

FAMILIAL DUMPSTER

Abundant

Abound

[ə'baʊnd]

- [v] To exist in large numbers
- – *In the vibrant forest where countless species reside, wildlife **abounds**.*

Add

Addendum

[ə'den.dəm]

- [n] Additional material added at the end of a book/document in order to correct/clarify/supplement sth
- – *The author included an **addendum** at the end of the book to address questions frequently raised by readers.*

Allergy

Hypoallergenic

Allot

Allotmenteer

[əˈlɔ:t.mən'tɪr]

- [n] Sb who rents an allotment (a piece of ground for gardening)
- – As an enthusiastic **allotmenteer**, she spends most weekends tending to her plot, ensuring a bountiful harvest.

Allotment

[ə'lɒtm(ə)nt]

- [n] The allotted amount / The act of allotting
- – Each student received an **allotment** of supplies for the art class.
- – We have used up this year's **allotment** of funds.

Allot

[ə'lɔ:t]

- [v] To allocate a proportion of sth for a particular purpose
- – They **allotted** everyone a separate desk.
- – The ministry of culture will be **allotted** about 15% less this year.
- – Three hours have been **allotted** to/for this task.
- – The museum is planning to increase the amount of space **allotted** to modern art.

Arch

Overarching

Audacity

Audacious

[ɔ:'deɪʃəs]

- [adj] The quality of being bold / having the balls
- – My **audacious** plan to climb the mountain surprised everyone.

Bear

Forbear

Bed

Interbed

[,ɪn.təˈbed]

- [v] To form layers between different types of rock/other substances
- – The research paper discussed how fossil-rich strata were often **interbedded with** sterile layers, demonstrating cycles of life and extinction.
- – Limestone beds **interbedded with** volcanic ash layers provide evidence of periodic volcanic activity in the region.

Beguile

Laudatory

Bid

Biddable

['bɪd.ə.bəl]

- [adj] Able to be led / controlled easily
- – He was a **biddable** employee, always ready to take on any task given by his boss.
- – The **biddable** child always listened to her parents and teachers.

Burn

Back-burner

Candid

Candor

['kæn.də]

- [n] The quality of being candid
- – The chairman was a young lad of refreshing **candor**.

Capsule

Capsular

['kæp.sə.ləʃ]

- [**adj**] [Usually of human body] Resembling a capsule
 - The surgeon examined the **capsular** tissue around the knee to ensure there was no damage.
 - The **capsular** shape of the spaceship allowed it to re-enter the Earth's atmosphere safely.
 - In botany, certain fruits have **capsular** structures that enclose their seeds.

Encapsulate

[ɪn'kæp.sjə.leɪt]

- [**v**] To express/show the most important characteristics
 - The keynote speaker **encapsulated** the main points of the conference in his closing remarks.
 - She **encapsulates** the stereotyped image that the British have of Americans.

Cease

Ceaseless

['siːsləs]

- [**adj**] Unceasing
 - The **ceaseless** waves crashed against the shore.

Cessation

[se'seɪʃn]

- [**n**] The act of ceasing
 - They called for an immediate **cessation** of hostilities.

Incessant

[ɪn'ses.ənt]

- [**adj**] Gratingly ceaseless
 - The **incessant** whining of the mosquitoes kept me up all night.

Close

Foreclose

Coal

Coalface

Command

Commandeer

Company

Companionable

[kəm'pænjənəbl]

- [adj] Friendly and sociable
- – The dog was **Companionable** and loved being around people.

Conscience

Conscientious

[ˌkɑ:n.ʃi'en.ʃəs]

- [adj] Being responsible and putting effort into one's work
- – Greg Dick is a **conscientious** worker who will be an asset to our company.

Conscionable

['kɑ:n.ʃən.ə.bəl]

- [adj] Morally acceptable
- – The decision to continue with this project is just not **conscionable**.

Continue

Continuum

[kən'tɪn.ju.əm]

- [n] Sth that extends into slight stages with no clear diving points
- – Temperature can be viewed as a **continuum**, with no sharp boundaries between hot and cold.

Cry

Lachrymose

Custom

Customary

['kʌstəməri]

- [adj] Usual
 - *She is not her **customary** cheerful self today.*
- [adj] Traditional
 - *It is **customary** to take off your shoes upon entering a Japanese house.*

Dejected

Dejection

[dɪ'dʒek.ʃən]

- [n] The state of being dejected (unhappy/disappointed with no hope)
 - *He wandered around the house in utter **dejection**.*
 - *She felt **dejected** after receiving the disappointing news.*

Delete

Indelible

Demon

Pandemonium

[ˌpæn.də'moʊ.ni.əm]

- [n] A situation of wild & noisy disorder due to excitement/anger/fear
 - ***Pandemonium** reigned in the hall as the unbelievable election results were read out.*
 - *The teacher's absence led to **pandemonium** in the classroom, with students running around and shouting.*
 - *During the holiday sale, the shopping mall was **in pandemonium**, with people scrambling to grab the best deals.*

Determine

Diet

Dietetics

Dole

Dolorous

['dou.lə.əs]

- [adj [formal] [literary]] Doleful
- – The **dolorous** news of the tragedy cast a shadow over the entire community.

Doleful

['doul.fəl]

- [adj] Very sad
- – The **doleful** melody of the violin set a somber tone for the evening.
- – He gave a **doleful** sigh as he looked at the empty house.

Doubt

Redoubtable

Indubitable

Draw

Drawdown

Dread

Elephant

Elephantine

Equal

Restrict

Equilibrium

Equity

Equivocate

Equivoque

['ɛkwɪvəʊk]

- [n] An expression with more than one meaning / A pun
 - The politician's speech was full of **equivokes**, leaving the audience unsure of his true stance.
 - The poet's clever **equivoque** made the audience smile as they picked up on the double meaning.

Extra

Extraneous

Fool

Foolhardy

['fu:l|hɑ:r.di]

- [adj] Brave in a foolish way, taking unnecessary risks
 - His **foolhardy** attempt to climb the mountain without proper gear ended in disaster.

Grace

Hibernate

Aestivate

['i:stɪvət]

- [v] To remain dormant during a prolonged hot, dry period
- – *The tortoises **aestivate** during the summer.*

Illustrate

Illustrious

[ɪ'lʌs.tri.əs]

- [adj] Famous, well-respected, and admired
- – *The scientist's **illustrious** career was marked by numerous groundbreaking discoveries.*
- – *She comes from an **illustrious** political family that includes two former ministers.*

Indigenous

Indigenous

[ɪn'dɪdʒ.ə.nəs]

- [adj] Being an indigene
- – *Many **indigenous** cultures have rich traditions and deep connections to their ancestral lands.*
- – *The panda is **indigenous** to certain mountainous regions in China.*

Indigene

['ɪndɪdʒi:n]

- [n] Sb / Sth that is native to a particular place or region
- – *The **indigenes** of the island have a rich cultural heritage passed down through generations.*

Ingenious

Ingenuity

[ˌɪndʒɪˈnjuːɪti]

- [n] The quality of being ingenious
- – Her ***ingenuity*** led to the creation of a device that could solve multiple problems at once.

Ingenious

[ɪnˈdʒiːnrəs]

- [adj] Clever and resourceful
- – She came up with an ***ingenious*** plan to solve the issue quickly.

Intuition

Intuit

[ɪnˈtuː.ɪt]

- [v] To understand/work out using intuition
- – She could ***intuit*** without him having to say a word.

Intuitive

[ɪnˈtuː.ɪ.tɪv]

- [adj] Based on intuition rather than facts/proof
- – Her ***intuitive*** sense of direction often helped them find their way.

Laminate

Lamination

[ˌlæmɪˈneɪʃn]

- [n] The process of laminating

ASTERISK EMERGENCY -- ___ of the kitchen countertops not only adds durability but also enhances their aesthetic appeal.

Lay

Parlay

Lip

Bilabial

Mass

Amass

[ə'mæs]

- [v] To accumulate over a long period into a large amount
 - She has **amassed** a huge fortune from her novels.
 - The company **amassed** a large database of customer information to improve their services.

Mean

Demeanor

Misdemeanor

Demean

Mix

(Im)Miscible

[(ɪ)'mɪsɪbl]

- [adj] [Of liquids] Able to combine into a homogeneous mixture
 - Oil and water are **immiscible**, i. e. they form separate layers once combined.

Morph

Amorphous

Polymorphous

Nose

Rhinoplasty

Office

Operate

Interoperability

Oracle

Oracular

[ɔːr'æk.jə.ləʃ]

- [adj] Mysterious and difficult to understand, but probably wise
- – The author's **oracular** writing style made her novels feel like they were filled with ancient wisdom and prophecy.
- – His **oracular** pronouncements often left his followers pondering their deeper meanings for days.

Orb

Orbicular

[ɔːr'bɪk.jə.ləʃ]

- [adj] Shaped like an orb
- – The **orbicular** shape of the ancient coins made them easy to stack and store.

Out

Outing

['aʊ.tɪŋ]

- [n] A trip taken for pleasure, lasting for a day or less
- – We planned a family **outing** to the beach for this weekend.

Oxygen

Anoxia

Platform

Deplatform

[,di:'plæt.fɔ:rm]

- [v] Remove / Deny access to a (social media) platform
 - He was **deplatformed** for his toxic behavior.

Profuse

Profusion

[prə'fju:..ʒən]

- [n] An extremely large amount of smth
 - The artist's work was celebrated for its **profusion** of colors.
 - I was remarking on the recent **profusion** of books and articles on the matter.

Prompt

Teleprompter

Purge

Purgatory

['pɜ:..gə.tɔ:r.i]

- [n] An extremely unpleasant experience
 - I have been on a diet for two weeks now, and it's **purgatory**!

Recap

Recapitulate

- [v] This is the original word. "Recap" is a shorthand.

Redeem

Reveal

Revelation

[,rev.ə'leɪ.ʃən]

- [n] The act of revealing
- – The **revelation** of the secret plan shocked everyone in the room.

Scrutiny

Scrutineer

[,skruː.tən'ɪr]

- [n] The one who counts the votes/recheck the votes in an election
- – The **scrutineer** was inculpated for fraud after an investigation revealed tampering with the election results.

Scrutinize

['skruː.tən.aɪz]

- [v] To examine/inspect closely and carefully
- – The government's record will be closely **scrutinized** in the weeks before the election.

Serpent

Serpentine

['sɜː.pən.taɪn]

- [adj] Curving/Twisting like a serpent
- – We followed the **serpentine** course of the river.
- – Her **serpentine** movements on the dance floor mesmerized everyone in the room.
- [adj] Complicated/Difficult to understand
- – The film's **serpentine** plot was difficult to follow.

Silver

Silvery

['sɪl.və.i]

- [**adj**] Lookin' like silver
 - *The grass was **silvery** with frost.*
 - *Her **silvery** hair shimmered in the sunlight.*
- [**adj**] [Of sounds] Clear, pleasant and metallic
 - *The wind chimes produced a **silvery** melody that was both soothing and enchanting.*
 - *Her **silvery** laughter filled the room, bringing smiles to everyone around.*

Tact

Untactful

[ʌn'tækt.fəl]

- [adj [rarely used]] Tactless / Not being tactful
- – At that point it seemed **untactful** to remind them about the money they owed.
- – The minister always managed to make a problem worse with further **untactful** remarks.

Tactless

['tækt.ləs]

- [adj] Not careful about saying/doing sth that could upset sb
- – It was **tactless** of you to invite his ex-girlfriend to his goddamn wedding.

Tactlessness

['taktləsnəs]

- [n] The quality of being tactless
- – His **tactlessness** in dealing with customer complaints earned him a notoriety for terrible service.
- – Her **tactlessness** was evident when she made an insensitive remark about the recent tragedy.

Tactful

['tækt.fəl]

- [adj] Careful not to say/do anything that could upset sb
- – The manager was **tactful** when addressing the team's concerns, ensuring everyone's opinions were respected.
- – It wasn't very **tactful** of you to mention his baldness.

Tactfulness

['taktf(ə)lnəs]

- [n] The quality of being tactful
- – The diplomat's **tactfulness** was evident in the way he navigated the complex negotiations.
- – His **tactfulness** in dealing with customer complaints earned him a reputation for excellent service.

Tear

Tearaway

Tempest

Tempestuous

[tɛm'pɛs.tju.əs]

- [**adj**] Characterized by strong/turbulent/conflicting emotions
- – Their **tempestuous** relationship was marked by frequent arguments.

Tend

Portend

Superintendent

Tread

Downtrodden

Tribute

Tributary

['trib.jə.ter.i]

- [**n**] A river/stream that flows into a larger one
- – The Đà River is a lesser **tributary** of The Red River.
- [**adj**] Paying tribute to another greater force
- – The **tributary** states were required to send annual payments to the ruling empire.
- – In medieval times, many small kingdoms existed in a **tributary** relationship with their more powerful neighbors.

Tribute

['trib.ju:t]

- [**n**] Sth that shows gratitude/respect/admiration for sb
- – The community built a statue as a **tribute** to the firefighter's bravery.
- – **Tributes** have been pouring in from all over the world for the famous actor who died yesterday.
- – Floral **tributes** piled up at the scene of the tragic accident.

Vehicle

Vehicular

[vi:ˈhɪk.jə.ləʃ]

- [**adj**] Relating to vehicles
- – *Barricades were put in place to block all **vehicular** traffic.*
- – *The house has no **vehicular** access but can be reached by a short walk across the fields.*

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Pathology

- [n] The scientific study of disease
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Abettor

[ə'bet̩.ə]

- [n] The one who abets
- – *The court found the accomplice guilty of being an **abettor** to the crime, having provided critical support to the main perpetrator.*

Abetment

[ə'bet.mənt]

- [n] The act of abetting
- – *He was charged with **abetment of fraud** for his role in helping to falsify financial records.*
- – *The teacher's **abetment of cheating** by ignoring it during exams led to widespread dishonesty among students.*

Abet

[ə'bet]

- [v] To help or encourage sb to do sth wrong/illegal
- – *His accountant had aided and **abetted** him in the fraud.*
- – *The hacker was accused of **abetting** cybercriminals by sharing security vulnerabilities.*

Abject

['æb.dʒekt]

- [adj] Existing in a low state/condition; Very bad or severe
 - *I lived in **abject** poverty, struggling to find enough food each day.*
- [adj] Showing/Expressing a state of hopelessness/degradation/misery
 - *He felt **abject** humiliation after being publicly scolded by his manager.*
- [adj] Lacking pride/dignity / Showing submissiveness/fear
 - *Her **abject** apology was filled with tears and desperate pleas for forgiveness.*

Abjection

[æb'dʒek.ʃən]

- [n] The state of being abject
 - *The actor did a great job in portraying the **abjection** of this most pitiful of characters.*
 - *Working-class women led a life of **abjection** and unending toil at that time.*
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Abjuration

[,æb.dʒʊ'reɪ.ʃən]

- [n] A formal/public statement of the act of abjuring sth
 - *Her **abjuration** of her belief in independence for the country came as a major shock.*
 - *After years of dedication to the cause, her sudden **abjuration** left many of her followers feeling betrayed and confused.*

Abjure

[əb'dʒʊr]

- [v] To renounce/reject formally/solemnly
 - *She **abjured** her allegiance to the old regime and pledged loyalty to the new government.*

Obtuse

[ɑ:b'tu:s]

- [adj] Dull / Blunt
- – *The knife was too **obtuse** to cut the vegetables properly.*
- [adj] To be slow on the uptake
- – *He was often accused of being **obtuse**, taking forever to fully grasp even the simplest mathematical concepts.*

Acute

[ə'kju:t]

- [adj] Sharp / Intense
 - – *He felt an **acute** pain in his chest.*
 - – *The patient was in **acute** distress.*
-

Unalloyed

[ʌn.ə'lɔɪd]

- [adj] Not spoiled by negative feelings / Pure
- – *We had the perfect holiday - two weeks of **unalloyed** bliss.*
- – *The child's laughter was a sound of **unalloyed** joy, pure and untainted by any worries.*

Alloy

['æl.ɔɪ]

- [n] A metal made by mixing metals with other substances/metals
- – *Brass is an **alloy** of copper and zinc.*

Alluvium

[əˈluː.vi.əm]

- [n] Sediment left behind by rivers/flood (Phù sa)
 - The fertile fields along the riverbank were covered with rich **alluvium**, deposited during the annual floods.

Alluvial

[əˈluː.vi.əl]

- [adj] Made up of alluvium
 - The Mekong Delta is an **alluvial** plain with highly fertile soil.
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Attestation

[,æʧ.es'teɪ.ʃən]

- [n] The process of attesting
 - The **attestation** of his identity was required before he could access the secure facility.
 - The contract needed an official **attestation** to be legally binding.

Attest

[ə'test]

- [v] Testify
 - Witnesses **attested** that he was at the scene of the crime
 - The number of old German cars still on the road **attests to** the excellence of their manufacture.

Austere

[ɑ:ˈstri]

- [**adj**] Very plain with only the absolutely necessary things, especially because of severe limits on money/goods
 - *The soldiers endured **austere** conditions during their winter training exercises.*
- [**adj**] Plain with no auxiliary decorations
 - *The church's **austere** façade featured plain stonework, devoid of any ornate details.*
- [**adj**] Very severe and unfriendly in manner
 - *The headmaster was known for his **austere** demeanor, enforcing the school rules with no exceptions.*

Austerity

[ˈɑ:ˌster.ə.ti]

- [**n**] The condition/practice/experience/habit of an austere lifestyle
 - *The wartime **austerity** of my early years prepared me for later hardships.*
 - [**n**] The quality of being austere in appearance
 - *The **austerity** of her short hair and plain grey suit was a far cry from her night job.*
 - [**n**] A difficult economic situation caused by the government reducing the money it spends
 - *The government implemented **austerity** measures to address the national debt, leading to widespread protests.*
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Banal

[bəˈnæl]

- [**adj**] Lacking originality/freshness/novelty
 - *The novel's plot was so **banal** that I could predict every twist and turn well in advance.*

Banality

[bəˈnɑ:ˌlə.ti]

- [**n**] The quality of being banal
 - *The critics panned the movie for its **banality**, calling it unoriginal and predictable.*

Banalize

[ˈbeɪn laɪz]

- [**v**] To make banal
 - *The director feared that the stereotypical elements would **banalize** the story, turning it into just another predictable drama.*

Misbegotten

[ˌmɪs.brɪˈɡɑː.tən]

- [adj] Badly/Stupidly planned/designed
 - The **misbegotten** scheme to quickly get rich ended in disaster for all involved.
 - Her **misbegotten** belief that she could cheat her way to success eventually led to her downfall.

Beget-Begot-Begotten

[brɪˈɡet]

- [v] To cause
 - Poverty **begets** hunger; and hunger **begets** crime.
 - He **begot** many children, ensuring his family's lineage would continue.
-

Benign

[brɪˈnaɪn]

- [adj] Pleasant and kind
 - She had a **benign** smile that made everyone feel welcome.
- [adj] [Of tumors] Not cancer
 - The biopsy results showed that the tumor was **benign** and not life-threatening.

Benignancy

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Benignity

[brɪˈnɪɡ.nɪ.ti]

Benignant

[brɪˈnɪɡ.nənt]

- [adj]

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Clamor

['klæm.ə]

- [v] To make a loud complaint/demand.
- – She **clamors** to go home as soon as she gets to school.
- – The children were all **clamoring** for attention.

Clamorous

['klæm.ə.əs]

- [adj] Clamoring
 - – The **clamorous** children were difficult to control during the assembly.
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Recommencement

[,ri:.kə'mens.mənt]

- [v] The beginning of sth again
- – The pipeline was replaced prior to **recommencement** of operations at the factory.

Recommence

[,ri:kə'mens]

- [v] To commence again
- – Courses have stopped for the summer, but will **recommence** in September.

Commence

[kə'mens]

- [v] To begin/start
- – The ceremony shall **commence** at noon.

Commencement

[kə'mens.mənt]

- [n] The beginning of sth
- – Please turn off your mobile phones before the **commencement** of the flight.

Conciliate

[kən'sɪl.i.ert]

- [v] To placate / appease
- – He tried to **conciliate** her with flowers and an apology.

Conciliatory

[kən'sɪl.i.ə.tɔːr.i]

- [adj] Showing willingness to conciliate.
 - – The UK government was not in a **conciliatory** mood and decided to nuke France.
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Concuss

[kən'kʌs]

- [v] To injure the brain by a sudden, violent impact
- – The player was **concussed** during the game after a hard tackle.

Concussion

[kən'kʌʃ.ən]

- [n] A brain injury caused by a blow/jolt to the head
- – After the accident, he was diagnosed with a **concussion**.

Confluence

['kɑ:n.flu:.əns]

- [n] The quality of being confluent
 - The **confluence** of the two rivers created a powerful current.
- – The **confluence** of different cultures in the city has led to a unique cultural tapestry.
- – The conference was a **confluence** of experts from various fields.

Confluent

['kɑ:n.flu.ənt]

- [adj] [Of rivers/streams/liquid] Flowing together
 - The two rivers became **confluent** at the base of the mountain.
 - [adj] Merging together to form a unified whole
 - Their ideas were **confluent**, resulting in a cohesive plan
 - [adj] [Medical] Skin lesions/rashes that merge or coalesce.
 - In some cases, the blisters merge together into sheets, forming a **confluent** rash.
 - – During development, this cavity becomes **confluent with** the aortic sac.
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Dally

['dali]

- [v] To waste time or do sth slowly
 - She **dallied** over her morning coffee.
- [v] Flirt
 - It's cruel the way she just **dallies with** his affections.

Dalliance

- [n] Involvement in an activity with a dallying manner
 - The manager was frustrated with the team's **dalliance** during critical project deadlines.
- [n] A flirtatious relationship
 - It seems likely that his **dalliance** with another woman was the real cause of their divorce.

Deterrence

[dɪ'ter.ənts]

- [n] The act/fact of deterring
 - Parents often use **deterrence** by setting rules and consequences to prevent their children from misbehaving.

Deterrent

[dɪ'ter.ənt]

- [n] Sth that deters
 - The new security system acts as a strong **deterrent** against theft.
 - High taxes on cigarettes are meant to be a **deterrent** to smoking.

Undeterred

[ʌn.dɪ'tɜːd]

- [adj] Not deterred by difficulty/danger/disappointment
 - Despite the heavy rain, the hikers remained **undeterred** and continued their journey.

Deter

[dɪ'tɜː]

- [v] Discourage/prevent sb from doing sth by instilling fear/doubt/other negative consequences
 - This defense mechanism was designed to **deter** enemy attacks.
 - The high cost of the project didn't **deter** the team from pursuing their goal.
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Detergent

[dɪ'tɜː.dʒənt]

- [n] A substance for cleaning dirt from clothes/dishes
 - She added a scoop of **detergent** to the washing machine before starting it.

Detergency

[dɪ'tɜː.dʒən.si]

- [n] The quality/power of cleaning/purifying
 - The high **detergency** of the new laundry soap made it very effective at removing tough stains from clothes.

Dishevelment

[dɪʃevld]

- [adj] The state/quality of being dishevelled
- – *After the chaotic party, the living room was left in utter **dishevelment**.*
- – *His hair, always in a state of **dishevelment**, gave him a rugged charm.*

Dishevelled

[dɪʃevld]

- [adj] Very untidy/unkempt
 - – *He came back from his night shift looking terribly **dishevelled**.*
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Elongation

[ɪləŋ'geɪ.ʃən]

- [n] The process of elongating
- – *Myopia is caused by an **elongation** of the eye as it grows.*

Elongate

[r'louŋgeɪt]

- [v] Make/Become longer & thinner, especially unusually so
- – *The shadows began to **elongate** as the sun set behind the mountains.*

Cumbersome

['kʌm.bə.səm]

- [adj] Awkward because of being large/heavy/ineffective
 - The **cumbersome** assembly of the new furniture required several hours and multiple tools.
 - Her dress, though beautiful, was quite **cumbersome**, making it difficult to dance gracefully.
 - The **cumbersome** bureaucratic procedures led to delays and frustration.

Encumbrance

[ɪn'kʌm.brəns]

- [n] Sth that encumbers
 - The financial **encumbrance** of student loans made it challenging for her to save for a house.

Encumber

[ɪn'kʌmbər]

- [v] To restrict/burden sth, hampering movement
 - Men tennis players aren't **encumbered** with/by high-necked blouses.

Unencumbered

[ʌn.ɪn'kʌm.bəd]

- [v] With no encumbrance
 - Traveling light, he moved through the city **unencumbered** by heavy luggage.
 - Living an **unencumbered** lifestyle, he enjoyed the freedom to pursue his passions without financial worries.

Endorsee

[ɛndɔː'siː]

- [n] Sb to whom a cheque/bill of exchange is made payable instead of the stated payee
 - *The bank had to verify the authenticity of the signature of the **endorsee** before processing the check.*

Endorse

[ɪn'dɔːrs]

- [v] Support publicly
 - *She refused to **endorse** any political candidate, preferring to stay neutral.*

Endorser

[ɪn'dɔːsər]

- [n] Sb who endorses
 - *The famous athlete is a highly sought-after **endorser** for various sports brands.*
 - *As an **endorser** of the new tech startup, she has helped raise its profile significantly.*

Endorsement

[ɪn'dɔːrs.mənt]

- [n] The act of endorsing
 - *The athlete's **endorsement** of the new running shoes significantly boosted sales.*

Eulogy

['ju:..lə.dʒi]

- [n] A tribute for sb who has recently passed away
 - *She delivered a heartfelt **eulogy**, paying tribute to her father's life and legacy.*
 - *He **gave the eulogy** at his father's funeral.*
 - *The song was a **eulogy** to the joys of travelling.*

Eulogist

['ju:..lə.dʒɪst]

- [n] Sb who delivers a eulogy
 - *He had chosen the **eulogists** for his funeral.*
 - *The **eulogists'** words were filled with admiration, painting a vivid picture of the life that was lost.*

Eulogize

['ju:..lə.dʒaɪz]

- [v] To praise highly in speech/writing (not necessarily about dead people)
 - *At the award ceremony, the speaker **eulogized** the achievements of the winner.*

Eulogistic

[ju:..lə'dʒɪs.tɪk]

- [adj] Having the qualities of a eulogy
 - *Her **eulogistic** remarks during the ceremony highlighted the many accomplishments of the honored guest.*
 - *The article was filled with **eulogistic** language, praising the artist's groundbreaking work.*
 - *His **eulogistic** at the memorial service brought tears to the eyes of many attendees.*

Evocative

[,ev.ə'keɪ.ʃən]

- **[adj]** Able to evoke sth pleasant
 - *The **evocative** smell of pine trees always reminds her of holidays in the mountains.*
 - *The artist's work is highly **evocative**, capturing the essence of childhood innocence.*
- **[n]** The act of evoking a feeling
 - *The film director's skillful **evocation** of the past brought history to life on the screen.*
 - *The scent of jasmine in the air was an immediate **evocation** of her childhood garden.*

Evoke

[ɪ'vəʊk]

- **[v]** Make sb remember/feel sth
 - *That smell always **evokes** memories of my old school.*
 - *The detergent was designed to **evoke** the fresh smell of summer meadows.*

Fathomless

['fæð.əm.ləs]

- [adj] Too deep to be measured
 - *The ocean's **fathomless** depths hold many mysteries yet to be discovered.*
 - *She gazed into the **fathomless** depths of his brown eyes.*

Fathom

['fæð.əm]

- [n] A unit for measuring water depths (1 fath = 1.8288 m)
- [v] Comprehend/Understand
 - *She couldn't **fathom** why he had left so suddenly.*
 - *I still haven't **fathomed out** how to put this bookcase together.*

(Un)Fathomable

[(ʌn'fæð.ə.mə.bəl) 'fæð.ə.mə.bəl]

- [adj] Possible to understand
 - *The scene takes place, for no easily **fathomable** reason, in a bath tub.*
 - *The reasons behind the ancient civilization's decline are now more **fathomable** thanks to recent archaeological discoveries.*
 - *The author's intricate plot was made **fathomable** through careful reading and analysis*
 - *The depths of the universe remain **unfathomable** to even the most advanced astronomers.*

Hasty

['heɪ.stɪ]

- [adj] Done in haste with insufficient care/thought
 - His ***hasty*** decision to quit his job led to financial difficulties.

Hasten

['heɪ.sən]

- [v] To make sth happen sooner/more quickly
 - There is little doubt that poor medical treatment ***hastened*** her death.
 - These recent poor results have ***hastened*** the manager's departure.
- [v + to inf] To quickly do sth
 - The president ***hastened to*** reassure his people that he was in perfect health.
- [v + somewhere] To go somewhere quickly
 - Reporters ***hastened from the press conference*** to call their editors.
 - From her office on the first floor, she ***hastened upstairs*** to speak to her boss.

Hastiness

['heɪ.stɪ.nəs]

- [n] The quality of saying/doing things in haste
 - His ***hastiness*** in making decisions often led to mistakes.

Haste

[heɪst]

- [n] Too much speed
 - His father had just died and he didn't want to marry with indecent ***haste***.
 - Unfortunately the report was prepared ***in haste*** and contained several inaccuracies.
 - ***In her haste*** to get up from the table, she knocked over a cup.

Hermitage

['hɜː.mɪ.tɪdʒ]

- [n] The dwelling of a hermit
- – She visited the **hermitage** to experience the peace and solitude it brings.

Hermit

['hɜː.mɪt]

- [n] Sb who chooses to live in solitude for various reasons
 - – The old **hermit** lived alone in a secluded cabin in the woods.
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Ignominy

['ɪɡ.nə.mɪ.nɪ]

- [n] Public embarrassment
- – The incumbent party experienced the **ignominy** of total defeat in the last election.

Ignominious

[ɪɡ.nə'mɪn.i.əs]

- [adj] Embarrassing because of being a complete failure
- – The soldier's **ignominious** retreat from the battlefield was a blow to his honor.
- – The team's **ignominious** defeat in the championship game was unexpected and humiliating.

Incumbency

[ɪnˈkʌm.bən.si]

- [n] The period during which sb has a particular official position
 - During her **incumbency**, the mayor successfully implemented several key infrastructure projects that benefited the city.
 - His **incumbency** was marked by a period of significant growth and development within the company.

Incumbent

[ɪnˈkʌm.bənt]

- [adj] Officially having the named position
 - The **incumbent** president faces problems which began many years before he took office.
 - The **incumbent** senator is campaigning for re-election this fall.
 - [adj] To be necessary for sb
 - She felt it was **incumbent upon/on** her to raise the subject at their meeting.
 - It is **incumbent upon/on** all employees to adhere to the company's code of conduct.
-

Equipoise

[ˈek.wɪ.pɔɪz]

- [n] A situation in which things are perfectly balanced
 - There is in the artist's landscapes a delicate **equipoise between** the natural and the man-made.
 - If the evidence for and against the defendant's guilt is **in equipoise**, then the burden of proof is on the prosecution.

Mesmerism

['mez.mər.ɪ.zəm]

- [n] The act of hypnotizing sb into a deeper mental state
- – In literature, characters who possess a magnetic or hypnotic charm often evoke the concept of **mesmerism**.

Mesmerist

['mez.mər.ɪst]

- [n] Sb who mesmerizes
- – The **mesmerist** performed a series of hypnotic inductions, fascinating the audience with his skills.

Mesmerize

['mez.mə.raɪz]

- [v] To captivate sb completely
 - – She was **mesmerized** by the beauty of the sunset, unable to look away from the vibrant colors.
-

Meticulousness

[mə'tɪk.jə.ləs.nəs]

- [n] The quality of being meticulous
- – He was known for the quality of his observation and the **meticulousness** of his technique.
- – Her **meticulousness** in her work ensures that every project is completed to the highest standard.

Meticulous

[mə'tɪk.jə.ləs]

- [adj] Very careful with great attention to detail
- – Many hours of **meticulous** preparation have gone into writing the book.
- – The artist's **meticulous** brushstrokes brought the portrait to life with incredible realism.

ODD

Would (just) as soon

- Same as “Would rather” but with a weaker preference, can even be used to indicate indifference
 - – *She **would just as soon that** we cancel the meeting if most people can’t attend.*
 - – *She **would just as soon** read a book **as** watch TV.*
 - – *I **would just as soon** starve than eat there again.*
-

Odious

['ou.di.əs]

- [adj] Causing the others to feel odium
 - – *The **odious** stench from the garbage made everyone cover their noses.*
 - – *His **odious** remarks during the meeting offended everyone present.*

Odium

['ou.di.əm]

- [n] Hate and strong disapproval
 - – *The politician’s corrupt actions brought **odium** upon him.*
 - – *He faced **odium** from the public after the revelation of his scandalous actions.*

Plaintiff

['plem.tɪf]

- [n] Sb making a legal complaint against sb else in court
 - The **plaintiff** filed a *plaint* against the defendant, alleging breach of contract

Plaint

[plemt]

- [n [law]] An official accusation/charge
 - The plaintiff filed a **plaint** against the defendant, alleging breach of contract
- [n [literary]] A complaint/lamentation
 - The **plaint** of the widow moved everyone at the memorial service to tears.

Plaintive

['plem.tɪv]

- [adj] Slightly sad
 - The **plaintive** tone of the song resonated deeply with those who had experienced heartbreak.
-

Propense

[prɒ'pens]

- [adj] Inclined/Prone
 - She is **propense** to anxiety in stressful situations.
 - He is **propense** to acts of kindness, always willing to help those in need.

Propensity

[prə'pen.sə.ti]

- [n] The quality of being propense to sth (usually sth bad)
 - She's inherited from her father a **propensity** to talk too much.
 - He's well-known for his natural **propensity** for indiscretion.

Punctilious

[pʌŋk'tɪl.i.əs]

- [adj] Very careful to behave correctly/to give attention to details
 - He was always **punctilious** in his manners, ensuring he followed every social convention.
 - The event coordinator was **punctilious** in arranging every aspect of the gala, ensuring everything was perfect.

Punctiliousness

[pʌŋk'tɪl.i.əs.nəs]

- [n] The quality of being punctilious
 - The manager's **punctiliousness** in reviewing each report ensured that no errors were overlooked.
 - Her **punctiliousness** in following etiquette made her a model guest at every formal event.
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Rashness

['ræʃ.nəs]

- [n] The quality of being rash
 - In a moment of **rashness**, I agreed to go skydiving for charity.
 - Her **rashness** often put her in difficult situations, as she rarely thought through her actions.

Rashly

['ræʃ.li]

- [adv] In a rash way
 - He **rashly** decided to invest all his savings in the risky venture.

Rash

[ræʃ]

- [n] A lot of small red spots on the skin
 - She developed a **rash** after touching the poison ivy.
 - He came out/up in a **rash** after he fell in a patch of nettles.
- [adj] Careless/unwise/imprudent
 - I think it was a bit **rash** of them to get married when they'd only known each other for a few weeks.
 - His **rash** decision to invest all his money in one stock led to significant losses.
- [A rash of] A large number of unpleasant events of the same type
 - There has been **a rash of** robberies/accidents/complaints in the last two months.
 - Following the CEO's resignation, there was **a rash of** employee departures from the company.

Recluse

['rek.lu:s]

- [n] A socially anxious fellow who is avoidant of other people
- – *The old man was known as a **recluse**, rarely seen outside his home.*

Reclusive

[rɪ'klu:.sɪv]

- [adj] Characterized by a preference for solitude and isolation from society
 - – *His **reclusive** lifestyle made him a mystery to his neighbors.*
-

Reconcile

['rɛ.kən.saɪl]

- [v] To restore friendly relations.
- – *The siblings managed to **reconcile** their differences and become close again.*

Reverent

['rev.ə.ənt]

- [**adj**] Showing reverence internally
 - The audience sat in **reverent** silence during the moving speech.
 - He looked at the historical artifacts with **reverent** eyes, appreciating their cultural significance.

Reverential

[,rev.ə'ren.ʃəl]

- [**adj**] Showing reverence outwardly
 - She spoke in a **reverential** tone when discussing the achievements of her late grandfather.

Reverence

['rev.ə.əns]

- [**n**] A feeling of deep respect
 - She expressed deep **reverence** for the traditions passed down through generations.
 - His **reverence** for nature was evident in the way he carefully tended his garden.

Revere

[rɪ'veɪr]

- [**v**] To respect/admire sb deeply
 - Nelson Mandela is **revered** for his brave fight against apartheid.
 - In many cultures, children are taught to **revere** their elders and ancestors.
-

Sacred

['seɪ.krɪd]

- [**adj**] Deemed as holy due to being connected to gods
 - At the **sacred** temple, visitors are expected to show reverence and respect.
 - She felt a **sacred** bond with nature, finding peace and solace in the forest.

Secular

['sek.jə.lə]

- [**adj**] Not having any connection with religion
 - The school follows a **secular** curriculum, focusing on academic subjects rather than religious teachings.
 - In many countries, **secular** laws ensure that government and religion are kept separate.

Seclusive

[sr'klu:.sɪv]

- [v] Preferring to be secluded
- – His **seclusive** nature meant that he often spent weekeneds alone, enjoying the solitude of his countryside home.
- – After the highly publicized incident, the actress became more **seclusive**, avoiding the spotlight and media attention.

Seclude

[sə'klu:d]

- [v] To keep sb/sth away from the others
- – Typically, the bride would **seclude** herself in another room.
- – He decided to **seclude** himself in a remote cabin to finish his novel without distractions.

Seclusion

[sə'klu:.ʒən]

- [v] The state of being secluded
 - – After months of busy city life, he craved the peace and **seclusion** of the countryside.
 - – The artist's retreat offered perfect **seclusion** for those seeking inspiration in solitude.
 - – The monk lived in **seclusion**, dedicating his life to meditation and prayer.
-

Sermon

['sɜ:.mən]

- [n] A long yap in which sb advises other people how to behave in order to be better people
- – The pastor's **sermon** on compassion moved many members of the congregation to tears.
- – I really don't think it's a politician's job to go delivering **sermons** on public morality.

Sermonize

['sɜ:.mən.aɪz]

- [v] To deliver a sermon
- – Rather than chatting friendly, he would often **sermonize**, making conversations feel more like a moral lesson.
- – Whenever the topic of conservation came up, he would **sermonize** at length, emphasizing the need for immediate action.

Subdivision

[,sʌb.dr'vɪʒ.ən]

- [n] One of the subdivided parts / The act of subdividing
 - The **subdivision** of the document into chapters made it easier to read.
- [n] [Real estate] A land containing homes built at about the same time
 - The new housing **subdivision** will have over 69 homes and several parks.

Subdivide

[,sʌb.dr'vaɪd]

- [v] To divide sth that's already divided
 - The heading was **subdivided** into eight separate sections.
 - The report was **divided** into main sections and then **subdivided** into more detailed subsections.
-

Subside

[səb'saɪd]

- [v] [Of a condition/situation] Becomes less strong/extreme
 - The police are hoping that the violence will soon **subside**.
 - As the pain in my foot **subsided**, I was able to walk the short distance to the car.
- [v] [Of buildings/land/water] Goes down to a lower level
 - There is a danger that many homes will **subside** because of the drought.
 - Eventually the flood waters began to **subside**.

Subsidence

[səb'saɪ.dəns]

- [n] The act of subsiding
 - The **subsidence** of the soil due to groundwater extraction has caused significant damage to buildings in the area.
 - The building had to be demolished because of **subsidence**.

Subsidiary

[səb'sɪd.i.ər.i]

- [n] A company owned by a larger one
 - *Alphabet Inc has several **subsidiaries** operating in different industries worldwide, including Google.*
 - [adj] Less important than but related/supplementary to sth
 - *While the main focus was on research, there were several **subsidiary** tasks that needed attention.*
 - *Her contributions were **subsidiary** to the main objectives of the project.*
-

Subsistence

[səb'sɪs.təns]

- [n] The state of subsisting
 - *Many people in the town feed their families by **subsistence**, an economic lifestyle characterized by living off the land.*
- [n] What a person needs to subsist
 - *Art satisfies a need beyond mere **subsistence**.*
 - *Many rural families rely on **subsistence** farming to provide for their basic needs.*

Subsist

[səb'sɪst]

- [v] To get just enough food/money to stay alive
 - *The prisoners were **subsisting on** a diet of bread and water.*
 - *The family had to **subsist on** a small income after the father lost his job.*
- [v] To persist/remain in existence
 - *Traditional crafts, such as hand-weaving, still **subsist** in many villages, passed down through generations.*

Urbanity

[ʌːˈbæn.ə.ti]

- [n] The quality of being urbane
 - She admired his **urbanity**, noting how effortlessly he blended into the sophisticated circles of the city.
 - Despite his rugged appearance, his **urbanity** shone through in his courteous behavior and sophisticated speech.

Urbane

[ʊrˈbeɪn]

- [adj] Confident, comfortable, polite in social settings
 - Their **urbane** lifestyle included attending exclusive events and dining at the finest restaurants.
 - The diplomat was known for his **urbane** demeanor and ability to navigate delicate situations with grace.
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Jagged

[ˈdʒæɡ.ɪd]

- [adj] Rough with sharp edges
 - Be careful of that **jagged** piece of glass on the floor.

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Bawl

[ba:l]

- [v] To shout loudly
 - She **bawled** at me to sit down.
 - After hearing the sad news, she **bawled** her eyes out for hours.
 - The toddler started to **bawl** when his toy was taken away.
-

Bleak

[bli:k]

- [adj] [Of scenery] Empty, not welcoming/attractive
 - The **bleak** landscape stretched out for miles, with not a single tree in sight.
 - [adj] [Of situations] With little to no hope for the future
 - The company's financial situation appeared rather **bleak**, leaving the employees worried about their jobs.
-

Blight

[blart]

- [n+v] A disease that damages & kills plants
 - The tomato plants were affected by **blight**, resulting in a poor harvest.
 - The crops **blighted** and died out quickly due to the unexpected disease outbreak.
- [v] To spoil sth
 - A broken leg **blighted** her chances of winning the championship.
 - The harsh economic policies **blighted** the once-thriving town.
- [n] Sth that blights
 - The abandoned buildings were a **blight** on the landscape, making the neighborhood look rundown.
 - The city stopped urban **blight** by rebuilding neighborhoods.

Bray

[brɛɪ]

- [v] To make a cry resembling that of a donkey/mule
 - The donkey **brayed** loudly, echoing across the fields.
 - His **braying** laughter was so loud that it drew everyone's attention in the room.
 - The politician's **bray** was heard over the clamor of the crowd, making his presence known.
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Brine

[brɪn]

- [n] Water with salt in it (literally) (nác mõi reference) (used for cookery)
 - She prepared a **brine** with water, salt, and spices to soak the turkey overnight.
-

Brusque

[brʌsk]

- [adj] Quick/Rude in manner/speech
 - He **brusquely** dismissed the question without further explanation.
 - As the president's chief of staff, he offended many with his **brusque** manner.
-

Bulk

[bʌlk]

- [n] The main part of smth
 - The **bulk** of the work was done by volunteers.
 - [n] Size, mass
 - He struggled to lift the **bulk** of the package.
-

Curt

[kɜːt]

- [adj] Brusque but not necessarily offensive
 - He gave a **curt** nod before walking away hurriedly.
 - His **curt** response left no room for further discussion, making it clear he was not interested.

Deem

[di:m]

- [v] To consider/judge sth
 - The committee will **deem** the proposal worth funding if it meets all the criteria.
 - The judge **deemed** the evidence insufficient to convict the defendant.
-

Dock

[dɒk]

- [n] A part of a port, where ships are repaired/laden with goods
 - The **dock** was full of ships.
 - [v] To bring a ship into a dock
 - The ship was **docked** in Japan, and he took the other to Korea.
 - [v] To remove part of sth
 - The soldiers' wages were **docked** by 20%.
 - The lambs' tails are **docked** for hygiene reasons.
-

Dole

[dɔ:l]

- [n] Government aid (for the unemployed)
 - He lost his job and had to go on the **dole**.
 - The charity provided a weekly **dole** of food to the homeless.
-

Don

[dɔ:n]

- [v] Put on
 - He **donned** his jacket before stepping out into the cold.

Fare

[fɛ:]

- **[n]** Public transport fee
 - *We should go to Seville, but we cannot afford the air **fare**.*
 - **[v]** To perform
 - *How did you **fare** on your finals?*
 - *His business has **fared** badly in recent years.*
 - *After moving, she **fared** well and quickly made new friends.*
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Feud

[fju:d]

- **[n]** A prolonged/violent conflict/rivalry between two parties (families/groups/clans) characterized by retaliatory acts
 - *The corporate **feud** over the patent rights escalated into a lengthy legal battle.*
 - *The bitter **feud** between the rival gangs resulted in street fights and vandalism.*
 - *The family **feud** has been ongoing since the death of their mother.*
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Foal

[foul]

- **[n]** A young horse
 - *The mare gave birth to a healthy **foal** in the early hours of the morning.*
-

Gauche

[gouʃ]

- **[adj]** Tactless, unsophisticated and socially awkward
 - *She had grown from a **gauche** teenager to a self-assured young woman.*
 - *It was a bit **gauche** of him to bring up politics during the family gathering.*
 - *His **gauche** manners at the dinner party made everyone feel uncomfortable.*

Gross

[ɡrɒs]

- [n] Twelve dozen
 - We ordered **a gross of** pencil for the school. (12 x 12 = 144 pencils)
 - [v] To earn a particular amount before deductions
 - The movie **grossed** over \$1 billion worldwide.
 - [adj] The total amount before deductions
 - Her **gross** income before taxes is quite high.
 - [adj] Repulsive
 - The public restroom was in **gross** condition.
 - [adj] Blatant
 - His **gross** negligence led to the accident.
-

Hoard

[hɔːrd]

- [n] A largely accumulated stockpile of hidden items
 - The dragon guarded its **hoard** of gold and jewels deep within the cave.
 - He had a **hoard** of old coins collected over many years.
 - [v] To amass & store away
 - She likes to **hoard** magazines & newspapers, filling her attic with them.
 - During the pandemic, people **hoarded** essential supplies like food and water.
-

Hump

[hʌmp]

- [n] A rounded protuberance on the back of some animals (e.g. camel) / A raised & rounded part of something
 - The camel's **hump** stores fat which it can use as a source of energy.
 - They sat down on **a hump of** cropped grass.
- [v] Carry (a heavy object) with difficulty
 - He continued to **hump** cases up and down the hotel corridor.
- [v] Make hump-shaped
 - He turned and **humped** his body to avoid a rope.

Jig

[dʒɪg]

- [n] An energetic traditional dance of Great Britain & Ireland / The music played for such a dance
 - *The musicians played a traditional Irish **jig**, and the dancers moved energetically to the rhythm.*
 - [v] To move quickly horizontally/vertically / To make sb/sth do that
 - *He gave the door handle a quick **jig** to see if it was locked.*
-

Jolt

[dʒoʊlt]

- [v] To (cause sb/sth to) move suddenly and violently
 - *The train stopped unexpectedly and we were **jolted** forward.*
 - *The truck **jolted** along the rough track through the field.*
 - [v] To shock sb to change their behavior/way of thinking
 - *The charity used photos of starving children in an attempt to **jolt** the public conscience.*
-

Jug

[dʒʌg]

- [n] A liquid container with a handle & a shaped opening at the top for pouring
 - *The **jug** of lemonade was passed around the picnic blanket.*
-

Kiln

[kɪln]

- [n] An oven to make bricks & clay objects hard after they have been shaped
 - *The factory uses a large **kiln** to dry lumber before it is used for construction.*
-

Lithe

[laɪð]

- [adj] Young, healthy, attractive, and able to move & bend smoothly
 - *He had the **lithe**, athletic body of a ballet dancer.*
 - *The dancer's **lithe** movements captivated the audience as she glided effortlessly across the stage.*

Lope

[loup]

- [v] To move with long, bounding strides
 - The lion **loped** across the grass.
-

Maim

[mem]

- [v] To wound or injure permanently.
 - The vicious attack by the animal **maimed** the hiker, resulting in the loss of a limb.
 - The criminal's brutal actions **maimed** his victims, causing severe physical and emotional trauma.
-

Maize

[meɪz]

- [n] = Corn
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Malt

[mɑ:lt]

- [n] Grain left in water until it starts to grow and is then dried (Mạch nha means Malt syrup)
 - The brewer selected a high-quality **malt** to ensure the beer had a rich and full flavor.
-

Mare

[mɛ:]

- [n] Female equine animal (Horse, zebra, donkeys,...)
 - The **mare** gave birth to a healthy foal in the early hours of the morning.
-

Mope

[moup]

- [v] To be gloomy/depressed
 - After hearing the bad news, he spent the whole day **moping** around the house.
 - She **moped** in her room, feeling sorry for herself after the argument with her friend.

Mount

[maunt]

- [n] Sth that you ride
 - *The knight rode his **mount** valiantly into battle.*
 - [v] To gradually increase/rise/enlarge
 - *The children's excitement is **mounting** as Christmas gets nearer.*
 - [v] To get on sth to ride it
 - *She **mounted** her horse and rode off.*
 - [v] To go up/onto
 - *He **mounted** the platform and began to speak to the assembled crowd.*
 - *The queen **mounted the throne** 5 years ago.*
 - [v] To organize/initiate
 - *They **mounted** a campaign to raise awareness about environmental issues.*
 - [v] To fix/secure in position
 - *He **mounted** the TV on the wall to save space in the living room.*
-

Net

[net]

- [adj] Remaining after deductions
 - *Her **net** income after taxes is so low that she has set her sights on tax evasion.*
 - [adj] Final / overall, after all the important aspects have been considered
 - *The **net** effect of the changes was positive.*
-

Niche

[nɪtʃ]

- [n] A shallow recess, especially one in a wall to display a statue/other ornament
 - *The art gallery had a beautiful marble statue displayed in a **niche** in the main hall.*
- [n] A comfortable & suitable position in life or employment
 - *After years of job hunting, she finally found her **niche** as a graphic designer.*
- [n] The role/function of an organism/species within an ecosystem
 - *The frog occupies an important **niche** in the wetland ecosystem, helping control insect populations.*
- [n] A distinctive segment of a particular market/social environment.
 - *The blog caters to a **niche** audience interested in medieval history and artifacts.*

Nook

[nuk]

- [n] A cozy/secluded corner/recess, often in a room or a garden
 - *She curled up with a book in the **nook** by the window.*
 - *The café had a cozy **nook** with soft chairs and a warm fireplace.*
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Pare

[per]

- [v] To peel the outer layer using a knife
 - *Remember to **pare** the apple before eating it.*
 - [v] To reduce sth to its essential elements
 - *We need to **pare** the report down to its most important points.*
 - [v] To diminish or reduce sth in size, extent, or quantity gradually
 - *The company plans to **pare** down its workforce by 10%.*
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Plough

[plau]

- [v] To turn over the soil for crops
 - *They **ploughed** the field early in the morning.*
- [n] A tool used for ploughing
 - *The farmer used a **plough** to prepare the fields for sowing seeds.*

Ply

[plai]

- [n] A layer/fold/thickness of material such as wood/yarn
 - *The plywood is made of several **plies** glued together.*
 - *The rope is made of three **plies** twisted together.*
 - [v] To work at sth persistently
 - *The fisherman **plied** his trade from dawn till dusk.*
 - *She **plied** her needlework with great care and dedication.*
 - [v] To travel over a route regularly
 - *The ferry **plies** between the island and the mainland many times a day.*
 - *The bus **plies** the streets of the city, picking up passengers along the way.*
 - [v] To offer/give sth repeatedly/insistently.
 - *He **plied** his guests with food and drink throughout the evening.*
 - *The vendors **plied** their wares to the crowd.*
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Purge

[ɜːdʒ]

- [v] Rid sb / sth of an unwanted quality, condition, or feeling
 - *Bob had helped **purge** Martha of the terrible guilt that haunted her.*
 - [v] = Expel abruptly
 - *He **purged** all but 26 of the central committee members.*
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Quaint

[kweɪnt]

- [adj] Attractive because of being unusual & especially old-fashioned
 - *The **quaint** charm of the small town attracted many tourists.*
 - *The village was **quaintly** decorated for the holiday season.*
 - *The **quaintness** of the seaside cottage made it the perfect getaway.*

Rave

[reɪv]

- **[n]** A lively party, involving dancing to electronic music
 - *They attended a **rave** that last until the early hours of the morning*
 - **[n]** Praise
 - *Her inspiring speech drew **raves** from everyone.*
 - **[v]** To express praise/admiration enthusiastically
 - *Everyone is **raving** about that new Vietnamese restaurant.*
 - **[v]** To speak in an uncontrolled way, because of being upset/angry/ill
 - *He's always **raving** on about the government*
 - *She was ranting and **raving** about some imagined insult.*
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Ruse

[ruːz]

- **[n]** A trick intended to deceive
 - *The detective saw through the criminal's **ruse** and caught him red-handed.*
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Rut

[rʌt]

- **[n]** Deep, narrow tracks made on soft ground by a wheel
 - *The heavy trucks left deep **ruts** in the muddy road.*
 - **[n]** The period of mating in certain male mammals, especially deer/sheep
 - *During the **rut**, stags can be seen fighting for females.*
 - *The bull elephant seal only puts on this display when in **rut**.*
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Sac

[sæk]

- **[n]** A bag-like enclosure, often containing fluid/air
 - *The insect trapped in the spider's silk **sac** struggled to escape*
 - *The lung is surrounded by a thin **sac** called the pleura.*
- **[n]** A part of an organism that resembles a pouch/bag, often involved in holding/transporting substances.
 - *The amniotic **sac** protects the fetus during pregnancy.*

Shirk

[ʃɜːk]

- [v] To avoid duty / work / responsibilities
 - He was accused of **shirking** his duties at the office, often leaving tasks unfinished.
 - She always finds a way to **shirk** her household chores, leaving them for others to complete.
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Silt

[sɪlt]

- [n] Sand/Soil that is carried along by flowing water and then dropped, especially at a river's bend/opening
 - The delta is formed by the deposition of **silt** carried by the river as it flows into the sea.
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Singe

[smɪdʒ]

- [n] A slight burn or scorch mark
 - A **singe** could be seen on the edge of the table.
 - [v] To burn superficially or lightly
 - She **singed** her hair while trying to light the candle.
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Snatch

[snætʃ]

- [v] To take hold suddenly & roughly, often by force
 - He **snatched** the photos out of my hand before I could look at them.
 - The six-year-old girl was **snatched** from a playground and her body was found two days later.
 - She had her purse **snatched** (= **stolen**) while she was shopping.
- [v] To do/get sth quickly because you have little time
 - Maybe you'll be able to **snatch** a couple of hours' sleep before dinner.

Spar

[spa:r]

- [n] A stout pole used for the masts/yards of a ship.
 - *The sailors climbed the **spar** to adjust the sails.*
 - [v] To engage in a light, non-serious argument/fight
 - *The siblings often **spar** over trivial matters.*
 - *They often **sparred** over trivial matters, but it was all in good fun.*
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Spate

[spet]

- [n] A larger number of events than usual, especially unpleasant ones, happening at about the same time
 - *Police are investigating a **spate of** burglaries in the Kingsland Road area.*
 - [n] A sudden outburst
 - *A **spate of** anger erupted during the heated debate.*
 - [In full spate] [Of a river] Has more water and is faster than usual
 - *The stream was **in full spate**, so we struggled to cross it.*
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Spleen

[spli:n]

- [n] A feeling of anger/disagreement
 - *The poet wrote of his **spleen** and sorrow, capturing the depth of his emotional turmoil.*
 - [n] An organ near the stomach that produces & cleans body (lá lách)
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Squire

[skwair]

- [n [archaic] [british]] A man who owned most of the land around a village
- [n] A friendly form of address by one man to another of a higher social class
 - *“I don’t know if all my luggage is going to fit in the back of the taxi.” “Don’t worry, **squire**, I’ll get it in.”*
- [v] To take someone places
 - *The local historian **squires** tourists through the ancient ruins, sharing fascinating stories and historical facts.*
 - *When his mother was recovering from surgery, he **squied** her to her physical therapy sessions and doctor’s appointments.*

Stag

[stæg]

- [n] A male deer
 - *The majestic **stag** stood tall in the clearing, its antlers silhouetted against the morning light.*
 - [adj [Social gatherings]] Men-only
 - *It was a **stag** event, so no partners were invited.*
 - [adv [Social gatherings]] Without a female partner
 - *He decided to go **stag** to the wedding since his date had to cancel at the last minute.*
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Stark

[stɑ:k]

- [adj] Severe or bare in appearance or outline
 - *The ridge formed a **stark** silhouette against the sky.*
 - [adj] Unpleasantly or sharply clear
 - *His ideals are in **stark** contrast to that of his opponent.*
 - [adj] Complete, sheer
 - *He came running back in **stark** terror.*
-

Stash

[stæʃ]

- [n] An amount of sth that has been stashed
 - *They discovered a **stash** of money hidden at the back of a drawer.*
 - *Quilters are notorious for having big **stashes** of fabrics.*
- [v] To store/hide sth, especially a large amount
 - *He needed a place to **stash** some cash.*
 - *The stolen pictures were **stashed away** in a warehouse.*
 - *Extra blankets are **stashed** in the closet.*

Stern

[stɜːn]

- [adj] Strict
 - *The teacher gave the class a **stern** warning about cheating on the exam.*
 - *His **stern** expression left no room for argument.*
 - [adj] Harsh/severe in manner/character
 - *The judge's **stern** sentence was meant to serve as a deterrent to others.*
 - *The **stern** measures were necessary to ensure compliance with the new regulations.*
 - [n] The back part of a ship/boat
 - *The captain stood at the **stern**, overseeing the crew's activities.*
 - *They painted the ship's name on the **stern** before setting sail.*
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Stout

[staut]

- [adj] Having a strong, sturdy, & thick build
 - *The **stout** oak door withstood the force of the storm.*
 - *Mrs Blower was the **stout** lady - She's been gaining weight recently.*
 - [adj] Made from strong, thick materials
 - *I bought myself a pair of good **stout** hiking boots.*
 - [adj] Brave, courageous, & resolute
 - *He needed a **stout** heart and nerves of steel.*
 - *The soldiers made a **stout** defense of the fortress.*
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Strait

[streɪt]

- [n] A narrow area of sea that connects two larger areas of sea
- [n] [Usually of finance] A difficult situation
 - *So many companies are in such difficult **straits** that their prices have to come right down.*
 - *The company found itself in financial **straits** after the market crash.*
- [adj] Narrow / Confined
 - *The **strait** pathway through the forest was hard to navigate.*

Strut

[strʌt]

- [v] To walk around arrogantly
 - The models **strutted** down the runway, wearing the latest fashion designs.
 - The peacock **strutted around** the yard, showing off its vibrant feathers
 - The boys **strutted** around trying to get the attention of a group of girls who were nearby.
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Tack

[tæk]

- [n] A small sharp nail with a flat end
 - He pinned the poster to the wall with a **tack**.
 - [v] To fasten sth with tacks
 - The artist **tacked** the canvas to the wooden frame before painting.
 - [n] A long loose stitch
 - She used a **tack** stitch to keep the hem in place before sewing it properly.
 - [v] To sew with a tack stitch holding two pieces of material together temporarily, before they are sewn together in a more tidy/permanent way
 - Before sewing the dress's side seams permanently, she **tacked** the pieces together to check the fit and alignment.
 - [n] All the objects that the rider of a horse needs, including saddles & bridles
 - She purchased new **tack** for her horse, including a saddle and reins.
 - She cleaned her horse's **tack** thoroughly after the ride.
 - [n] To change the direction of a sailing vessel by turning its bow
 - The sailors had to **tack** the boat to head back toward the shore.
 - To avoid the rocks, the captain had to **tack** sharply to the left.
 - [n] A course of action or policy, especially one differing from a former course
 - After receiving the feedback, the manager decided to change **tack** and approach the project differently.
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Tact

[tækt]

- [n] The ability to say/do the right thing without upsetting sb
 - He's never had much **tact** and people don't like his blunt manner.

Tare

[ter]

- [n] The weight of an empty container
 - – The **tare** weight of the container and the **net** weight of the products inside add up to the **gross** weight of the truck.
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Trill

[trɪl]

- [n] [Of birds] A series of quickly repeated high notes sung out
 - – We heard the familiar **trill** of the lark.
 - [n] A rapid alternation between two adjacent notes, usually in music
 - – The musician ended the piece with an impressive **trill** that echoed through the hall.
 - [v] To speak in very high voice
 - – The canary began to **trill** a beautiful melody as the sun rose.
 - – She could **trill** perfectly, making her the standout performer in the choir.
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Vamp

[væmp]

- [n] The front part of the top of a shoe
 - – A short **vamp** in a slip-on shoe may make you curl your toes to keep the shoe on.
 - [v] To talk in public without preparation in order to pass the time because you are waiting for sth else to happen
 - – He just kept **vamping** until the director showed up to give him some clear instructions.
 - – They had to **vamp** for a few minutes to keep the audience amused.
 - [v] Move/act/dance confidently in public, showing that you know that you're sexually attractive
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Waltz

[wɑ:lts]

- [v] To walk confidently, quickly, annoying the others
- – You can't just **waltz** into my bedroom without knocking - it's private!

Ware

[wer]

- [n] Products / Goods
 - *The market was bustling with vendors selling their **wares**, from fresh produce to handmade crafts.*
 - [n] [In sales] Used to refer to objects of the same material or type
 - *The factory produces a variety of **glassware**, including bottles and jars.*
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Weir

[wir]

- [n] A wall built under the water across a river to control the way the water flows from one level to another
 - *By adjusting the **weir**, they were able to direct water into the irrigation channels for the crops.*
 - *The engineers constructed a **weir** across the river to manage the flow and prevent flooding.*
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Whizz

[wɪz]

- [v] To move / do smth very fast
 - *A police car **whizzed** by, on its way to the accident.*
 - *We **whizzed** through the rehearsal, so that we'd be finished by lunchtime.*
 - [n] A highly proficient individual
 - *He's a **whizz** at poker.*
 - *An Arch user is invariably a computer **whizz**.*
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Yarn

[ja:rn]

- [n] A type of thread used for making cloth/knitting
 - *She bought some colorful **yarn** to knit a sweat.*
- [n] A long and interesting story
 - *He knew how to **spin a good yarn**.*

Yearn

[jɜːn]

- [v] To desire sth difficult to get strongly
 - *Despite his great commercial success he still **yearns for** critical approval.*
 - *Sometimes I just **yearn to** be alone.*

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Alcove

['æɪ.kəʊv]

- [n] A small space in a room, formed by one part of a wall being further back
 - – We've put some bookshelves in the **alcove**.
-

Allay

[ə'leɪ]

- [v] To diminish/alleviate negative feelings
 - – The CEO tried to **allay** the employee's concerns about job security.
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Anchorage

['æŋ.kə.ɑːt]

- [n] A religious recluse who chooses to live in solitude
 - – During the Middle Ages, many **anchorites**, such as Julian of Norwich, were well-known for their spiritual writings and profound insights.
 - – Though rare today, some individuals still embrace an **anchoritic** lifestyle, seeking solitude and quiet contemplation away from the distractions of modern society.
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Ancillary

['æŋ.sə.lər.i]

- [adj] Providing help/support
 - – The company offers several **ancillary** services, such as technical support and customer training.
 - – The court case involved **ancillary** issues, such as property disputes and child custody arrangements.
-

Aperitif

[əˈper.ə'tɪf]

- [n] An alcoholic drink before the main meal
 - – Would you like an **aperitif** before dinner?

Arsenal

['ɑ:r.sən.əl]

- [n] A building where weapons & military equipment are stored
 - The army's main **arsenal** was heavily guarded and stocked with a wide array of weaponry.
 - [n] A collection of weapons
 - The country's nuclear **arsenal** is a crucial part of its defense strategy.
 - [n] A collection of anything that can be used for a specific purpose, often referring to tools/skills/strategies
 - She had an impressive **arsenal** of negotiation tactics that helped her close the deal.
 - The software comes with an **arsenal** of features to enhance productivity.
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Auxiliary

[ɑ:g'zɪl.i.ər.i]

- [adj] Giving help/support to a more important person/thing:
 - The **auxiliary** nurse assisted the primary surgeon during the complex operation.
 - The army called in **auxiliary** troops to support the main forces during the mission.
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Barley

['bɑ:r.li]

- [n] A kind of cereal grain (Lúa mạch)
 - I love Ovaltine, a hybrid **barley**-choco milk brand.
-

Barring

['bɑ:riŋ]

- = Should there be no
 - **Barring** accidents, we should win.
 - We should arrive at 10, **barring** any unexpected delays.
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Beset

[br'set]

- [adj] To trouble
 - The small village was **beset** by a series of natural disasters over the course of the year.
 - Many problems have **beset** the team in recent months.

Blather

['blæð.ə]

- [n] Silly yapping
 - Her endless **blather** about celebrity gossip was getting on everyone's nerves.
 - [v] Yap sillily
 - What on earth are you **blathering** on about?
-

Botany

['bɒtəni]

- [n] The science of plants
-

Brittle

['brɪt̬.əl]

- [adj] Delicate / Easily broken
 - The pond was covered in a **brittle** layer of ice.
 - With old age come **brittle** bones.
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Castigate

['kæs.tə.ɡeɪt]

- [v] To criticize severely
 - Health inspectors **castigated** the kitchen staff for poor standards of cleanliness.
 - The coach was known to **castigate** his players in public, a method that some found motivating and others found humiliating.
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Communiqué

[kə'mju:.nɪ.keɪ]

- [n] An official announcement to the public/press
 - The president issued a **communiqué** announcing new measures to combat the economic crisis.
 - The palace has issued a **communiqué** denying the rumour.

Corpulent

['kɔːr.pjə.lənt]

- [adj] Fat
 - – The **corpulent** merchant waddled down the cobblestone street, his belly jiggling with each step.
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Cranny

['kræ.n.i]

- [n] A small & narrow opening in sth solid
 - – Tiny plants grew in the **crannies** between the rocks.
 - – They searched every **cranny** of the attic to find the missing book.
-

Crowdsourcing

['kraʊd.sɔːrs]

- [v] To obtain information/input from many people
 - – The project was **crowdsourced**, allowing many people to contribute ideas.
-

Dawdle

['daː.dəl]

- [v] To do sth/go somewhere very slowly, taking more time than is necessary
 - – Stop **dawdling**! You'll be late for school!
 - – He **dawdled over** his homework, taking much longer than necessary.
 - – She **dawdled** on her way to school, stopping to look at every flower and bird.
-

Debacle

[dɪ'baː.kəl]

- [n] A sudden and ignominious failure / A fiasco
- – The collapse of the company was describe as the greatest financial **debacle** in US history.
- – The launch turned into a **debacle** when technical issues prevented the new product from working as advertised.

Divagate

['dʌɪ.və.ɡeɪt]

- [v] To move away from a set path/direction
 - During their hike, they **divagated** off the main trail and got lost in the forest.
 - [v] To stray from the main topic in speaking/writing (= Digress)
 - The professor often **divagated** into personal anecdotes during his lectures.
 - As she narrated the story, she began to **divagate** into unrelated details about her childhood.
-

Docile

['dɔː.səl]

- [n] Quiet and easy to influence, persuade, or control
 - The **docile** dog obeyed every command.
 - The once **docile** population finally rose up against the regime.
-

Downcast

['daʊn.kæst]

- [adj] Sad and without hope, with eyes/gaze directed downward
 - His **downcast** eyes avoided meeting hers, revealing his disappointment.
 - Despite the good news, he remained **downcast**, unable to shake off his earlier mood.
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Elate

[i'leɪt]

- [v] Make sb feel extremely happy and excited, especially because sth good has happened or been achieved.
 - The news of her promotion **elated** her.
 - She felt **elated** after hearing that she had passed the exam with flying colors.
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Equable

['ek.wə.bəl]

- [adj] Always being pleasant
 - Graham has a fairly **equable** temperament; He is never angry.
 - Despite the stressful environment, she remained **equable** and composed.
- [adj] Not changing suddenly
 - The region is known for its **equable** climate, with mild temperatures year-round.

Eschew

[ɪs'tʃuː]

- [v] To avoid sth intentionally
 - He decided to **eschew** fast food in favor of a healthier diet.
 - He **eschewed** the trappings of wealth, wearing scruffy clothes and travelling around by bus.
 - We won't have discussions with this group unless they **eschew** violence.
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Fiasco

[fi'æs.kou]

- [n] A plan that turned into a complete failure
 - The company experienced several **fiascoes** before finally raking in.
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Grotesque

[grou'tesk]

- [adj] Unnaturally odd or distorted in a way that is silly or repulsive
 - By now she'd had so much cosmetic surgery that she looked quite **grotesque**.
 - Gothic churches are full of devils and **grotesque** figures.
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Implore

[ɪm'plɔːr]

- [v] Ask someone to do/not do something in a sincere/emotional/determined way

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Incarcerate

[ɪn'kɑːr.sə.reɪt]

- [v] To imprison/confine sb
 - We were **incarcerated** in that elevator for hours on end.
 - During the war, many political dissidents were **incarcerated** for their beliefs and actions against the government.

Indigent

['ɪndɪdʒ(ə)nt]

- [adj] Poor, needy
 - – The charity organization provides food and shelter for **indigent** people.
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Ingenuous

[ɪn'dʒɛnjuəs]

- [adj] Candid and innocent
 - – He gave an **ingenuous** response, without any hesitation or pretense.
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Ingénue

['ɛ̃ʒən(j)u:]

- [n] [In films and plays] An innocent or naive woman
 - – She was cast as the **ingénue** in the new Broadway production, capturing the audience's hearts with her portrayal of innocence.
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Jabroni

[dʒə'brəʊni]

- [n] A foolish or contemptible person
 - – Don't listen to him; He's just a **jabroni** who likes to cause trouble.
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Jeopardy

['dʒep.ə.di]

- [n] Danger of loss, harm, or failure
 - – The lives of thousands of birds are in **jeopardy** as a result of the oil spill.
-

Laminate

['læm.ən.ət]

- [v] To cover with a thin layer of sth
- – You might want to **laminate** the cards after printing to protect them.
- [n] A material made by laminating layers of the same material onto together
- – Wooden skis were replaced by metal, then by plastic **laminate** and, later, carbon fibre.

Lesion

['li:.ʒən]

- [n] An injury to a person's body or to an organ inside their body
 - The MRI revealed a **lesion** in the patient's brain.
 - The dermatologist examined the **lesion** on her skin to determine if it was benign.
-

Limber

['lɪm.bə]

- [adj] Flexible & supple
 - After warming up, the gymnast felt **limber** and ready for her routine.
 - The yoga instructor's **limber** body impressed all her students.
 - [phr. v] To make oneself flexible / to warm up by exercising.
 - The athletes **limbered up** before the race to avoid injuries.
 - She spent a few minutes **limbering up** her muscles before the dance class.
-

Lintel

['lɪn.təl]

- [n] A long piece of stone/wood at the top of a door/window frame that supports the wall above
 - The old stone **lintel** above the doorway was carved with intricate designs.
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Lissome

['lɪs.əm]

- [adj] Attractively thin & able to move quickly, smoothly
 - The dancer's **lissome** movements captivated the audience
 - The model's **lissome** figure was perfect for the runway.
 - The cat's **lissome** body twisted and turned effortlessly as it jumped onto the ledge.

Livery

['lɪv.ə.i]

- [n] Special uniforms of servants/officials
 - *The **livery** of the palace guards was striking.*
 - *A young man dressed in green **livery** opened the door.*
 - [n] The colours/pattern/design used on a company's products or on the vehicles, etc. that they use
 - *The TV channel has a new **livery**, which is cleaner and less cluttered.*
 - *The aircraft was painted in the airline's blue and gold **livery**.*
 - *The airline's new planes feature a striking **livery** with bold blue and green stripes, making them easily recognizable.*
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Loiter

['lɔɪ.tə/]

- [v] To move slowly/idly around a public place with no obvious reason
 - *Those who **loiter** in busy areas obstruct the foot traffic.*
 - *He **loitered** in the park, watching people pass by to while away his time.*
 - *The teenagers were warned not to **loiter** outside the convenience store.*
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Maritime

['mer.ə.taɪm]

- [adj] Connected with human activity at sea
 - *Amalfi and Venice were important **maritime** powers.*
 - ***Maritime** trade routes are essential for global commerce, facilitating the transport of goods across the oceans.*
 - [adj] Near the sea/coast
 - *The temperature change in winter is less pronounced in **maritime** areas.*
-

Mayhem

['meɪ.hem]

- [n] Violent/Extreme disorder; Chaos
 - *With 20 kids running around and only two adults to supervise, it was complete **mayhem**.*
 - *The sudden power outage caused **mayhem** in the office, with everyone scrambling to save their work.*

Millet

['mɪl.ɪt]

- [n] A kind of cereal grain (Kê)
 - – *Birds are particularly fond of **millet**, which is often included in birdseed mixtures.*
-

Nautical

['nɑː.tɪ.kəl]

- [adj] Relating to ships/sailing/sailors
 - – *You're looking very **nautical** in your navy blue sweater.*
 - – *The beach house was decorated in a **nautical** style, with anchors and ship wheels adorning the walls.*
 - – *The museum had an impressive collection of **nautical** artifacts, including old maps and ship models.*
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Nuisance

['nuː.səns]

- [n] Sb/Sth that annoys you or causes troubles
 - – *The malfunctioning printer was a real **nuisance**, disrupting the office workflow.*
 - – *She considered the mosquitoes to be a **nuisance** whenever she tried to enjoy her evening in the garden..*
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Ornery

['ɔːr.nə.i]

- [adj] Quick to get angry / Bad-tempered
 - – *The **ornery** cat hissed at anyone who came too close.*
 - – *The **ornery** old man refused to let anyone help him, despite clearly needing assistance.*
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Padlock

['pæd.lɒk]

- [n] A small metal lock with a U-shaped bar
- – *She used a **padlock** to secure the bicycle to the rack.*
- [v] To fasten sth using a padlock
- – *The box was securely **padlocked** and no one had the key.*

Palpable

['palpəbl]

- [adj] So intense as to seem almost tangible
 - The **palpable** excitement lingered in the air as the concert about to start.
 - [adj] Plain to see or comprehend
 - The disappointment in the audience was **palpable**, as their collective sigh filled the room.
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Palpitate

['palpitert]

- [v] [Of the heart] To shake / tremble
 - Her heart **palpitated** with excitement.
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Parole

[pə'roul]

- [n] Permission for the prisoner to be released before the finish of their sentence
 - He's been released on **parole**.
 - She hopes to be eligible for **parole** in three years.
 - Reynolds was sentenced to life without **parole**.
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Peculiar

[pr'kju:l.jə]

- [adj] Unusual & strange, sometimes in an unpleasant way
 - His **peculiar** sense of humor often left his friends puzzled but amused.
 - [adj] Characteristic of only particular people/things
 - He gets on with things in his own **peculiar** fashion.
 - They noted that manner of walking that was **peculiar to** her alone.
 - This type of building is **peculiar to** the south of the country.
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Placid

['plæs.id]

- [adj] Having a calm appearance or characteristics.
 - She was a very **placid** child who slept all night and hardly ever cried.

Propane

['prou.pem]

- [n] [C₃H₈] A gas used as fuel for cooking/heating
 - The forklift in the warehouse operates on **propane**, making it more environmentally friendly than diesel.
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Quagmire

['kwæg.mair]

- [n] Quicksand but wet and is made out of dirt
 - I fell into a **quagmire**, created by the torrential rain.
 - [n] A difficult and dangerous situation
 - He found himself in a **quagmire** after investing in a failing company.
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Quandary

['kwɒn.dəri]

- [n] A state of perplexity/uncertainty over what to do
 - She was in a **quandary** about whether to accept the job offer.
 - The committee faced several **quandaries** in deciding how to allocate the budget effectively.
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Quaver

['kweɪ.və]

- [v] [Of voices] Shake because of emotions
 - Her voice began to **quaver** and I thought she was going to cry.
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Quiver

['kwɪv.ə]

- [n] A long, thin container for carrying arrows
 - The archer reached into his **quiver** and drew an arrow, readying himself for the next shot.
- [n] A slight, rapid shaking movement/sound
 - The **quiver** in his voice revealed his nervousness about the presentation.
- [v] Shake with a slight, rapid motion; To tremble
 - As she waited for the results, her hands began to **quiver** with anxiety.

Recess

['rɪ.ses]

- [n] A period of time when formal activity, such as school or court sessions, is temporarily suspended.
 - The students eagerly awaited **recess** to play outside.
 - [n] A small, hollow space set back from a larger area
 - The door had a small **recess** for the keyhole.
 - There was a small **recess** in the wall where the statue was placed.
 - [n] A remote, hidden, or secluded place or part.
 - They explored the deep **recesses** of the cave.
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Resuscitate

[rɪ'sʌs.ə.teɪt]

- [v] To revive (from unconsciousness/apparent death)
 - The paramedics were able to **resuscitate** the drowning victim using CPR.
 - The volunteers are working to **resuscitate** the old traditions and festivals of the town.
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Serrate

['seret]

- [adj] Having a notched/saw-like edge
 - The **serrate** leaves of the plant helped it trap water efficiently.
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Shimmer

['ʃɪm.ə]

- [v] To shine with a subtle, wavering light, creating a sense of movement/sparkle
 - The lake's surface **shimmered** under the moonlight, creating a magical scene.
 - Her dress was covered in sequins that **shimmered** as she moved.
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Shudder

['ʃʌd.ə]

- [v] Tremble/shake with a sudden movement, as a result of fear/cold/revulsion
 - She **shuddered** at the thought of walking through the dark, abandoned house.
- [n] The act of shuddering
 - He gave a slight **shudder** as he considered how close he had come to death.

Smokestack

['smouk.stæk]

- [n] A tall pipe that pumps exhaust gas out of a factory
 - – Residents complained that fumes from the **smokestacks** made breathing difficult.
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Spartan

['spɑ:r.tən]

- [adj] Simple & severe with no comfort
 - – The accommodations were **spartan**, with just a bed, a chair, and a small table.
 - – Our **spartan** way of life included hard beds, hard work, and no TV.
 - [adj] Pertaining to the city of Sparta in ancient Greece or its citizens.
 - – The **spartan** warriors were renowned for their bravery and military skill.
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Steadfast

['sted.fæst]

- [adj] Staying the same for a long time, unwavering
 - – They had a **steadfast** friendship, always standing up for each other.
 - – The group remained **steadfast** in its support for the new system, even when it was criticized in the newspapers.
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Supplant

[sə'plænt]

- [v] To supersede
 - – Printed books will soon be **supplanted** by e-books.
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Supple

['sʌp.əl]

- [adj] Able to bend easily
- – I'm not **supple** enough (= my body bend easily enough) to touch the floor.
- – She moved with the **grace** of a dancer, her body supple and agile.
- [adj] Easily adaptable/responsive to new situations.
- – The fabric felt **supple** against her skin, perfect for the delicate dress.

Tapestry

['tæp.ə.stri]

- [n] A strong cloth with colored threads woven into it to create a picture/design
 - The medieval castle was adorned with a beautiful **tapestry** depicting a hunting scene.
 - [n] Sth made of many different parts
 - The instruments blend together, weaving **tapestries** of sound, while the pace of the music changes constantly.
 - The city's culture is a **tapestry** of various traditions and influences.
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Tenure

['tɛnjə]

- [n] The duration during which sb holds a position/role.
 - During her **tenure** as CEO, the company saw unprecedented growth.
 - [n] The terms or conditions under which land/buildings are held/occupied.
 - The **tenure** of the lease required the tenant to maintain the property in good condition.
 - [n] The right to remain permanently in a job.
 - After years of dedicated research and teaching, he finally achieved **tenure** at the university.
 - **Tenure-track** professors (= **those likely to get tenure**) who don't publish enough work may not be offered **tenure**.
 - Her profile in the college is unusually high for an **untenured** assistant professor. (= **those who don't have a tenure**)
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Unkempt

[ʌn'kempt]

- [adj] Untidy, not cared for
 - His **unkempt** hair made him look like he had just rolled out of bed.
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Valiant

['væl.i.ənt]

- [adj] Bravely determined in gravely despondent situations
 - The **valiant** firefighter entered the burning building to rescue the trapped family.
 - The knight's **valiant** efforts in battle earned him great honor.

Vernacular

[vəˈnæk.jə.lə]

- [n] The language spoken by ordinary people in a particular country/region
 - *The Spanish I learned at school is very different from the local **vernacular** of this Mexican village.*
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Vicarious

[vrɪˈker.i.əs]

- [adj] Experienced through observation
 - *She felt a **vicarious** thrill watching her friend skydive, imagining the rush of adrenaline herself.*
 - *He lived **vicariously** through his children's achievements, taking pride in their accomplishments as if they were his own.*
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Waddle

[ˈwɑː.dəl]

- [v] [Of a short-legged & corpulent human/animal] To walk with short steps, moving the body from one side to the other
 - *The ducks **waddled** behind their mother adorably.*
 - *I shouted my order and a short, chubby waiter **waddled** over.*
 - *The costume made him **waddle** awkwardly, much to the amusement of the children.*
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Warble

[ˈwɔːr.bəl]

- [n] A melodic/quavering sound, especially of a bird.
 - *The nightingale's **warble** filled the evening air with a soothing melody.*
 - *His voice had a natural **warble** that added charm to his folk music performances.*
 - *The nightingale began to **warble** a sweet, enchanting melody as the sun set.*
 - *She could **warble** beautifully, her voice rising and falling with ease.*