Lax** *adj.* careless, negligent, loose, slack, slipshod, sloppy, laidback, lenient
 317. **Legendary** *adj.* mythical, fabled, famous, renowned, well-known, celebrated
 318. **Legitimate** *adj.* proper, authentic, valid, lawful, rightful, genuine, justifiable, reasonable
 319. **Leisurely** *adj.* slow, relaxed, unhurried, restful, laid-back, gentle, easy, relaxing
 320. **Lethargic** *adj.* slow, listless, sluggish, lazy, tired, lackluster, weary, languid, indolent
 321. **Liable** *adj.* (legally) responsible, accountable, answerable, predisposed, prone, likely, apt
 322. **Likely** *adj.* probable, plausible, credible, possible, expected, to be expected
 323. **Linger** *v.* remain, stay behind, hang back, loiter, hang around, delay leaving, hang around
 324. **Link** *v.* join, connect, fasten, bind; *n.* connection, tie, relation, association, linkage, bond
 325. **Long** *v.* desire, wish for, crave, want, yearn, aspire, seek
 326. **Lucid** *adj.* clear, plain, understandable, logical, thought through, reasoned, cogent
 327. **Lucrative** *adj.* profitable, money-making, worthwhile, beneficial, productive, money-spinning
 328. **Lull** *v.* soothe, calm, quiet, let-up, respite; *n.* pause, break, stillness, silence, quiet period
 329. **Luminous** *adj.* bright, shining, glowing, brilliant, incandescent, radiant, shimmering, gleaming
 330. **Lure** *v.* attract, tempt, entice, decoy, draw in, ensnare, allure, bait
 331. **Lurid** *adj.* shocking, sensational, graphic, loud, garish, striking, gaudy, colourful
 332. **Lurk** *v.* prowl, sneak, hide, lie in wait, hang about, creep around, skulk, loiter
 333. **Luster** *n.* shine, radiance, brightness, sheen, gleam, patina
 334. **Luxurious** *adj.* lavish, elegant, plush, deluxe, comfortable, comfy, lavish, lush, well-appointed

M

335. **Magnificent** *adj.* majestic, impressive, splendid, superb, glorious, bravura, outstanding
 336. **Magnitude** *n.* size, extent, amount, scale, degree, enormity, level, importance
 337. **Mandatory** *adj.* necessary, obligatory, compulsory, binding, discretionary, fixed
 338. **Manipulate** *v.* control, influence, maneuver, direct, stage-manage, operate, use
 339. **Mar** *v.* damage, ruin, deface, spoil, tarnish, blight
 340. **Massive** *adj.* huge, giant, colossal, immense, enormous, gigantic, very big, substantial
 341. **Memorable** *adj.* unforgettable, impressive, striking, outstanding, terrific, tremendous
 342. **Mend** *v.* fix, repair, put right, restore, patch up, recover, put back together
 343. **Mild** *adj.* gentle, moderate, calm, temperate, placid, serene
 344. **Mingle** *v.* blend, combine, mix, fuse, intermingle, intermingle, merge
 345. **Minute** *adj.* tiny, minuscule, infinitesimal, miniature, microscopic, diminutive, little, small

346. **Mist** *n.* fog, haze, vapor, smog, steam, spray, film
 347. **Monitor** *v.* observe, watch, check, keep an eye on, supervise, scrutinize, examine, screen
 348. **Moral** *adj.* honorable, ethical, just, good, right, honest, decent, proper
 349. **Morale** *n.* spirit, confidence, attitude, self-esteem, drive, self-confidence
 350. **Mourn** *v.* lament, cry, show sorrow, grieve, bewail, bemoan, express grief, grieve over
 351. **Murky** *adj.* unclear, cloudy, foggy, dark, gloomy, misty, shadowy, dim
 352. **Mushroom** *v.* expand rapidly, grow quickly, burgeon, swell *adj.* puzzling, strange, mysterious
 353. **Mythical** *adj.* legendary, imaginary, fictional, mythological, fabled, fabulous

N

354. **Negligible** *adj.* unimportant, trivial, insignificant, tiny, trifling, minor, ignorable
 355. **Nightmarish** *adj.* frightening, terrifying, horrible, outlandish, lurid, horrendous, dreadful
 356. **Nimble** *adj.* graceful, agile, lively, lissome, dexterous
 357. **Notable** *adj.* remarkable, conspicuous, striking, noteworthy, distinguished, famous
 358. **Notify** *v.* inform, tell, alert, advise, warn, let know, give notice
 359. **Notion** *n.* idea, concept, thought, view, belief, conception, opinion, perception, impression
 360. **Notorious** *adj.* infamous, disreputable, dishonorable, tarnished
 361. **Novel** *adj.* new, innovative, fresh, original, unusual, unorthodox, neoteric, avant-garde
 362. **Novice** *n.* beginner, learner, trainee, apprentice, greenhorn, neophyte, tyro, probationer

O

363. **Objective** *adj.* fair, impartial, unbiased, neutral: *n.* goal, purpose, aim, intention
 364. **Oblong** *adj.* four-sided figure, parallelogram, lozenge, quadrilateral, square, diamond
 365. **Obscure** *adj.* unfamiliar, ambiguous, little-known, incomprehensible, vague, unintelligible
 366. **Obsolete** *adj.* antiquated, out of date, outmoded, archaic, outdated, superseded, past it
 367. **Odd** *adj.* strange, unusual, peculiar, curious, abnormal, anomalous, weird, funny
 368. **Offspring** *n.* young, children, descendants, progeny, young, brood, kids
 369. **Ominous** *adj.* threatening, menacing, dangerous, boding evil, ill-omened, portentous
 370. **Opulent** *adj.* luxurious, plush, affluent, sumptuous, wealthy, lavish, wealthy, magnificent
 371. **Ornamental** *adj.* ornate, decorative, elaborate, showy, attractive, patterned
 372. **Outgoing** *adj.* (1) open, friendly, extrovert, gregarious; (2) departing, leaving, retiring
 373. **Outlook** *n.* (1) opinion, view, attitude, stance, position; (2) prospect, forecast
 374. **Outstanding** *adj.* excellent, exceptional, notable, well known, stupendous, marvelous, terrific
 375. **Overall** *adj.* general, comprehensive, on the whole, largely, by and large, taken as a whole
 376. **Overcast** *adj.* cloudy, gloomy, gray, dark, dull, dreary
 377. **Overcome** *v.* subdue, defeat, overwhelm, conquer, trounce, surmount, triumph over, beat
 378. **Overlook** *v.* ignore, disregard, neglect, miss, fail to notice, fail to see, forget
 379. **Oversee** *v.* supervise, manage, direct, run, administer, watch over, keep an eye on
 380. **Oversight** *n.* error, mistake, omission, lapse, slip, failure to notice
 381. **Overt** *adj.* open, obvious, conspicuous, unconcealed, explicit, evident, clear, plain, blatant
 382. **Overtake** *v.* catch up with, reach, pass, overhaul, outdo, surpass, go beyond, leave behind
 383. **Overwhelm** *v.* (1) astonish, astound, shock; (2) conquer, defeat, overcome, overpower

P

384. **Pace** *n.* rate, speed, rapidity, swiftness, lick, tempo, rate of knots, velocity

- 385. Painstaking** *adj.* careful, conscientious, thorough, meticulous, conscientious, scrupulous
- 386. Pale** *adj.* white, colourless, faded, pastel, whitish, insipid, wishy-washy, discoloured
- 387. Paltry** *adj.* unimportant, minor, trivial, worthless, measly, trifling, insignificant
- 388. Paramount** *adj.* chief, top, vital, supreme, dominant, principal, overriding
- 389. Particle** *n.* piece, bit, fragment, subdivision, constituent part, speck, unit
- 390. Path** *n.* trail, track, way, route, pathway, lane, alleyway, conduit, course, corridor, passageway
- 391. Peculiar** *adj.* (1) strange, odd, puzzling, weird; (2) distinctive, characteristic, unique, special
- 392. Penetrate** *v.* enter, go through, go into, pierce, puncture, infiltrate, break in, make a way into
- 393. Perceive** *v.* observe, sense, notice, distinguish, recognize, identify, pick out, make out
- 394. Peril** *n.* danger, hazard, risk, threat, vulnerability, jeopardy, menace
- 395. Perilous** *adj.* dangerous, risky, ominous, hazardous, unsafe, death-defying, terrifying
- 396. Perpetual** *adj.* constant, endless, eternal, continuous, everlasting, uninterrupted, long-lasting
- 397. Perplexing** *adj.* puzzling, mystifying, confusing, bewildering, baffling, confounding
- 398. Pierce** *v.* penetrate, puncture, stab, go into, infiltrate, break in, make a way into
- 399. Pivotal** *adj.* important, key, crucial, essential, fundamental, critical, central
- 400. Plague** *n.* epidemic, pestilence, infection, spate; *n.* trouble, bother, harass, vex
- 401. Plausible** *adj.* likely, credible, believable, reasonable, conceivable, probable, possible
- 402. Plead** *v.* appeal, beg, beseech, implore, entreat, importune, supplicate, pray
- 403. Plush** *adj.* luxurious, opulent, rich, elegant, lush, lavish, posh, swish
- 404. Ponder** *v.* consider, think about, reflect on, think over, contemplate, muse, brood over
- 405. Portion** *n.* share, part, section, segment, piece, fraction, scrap, bit
- 406. Postpone** *v.* delay, put off, defer, push back, adjourn, suspend, reschedule, rearrange
- 407. Potent** *adj.* strong, powerful, effective, forceful, compelling, persuasive, intoxicating, heady
- 408. Pounce** *v.* jump, leap, spring, swoop, attack suddenly, seize upon, ambush, jump out
- 409. Precious** *adj.* expensive, costly, rare, desirable, valued, valuable, prized, dear, loved
- 410. Precise** *adj.* accurate, exact, definite, specific, particular, clear-cut, defined, fixed, strict
- 411. Premier** *adj.* first, opening, earliest, initial, foremost; *n.* chief, leader, ruler, head of state
- 412. Prescribed** *adj.* arranged, set, agreed on, prearranged, given, approved
- 413. Pressing** *adj.* urgent, crucial, compelling, vital, imperative, burning, critical
- 414. Pretext** *n.* excuse, pretense, justification, alleged reason, cause, ploy, ruse, red herring
- 415. Prevail** *v.* (1) succeed, win, triumph, overcome, reign, (2) exist, be happening
- 416. Prevalent** *adj.* common, widespread, popular, rife, rampant, ubiquitous, customary
- 417. Prior** *adj.* earlier, preceding, former, previous, past, aforementioned
- 418. Probe** *v.* investigate, inquire into, search, prod, query, check out, survey, look into
- 419. Procure** *v.* obtain, acquire, secure, get hold of, gain, get
- 420. Profound** *adj.* important, significant, deep, thoughtful, insightful, weighty, philosophical
- 421. Profuse** *adj.* plentiful, abundant, copious, teeming, bountiful, prolific
- 422. Prompt** *adj.* punctual, timely, on time, at the appointed time, without delay
- 423. Prosper** *v.* flourish, thrive, succeed, do well, be in the black, grow, show a profit, make money
- 424. Provoke** *v.* (1) irritate, anger, annoy, inflame; (2) cause, trigger, aggravate, incite, goad
- 425. Prudent** *adj.* careful, sensible, cautious, practical, discreet, wise, far-sighted
- 426. Pulverize** *v.* crush, grind, powder, macerate, pulp, mash, chop up, pound, chop into pieces
- 427. Pungent** *adj.* bitter, harsh, biting, sharp, strong, hot, overpowering, spicy
- 428. Pursue** *v.* chase, follow, seek, hunt, track, tail, shadow, practise
- 429. Puzzling** *adj.* mystifying, confusing, baffling, bewildering, perplexing, bamboozling

430. **Quaint** *adj.* charming in an old fashioned way, picturesque, curious, old-world
 431. **Quake** *v.* shiver, shake, tremble, quiver, shudder, wobble, tremor, earthquake
 432. **Quandary** *n.* problem, dilemma, predicament, difficulty, jam, sticky situation, fix
 433. **Quarrel** *n.* argument, dispute, disagreement, clash, bicker, wrangle, squabble, fight
 434. **Quest** *n.* search, journey, venture, mission, expedition, pursuit, hunt, seek, chase, pursue

R

435. **Radiant** *adj.* (1) bright, shiny, glowing, beaming, sunny, (2) joyful, happy, healthy
 436. **Ragged** *adj.* tattered, worn, torn, worn out, shabby, frayed, in tatters, worn to shreds
 437. **Range** *v.* (1) extend, vary, fluctuate; (2) roam, wander; *n.* scope, extent, spectrum
 438. **Rash** *adj.* thoughtless, careless, reckless, *n.* hives, itchiness, skin complaint, pimples
 439. **Raw** *adj.* (1) uncooked; (2) unprocessed, unrefined, crude; (3) sore, tender
 440. **Raze** *v.* demolish, level, knock down, destroy, annihilate, ruin, devastate, wreck
 441. **Real estate** *n.* property such as buildings and land
 442. **Rebuke** *v.* scold, reprimand, censure, admonish, chide, haul over the coals
 443. **Recede** *v.* retreat, go back, subside, withdraw, draw back, ebb, move away
 444. **Reckless** *adj.* careless, rash, inattentive, irresponsible, wild, inattentive, uncontrolled
 445. **Recollect** *v.* recall, remember, summon up, reminisce, call to mind, summon up
 446. **Recount** *v.* narrate, tell, report, describe, detail, relate, give an account
 447. **Refine** *v.* improve, process, purify, treat, filter, distill, get rid of impurities
 448. **Refuge** *n.* shelter, haven, retreat, harbor, asylum, protection, sanctuary, place of safety
 449. **Refuse** *v.* reject, turn down, repudiate, rebuff, snub, say 'no'; *n.* waste, garbage, trash
 450. **Rehearse** *v.* practise, train, go over, run through, prepare, train, review
 451. **Reliable** *adj.* dependable, trustworthy, consistent, steadfast, unswerving, unfailing
 452. **Relish** *v.* enjoy, savor, like, delight in, appreciate, take pleasure in
 453. **Remarkable** *adj.* incredible, amazing, extraordinary, noteworthy, astonishing, outstanding
 454. **Remedy** *n.* treatment, cure, therapy, medication, tonic, medicine, preparation, mixture
 455. **Remnant** *n.* remainder, balance, fragment, remains, leftover, residue, relic, vestige, trace
 456. **Remote** *adj.* isolated, distant, inaccessible, far-flung, secluded, far-off, in the sticks
 457. **Renowned** *adj.* famous, celebrated, notable, well-known, distinguished, popular, prominent
 458. **Resent** *v.* dislike, take offense at, hate, rail against, be offended by
 459. **Retract** *v.* withdraw, pull back, draw back, pull back, take back
 460. **Riddle** *n.* puzzle, mystery, enigma, conundrum, brainteaser,
 461. **Rigid** *adj.* (1) stiff, unbending, inflexible, firm, unyielding; (2) harsh, severe, strict, stern
 462. **Rip** *v.* tear, cut, slash, slit, cleave, shred
 463. **Ripe** *adj.* mature, developed, seasoned, ready, full-grown, ripened
 464. **Risky** *adj.* dangerous, hazardous, precarious, perilous, dicey, chancy, unsafe
 465. **Roam** *v.* travel, wander, range, rove, journey, stray, ramble, meander
 466. **Rough** *adj.* (1) uneven, jagged, rugged; (2) difficult; (3) impolite, violent, forceful
 467. **Route** *n.* way, course, path, road
 468. **Routine** *n.* custom, habit, schedule; *adj.* (1) ordinary, typical, regular, normal, rudimentary; (2) boring, tiresome, tedious, hackneyed, banal, trite
 469. **Rugged** *adj.* (1) jagged, rough, uneven, craggy, rocky; (2) strong, sturdy, harsh, hardy
 470. **Rumor** *n.* gossip, story, tale, chitchat, anecdote, buzz
 471. **Rural** *adj.* country, countryside, bucolic, rustic, pastoral
 472. **Ruthless** *adj.* cruel, brutal, vicious, callous, pitiless, merciless, coldblooded, hardnosed

S

473. **Salvage** *v.* save, rescue, recover, retrieve, reclaim, recoup, pick up
474. **Savage** *adj.* fierce, wild, aggressive, ferocious, belligerent, uncivilized
475. **Scale** *v.* climb, ascend, mount; *n.* (1) range, spectrum; (2) proportion, degree (3) balance
476. **Scarce** *adj.* rare, sparse, scant, meager, insufficient, scant, inadequate, short
477. **Scatter** *v.* disperse, spread, spread out, fling, flee, take flight, distribute, break up
478. **Scent** *n.* aroma, fragrance, odour, smell, perfume, whiff, cologne
479. **Scorn** *n.* mockery, derision, contempt, ridicule, disdain, scornfulness, disparagement
480. **Scrap** *v.* abandon, get rid of, discard, dispose of; *n.* piece, fragment, wisp, crumb, morsel
481. **Seasoned** *adj.* experienced, veteran, hardened, tested, weathered
482. **Secluded** *adj.* hidden, isolated, secret, quiet, out-of-the-way, sheltered, private
483. **Secrete** *v.* produce (a liquid), squirt, exude, ooze, discharge
484. **Sensational** *adj.* thrilling, exciting, shocking, magnificent, breathtaking, astounding
485. **Serene** *adj.* quiet, peaceful, calm, tranquil, still, composed, unruffled
486. **Sever** *v.* cut, slice off, split, separate, break, disunite
487. **Severe** *adj.* (1) harsh, strict, stern, brutal, fierce; (2) undecorated, plain, austere, Spartan, stark (3) acute, very bad, serious, grave, dreadful, life-threatening
488. **Shatter** *v.* break, smash, fragment, splinter, destroy, blow apart, smash to smithereens
489. **Sheer** *adj.* (1) steep, sharp, abrupt; (2) transparent, thin, filmy (3) utter, complete, arrant
490. **Shimmer** *v.* shine, glow, glisten, gleam, sparkle, glitter, flicker, twinkle
491. **Shred** *v.* rip, tear up, slice, grate, chop, cut into strips, cut up
492. **Shrewd** *adj.* (1) clever, astute, perceptive, on the ball, insightful, wise; (2) sly, cunning, crafty
493. **Shrill** *adj.* piercing, high-pitched, strident, penetrating, harsh, sharp, trill
494. **Shun** *v.* avoid, stay away from, turn away from, eschew, spurn, shirk, recoil from
495. **Shy** *adj.* timid, reserved, easily frightened, introverted, bashful, reticent, diffident, apprehensive
496. **Significant** *adj.* important, vital, major, momentous, noteworthy, considerable, large
497. **Signify** *v.* symbolize, stand for, indicate, represent, mean, denote, connote, imply, suggest
498. **Simulate** *v.* imitate, reproduce, replicate, create, copy, conjure up
499. **Sketch** *v.* draw, outline, draft; *n.* drawing, picture, diagram, rough draft, first attempt
500. **Slender** *adj.* thin, slim, slight, trim; (2) unlikely, improbable, faint, remote, insubstantial
501. **Slice** *n.* thin piece, sliver, flake, tranche; *v.* cut, carve, divide, sever, chop off, shear off
502. **Sluggish** *adj.* slow, listless, lazy, lethargic, slothful, slow-moving
503. **Sly** *adj.* cunning, clever, shrewd, crafty, wily, devious, furtive, underhanded, tricky
504. **Soak** *v.* wet, drench, saturate, marinate, bathe, immerse, steep, infuse
505. **Solace** *n.* comfort, consolation, relief, support, succor
506. **Solitary** *adj.* alone, single, solo, isolated, lonely, lone, retiring, friendless, introverted
507. **Somber** *adj.* serious, grave, solemn, sober, sad, dull, dismal
508. **Sort** *v.* classify, categorize, arrange; *n.* type, kind, variety, species, class
509. **Sound** *adj.* safe, solid, secure; *n.* noise, resonance, reverberation, jingle
510. **Sow** *v.* plant, spread, disseminate, introduce, drill, propagate
511. **Span** *v.* extend, bridge, connect; *n.* length, extent, range, duration, period
512. **Spawn** *v.* generate, create, produce, reproduce; *n.* offspring, descendants
513. **Specific** *adj.* definite, particular, exact, precise, explicit
514. **Specimen** *n.* example, sample, case, sampling
515. **Spectacular** *adj.* dramatic, sensational, impressive
516. **Spell** *n.* (1) interval, period, time, stretch, run, course (2) incantation, charm, conjuration

517. **Spirited** *adj.* lively, energetic, vigorous, feisty, strong-willed, determined
518. **Splendid** *adj.* excellent, superb, wonderful, marvelous, fabulous, grand, impressive
519. **Spoil** *v.* (1) ruin, mar; (2) decay, deteriorate, decompose, rot
520. **Spot** *v.* locate, find, see, identify; *n.* (1) location, site; (2) mark, stain, speck
521. **Spur** *v.* stimulate, impel, encourage, provoke; *n.* inducement, stimulus
522. **Stable** *adj.* steady, secure, stationary, fixed
523. **Stage** *v.* present, put on; *n.* grade, step, level, phase
524. **Stain** *v.* colour, tint, discolour, dye; *n.* spot, mark, blemish
525. **Stale** *adj.* laid, dry; (2) dull, trite, uninteresting
526. **Stall** *v.* halt, delay, put off, booth, freeze, come to a standstill
527. **Standard** *n.* pattern, ideal, norm; *adj.* normal, typical, ordinary, regular, stock
528. **Stately** *adj.* dignified, grand, magnificent, elegant
529. **Steep** *adj.* sheer, perpendicular, vertical, precipitous
530. **Stern** *adj.* firm, severe, strict, harsh, rigid, unyielding, uncompromising
531. **Stock** *n.* (1) supply, collection; (2) goods, merchandise: *v.* accumulate, have a supply of, carry; *adj.* standard, routine, ordinary, typical
532. **Stray** *adj.* wandering, undirected, lost, uncontrolled
533. **Strenuous** *adj.* difficult, arduous, tiring, exhausting, backbreaking
534. **Strident** *adj.* loud, clamorous, vociferous, harsh
535. **Strife** *n.* conflict, dispute, struggle, discord, rivalry, dissension
536. **Striking** *adj.* prominent, remarkable, unusual, conspicuous, noteworthy, dramatic
537. **Strive** *v.* attempt, try, struggle, attempt, go all-out, endeavor
538. **Struggle** *v.* fight, argue, dispute; *n.* conflict, strife, battle, effort
539. **Stubborn** *adj.* rigid, uncompromising, obstinate, mulish, willful, obdurate
540. **Stunning** *adj.* (1) surprising, shocking; (2) attractive, beautiful
541. **Sturdy** *adj.* strong, rugged, well built, powerful, strapping, muscular
542. **Subsequent** *adj.* later, succeeding, following, ensuing
543. **Subtle** *adj.* (1) indirect, suggestive, implied; (2) astute, keen, acute; (3) ingenious, cunning
544. **Suitable** *adj.* appropriate, correct, apt, fit, apposite, proper
545. **Summit** *n.* peak, apex, zenith, pinnacle, acme, top
546. **Sundry** *adj.* miscellaneous, diverse, various
547. **Superb** *adj.* excellent, splendid, outstanding, terrific, marvelous
548. **Supplant** *v.* replace, substitute for, displace, unseat
549. **Supple** *adj.* pliable, flexible, bendable, lithe, agile, elastic, limber
550. **Sway** *v.* (1) wave, rock, swing, bend; (2) persuade, influence
551. **Sweeping** *adj.* complete, exhaustive, general, comprehensive
552. **Swift** *adj.* fast, quick, rapid, speedy, express, hurried
553. **Swivel** *v.* rotate, spin, turn, pivot, twirl, wheel
554. **Symbolise** *v.* represent, stand for, signify, indicate, mean

T

555. **Tact** *n.* diplomacy, discretion, poise, judgment, dexterity, delicacy, insight
556. **Tale** *n.* story, legend, account, fiction, anecdote, romance, saga
557. **Tame** *v.* domesticate, master, cultivate, reclaim; *adj.* docile, domesticated, gentle
558. **Tamper** (with) *v.* interfere (with), meddle, fiddle, mess about, tinker
559. **Tangled** *adj.* knotted, twisted, snarled, jumbled, scrambled, tousled
560. **Tart** *adj.* sour, tangy, piquant, pie, quiche, sharp-tasting

561. **Taunt** *v.* insult, mock, torment, jeer at, sneer at, goad, criticize, tease
562. **Tedious** *adj.* boring, dull, tiresome, deadly, dreary, mind-numbing, monotonous
563. **Telling** *adj.* effective, convincing, forceful, influential, decisive, significant, impressive
564. **Temperate** *adj.* mild, moderate, clement, pleasant, calm, self-controlled, controlled
565. **Tempting** *adj.* alluring, attractive, enticing, appealing, persuasive
566. **Tender** *adj.* (1) delicate, soft; (2) gentle, loving, warm, affectionate; (3) sore, painful, raw
567. **Terminate** *v.* end, finish, cease, lapse, expire, come to an end, conclude, stop
568. **Thaw** *v.* melt, warm up, defrost, soften, liquefy
569. **Thorough** *adj.* complete, comprehensive, detailed, methodical, meticulous, painstaking
570. **Thoroughfare** *n.* avenue, street, way, road, access road, main road, through street
571. **Thrifty** *adj.* economical, inexpensive, frugal, parsimonious, sparing, prudent, careful
572. **Thrilling** *adj.* exciting, stimulating, stirring, electrifying, breathtaking, awesome, rousing
573. **Thrive** *v.* prosper, flourish, boom, bloom, blossom, increase, succeed
574. **Thwart** *v.* prevent, put a stop to, impede, obstruct, frustrate, put paid to, ruin
575. **Tidings** *n.* news, message, report, word, communication
576. **Tilt** *v.* incline, slope, tip, slant, lean, angle, roll, gradient
577. **Timid** *adj.* fearful, shy, retiring, nervous, timorous, coy, hesitant, apprehensive
578. **Tint** *n.* colour, hue, shade, tone, trace, touch; *v.* colour, stain, dye
579. **Tiresome** *adj.* tedious, dull, boring, exasperating, irksome, wearisome, annoying
580. **Toil** *v.* labour, work, sweat, strive, plug away; *n.* exertion, labour, work, slog
581. **Tolerant** *adj.* patient, impartial, open-minded, lenient, forbearing, liberal, broadminded
582. **Topple** *v.* knock over, knock down, bring down, uproot, oust, collapse, fall over, depose
583. **Torment** *v.* taunt, abuse, bully, torture, *n.* pain, agony, suffering, anguish
584. **Torrent** *n.* flood, deluge, gush, downpour, inundation, surge, stream, violent flow
585. **Tough** *adj.* durable, strong, rough, harsh, hard-hitting, sturdy
586. **Tow** *v.* haul, draw, pull, drag, lug, tug
587. **Toxic** *adj.* poisonous, noxious, deadly, contaminated, venomous
588. **Trait** *n.* characteristic, feature, quality, mannerism, attribute, peculiarity
589. **Tranquil** *adj.* quiet, peaceful, relaxing, calm, serene, still, restful, soothing
590. **Transient** *adj.* temporary, momentary, passing, fleeting, brief, transitory, ephemeral, short-lived
591. **Transparent** *adj.* clear, see-through, crystal clear, obvious, apparent, visible
592. **Treacherous** *adj.* unfaithful, underhanded deceitful, double-crossing, disloyal, perfidious
593. **Trickle** *n.* drip, leak, drop, dribble, ooze, filter, seep
594. **Triumph** *n.* victory, success, achievement, conquest, accomplishment; *v.* win, succeed, prevail
595. **Trivial** *adj.* unimportant, minor, inconsequential, insignificant, trifling, petty, small
596. **Trying** *adj.* demanding, difficult, troublesome
597. **Tug** *v.* pull, draw, tow, yank, heave, wrench, haul; *n.* pull
598. **Twilight** *n.* evening, dusk, nightfall, sunset, sundown

U

599. **Ultimate** *adj.* (1) conclusive, definite, final, eventual, crucial; (2) maximum, highest, best
600. **Unbearable** *adj.* intolerable, agonizing, excruciating, insufferable, horrendous, insupportable
601. **Uncouth** *adj.* impolite, rude, vulgar, uncivilized, ill-mannered, foul-mouthed, coarse
602. **Underlying** *adj.* fundamental, basic, primary, core, essential, principal, original
603. **Undertake** *v.* (1) try, attempt, embark on, carry out, (2) start, commence, take on
604. **Ungainly** *adj.* (1) awkward, unskillful, clumsy, lumbering, (2) miserly, tightfisted, mean
605. **Uniform** *adj.* consistent, regular, consistent, homogeneous, identical, standardized, unvarying

606. **Unique** *adj.* singular, only one of a kind, special, sole, exceptional, inimitable, distinctive
607. **Unravel** *v.* untie, unknot, loosen, disentangle, untangle, unstitch, unpick, work loose
608. **Unruly** *adj.* unmanageable, disorganized, disorderly, rowdy, boisterous, uncontrollable, wild
609. **Unsound** *adj.* defective, faulty, unsafe, rickety, ramshackle, unstable, unsteady, shaky
610. **Upheaval** *n.* disturbance, disorder, turmoil, confusion, cataclysm, mayhem, commotion
611. **Uphold** *v.* support, sustain, maintain, defend, endorse, advocate, espouse, encourage
612. **Upkeep** *n.* maintenance, repairs, conservation, keep, preservation, running
613. **Uproar** *n.* disorder, disturbance, commotion, pandemonium, chaos, upheaval, tumult
614. **Urbane** *adj.* sophisticated, cultured, elegant, suave, debonair, cultured, polished, stylish
615. **Urge** *v.* encourage, advise, implore, support, recommend, insist on, push for, beg
616. **Urgent** *adj.* pressing, compelling, vital, imperative, burning, critical, insistent
617. **Utensil** *n.* tool, implement, device, instrument, appliance, gadget
618. **Utter** *v.* say, speak, articulate, converse, verbalize; *adj.* total, absolute, complete, sheer

V

619. **Vacant** *adj.* empty, unoccupied, available, unfilled, free, unfilled
620. **Vague** *adj.* unclear, uncertain, ambiguous, indistinct, hazy, fuzzy, formless, indistinguishable
621. **Vain** *adj.* (1) useless, pointless, unsuccessful, futile; (2) conceited, arrogant, narcissistic, cocky
622. **Valid** *adj.* genuine, authentic, legitimate, suitable, applicable, convincing, legal, official
623. **Vanish** *v.* disappear, go away, evaporate, fade away, peter out, become extinct, die out
624. **Variable** *adj.* changeable, shifting, uneven, patchy, up-and-down, inconsistent, capricious
625. **Vast** *adj.* huge, enormous, extensive, immense, gigantic, cosmic, infinite, immeasurable
626. **Venomous** *adj.* poisonous, toxic, noxious, malicious, spiteful, lethal, deadly
627. **Verbose** *adj.* talkative, wordy, long-winded, garrulous, effusive, loquacious, rambling
628. **Verge** *n.* brink, edge, threshold, border, limit, margin
629. **Verve** *n.* enthusiasm, energy, vitality, dynamism, vigor, vim, dash, spirit
630. **Vessel** *n.* (1) container, bottle, pot, pail; (2) ship, craft, ferry, liner, boat, yacht
631. **Vex** *v.* irritate, anger, annoy, displease, irk, irritate, aggravate, exasperate
632. **Viable** *adj.* (1) alive, living, ; (2) feasible, practical, possible
633. **Vicinity** *n.* area, proximity, zone, surrounding, environs, neighborhood, locality, district
634. **Vie** (with) *v.* compete (with), rival, contend, contest, struggle, strive, fight, oppose
635. **Vigorous** *adj.* dynamic, energetic, spirited, vital, forceful, strong, enthusiastic, hearty
636. **Virtual** *adj.* effective, near, practical, fundamental; implied, implicit, indirect, unacknowledged
637. **Vital** *adj.* critical, crucial, key, essential, fundamental, very important, of the essence, central
638. **Vivacious** *adj.* lively, cheerful, bubbly, spirited, full of life, chirpy, effervescent, energetic
639. **Vivid** *adj.* clear, distinct, graphic, vibrant, stunning, flamboyant, bright, colourful
640. **Vow** *v.* promise, pledge, swear, give your word, give your promise; *n.* oath, promise, pledge

W

641. **Wage** *n.* salary, pay, earnings, income, remuneration
642. **Waive** *v.* to surrender (rights, privileges), give up, relinquish, put aside
643. **Wake** *n.* the track of a ship in water, *v.* awaken, stir, rouse, get up, come around, stir
644. **Wander** *v.* roam, travel, range, stroll, ramble, amble, meander, mosey, drift, hang around
645. **Wane** *v.* diminish, decrease, decline, fade, disappear, vanish, get smaller
646. **Wares** *n.* goods, merchandise, products, commodities, stuff, produce

- 647. **Warn** *v.* alert, caution, advise, counsel, presage, notify, tip off
- 648. **Warning** *n.* alarm, alert, caution, caveat, admonition, notice
- 649. **Warp** *v.* deform, bend, twist, distort, damage, pervert, go out of shape
- 650. **Wary** *v.* careful, cautions, alert, on your guard, guarded, chary, mindful
- 651. **Weary** *adj.* tired, exhausted, fatigued, drained, somnolent, worn out
- 652. **Weird** *adj.* strange, eerie, unusual, bizarre, creepy, peculiar, uncanny
- 653. **Well-to-do** *adj.* rich, wealthy, affluent, prosperous, well off, well heeled
- 654. **Whiff** *n.* a slight smell, aroma, scent, hint, trace
- 655. **Wholesome** *adj.* healthy, nutritious, beneficial, nourishing, decent, hearty, natural
- 656. **Wicked** *adj.* evil, corrupt, immoral, depraved, iniquitous, sinful, impious, bad
- 657. **Widespread** *adj.* extensive, prevalent, sweeping, pervasive, rife, well-known
- 658. **Wily** *adj.* crafty, cunning, shrewd, sly, devious, scheming
- 659. **Wise** *adj.* astute, prudent, intelligent, sensible, judicious
- 660. **Withdraw** *v.* retreat, pull out, remove, vacate, extract, depart
- 661. **Wither** *v.* dry, shrivel, wilt, droop, shrink, fade, become weak
- 662. **Withhold** *v.* reserve, retain, hold back, keep back, refuse to give, deny
- 663. **Witty** *adj.* comic, clever, amusing, humorous, droll
- 664. **Woe** *n.* trouble, distress, sorrow, anguish, affliction, sadness, despair, misery, wretchedness
- 665. **Wonder** *v.* think about, speculate, ponder, be in awe; *n.* marvel, miracle, surprise,
- 666. **Wound** *v.* injure, hurt; *n.* injury, lesion, gash, sore, abrasion
- 667. **Wrinkle** *n.* line, crease (in clothing, skin, etc.), crinkle, crumple, rumple; *v.* to put lines or creases in something; to have lines or creases, scrunch up

X

- 668. **Xenophobic** *n.* chauvinistic, intolerant, racist, jingoistic, flag-waving, bigoted, isolationist
- 669. **Xerox** *n.* photocopy, copy, duplicate, reproduction
- 670. **X-ray** *n.* radiograph, roentgenogram, radiogram, X-ray image, X-ray picture

Y

- 671. **Yearn** *v.* desire, crave, want, long, ache, hanker, covet, hunger
- 672. **Yield** *v.* (1) give up, surrender, capitulate; (2) produce, supply; *n.* production, output, crop

Z

- 673. **Zealous** *adj.* enthusiastic, eager, passionate, fervent, ardent, fanatical, obsessive, keen
- 674. **Zenith** *n.* peak, top, apex, summit, pinnacle, acme, high point
- 675. **Zone** *n.* area, vicinity, region, district, sector, neighborhood, precinct