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infallible  
(adj)  
in-FAL-ih-bull  
Also fallible (adj), fallacious (adj)

Definition: Incapable of error; certain

Usage: No good scientist thinks he or she is infallible—it is fundamental to the scientific method that every theory is open to revision based on new evidence.

Related Words: Unerring (synonym)

More Info: L'Oreal has released a new line of lipstick called Infallible, which implies that the lipstick is immune from being logically incorrect. A better name might have been something like "Flawless."

Mnemonic:

1. IN(not)+FALL...A person who doesn't fall is a person who doesn't make mistakes....
2. Do not fall into errors
3. infallible

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pathogenic  
(adj)  
path-uh-JEN-ick

Definition: Capable of producing disease

Usage: Many common and legal food additives are pathogenic, known to lead to diabetes or even cancer.

More Info: "Pathos" means "disease" (as in pathological, "diseased") and "gen" means "producing" (as in generate).

Mnemonic:

1. Relate to PATHOGEN, which is a disease causing microorganism

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solidarity  
(noun)  
sah-lid-AIR-it-ee

Definition: Fellowship in interests, feelings, responsibilities, etc., such as among a group of people or among classes, nations, etc.

Usage: The governor attempted to outlaw collective bargaining by unions, but backed down once he was made aware of the union's solidarity with churches and community groups across the state.

More Info: The Polish trade union Solidarity (founded 1980) helped break out of Soviet control and bring about free elections in that country. Related to the word solid, think of solidarity as forming a solid front with your compatriots.

Mnemonic:

1. solidarity: solid which means not easily breakable ( tied up and they are of the same interest).
2. solids( IN SOLIDS agreement between and support for the members of a group, especially a political group)

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forage  
(verb)  
FOR-idge

Definition: Wander in search of; rummage, hunt, make a raid

Usage: It's important to seal your trash cans tightly in this neighborhood, or else you'll get raccoons foraging for food in your backyard.

Related Words: Plunder, pillage, ransack, depredate, and despoil are words that match the meaning of raiding or looting, although forage is more often used in the gentler sense of poking around the forest looking for edible plants.

More Info: Forage shares an origin with fodder, meaning "food for livestock" and also used to mean raw material, or something low quality but abundant, as in "The novelist used all of her family arguments as fodder for her work."

Mnemonic:

1. it take as for+age(alive)=food(which is most important)so for the further aliving searching of food  
is necessary

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diurnal  
(adj)  
die-ER-null

Definition: Occurring every day; happening in the daytime (rather than at night)

Usage: While many Americans rarely have a sit-down family meal, in many other cultures, dining as a family is a diurnal affair. / Wall Street is a diurnal neighborhood—hectic in the day, but quiet once people pile on the rush hour trains to go home.

Related Words: Quotidian (daily; everyday, ordinary)

Mnemonic:

1. u have to visit the urinal everyday!!  
2. DIA jalana AUR NAL chalana roj ke kam hai  
3. Nocturnal means active in the Night and Diurnal means active in Day  
4. Diary+journal= diurnal to record the events of your day.

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aloof  
(adj)  
uh-LOOF

Definition: Distant physically or emotionally; reserved; indifferent

Usage: Perceiving her parents as cold and aloof, the child was naturally drawn to her warm, genial aunt.

Related Words: Detached (impartial or aloof), Standoffish (cold, unfriendly)

More Info: A common stereotype is that dogs are affable, while cats are aloof.

Mnemonic:

1. aloof:aloo(potato)+f..u like aloo so mom keeps it "apart" for u..it is "reserved" for u  
2. Aloof (ALOne in the rOOF), when some is alone in the roof, he is at distance from other members of house.  
3. aloof~ a roof; Alone on roof top !!  
4. aloof- imagine you cant call anyone you are lone and apart so first while you call someone you say "alo" no answer so you say "of" nobody answering you are apart and reserved - alo+of  
5. consider aloof is pronounced as a+lu...we always keep lu area apart from the home so that it will not create any problem in daily life  
6. ALOOF = ALO + OF; ALOO OF STORE IS ALWAYS STORED IN COLD STORE.

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puissance  
(noun)  
PWISS-unss or PYOO-iss-unss  
Also puissant (adj)

Definition: Power, might

Usage: When people asked the twenty-five year old bride what had attracted her to her commanding, sixty year old CEO husband, she replied that she had always been drawn to puissance. That tended to end conversations as people went to go look up "puissance."

More Info: Puissant comes through French from the same Latin root ("power") as omnipotent (all powerful), potentate (ruler), and impotent (lacking power).

Mnemonic:

1. puissance ..rhyme is nuisance..only those ppl can be a nuisance for others who are powerful.
2. PUISSANCE -> POTANCE -> POTENCY means power.
3. strength/influence is of no use if one is pusillanimous..
4. PUISSANCE-->"PEEU! that strong, powerful bodybuilder smells stinky!"
5. police + sons = sons of people in police department will have power
6. power of influence = puissance

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ethos  
(noun)  
EETH-ohss or EETH-ahss

Definition: The character, personality, or moral values specific to a person, group, time period, etc.

Usage: At the prep school, the young man happily settled into an ethos of hard work and rigorous athletic competition.

Related Words: Disposition (a person's general or natural mood; tendency), Tenor (general drift, course, or purpose, as in "the rebellious tenor of the rally"), Penchant and Predilection ("tendency, preference," as in a penchant for fast cars, a predilection to get angry easily)

More Info: Ethos is a Greek word meaning "custom or character," much as it does today.

Mnemonic:

1. ETHOS = ETHICS
2. ethos sounds like athos~ athos reminds me of slumdog millionaire, a movie which definately depicted the disposition of indian society
3. indians have very THOS(tough to follow) ETHOS
4. Ethos = enter the operating system, the password or the thing required to enter the operating system.

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penumbra  
(noun)  
pen-UM-bruh

Definition: Outer part of a shadow from an eclipse; any surrounding region, fringe, periphery; any area where something "sort of" exists

Usage: The Constitution doesn't specifically mention a right to privacy, but some experts consider this to exist in the penumbra of the Constitution, as a guarantee of privacy is needed in order to exercise the rights that are enumerated. / The rent in Chicago was too high, so they moved to a suburb in the penumbra of the city.

Related Words: Hinterland (remote or undeveloped area)

Mnemonic:

1. pen under an umbrella will be invisible under umbrella's shadow
2. use pen on bra to take the partial shadow of breast
3. Nimbus clouds create shadows.
4. when you use umbrella there is shadow ,not the direct rays.

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recapitulate  
(verb)  
ree-cah-PIT-chull-ayt

Definition: Summarize, repeat in a concise way

Usage: I'm sorry I had to leave your presentation to take a call—I only have a minute, but can you recapitulate what you're proposing?

Related Words: Précis (concise summary, abstract), Digest (a periodical containing shortened versions of works published elsewhere), Compendium (concise but complete summary; a list or collection)

More Info: Ever wonder where "recap" came from? Here you are! Don't confuse recapitulate with capitulate, which means "surrender, give in."

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like recap....if you have noticed , whenever you watch a serial ,before it starts they always give the recap of what happened the previous day,..in other words they repeat what already has been shown but in a concise form.

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tawdry  
(adj)  
TAW-dree

Definition: Gaudy, cheap or cheap-looking; indecent

Usage: Tara modeled her prom look after something she saw in a Pussycat Dolls video. Her mom didn't care for it, but her grandmother found it downright tawdry.

Related Words: Showy means showing off and could be good or bad (a showy car). Garish refers to something much too bright, vivid, or fancy (makeup that looks okay in a nightclub looks garish in the office). Gaudy items stand out in a cheap, tasteless, or overly colorful way (wearing too much big jewelry looks gaudy). Meretricious means attractive in a vulgar or flashy way, tawdry; deceptive.

More Info: This etymology is ridiculous—tawdry comes from a mispronunciation of "St. Audrey," as in "St. Audrey's lace," a lace necktie. The real St. Audrey died in 679 of throat cancer, supposedly because of her love of necklaces.

Mnemonic:

1. TOWEL+DRY.....In a public locker room, a person who dries his body with a towel in front of everybody is vulgar and gaudy.
2. I AM WRITING AN ANECDOTE BELOW,
3. taw - Toy which is cheap and Dry - Means it is dry showy - Not proper elegance.
4. tawdry sounds like rowdy..a cheap person indeed!!
5. Tawdry sounds like Laundry -> clothes -> gaudy/showy/cheaply shining clothes
6. Sounds like Taadi in marathi..taadi are cheap alcohol shops

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truculent  
(adj)  
TRUCK-yuh-lent

Definition: Fierce, cruel, savage; belligerent

Usage: That guy is too truculent to work in customer service—when the customers are already angry, the last thing this store needs is someone prone to blow up at any moment! / The honey badger is a truculent hunter—it can and will eat anything, and sometimes tortures its prey before eating it.

Related Words: Belligerent, Bellicose, and Pugnacious mean combative, inclined to fighting. Sanguinary means bloodthirsty. Minatory and Baleful mean menacing or threatening.

Mnemonic:

1. Sounds like 'Truck' which is the king of the road and runs very aggressively.
2. sounds like turbulent which is very aggressive.
3. Truculent: Cruel - intent
4. Truculent almost has the word "truce" at the front of it. A truculent person is unlikely to make a truce.
5. Truck+Violent.
6. truculent- Concentrate on cruel... which gives the meaning!!!

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panache  
(noun)  
puh-NASH

Definition: Flair, style, swagger; a flamboyant or grand way of acting

Usage: Not only did he quit, but he did so with panache, actually delivering a Powerpoint presentation that we thought would be about the budget, but which turned out to be quite obscene. He then pulled out a flask, guzzled its contents, and walked out. That guy's kind of a legend.

Related Words: Verve (vigor, spirit, liveliness)

More Info: In French, a panache is literally a tuft of feathers, such as you might display on a (rather ostentatious) hat. The figurative use of panache dates from the tale of Cyrano de Bergerac (played by Gerard Depardieu in 1990's Cyrano de Bergerac) and is often associated with him.

Mnemonic:

1. ir reminds of the movie FASHION.all de top models wer frm panache..therefore u cn relate it to stylish way of dressin
2. panache.. sounds like moustache... ppl grow differnts kinds of moustaches to appear stylish
3. if u have seen the movie "FASHION"... priyanka chopra models for the company PANACHE,,, which shows  
pryinka chopra is stylish , energetic, and famboyant
4. people eat PAN to showoff, but they don't know that it will cause ACHE
5. sounds like headache so they can do things with out head ache
6. Problem+Cash. If you have cash.. you'll solve your problem without any difficulty.

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terrestrial  
(adj)  
tih-RESS-tree-ull

Definition: Relating to the Earth or to land; worldly

Usage: Mr. and Mrs. Daruza were certain they had seen a UFO, plus aliens running around in the night. What they really saw was an especially dense flock of birds in the air, and some mundane, terrestrial animals on the ground.

More Info: The root "terra" (Earth) also gives us extra-terrestrial (space alien), terrarium (closed container garden for plants and small animals), terrine (earthenware food dish), and terra firma (solid ground).

Mnemonic:

1. Terrestrial which is pertaining to the earth is the opposite of Celestial or Astral which refer to the stars and the constellation.
2. When we go on the terrace of a building we can see the full surrounding which is nothing but earth.

3. Darwin Can't Solve the problem :: 'Human and Monkey are similar but why human are terrestrial and why Monkeys are arborial'

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xenophobia  
(noun)  
zen-noh-FOH-bee-uh or zee-noh-FOH-bee-uh  
Also xenophobic (adj)

Definition: Fear or hatred of foreigners or that which is foreign

Usage: My mother's xenophobia is so great that she refuses to cross the border into Canada, and once told me that she'd rather die than try a mango because those foreign fruits are "sketchy."

Related Words: Insular (pertaining to an island; isolated; illiberal), Chauvinism (fanatical patriotism  
or blind enthusiasm for military glory; undue or biased devotion to any group, cause, etc.)

Mnemonic:

1. Break it like X +ENO +Phobia . ENO stands for English national opera..
2. there is a serial called PRINCESS XENON a warrior princess.. she fights for her country from others  
.. i.e, foreigners.. this can go hand in hand with the word's meaning
3. xeno-phobia . If you extract the letter x from xeno, it becomes Eno, an Antacid, which is taken after you have indigestion caused by consuming alien food...the stomach fears the extraneous.
4. Zen -is a indian meditative technique taken to foreign lands like china and japan.Hence xenophobia.

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propitious  
(adj)  
proh-PISH-uss

Definition: Favorable, giving good signs for the future, likely to work out; kind or forgiving

Usage: After having to postpone the game earlier in the week due to rain, the officials were pleased to see the propitious weather forecast. "We'll get this game in after all," one of them exclaimed.

Related Words: Auspicious (looking as though success is likely), Opportune (suitable, convenient, occurring at an appropriate time)

Memory Trick: It's a bit confusing that propitiate means "attempt to reconcile with, satisfy, or reduce the animosity of." Perhaps it would help to imagine that the gods have already been propitiated (the Romans were fond of sacrificing animals to gain the gods' favor), and therefore an endeavor is propitious, or likely to be successful.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like profitous.. hence its profitable and thus favorable
2. PROPITI....sounds like property-if you have got lot of property, you are FORTUNATE to get it..money  
is basically considered AUSPICIOUS and you can make any adverse situation FAVORABLE TO you if you posses money.
3. if you HAVE the ADVANTAGE OF HAVING LOT OF PROPERTY..another onetaken from..propitius.....pro-means  
for + pitius/petere means to seek ...so seeking for favorable situation, seeking advantageous deal from someone.
4. sounds like auspicious...meaning favourable
5. A WARNING BOARD IS SAYING THAT A PIT IS THERE PRO(AHEAD).SO ITS A GOOD SIGN FOR YOU NOT TO FALL INTO  
THAT PIT
6. prosperous

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ostensible or ostensive  
(adj)

## ah-STEN-sih-bull / ah-STEN-siv

Definition: Professed, evident, or pretended; outwardly appearing in a certain way

Usage: Ostensibly, she came to volunteer out of the goodness of her heart. However, I think she's really here because she has a crush on one of the other volunteers. / He's an ostensive candidate for the job, but we need to check these references before we move further.

Related Words: Putative (supposed or reputed), Nominal (trivial; in name only, so-called)

More Info: The Latin "ostendere" means "to show" and also occurs in ostentatious, meaning "showing off."

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imperious  
(adj)  
im-PEER-ee-uss

Definition: Commanding, domineering; acting like a high ranking person; urgent

Usage: Her friend were peeved by her imperious attitude and talked about her while she was in the ladies' room: "Who does she think she is, not only picking the bar and the meeting time but also telling us where to sit?"

Related Words: Overbearing is a synonym. Autocratic refers to absolute rule and Despotism and Tyrannical refer to the abuse of absolute rule.

More Info: The related imperial means "pertaining to an empire or emperor." Imperious behavior can be appropriate when practiced by an emperor, but generally, imperious just means arrogant and bossy.

Mnemonic:

1. imperial(emperor) imperial army will be always have "ghamand" so they are arrogant, overpower
2. I+M+PERIOUS(pari jaisi)...jo ladkiya sochti hain ki wo pari jaisi hain, wo ladkiya arrogant and domineering hoti hain....
3. remember imperious curse in Harry Potter!! it is used to command others to do something!!
4. IMPERIOUS -> IMPERIAL
5. every morning PERI-pona us. some superior always expects lowers should bent in front of him
6. pari to god: "though I am an Indian PARI still I am going TO THE US..";

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licentious  
(adj)  
lie-SENT-shuss

Definition: Sexually unrestrained; immoral; ignoring the rules

Usage: The licentious behavior Joe was accustomed to practicing at the local strip club was enough to get him thrown out of a nice restaurant and fired from his new job.

Related Words: Hedonistic and sybaritic mean "pleasure-seeking." Debauched (excessively indulging in sensual pleasures) is worse and is closer to licentious.

More Info: Licentious shares a root with "license." License is not just used in the sense of "driver's

license" but can also mean "breaking the rules" or "exceptional freedom," as in "The licentious celebrity thinks he has license to do anything he wants, an attitude that landed him in court after his assistant sued him for harassment."

Mnemonic:

1. Licentious = "like sensuous" which relates to lustfulness ie lewd and lascivious well as amoral.
2. licent(license)+ous...well some Bollywood celebrities have got the LICENSE OF indulging into amoral

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3. i hate those kind of ppl who make girlfriends and on the first day think.. ab to LICENSE mil gaya hai jitna mar gi kiss karo &#%^ karo <--- lusty assholes
4. a prostitute gives LICENSE TO US to do anything with them against money.. they are morally low and unrestrained for sex..
5. what happens giving license to an ASS to wander in people
6. licentious means giving licence to all...think of such a lady...isn't she lustful...???

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repose  
(noun)  
rih-POSE

Definition: The act or state of resting; peacefulness, tranquility; lying dead in a grave

Usage: Thousands of people lined up to see the prime minister's body lying in repose in the capital building. / After working the last two weekends, Myrna was perfectly happy spending her day off in repose in her living room armchair with a cup of tea and a good book.

Related Words: Recumbent (lying down, reclining, resting)

More Info: Lying in repose is when a deceased person is available for public viewing.

## Mnemonic:

1. <br>repose = resting pose
2. re+POSE you give pose in cool, relaxed manner.

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inundate  
(verb)  
IN-un-dayt

Definition: Flood, cover with water, overwhelm

Usage: As the city was inundated with water, the mayor feared that many evacuees would have nowhere to go. / I can't go out—I am inundated with homework!

Related Words: Deluge means to flood, or a flood itself, and is used metaphorically in the same way as inundate (deluged with work, a deluge of complaints). Engulf means "flow over and enclose, swallow up or submerge." A storm engulfing an island would be even more severe than a storm inundating or deluging it.

## Mnemonic:

1. I+NUN +DATE....I asked the NUNS for a DATE and i was FLOODED with letters from christian societies for violating the social norms.
2. sounds like "KIRAN DATE"
3. 1 nun ki itni date hoti hai ki hamesha overflow hoti rehti hai
4. IN+UNDA(egg) ---water filled
5. an underwear model is always 'flooded' with offers for a date
6. FLOODS came UNDATEDly

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euphemism  
(noun)  
YOO-fuh-mizm

Definition: Substitution of a mild, inoffensive, or indirect expression for one that is considered offensive or too direct

Usage: Many euphemisms surround death and disease; rather than "Joe died of cancer," many people feel better saying "Joe's suffering is finally over." / When potty training their children, some parents use hilarious euphemisms for body parts.

More Info: The antonym of euphemism is dysphemism, an unnecessarily bad name for something. The



internet division of the publishing company dysphemistically referred to the print magazine as the "dead tree edition."

Mnemonic:

1. Assuming: females are milder than males as they are more emotionally inclined.
2. you+feminisn(sounds like) girls try to avoid certain words and circumlocate... so if u practise euphemism, you act like a female
3. eu- <> dys-
4. eu â€~wellâ€™ + phÄ“mÄ“ â€~speaking.â€™
5. eu(r u?)+phemism(feminist)
6. Euphemism = e + u + ph + emission; your phone emission i.e sound is sweet.

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august  
(adj)  
AW-gust

Definition: Venerable, majestic; inspiring admiration

Usage: "I welcome you to this august institution, where Presidents and Nobel Prize winners have received the fruits of erudition," said the university president (rather bombastically) to the new crop of first-year students.

Related Words: Eminent (prominent, distinguished, of high rank), Venerable (worthy of deep respect, hallowed, dignified), Olympian (majestic, superior, lofty)

More Info: Emperor Octavian, or Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus (an heir to Julius Caesar) was given the name Caesar Augustus upon taking the throne in 27 B.C.

Mnemonic:

1. August.. The month of the sun sign - LEO the lion (the king of the forest,the most majestic animal)
2. the 15th AUGUST celebrations at the redfort are IMPRESSIVE
3. august reminds the king Augustus who was majestic and impressive
4. In addition to what aka.bhagvanji said.. August=>The month of the sun sign - LEO the lion (the king of the forest,the most majestic animal "INSPIRING RESPECT AND ADMIRATION")
5. august- is usually an impressive beautiful month in the u.s
6. au stands for gold. which is a majestic mineral

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yoke  
(noun, verb)  
YOHK

Definition: A burden or something that oppresses; a frame for attaching animals (such as oxen) to each other and to a plow or other equipment to be pulled, or a bar across a person's shoulders to help carry buckets of water, etc. (noun); to unite together or to burden (verb)

Usage: The speaker argued that humanity had traded the yoke of servitude to kings and tyrants for the yoke of consumerism, which enslaves us just as much in the end.

More Info: The Bible exhorts followers to "be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Here, yoked is a reference to marriage, which certainly unites (whether it burdens is a matter of opinion).

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like "yolk" which is egg-yolk and which joins the parts of egg (egg white, yellow yolk, white yolk) together
2. yoke sounds like coke and everyone has seen the advertisement coke k saath dost free therefore it brings you together it means unite you.
3. yoke: replace y with j joke, you know a joke and a laugh brings, joins people together.
4. Yoke means join together and it sounds like rock

5. Yoke is similar to stoke. Yoke is the harness for oxen and stoke is to tend and fuel a fire, both having a utility.

6. yoke sounds like LOCK. Lock your hands with clamp.means join together

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sully  
(verb)  
SULL-ee

Definition: Make dirty, stain, tarnish, defile

Usage: The Senator did win his campaign for re-election, but his reputation was sullied when he was photographed shaking hands with the tobacco executives who apparently bankrolled his campaign.

Related Words: Adulterate (make impure), Debauch (corrupt morally), Vitiate (ruin, make faulty, corrupt), Debase (degrade; lower in quality, value, rank, etc.; lower in moral quality)

Mnemonic:

1. Sully=soily
2. sully sounds like saaley in hindi we use this term to cast doubt on some one acting wrongly
3. sue(su)+ lee(lly) by doing this we disparaging lee
4. Jake sully in avatar was soily and tarnished after his training in pandora
5. To all tamil guys.
6. sully is like gully in cricket.. "By standing in gully, ganguly sullied the match"

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viscid or viscous  
(adj)  
VISS-id / VISS-cuss

Definition: Thick, adhesive, or covered in something sticky

Usage: Ugh, what did you spill on this floor? It's too viscous to be absorbed by these paper towels. Is

this hair conditioner? / Teaching a troop of Cub Scouts to make maple syrup means cleaning the viscid substance off uniforms, boys, and every other object those boys touch.

Related Words: Adhere (stick to, such as with glue, or to a plan or belief)

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rend  
(verb)  
REND

Definition: Tear violently, esp. to tear one's clothing or hair out of grief; pull apart, split, or tear away

Usage: Many figures in the Bible rend their clothing from grief at a loved one's death, an event that can surely rend one's heart as well.

More Info: As you can see, rend is an irregular verb; its past tense is rent.

Mnemonic:

1. In most South Indian languages rend means two - i.e., split up.
2. rend ...relate to rent, and if you don't pay your rent the land lord will tear you apart
3. Rear END, front end....that means split into 2 parts...simple..!! :)
4. rend means in telugu rendu...means making it in to two..so it is tearing in to two...
5. r +end

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querulous  
(adj)  
KWAIR-ull-uss

Definition: Given to complaining, grumbling

Usage: Norma had been happy to be a grandmother, but was somewhat less happy when a querulous child was dropped off on her doorstep—"I don't want to come inside," "I don't like sandwiches," "It's too cold in the bathroom." Would the whining and moaning ever stop?

Related Words: Carp (constantly complain, fret, and find fault), Petulant (unreasonably irritable or sullen), Peevish (annoyed, in a bad mood, stubborn), Cross (angry, ill-humored)

More Info: Querulous shares a root with quarrel.

Mnemonic:

1. One who keeps questioning (querying) everything.
2. QUERULOUS=QUARREL-ous
3. querulous : quarrelsome louse.
4. Relate to GARRULOUS
5. querulous - querying all the rules and complaining always that is lousy
6. querulous="kopam" mas=getting kopam...hehe

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vim  
(noun)  
VIM

Definition: Pep, enthusiasm, vitality, lively spirit

Usage: "I'm old, not dead!" said Grandpa Albert, full of vim and ready for his first bungee jump.

Related Words: Vigor (synonym), Verve (vigor, spirit, liveliness), Sprightly (vivacious, full of life)

More Info: Vim is usually heard in the expression "vim and vigor." Like so many of these "two-part" expressions (hale and hardy, for instance), the two words are more or less synonyms, and thus the expression is a bit redundant.

Mnemonic:

1. When you rev up (get energy from) a motor cycle, it sounds like VIM, VIM!
2. "vim bar" has "energy" to clean utensils
3. Vim sounds like WIN, and when we win something we are energetic and enthusiastic.

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mirth  
(noun)  
MERTH

Definition: Jollity, merriment; amusement or laughter

Usage: Nothing could beat the mirth of the office holiday party—once everyone had heard how fat their bonuses would be, the delighted staff formed a conga line and drank and danced the night away.

Related Words: Gaiety is a synonym.

Memory Trick: The slang term mirthquake (circa 1928) means an explosive outburst of laughter. Of course, mirthquake won't be on the GRE, but it might help you remember mirth!

Mnemonic:

1. mother at birth of her child is extreemely happy. this is how the word was made. mother at birth = mirth.
2. just try to visualise the ramayan kind of scenes where the demons say "My Earth" [mi-rth] and laugh in a similar fashion.
3. mirth sounds close to myth..which are usually unbelievable and hilarious and makes us laugh
4. the best MIRTH I've had was when my wife gave BIRTH to my baby
5. mithr.. friend .. merriment and laughter
6. MIRTH=MARY+BIRTH. For Christians, the BIRTH of Christ to MARY is cause for MIRTH.

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lethargic  
(adj)  
leth-AR-jick

Definition: Lazy, drowsy, or sluggish

Usage: I do love the Golden Corral's reasonably priced buffet, but I feel so lethargic after I eat my weight in mac-and-cheese and hand-carved turkey.

Related Words: Torpid, sluggish, idle, indolent, loafing, and slack are all related to laziness or slowness.

More Info: In Greek mythology, the River Lethe was the river of forgetfulness or oblivion. It flowed through the underworld, and the dead were required to drink from it in order to forget their earthly lives.

Mnemonic:

1. Sounds like allergic. When you have lack of interest in doing something i.e. allergy
2. lethargic sounds like leth(LOST)+argic(energy).....so you have LOST ALL YOUR ENERGY,THATS why you are feeling DULL AND DROWSY.
3. Let(Leg,LAAT) + har(haar) + gic(gayi) >>> legs ya laatein haar jane ke baad we get tired and loose energy to walk and get lazy and wanna go to bed as soon as possible..

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fledgling  
(noun, adj)  
FLEDGE-ling

Definition: A young bird that has just recently gotten its feathers, an inexperienced person (noun); new or inexperienced (adj)

Usage: The zoo's EagleCam will hopefully be able to catch the moment the fledglings fly out of the nest for the very first time! / The Society of Engineers is available for career day presentations in elementary schools, where we hope to encourage fledgling talents in the applied sciences.

Related Words: Tyro (beginner, novice)

More Info: The verb fledge means to nurture, as one would a young bird until it is ready to fly, or to cover with feathers or adorn.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds similar to sledging in cricket...
2. rhymes with duckling.. a young duck thus referring to inexperience.
3. fully fledged = mature or experienced.. but fledgling means the one who isn't matured , i.e. is a neophyte(newbie = noob )
4. Fledgling sounds like "weakling". A weakling is one who is not very experienced and is new to the procedures.
5. read as F(resh person) Led (for) gliding. He is inexperienced still lead for gliding.
6. Fledgling sounds like (FRESH+ Graduates) every year few hundreds of fresh fledgling (Inexperienced)  
graduates come out of engineering collage looking out for a job to gain experience .

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wizened  
(adj)  
WIZZ-end

Definition: Withered, shriveled

Usage: Fortunately, the wizened heads for sale at the Ecuadorian market weren't really shrunken heads—just souvenirs for tourists. / The wizened old man still possessed a remarkably sharp mind.

Related Words: Hoary (very old, gray or white as from old age), Grizzled (graying), Antediluvian (very old; literally, from before the Biblical flood), Desiccated (dried out)

Mnemonic:

1. wizened - old people are experienced and WISE... and they are FEEBLE, WEAK, they SHRIVEL, WITHER
2. wizened = wise+end
3. relate it to the word WISE... think of a lady who has gained wisdom as she has aged and grown old and shriveled up.
4. widened <-- -->
5. YZend...when you have Y,Z written on your face as tatoo, you faace is WIZENED

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upbraid  
(verb)  
up-BRAID

Definition: Find fault with, criticize or scold severely

Usage: I'm not surprised they got divorced—you can't upbraid someone every time he forgets to put a water glass in the sink and then expect him to stick around.

Related Words: Admonish means scold or mildly criticize. Reprove, Reproach, Reprimand, Rebuke, Excoriate, and Castigate are all words for criticizing or scolding more harshly. Censure means strong disapproval or official reprimand.

More Info: Upbraid is related to braid (intertwined hair)—the root relates to twisting, darting, or being quick (such as in battle). The idea is that, when you upbraid someone, you bring up his or her faults quickly and sharply—almost as a weapon. Of course, now we're imagining braided hair twisting like a sneaky enemy.

Mnemonic:

1. elders criticize severely if their girls UP their BRA
2. braid means hairdo(hairstyle). upbraid means destroy hairdo. In hindi baal khinchna. If teacher rebukes or scolds you, he/she pulls your hair.
3. It has the word raid in it , it implies when sm1 raids your house and finds black money , u will be scolded very badly
4. up + bra : girls dont do it here or ..
5. ladki ki choti kheechna is extremely reprimanded
6. upBRAID. Relate BRAID with BRIDE. When you catch up a bride who's eloped, you scold her severely and reprimand her.

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accede  
(verb)  
ack-SEED  
Also accedence (noun)

Definition: Agree, give consent; assume power (usually as "accede to")

Usage: While the Englishman was a strong believer in democracy, he had to accede that watching Prince Charles someday accede to the throne would indeed be exciting.

Related Words: Assent also means agree or give in.

More Info: When Prince Charles accedes to the throne, he will be succeeding (taking power after) Queen Elizabeth.

Mnemonic:

1. in the word accede acce sounds like"axe"- when you have "axe" scent girls will agree to what u said
2. startng letters soundd lyk axe(acce)+de...usually when u happen 2 experience a threat wid an axe,u agree 2 everythng othrs want...so basically accede goes 2 agreement...
3. people accept anything u say when u carry acid in ur hand

4. ac+cede( means to yield)..so accede means to yield to somebody opinion or wish.
5. sounds like accept + agreed : accede;
6. ACCEDE = ACCEPT

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ardent  
(adj)  
AR-dent  
Also ardor (noun)

Definition: Very passionate, devoted, or enthusiastic

Usage: He was an ardent heavy metal lover and became offended anytime someone referred to Poison as a "hair band." / They were so in love that not even meeting each other's awful relatives could dampen their ardor.

Related Words: Fervent, Fervid, and Perfervid all mean "passionate, fiery, deeply enthusiastic" and come from a common root relating to heat.

More Info: Don't confuse ardor with arduous, which means very difficult. Ardor comes from a Latin word meaning "to burn", which we can think of here in the sense of "burning with passion."

Mnemonic:

1. ardent-her+dent... If u r with ur lover she show some intense love n condemn whenever requires
2. Her+dent..DENT made by u in her car made HER extremely hot(anger)..

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paragon  
(noun)  
PAIR-uh-gahn

Definition: Model of excellence, perfect example

Usage: Unlike his sister, he was a paragon of responsibility, taking in her three children when she went to jail, and even switching jobs so he could be there to pick them up from school.

Related Words: Prototype (original model serving as the basis for future copies or versions), Paradigm (model or pattern; worldview, set of shared assumptions, values, etc.), Exemplar (example, item that is representative or typical, something worthy of imitation), Epitome (perfect example, brief summary)

More Info: A paragon is also a large, perfect diamond or pearl. Paragon is often used in the expression "paragon of virtue."

Mnemonic:

1. paragon which is a slipper brand makes products which are models for perfection
2. ARAGON in the movie Lord of the Rings was a perfect soldier
3. paragon = para-'related to' + -gon'figure has many angles'. If a polygon has infinity angles, it becomes circle. Circle is perfect
4. Think problem-gone = perfection!
5. remember PARAGON slippers ..they r standard model of perfection
6. Remember the paragon slipper ad ???

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untempered  
(adj)  
un-TEM-perd

Definition: Not toned down; not moderated, controlled, or counterbalanced

Usage: The report was an untempered condemnation of the company's practices—the investigators didn't have a single good thing to say.

Related Words: Qualified means "modified, limited, conditional on something else" (qualified optimism means the person is part optimistic and part unsure, perhaps waiting for more information).

Thus unqualified can mean untempered –that is, not limited or restrained. If your boss gives unqualified approval for your plan, you can do whatever you want.

More Info: To temper is to moderate, soften, or tone down, or to make less intense, esp. by mixing something good with something bad. Of course, temper as a noun means a person's state of mind or tendency to anger.

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ebullient  
(adj)  
ebb-00L-yent

Definition: Very enthusiastic, lively, excited; bubbling as though being boiled

Usage: The children were so ebullient upon their arrival at Disneyworld that their parents, while happy to see them so excited, wished that there were a way to forcibly restrain them in case they took off running towards the rides.

Related Words: Exuberant (extremely, uninhibitedly enthusiastic or joyful; overflowing)

More Info: Ebullient comes from a Latin word for "boiling," which comes from a word for "bubble." An ebulliometer determines the boiling point of liquids.

Mnemonic:

1. Your dad purchasing you a new 'Enfield Bullet' so you shpw ur 'Excitement' -> ebullient! :D
2. If u can think this word in a good sense, "bulli" is always showing excitement or overflows with enthu ,wen a hot gal passes
3. it is close to jubilation...which is excitement
4. when water boils, it seems as if it is showing great enthu or excitement thus being ebullient
5. A bull is violent(excited).
6. guys.. think of "BULL" in eBULLient.. it is always excited n raring to go

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tortuous  
(adj)  
TOR-choo-uss

Definition: Twisting, winding, complex; devious, not straightforward

Usage: If I can follow your tortuous logic, you're saying that people who want the new law protecting the environment are actually hurting the environment because the majority of people deliberately do the opposite of laws? What? / The children found the tortuous path of the roller coaster both terrifying and exciting.

Related Words: Convolutd (having many overlapping folds or coils, as certain kinds of seashells; intricate, complex)–also often used to describe "twisty" reasoning, as in the first sentence above.

More Info: Don't confuse with torturous, meaning relating to torture or the type of pain caused by torture.

Mnemonic:

1. a tortoise does not move in straight line... it keeps twisting and turning making path complicated.
2. tortuous - torque(twisting)uous: full of twisting
3. TORTUre fOr US to follow
4. tortoise mosquito coil will not be straight it is twisted and winded . Tortoise coil is in rhyming with tortuous.
5. The Tortuous Spiral Maze, which had a lot of twists and turns, had everyone perplexed.
6. The Tortuous Spiral Maze (which has a lot of twists and turns) had everyone perplexed.

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felicitous  
(adj)

## fuh-LISS-it-uss

**Definition:** Admirably appropriate, very well-suited for the occasion; pleasant, fortunate, marked by happiness

**Usage:** “What a felicitous occasion!” said the new grandfather, arriving at the hospital with an “It’s a Girl!” balloon. The new father found the balloon remarkably felicitous, especially since the baby’s gender had been announced less than an hour ago.

**Related Words:** Apt is a synonym in its meaning of “exactly appropriate” (Apt can also mean “inclined, having a natural tendency” or “quick to learn”). Fortuitous means “happening by chance, accidental” and usually also has the meaning of “lucky.”

**More Info:** Felicity means happiness and can also be a woman’s name, as in the titular character of the televised drama Felicity (1998–2002).

**Mnemonic:**

1. felicitous sounds like felicitation... in felicitation the person is praised with SUITABLE, APT , WELL CHOSEN remarks..
2. this word is derived from FELIX(root word means lucky..happy)..felix is name given to lucky and famous people.
3. yash is a gr8 guy.wenever dat (FEL)la (cit)s with (us), we all hav a HAPPY time
4. Felicity is delightful and appropriate for a TV show.
5. The music band was aptly and well chosen as the winner for the award and I can still recall him exclaiming "FELicia IS IT (o)US??"
6. felicitous people are well chosen people they causes you sit in the felicitation

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rococo  
(adj)  
ruh-COH-coh

**Definition:** Very elaborate and ornate (in decorating or metaphorically, as in speech and writing); relating to a highly ornate style of art and architecture in 18th century France

**Usage:** Although Dot Von Derian was born in Ohio as Melissa Worshowski, she insisted on being called “Madame Von D,” and bought herself a mansion she furnished in the most rococo style imaginable—it was gilded cherubs and gold leafing as far as the eye could see.

**Related Words:** Florid (reddish or rosy; flowery, showy, or excessively fancy), Byzantine (very complicated; relating to the Byzantine Empire, esp. its ornate decorating style, full of gold and religious imagery)

**More Info:** Look up “rococo” on Google Image Search to get the picture (very gold, very fancy!)

**Mnemonic:**

1. ro(w)+coco- you arrange and decorate coconuts in a row.
2. rococo reminds me of Hawaiian ladies with their coconut decoration around the waist and sometimes the neck.
3. ...Remember the highly ornate coco bongo club in the

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hoodwink  
(verb)  
HOOD-wink

**Definition:** Trick, deceive

**Usage:** Pretending to be the building’s landlord, the shyster was able to hoodwink eleven people into paying deposits on a vacant apartment—of course, he absconded with the money, leaving the victims without their money or a place to live.

**Related Words:** Bilk, Swindle, Con, and Fleece are all verbs for cheating others. Dupe means “fool or exploit.” Fleece is perhaps more severe, having the connotation of taking everything from the



victim, the way one sheers all of the fleece from a sheep.

More Info: Hoodwink comes from the idea of covering a person's eyes with a hood.

Mnemonic:

1. you WINK under the HOOD of your jacket. To deceive what you are doing
2. remember the way the wolf hoodwinked red riding hood
3. hoodwink->a person drops INK on the precious WOOD.so he tells you a story and DECEIVES you..
4. food mein wine ... mila kar deceive kar diya
5. Someone comes to you in winter and ask you for a k(c) oat, and you do had..hood to him..deceive him,  
delude him, So HoodWink
6. Hood~criminal: a criminal deceives oder ppl..

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pejorative  
(adj, noun)  
pih-JOR-uh-tiv

Definition: Disparaging, derogatory, belittling (adj); a name or word that is disparaging (noun)

Usage: I'm open to constructive criticism, but I think my supervisor's remarks are inappropriately pejorative—it's never okay to call an employee a "sniveling dullard." / Although these insults wouldn't be understood by most, "poetaster" and "mathematicaster" are pejoratives for minor, incompetent poets and mathematicians, respectively.

Related Words: Vituperate and revile mean to verbally abuse or speak very badly of.

Mnemonic:

1. Pejorative = Pig + Orative, a pig will certainly have bad connotations
2. Owner of a Mitsubishi PAJERO belittles everyone on the road.
3. Pejorative meaning is to disparage or belittle; of negative connotation : Relate to Pejor (means to  
hate in latin)
4. "majority" wala group doosre group ka effect khatam kar deta hai...causing a belittling effect..
5. pee + orative...
6. People call Bajarba ivanoda only when they consider him of little value

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chicanery  
(noun)  
shick-AYN-er-ee

Definition: Trickery, deception by knowingly false arguments

Usage: The defense lawyer's strategy for getting her client acquitted by knowingly misinterpreting words in an obscure precedent was nothing but chicanery. / Nice try, passing off last week's homework as this week's by changing the date at the top. I've had enough of your chicanery, young man!

Related Words: Quibbling (the use of ambiguous, petty, or irrelevant arguments, especially to evade the real issue), Sophistry (deliberately tricky argumentation)

More Info: Chicanery is from French, hence the pronunciation: shi-KAY-nuh-ry.

Mnemonic:

1. chicanery sounds like shikari who uses means of deception to trick animals into his traps.
2. (In Hindi Language) chic(young girl + Nari(hindi) wat is a difference between chicks n Nari???
- chic  
is DISHONEST BUT ATTRACTIVE AND THEY GENERALLY DECEIVE PEOPLE.
3. 'CHICKS' often use their assets as means of deceit to get what they want
4. Chicnary: Chicni chupdi baatein karne wala will DECEIVE you!
5. yeh chick to naari nikli !!
6. chicanery= chicken that we love to eat and we can trick on to eat it

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travesty  
(noun)  
TRAV-est-ee

Definition: Exaggerated, debased, or grotesque imitation

Usage: That Saturday Night Live sketch was a pretty good travesty of the election scandal. / You call that a sales presentation? What you just did in front of our clients was a travesty! I can't believe you lost what was supposed to be an easy sale.

Related Words: Farce (a humorous play, or a mockery). Burlesque is a synonym (the original meaning related a mocking imitation or caricature used for ridicule).

More Info: The "tra" in "travesty" is the same as "trans," meaning "across." The "vest" means "clothing." These two Latin roots came together in Italian to mean something like "disguise," which is an important part of creating a satirical play, for instance.

Mnemonic:

1. If u think Bra(tra) as vest then it is a travesty.
2. Travesty looks like transvestite (a man dressed as a woman) and hence basically a humorous caricature of a woman.
3. rem TRAVESTY=TARA+AVASTY.
4. travesty = trans + vest... change in clothes.. imitation but a poor one
5. TRAVESTY is a MOCKERY or an absurd or distorted imitation of the original.
6. travesty - tra or trans + vest + y - trans means across or over or beyond, vest means to dress , so  
travesty means the act of dressing up an event over or beyond it..by being humourous, satirical etc.

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stratum  
(noun)  
STRAY-tum or STRAT-um  
Also strata (noun, plural of stratum)

Definition: One of many layers (such as in a rock formation or in the classes of a society)

Usage: From overhearing his rich and powerful passengers' conversations, the chauffeur grew to despise the upper stratum of society. / I love this dish—it's like a lasagna, but with strata made of bread, eggs, and pancetta! Oh, look at the menu—it's actually called a strata! That makes perfect sense.

Related Words: Hierarchy (a ranked series; a classification of people according to rank, ability, etc.;  
a ruling body), Echelon (a level, rank or grade; the people at that level)

More Info: A highly stratified society is one marked by inequality, or one in which people cannot easily move from layer to layer—that is, one where the poor stay poor and the rich stay rich.

Mnemonic:

1. Stratum ~ stratosphere : A layer of earth !
2. Remove the r. Statum= Statue+made. Imagine a statue made by clay or earth.

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sardonic  
(adj)  
sar-DAH-nick

Definition: Scornfully or ironically mocking, cynically derisive

Usage: A sardonic movie critic is one thing, but a sardonic film professor is another—I really wish Professor Dahl wouldn't sarcastically cut down his students the way he does cheesy horror films. /

Dorothy Parker wrote sardonically, "If you want to know what God thinks about money, just look at the people he gave it to."

More Info: This origin seems too good to be true! Sardonic comes from Sardinia, the Italian island, which supposedly had a plant that could cause death by facial convulsions resembling mocking laughter.

Mnemonic:

1. sorry to comment but.. remember sardarji
2. think of SARDONIC as SARCASTIC + IRONIC
3. saridon (famous medicine for headache in India) : If everybody around you criticise you , then you will get headache ... take saridon
4. sardonic is divided into sar: which means head in hindi and donic can be regarded as "down" so HEAD DOWN which means scornfully mocking on others.
5. Just remember the statement."SARdarjiko DONI ne Comment kiya" ..Just remember the caps in the statement which gives the word and statement meaning!
6. SARDONIC or SARCASTIC is to make curt or ironic remarks. To be cutting or rude to someone.

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echelon  
(noun)  
ESH-uh-lahn

Definition: A level, rank or grade; the people at that level

Usage: Obtaining a job on Wall Street doesn't guarantee access to the upper echelon of executives, where multi-million dollar bonuses are the norm. / I'm not sure I'm cut out to analyze poetry; I find it hard to dig beyond the most accessible echelon of meaning.

Related Words: Stratum (a layer, esp. one of a number of parallel layers, such as in sedimentary rock or the Earth's atmosphere; plural is strata, as in "Of all the strata of society, the middle class is the stratum hit hardest by the recession.")

More Info: The original meaning of echelon is a formation of troops or war vehicles so as to resemble steps; similarly, birds flying in such a pattern are flying in echelon.

Mnemonic:

1. break it as ek+hi+line(similar to lone)..means in a line.so its a line of body of troops
2. Echelon: Heleon(he) in perodic table..for some elements below it,it's in upper class,n 4 other's above it,it's below..class to whxh a person belong

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indefatigable  
(adj)  
in-deh-FAT-ig-uh-bull  
Also defatigate (verb)

Definition: Untiring, not able to become fatigued

Usage: The boxer was indefatigable; round after round, he never lost speed or energy, even after he had thoroughly defatigated his opponent.

Related Words: Unflagging (tireless), Insuperable and Indomitable (not able to be defeated)

More Info: The root word in indefatigable is fatigue, of course. To defatigate is to make tired.

Mnemonic:

1. in means not..and fatigue means tiredness.. so indefatigable wud be tireless..
2. IN + DEFAT (DEFEAT) (ig) + ABLE....someone who INDEFEATABLE is TIRELESS, FULL OF VITALITY.
3. mnemonic: in(means not)+defat(defeat).....so think of someone who does not accapt a defeat....who believes in trying and who is never tired of doing it again and again.

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equanimity  
(noun)  
eck-wuh-NIM-it-ee or ee-kwuh-NIM-it-ee  
Also equanimous (adj)

Definition: Composure, evenness of mind; mental or emotional stability, esp. under stress

Usage: As she had worked for many years in mental hospitals, her equanimity was unparalleled—you could throw a chair or a bowl of spaghetti at her and she would just say, "Settle down, now."

Related Words: Sangfroid (calmness, self-possession, esp. under strain), Aplomb (self-possession, poise, total confidence even under stress), Imperturbable (not able to be upset or agitated, calm)

More Info: Don't confuse equitable and equity with equanimity and equanimous; the first set is about equality, the second set about being even-tempered.

Mnemonic:

1. EQUAL+ENEMY(ity) Seeing enemy as a friend i.e., with CALMNESS OF TEMPERAMENT.
2. equal mind
3. When meditating, you find equanimity when you find your EQUILIBRIUM.
4. equanimity
5. equi + animity >> when one thinks about other creatures as equal to himself, he or she has a great composure of mind and is calm and thoughtful about others..
6. equanimity=equal+enmity; when u see your ENEMY u get angry; so it is necessary for u to maintain EQUAL temper and calmness if you are in public to avoid any outroar

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hoary  
(adj)  
HOR-ee

Definition: Very old, gray or white as from old age

Usage: Hoary with age, his white beard making his age obvious even from the top of the bleachers, the old man surprised everyone when he was able to make a free throw. / Dad, I've heard your hoary old college fraternity stories a hundred times.

Related Words: Grizzled (graying), Wizeden (withered or shriveled, as from age), Antediluvian (very old; literally, from before the Biblical flood)

Mnemonic:

1. Hoary or Hairy (white here).
2. since old, obviously old with white hair; white with age
3. "hoary" "hoary" -- like the hindu old men pray "hori hori" -- their hair become white with age ,,
4. tumhare hair white ho-rai(hoary) hai due to old age... use L'Oreal...
5. HOARY -> HAIRY -> grey HAIR = OLD.
6. Read it as "whory" they are horny and hairy :-/

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martinet  
(noun)  
mar-tin-ET

Definition: Person who adheres to rules extremely closely; strict disciplinarian

Usage: It was no fun growing up with a military officer for a dad. He was such a martinet he once made me do twenty pushups for being one minute late to bed—even though the reason I was late was that I wanted to kiss him goodnight.

Related Words: Doctrinaire (person who applies doctrine in an impractical or rigid and close-minded way), Jingoism (excessive, loud patriotism and aggressive, warlike foreign policy), Hawkish (advocating war), Chauvinism (fanatical patriotism or blind enthusiasm for military glory; undue or biased devotion to any group, cause, etc.)

More Info: After the general Jean Martinet, a French drillmaster.

Mnemonic:

1. spelling is very similar to martial - so a martinet is martial belligerent
2. martinet == mar(hit)+ tin (3)+ et (hat), so mar tin hat if you talk again.
3. martinet could rhyme with matron.. whose job is also to keep discipline..
4. Ever since Martin joined the army, he's become a strict disciplinarian, a Martinet.
5. martin was a naughty boy one got stuck in net and became disciplined. Now all villagers call that net of discipline as martinet
- 6.

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contraries  
(noun)  
CAHN-trare-eez

Definition: Things that are opposing; either of two opposite things

Usage: The Machiavellian among us would say that ethics and expedience are contraries—at some point, one must win out over the other.

Related Words: Counterpoint (a contrasting element)

More Info: The expression to the contrary means “to the opposite effect of the thing we were just talking about, as in “Although you say the plan will please everyone, to the contrary, our biggest client has already informed us that they will find a new supplier if we proceed.”

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expedient  
(adj)  
eck-SPEE-dee-unt

Definition: Suitable, proper; effective, often at the expense of ethics or other considerations

Usage: “I need this report by 2pm, and I don’t care what you have to do to make that happen,” said the boss. “I expect you to deal with it expediently.” / When invited to a wedding you cannot attend, it is expedient to send a gift.

Related Words: Opportune (suitable, convenient, occurring at an appropriate time)

More Info: Don’t confuse expedient with exigent, “requiring immediate attention, action, or aid.”

Mnemonic:

1. pronounce it like "experienced"...an experienced person is always SUITABLE for making decisions..
2. expedient : expert + obedient ,, they are the most "suitable" person
3. Expedited plane trips are expedient (suitable or practical) since they take little time.
4. u plan 2 go on an expedition so u make sure if it is expedient i.e. suitable n practical in time n money's context.
5. EXPEDIENT=EXPEND+DENTist
6. Expedient = ex means cut the ped; Make it more speedy.

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limpid  
(adj)  
LIMP-id

Definition: Clear, transparent; completely calm

Usage: Hawaii was amazing! The water was crystal clear—so limpid that when you were scuba diving, you could see ahead for what seemed like miles! / After two years meditating in religious seclusion, he had a totally limpid attitude, affected by nothing from the outside world.

Related Words: Pellucid (translucent, clear, easy to understand)

Mnemonic:

1. limpid ..liquid...transparent...
2. limpid...lucid...liquid
3. LIMP+ID.....when u LIMP(slow moving) ur ID tag is crystal clear to me
4. LIMPID = LAMP-ID
5. Lime + Pi = lime pee. lime is usually limpid

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tome  
(noun)  
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Definition: Large or scholarly book; one of the volumes in a set of several books

Usage: When she discovered that the books she needed for her paper were in the university's online system, she ended up lugging some truly impressive tomes back from the library—she actually had to stop and rest twice on the way home.

Related Words: A magnum opus is an author's greatest work (although it doesn't have to be large).

Mnemonic:

1. when you are asked to read a really Large Book, Then you say with surprise "TO ME"??? .. ;)
2. tome-- consider TOME,(tom n jerry) tom is big( large volume) than jerry..
3. (T)heory h(OME) ie theory home ie large book of facts
4. TOME is the Home of a book or a large volume.
5. tome resembles dome....a dome is enormous and large in volume....
6. TOME is a book that weighs a TON

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unsparing  
(adj)  
un-SPAIR-ing

Definition: Generous, lavish (as in not sparing any help or gifts to others); unmerciful, harsh (as in not sparing any criticism)

Usage: The mother was unsparing in praising her son—so he was in for quite a shock when his new teacher told him his work was substandard.

Related Words: Acerbic, Acrid, Astringent, Caustic are all words that literally have to do with bitterness, burning, corroding, etc., and can be metaphorically used to describe harshness (unsparing condemnation, caustic condemnation, etc.)

More Info: To spare can mean to treat with mercy, hold back, or refrain from doing (the kidnapper spared the victim's life, the father spared no expense on his daughter's Sweet Sixteen, etc.)

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redress  
(noun, verb)  
rih-DRESS

Definition: Setting something right after a misdeed, compensation or relief for injury or wrongdoing (noun); correct, set right, remedy (verb)

Usage: My client was an innocent victim of medical malpractice. As would anyone who had the wrong leg amputated in surgery, he is seeking financial redress.

Related Words: Recompense (repay, reward, compensate), Requite (reciprocate, repay, or revenge)

More Info: The expression "make amends" means to ask for forgiveness or redress one's wrongs.

## Mnemonic:

1. Redress is: "relief from distress"
2. dress again(redress) is the remedy for nudity
3. REDRESS=RE+dress. So 're' is a prefix which means afresh. Since all the clothes have been burnt in the fire accident, you redress, i.e. get dresses afresh for which you were paid a SUM OF MONEY AS COMPENSATION FOR YOUR LOSS.
4. redress = re address the situation and make remedies for what was done wrong
5. We make some dressing to hide the mistake or to rectify the mistake
6. to remember meaning of REDRESS we can take hint from REDCROSS, agency that provide REMEDY to victims of war & natural calamity.

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meretricious  
(adj)  
mair-uh-TRISH-uss

Definition: Attractive in a vulgar or flashy way, tawdry; deceptive

Usage: The singer performed her concert draped in what looked from far away like precious jewels. Up close, though, the fan could see that the accessories were just meretricious plastic, glittery junk, like what little girls buy at the mall.

Related Words: Showy means showing off and could be good or bad (a showy car). Garish refers to something much too bright, vivid, or fancy (makeup that looks okay in a nightclub looks garish in the office). Gaudy items stand out in a cheap, tasteless, or overly colorful way (wearing too much big jewelry looks gaudy).

More Info: Meretricious comes from a word for "prostitute." The definition "deceptive" is related to the idea of something looking better than it really is. Keep in mind that all of these word origins are based on very old-fashioned ideas, some of them as old as the Romans.

## Mnemonic:

1. like a merit (meret) certificate.. flashy and attractive in a way.. but of no REAL value...
2. Meretricious = Mere + Tricious. 'Mere' means trifle or something less important.
3. its not Merit, its mere tric(k)
4. meretricious sounds like marriage or matrimony- clothes worn at marriage ceremonies are very flashy,  
gaudy
5. mere trick us = its a mere trick to show that she is gaudy while she is hollow
6. meretricious actually has no merit.

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mar  
(verb)  
MAR

Definition: Damage, spoil, ruin

Usage: The interior designer's secret was to buy furnishings and fixtures that had been marred on the shop floor and therefore were sold at steep discounts; she would then fix the defects herself or add additional aging effects to the pieces.

Related Words: Vitiate (spoil, weaken, or corrupt), Deface (disfigure, mar the surface of)

## Mnemonic:

1. hindi- mar(beatng)- spoils the appearance of anything.
2. MARKed the wall with paint and spoil(damaged)it
3. salman has beaten(marred) katrina in public..her appearance was spoiled..!

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expurgate  
(verb)

## ECK-sper-gayt

Definition: Censor; remove objectionable or offensive parts

Usage: When the girl discovered that her ninth-grade class had been reading an expurgated version of Romeo and Juliet, she immediately checked the original out from the library so she could read all the "forbidden" parts.

Related Words: Bowdlerize (expurgate, abridge, or distort), Expunge (strike, eliminate, mark for deletion)

More Info: Expurgate shares a root with purge, purgation, and purify.

Mnemonic:

1. Expurgate - divide this word into (expel+ur+gate), you always expel the waste from your gate to make your home 'clean' and 'purified'.
2. purge is to cleanse or make pure
3. EXPURGATE = EXPEL + PURGE
4. To purge: you "X" it out. Expurgate.
5. EX-example P-person atUR-your GATE take him in house & rectify yourself u by his good principles
6. the word is expurgate

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effigy  
(noun)  
EFF-ih-jee

Definition: Representation or image of a person, esp. a crude facsimile used to mock a hated person

Usage: The dictator was disturbed to look out the palace window and see himself being burned in effigy. "That paper mache dummy doesn't even look like me!" he said.

More Info: A scarecrow is a common type of effigy, intended to scare birds away and keep them from eating crops. Effigies are often large or life-sized. The expression "burned in effigy" is sometimes used as hyperbole, as in "After the university president announced a major tuition hike, I thought the students were going to burn him in effigy."

Mnemonic:

1. a fig(ure) y
2. after india knocked out of t20....angry crowd burnt da dummy(effigy) of ms dhoni .....ffig can b thought of figure....
3. e+ ffigy --> ye furgy (misrepresented)
4. Famous footballer ef"FIGO" do dummy tricks with football...
5. efFIGy... when FIGO moved from Braca to Real his dummies were burnt
6. hE has the FIGure of a GuY

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jingoism  
(noun)  
JING-go-izm  
Also jingoist (noun)

Definition: Excessive, loud patriotism and aggressive, warlike foreign policy

Usage: He is such a jingoist that he's always yelling at the TV, calling even the most conservative commentators "wimps" for failing to suggest that we simply nuke, burn, pillage, and otherwise extirpate our so-called "enemies."

Related Words: Hawkish (advocating war), Chauvinism (fanatical patriotism or blind enthusiasm for military glory; undue or biased devotion to any group, cause, etc.)

More Info: The opposite of a jingoist is a pacifist (someone opposed to war) or possibly a cosmopolite (someone who considers him or herself a citizen of the entire world).



## Mnemonic:

1. jin(that alladin one) had extreme and uncontrolled loyalty towards his master...

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refulgent  
(adj)  
rih-FULL-jent

Definition: Shining, radiant

Usage: Her new engagement ring was refulgent—she was so happy with it. I'll bet she polished it every night.

Related Words: Burnish (polish, make smooth and lustrous), Gilded (covered with a thin layer of gold; superficially good)

More Info: Effulgent is a synonym. The rare word subfulgent means “only slightly shiny.”

## Mnemonic:

1. refulgent sounds like detergent.. use detergent to make things shine
2. They selected Raful as agent becoz he is bright;(shiny):P
3. RE-means again.FULL-means making full.so,make something full by re polishing
4. REFULGENT-RE+FUL+GENT
5. RE+FUL+GENT, GENTS RE-FUL(FUEL) the lantern so it shines brightly
6. using detergent dishes get s refulgent

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contrite  
(adj)  
cuhn-TRITE

Definition: Remorseful; feeling sorry for one's offenses or sins

Usage: He would have punished his son more severely for breaking his car's windshield in a “rock throwing contest,” but the boy seemed truly contrite.

Related Words: Penitent is a synonym. Atone means “to make amends for.”

More Info: Interestingly, contrite comes from a Latin root meaning “to grind.” Perhaps hating to admit we're wrong is truly universal.

## Mnemonic:

1. SPLIT AS cont (COUNT) - rite (RIGHT). COUNT THE CASH RIGHT, ELSE YOU WILL REGRET IT.
2. for being a CONTRITE i.e lacking originality ,i REGRET
3. can't(CONT) I did it right(RITE)... so regretful
4. CON ( a convict or con artist ) TRITE ( hackneyed ) ... A con starts to regret things only if he is being caught again and again !
5. I feel contrite because I didn't do it right...
6. CONT+RITE= Cant + right= I regret that I cant do anything rite.

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bent  
(noun)  
BENT

Definition: Personal inclination or tendency

Usage: He had a pedantic bent—he was just naturally inclined to correct people's grammar and otherwise act like an imperious schoolmaster. / Even a vow of silence couldn't dampen the nun's garrulous bent—even her prayers were verbose!

Related Words: Predilection (preference or inclination), Propensity (natural tendency or inclination)

More Info: In the expression “to the top of one’s bent,” the word bent has the meaning of “the limits of one’s endurance,” as in “Although he didn’t win, he ran the marathon to the top of his bent.”

Mnemonic:

1. bent~sounds like "bend it like bechham" a movie where a girl is determined to prove her natural talent of football
2. Bent = Talent; look, the last 3 letters are same!
3. bent ~ bent--ppl. of bend. He has got a natural talent of BENDING the hard stiff rods with his hands
4. bent=past part. of bend or inclination. if iam inclined towards something then im determined to take the side
5. bent >>> inclined towards something, usually when u have talent in that thing..

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penury  
(noun)  
PEN-yer-ee

Definition: Extreme poverty or scarcity

Usage: The young model married an elderly billionaire thinking she’d be set for life, but she ended up living in penury after her husband died and his middle-aged children held up the probate case for years, keeping her from receiving any money whatsoever.

Related Words: Destitution is a synonym. Indigent (destitute), Insolvent (unable to meet one’s financial obligations, bankrupt)

Mnemonic:

1. pen+ru(pee).....no rupee to buy a pen
2. pen (penny) + ury (uri means ud gayi in hindi) means penny penny ud gayi matlab poverty
3. in telugu ury means hanging urself,so no mny to buy a pen also so ury veskunadu
4. penniless
5. penury sounds like pisinari in telugu language which means very stingy to spend money or even poor
6. Imagine a poor person dropping all his PENNIES in a men's bathroom and some of them roll into the URNAL.

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mendicant  
(noun)  
MEN-dih-cuhnt

Definition: Beggar, or religious follower who lives by begging

Usage: Having joined a mendicant order, the friar had vowed not to own property, and instead to subsist on the donations of the faithful.

Related Words: Pauper (very poor person), Alms (money or other donations given as charity)

More Info: Mendicant comes from a root for “defect, fault” that also gives us mend and amendment, which relate to fixing faults. The original sense was that mendicants were beggars who had physical disabilities.

Mnemonic:

1. Mandi me chant karta hua bhikhari
2. Men+die+cant= men die because they can't work so they beg to survive
3. mendicant ~ Men + d I + Can t : men who say I can't, they don't like to work and sometimes start practising beggary
4. sounds like "mendi-coat" a local name for some game of cards. Can you remember some other card game "bhikari" or "beggar"
5. mendicant= men + dicant(empty something)...men with no money..beggar
6. mending + can't ~those who are unable to mend easil;y start begging

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grandiloquent  
(adj)  
gran-DILL-oh-kwent

Definition: Relating to lofty speech, esp. to the point of being pompous, overblown, bombastic

Usage: After memorizing 1,000 vocabulary flashcards for the GRE, Derek couldn't help but become a little grandiloquent, declaring his desire to "abscond from my familial domicile and satisfy my penchant for erudition." "You can do that later," said his mother, "but now it's your turn to do the dishes."

Related Words: Magniloquent (synonym), Declamatory (pompous, merely oratorical)

More Info: The root "loq" refers to speech; thus, grandiloquent has the sense of "grand speech."

Mnemonic:

1. Grandiloquent = GRAND + ELOQUENT only an ELOQUENT speaker can deliver a POMPOUS/BOMBASTIC speech in front a HUGE/GRAND crowd
2. Split GRANDILOQUENT as grand and eloquent (expressing yourself readily) which is the grand or mega way of expressing something i.e. pompous
3. GRANDiloquent sounds like grand open. Grand open need to be grandiloquent.
4. anything that is grand is used to impress
5. grandiloquent-grand means large or long and eloquent means to impress people using words

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palatial  
(adj)  
puh-LAY-shull

Definition: Suitable for or resembling a palace, magnificent

Usage: After a career spent in budget hotels, she was thrilled when the client put her up in a palatial room at a five-star hotel. She raided the minibar and then promptly fell asleep on the 600-thread-count duvet.

Related Words: Olympian (suitable for the gods; majestic, aloof), Stately (majestic; very elegant, dignified, or imposing)

Mnemonic:

1. Read it: palashial i.e., like a palace.
2. 'palat' in hindi means 'turn'
3. A glacier is magnificent. Imagine a palace on top of a glacier. That would be palatial
4. in hindi palatial (pala- shi -el)palat ke dekhshe is so beautiful ie magnificent)
5. Think that: Shial (Fox) was pala (pet) in an ancient palace.

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apostle  
(noun)  
uh-PAH-sull

Definition: Pioneer of a reform movement (originally, an early follower of Jesus)

Usage: In the 1980's, when low-fat diets were all the rage, Dr. Rubens became an apostle of the Mediterranean diet, high in healthy fats, and traveled the world proselytizing to groups of physicians and nutritionists.

Related Words: Champion (person who fights for a cause), Expounder (person who presents an idea in detail), Paladin (leading champion of a cause; trusted military leader)

More Info: When capitalized, "Apostles" usually refers to the original 12 disciples of Jesus. In lowercase, an "apostle" could be any major Christian missionary, or a spreader of a non-religious doctrine. Don't confuse apostle with apostate—the words are near-antonyms.

**Mnemonic:**

1. sounds like ACCOSTle...accost means approach and address (someone) boldly or aggressively...when you are addressing someone you are being a leader or figure of a reform movement and hence you are an APOSTLE !!!!!!!
2. aPOSTle consider POST as like big post i.e person in high post for christians father..so its like dat
- 3.

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jettison  
(verb)  
JET-iss-un

Definition: Discard, cast off; throw items overboard in order to lighten a ship in an emergency

Usage: We got so tired while hiking the Appalachian Trail that we jettisoned some of our fancy camping supplies just so we could drag ourselves to a place where we could get medical attention.

Related Words: Cargo jettisoned off a ship is called jetsam. Any bunch of discarded, worthless stuff can be called flotsam and jetsam.

More Info: Jettison comes from a root for "throw" that also gives us jetty, "a wharf, pier, or other structure that juts out into the water."

**Mnemonic:**

1. jetti(jet plane)+son..so someone throwing out his 2 quintal SON out of JET PLANE to make it LIGHTER.
2. Remember JET Airways laying off the staff to reduce costs
3. jhat(jet) se mike tison(tyson) ko boat par se phenko varna yeh doob jayega...
4. remember JETSON's they travel in the jet and they deliver package by Jettison..
5. jetti sounds like jedi, when you mess with the son of a jedi(jedi knight)he will throw you overboard

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forestall  
(verb)  
fore-STALL

Definition: Delay, hinder, prevent by taking action beforehand

Usage: Our research has been forestalled by a lack of funding; we're all just biding our time while we wait for the university to approve our grant proposal.

Related Words: Waylay (attack after lying in wait, intercept unexpectedly), Obviate (prevent, make unnecessary), Preclude (prevent, make impossible, exclude), Stymie (hinder, thwart)

More Info: "Fore" means "before" and stall means thwart, stop, or hinder, as in "She was stalled in traffic for hours."

**Mnemonic:**

1. Fore means before. Stall means to stop. Hence Forestall == Before Stop. i.e to stop something before it happens.
2. stall is to stop.. fore means before.. i.e
3. Go FORward with putting the horse in the STALL to prevent him from getting out and causing trouble.
4. FORESTALL sounds like (Force to stop) him in Advance Before he release it was the End of the road.
5. Toll naka
6. forestall = he has installed it previously; fore means previous.

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winsome  
(adj)

## WIN-sum

Definition: Charming, engaging, esp. in a sweet and innocent way

Usage: It's hard for some to believe that Lindsay Lohan was once the winsome young starlet in Freaky Friday.

Related Words: Ingenuous, Guileless, and Artless are all related to being genuine and sincere (perhaps a bit naive). An Ingénue is a young-presumably innocent -actress or other female performer.

Memory Trick: Being winsome will help you "win some" friends.

Mnemonic:

1. winsome: you can win some one only if you are charming and attractive..
2. winsome = handsome... so easy
3. remember swayamvar in ramayana or mahabharatha. in that a man wins a wife by winning a competition.  
So if a girl is charming and attractive, she is winsome(one who deserves to be won in svayamvar)
4. 'w' (we) + agree + 'in' + 'some' + matters = winsome (which means agreeable)
5. WIN+SOME... if you win a ticket to a disco with a charming actress, you will graciously accept the invitation.
6. win some one's heart by agreeing to what they say

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predilection  
(noun)  
preh-dill-ECT-shun

Definition: Preference, tendency or favorability towards

Usage: She has completed teacher training allowing her to teach grades K-6, but she discovered that she really has a predilection for teaching kindergarten.

Related Words: Penchant, Propensity, Proclivity, and Bent are all words for a preference or inclination (he has an arrogant bent about him, and a propensity to offend others).

Mnemonic:

1. pre(before)+dialect(local language); you generally become partial when you are taking an interview and you meet someone who speaks your language ( :) assume the interview is in the US)
2. You come to a split in the road and must choose --->PREFERRED DIRECTION
3. pre+di+election...predetermining the result of election btw 2 parties..tat is da result will b PARTIAL
4. PRE means before
5. pre(prefix) = before and dilect rhymes with select.. so the meaning would be something like pre-select or lenient or preference.
6. pre di 'liketion'

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opprobrium  
(noun)  
uh-PROH-bree-um  
Also opprobrious (adj)

Definition: Disgrace and disapproval that result from outrageously shameful actions

Usage: Some young starlets seem to think a DUI offense isn't such a big deal, but drunk driving deserves opprobrium-driving under the influence maims and kills innocent people every year.

Related Words: Infamy (very bad reputation; strong condemnation by the public), Notorious (well known for a disgraceful reason), Obloquy (shame, disapproval, or verbal abuse esp. by the public or a group)

Mnemonic:

1. If you take OPIUM(banned drug) you will be criticized, humiliated & put to shame.
2. oppROBrium..stress on rob..if u rob something ull be dishonoured

3. 'opprobrium' sounds similar to 'oppressed i am', thus dishonoured
4. Sounds similar to "approbation," which is an expression of praise. Opprobrium is the opposite: Disgrace, contempt, scorn.
5. Split word like this OPP\_ROB\_RIUM : if u ROB OPIUM then u will be criticized
6. opprobrium = 'Oprah' disgraced' Brian' in the show :)

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convoke  
(verb)  
cuhn-VOHK

Definition: Call together, as to a meeting

Usage: The dean has convoked this gathering to discuss the Honor Code.

Related Words: Convene is a synonym

More Info: The root "voc/vok" in convoke means "to call" and also appears in words such as vocal, invoke, and vocation.

Mnemonic:

1. In convocations colleges call all the students to get together.
2. con(the latin root word for "with")+voke(vocalize) so...when your with people and you vocalize (voke), then you vocalize together!
3. like INVOKE
4. con + voke(vocal)...through ur vocals u call together

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syntax  
(adj)  
SIN-tacks  
Also syntactical (adj)

Definition: The rules governing grammar and how words join to make sentences (or how words and symbols join in writing computer code), the study of these rules, or any system or orderly arrangement

Usage: Now that my linguistics class is studying syntax, it makes a little more sense when my computer flashes "SYNTAX ERROR" at me. / Anyone learning a language is bound to make syntactical mistakes—even if he or she knows the appropriate vocabulary, it is still difficult to assemble the words perfectly.

More Info: The root "taxis" (arrangement) also gives us taxonomy (the science of classification, such as in biology).

Mnemonic:

1. The SINNERS were set in an orderly line and then TAXED for their sins. It was an orderly SIN TAX

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transgression  
(noun)  
tranz-GRESH-un  
Also transgress (verb)

Definition: Violation of a law, moral rule, order, etc.; sin

Usage: His transgression was so serious that his family disowned him: no one would be visiting him in prison.

Related Words: Contravene (violate, act counter to, oppose), Err (be mistaken, sin)

More Info: Transgress, from Latin, is literally "to step across," similar to the expression "cross the line," as in You've really crossed the line this time. The "line," of course, is a rule, principle, etc.

**Mnemonic:**

1. Trans + aggression....imagine the army of Pakistan aggressively crossing the Line of Control (LOC) and hence violating the law trans(=across) border.
2. take it this way..train aggression ..so aggression in train is against the law!!!
3. (transcribe + gre) transcribe means copy, so copyin in gre is a violation of law
4. TRANSGRESSION and VIOLATION are similar sounding words which mean, to break a rule or law.
5. when u TRANSCRIBE it is TRANSGRESSION
6. train on grass;so violating law or going beyond boundary as train should be on tracks not on grass

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posit  
(verb)  
PAH-zit

Definition: Presume, suggest, put forward (an idea)

Usage: For thousands of years, philosophers have thought of the self as a unified entity, but neuroscientists today posit the existence of a modular brain—a self that is a mix of different brain parts, with no central “coordinator.”

Related Words: Postulate is a synonym. Assert and contend are stronger words for putting forth an idea as true. To posit is sometimes as weak as merely introducing an idea for discussion, rather than making a strong argument for it.

More Info: We pose a question, but we posit an idea.

**Mnemonic:**

1. Posit is short of positive, so we assume (posit) that something is true without being completely positive
2. posit: (pro)pose it. i.e propose or put forward
3. posit means put forward as fact or as a basis for argument...POSE+IT....why do we pose things or ourselves...to present ourselves.....
4. posit = positively sit; The conclusion can sit positively.

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aspersions  
(noun)  
uh-SPER-zhunz  
Also asperse (verb)

Definition: Damaging remarks, defamation, slander

Usage: He could no longer work with his duplicitous business partner, who acted friendly to his face but then spewed aspersions about him behind his back. / If you asperse me one more time, I will sue you for libel!

Related Words: Slander, Traduce, and Defame all mean “to speak maliciously and falsely of”

More Info: Aspersions is often used in the phrase “to cast aspersions,” which has the sense of throwing or tossing insults or malicious lies about someone. One additional (rare) meaning of aspersion is “to sprinkle, such as for baptism.” So, it’s not a long leap to imagine spattering or sprinkling someone with insults.

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cloying  
(adj)  
CLOY-ing

Definition: Disgustingly or distastefully sweet

Usage: I do like visiting our grandmother, but I can’t stand those cloying movies she watches—last time it was some heart-tugging story where an orphan saves a suffering pony. / I do like cake, but I find that honey-covered angel food cake positively cloying.

Related Words: Treacly and Saccharine are synonyms. Maudlin means “overly tearful and sentimental,” and might also possibly describe the orphan/pony movie described above.

Mnemonic:

1. remember CLOVE--excessive addition of clove in the food makes the food distasteful..
2. sounds like toying means playing with someone like a toy. It is very sweet to that person but distasteful to the society.
3. cloy is like clay...which is distasteful
4. cloying sounds very close to annoying
5. cloying-loy- loy, a gr8 musician, his songs were gr8 to hear in the starting, but now,,its him everywhere, cz of which the true taste of his good music, has been lost..
6. cloying== coying we know coy means shy or excessively modest, if someone is too shy or modest than its distasteful!!!!!!

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attuned  
(adj)  
uh-TOON'd

Definition: In harmony; in sympathetic relationship

Usage: Research shows that new mothers are keenly attuned to their babies' cries; even those who were formerly heavy sleepers often find that they now wake up immediately when their babies need attention. / In the sixth week of Melanie's foreign study program, she finally attuned herself to life on a French farm.

More Info: Attuned is almost always followed by “to.”

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wanton  
(adj)  
WAHN-tuhn

Definition: Reckless, vicious, without regard for what is right; unjustifiable, deliberately done for no reason at all; sexually unrestrained or excessively luxurious

Usage: Kids do like to play pranks on Halloween, but driving an SUV into people's mailboxes isn't a prank—it's wanton destruction of property. / Many hip-hop videos depict a wanton lifestyle that is attractive to some, but unattainable (and possibly illegal). / During my grandmother's adolescence in Ireland, a girl might be sent off to a convent as punishment for “wanton ways,” such as being alone with boys.

More Info: Wanton comes from two roots meaning “wanting” and “discipline.” Here, wanting means lacking (as in, I read the book and found it wanting).

Mnemonic:

1. WANT - TON, a person who wants tons of girls, money etc..syn: arrogant, capricious, careless, concubine, cruel, disregarding, extravagant, fast, frisky, frolic, frolicsome, fulsome, gratuitous, harlot, hussy, immoral, jade, lavish,
2. WANTON..WANTED....Osama has been DECLARED THE MOST WANTED person on the earth because of his cruelty.
3. Someone who's WANT(desire) goes ON and ON..no limit to his want.
4. WANT+TON....people who want tons of girls are licentious and lewd...
5. In cricket ton means century;
6. want "on"-ppl who are wanton want to turn it "on"

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nominal  
(adj)  
NAH-min-ull



Definition: Trivial, so small as to be unimportant; in name only, so-called

Usage: A notary public will certify a document for a nominal fee, usually under \$3. / The country has a nominal president, but his detractors say he's just a puppet leader for the more powerful countries providing foreign aid.

Related Words: Putative (supposed or reputed)

More Info: Nominal originally meant "pertaining to names/nouns." The same root is found in misnomer (an inappropriate name).

Mnemonic:

1. nom+i+nal--- NOM(name) NAL(null)--- name is null; i.e., existing in name only
2. Think of Nominal case in grammar.
3. nominal=no+minimum+leader-> nominate with the name

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avarice  
(noun)  
AV-er-iss

Definition: Insatiable greed; a miserly desire to hoard wealth

Usage: It is hard to fathom the sheer avarice of a company that would fraudulently overcharge a struggling school system for new computers.

Related Words: Cupidity (avarice or other excessive desire), Covetousness (greed), Rapacity or Rapaciousness (greedy or grasping; living on prey)

Mnemonic:

1. avarice- a + very + rich > a strong greed to be 'a very rich' person.
2. a+varice..varice...sounds like hindi word waris..and now imagine a greedy member of a family who kills the patriarch for his wealth...so that he can become the family's waris.
3. AVA+RICE..here A is coming 2 TIMES....means a person who wants RICE 2 times has GREED.....
4. a+varice..varice...sounds like hindi word waris..and now imagine a family where a greedy member of family kills the patriarch to obtain his wealth...so that he can become a waris of family's wealth
5. A VASmati RICE.dnt greed for a meal of VASmati RICE.have normal rice
6. Focus on Rice Part and relate to it the business man who stocks rice for more profit and thus become  
avarice

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primacy  
(noun)  
PRY-muh-see

Definition: The state of being first or most important

Usage: The conservative Senator argued that the very fabric of society depended on the primacy of the family, and that legislation was needed to shore up the institution of marriage.

Related Words: Preeminence (superiority, the state of being more distinguished or noteworthy)

More Info: The root in primacy means "first" and also appears in prime, primal, and primate (interestingly, a primate is both a church bishop and the order of animals including humans, apes, and monkeys).

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apprise  
(verb)  
uh-PRIZE

Definition: Inform, give notice to

Usage: I can't believe you failed to apprise me that my child was biting the other children in his preschool class! If I had known, I could've addressed this issue before all the other parents threatened to sue!

More Info: If you know Spanish or French, this word might remind you of the verb aprender or apprendre for good reason—both mean “to learn.” Don't confuse apprise with appraise, which means “to evaluate or assess the value of,” as in “to have jewelry appraised before selling it at auction.”

Mnemonic:

1. one who will inform will get the prize
2. when u get a ap + PRISE (PRIZE) .....SO WHEN U GET A PRIZE....YOU ARE INFORMED BY AUTHORITY OR NOTIFIED BY THE OFFICIALS THAT U HAVE TO BE PRESENT ON THAT DAY.
3. APple+RISE.....Instead of Sun, If you see an APPLE has risen...what will you do????? you will INFORM peopla, media etc to see the miracle!!!!!!
4. just imagine informing someone "aapka rise ho raha hei"
5. relate it with "surprise" means
6. APPRISE = ADVISE

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plebian or plebeian  
(adj)  
plih-BEE-un

Definition: Of the common people

Usage: I toured a luxury apartment building and I laughed when I saw that the apartments had luxurious walk-in closets and whirlpool bathtubs—but hilariously tiny ovens. Because, of course, the wealthy would never do something so plebian as cook their own food.

Related Words: Demotic (same root as democracy) is a more neutral word for “pertaining to the people.” Plebian is negative, often used in a joking way—“Oh, sorry to interrupt your studying of that opera libretto—I didn't mean to imply that you'd do something so plebian as watch hockey with us.” Populist is generally meant in a positive way, as in championing the rights and interests of regular people.

More Info: The term plebe, used to describe the incoming class at a military school, is a variant of plebian.

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tendentious  
(adj)  
ten-DEN-chuss

Definition: Marked by a strong point of view, biased

Usage: It's hard to become absorbed in the world of a fantasy novel when the author is so tendentious—the planet of Xerxon is clearly meant to mimic the United States, and the author's politics intrude on the story on every page.

Related Words: Partisan (partial to a particular party, group, etc., esp. in a biased, emotional way),  
Bigot (obstinately prejudiced person)

More Info: A tendentious person is always tending towards some particular thing.

Mnemonic:

1. Rearrange the words to make - Tend or Tendency + ious or bias. So, TENDENTIOUS is a TENDENCY towards one viewpoint over another.
2. tendentious:(tendency+Us~United states):the tendency of US is to support/tend towards the

controversial country, that's why it supports Pakistan to crush India through financial and military/weapon aids, so supporting a controversial

3. Split like: TEN DEN (Ten people discussing at a single den raise to controversial views)
4. tend = tendor, so when tendor is provided a partiality is made between two.....
5. Tendency + tension = tendency to bring out the controversial topic which gives tensions

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nontrivial  
(adj)  
non-TRIV-ee-ull

Definition: Important or big enough to matter

Usage: The chief of staff told the assembled doctors, "We all make mistakes. But this mistake was nontrivial, and there is going to be an investigation."

Related Words: Trivial, of course, means "too small to matter," and has the synonyms trifling and nugatory. Trivia (as in the questions on Jeopardy) is called that because the questions are about small facts and details—that is, you never go on a trivia show and get asked about a nontrivial topic, like the meaning of life.

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précis  
(noun)  
PRAY-see

Definition: Concise summary, abstract

Usage: Just as scientific journals publish abstracts of their articles online (and then charge for access to the full version), the entrepreneur decided to publish a précis of her whitepaper online, while charging for access to the full version.

Related Words: Digest (a periodical containing shortened versions of works published elsewhere), Recapitulation (summary or the act of summing up), Compendium (concise but complete summary; a list or collection)

More Info: Related to the word precise and coming from French, précis has the sense of efficiently (and precisely) expressing the essentials.

Mnemonic:

1. pre ( meaning before ) + cis ( as in thesis ) .... it is the summary that comes before a thesis
2. akin to precise.

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bombastic  
(adj)  
bom-BAST-ick  
Also bombast (noun)

Definition: (Of speech or writing) far too showy or dramatic than is appropriate; pretentious

Usage: Professor Knutsen's friends joked that he became quite bombastic after a few drinks, once asking a woman in a bar, "Is your daddy an aesthete? Because you are the epitome of ineffectual pulchritude." She replied, "I'm not impressed by your bombast."

Related Words: Declamatory (pompous, merely oratorical), Magniloquent and Grandiloquent (speaking in a lofty, grandiose style)

More Info: The origin of bombastic is related to the idea of being inflated, a metaphor that also comes into play with the related words turgid and tumid, synonyms that can mean literally inflated like a balloon, or using language much too fancy for the sentiment or occasion.

## Mnemonic:

1. BOMBS and firecrackers are used to impress people and they cause high sound
2. bombaast- this word in kannada,somthing like a pompous speech,inflated language.
3. similar to others above...
4. the words to Mr. BOOMBASTIC by Shaggy tell about an ostentious "Mr. Lover Lover"
5. relate it with...BOMB Squad...who has diffused the bomb..while Mantri's giving pompous speeches...!!
6. bomb(very good)baasha (lang in telugu)

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iniquity  
(noun)  
in-ICK-wit-ee

Definition: Injustice, wickedness, sin

Usage: The preacher's sermon about loving your neighbor was regarded by some as a welcome departure from his usual fiery homilies railing against iniquity. / Iniquitous corporations, such as those that spill oil into our oceans, must be punished.

Related Words: Peccadillo (small sin or fault)

More Info: Don't confuse with inequity, meaning "lack of equality, unfairness."

## Mnemonic:

1. Iniquity sounds like inequality;lack of justice. hence iniquity is injustice

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ribald  
(adj)  
RIB-uld

Definition: Using or relating to obscene or vulgar humor

Usage: Nearly all limericks are based on ribald humor—hence, the constant rhymes with "Nantucket." / The movie's humor was so ribald that a PG-13 rating was assigned, and Joey's mother covered up his eyes nearly every time a woman was on the screen.

Related Words: Bawdy (vulgar or lewd, esp. for humor), Lewd (obscene or excessively lustful, as in a lewd gesture)

## Mnemonic:

1. ribald~bald guy in roadies...raghu...who generally uses ribald,profane,wanton language to ridicule the roadies
2. ridicule "bald" people
3. R(region where we have curly hairs)+Is+BALD.....your region is bald...isn't it coarsely humorous and offensive???
4. Ribald,sounds like rival(that to bald)then how u treat them??with ABUSIVE,PROFANE,INDECENT language  
i.e.MOCKING at them.
5. his jokes are bald of decency and hence is revolting.. rebald
6. ribald

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doctrinaire  
(noun, adj)  
doc-trin-AIR

Definition: Person who applies doctrine in an impractical or rigid and close-minded way (noun); merely theoretical, impractical, or fanatical about other people accepting one's ideas (adj)

Usage: The old science professor was so doctrinaire that he refused to even consider any evidence that flew in the face of his own research, and thereby failed to recognize when his graduate students made an exciting new discovery. / Don't be a doctrinaire—try actually considering the views of those you disagree with!

Related Words: Dogmatic (close-minded, expressing one's own opinions as though they were facts)

More Info: Doctrinaire is based on the word doctrine, meaning "official beliefs." While doctrine can be good or bad, doctrinaire is always bad and denotes someone who has taken belief in a doctrine much too far.

Mnemonic:

1. Some Doctors are arrogant on their opinions when a junior suggest them.
2. meaning of the word is seeking to impose a doctrine in all circumstances without regard to practical considerations...hence a person who tries to spread his DOCTRINE in AIR everytime is doctrinaire.....
3. Doctor+In+Air (one who is not down to earth, doesn't accept others, can't compromise with highest belief that he believed in.
4. "DOCTRINE" in "AIR"...ie not following the doctrine.
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nettle  
(verb)  
NET-ull

Definition: Irritate, sting, or annoy

Usage: His first year in college, my little brother failed gym. How is that even possible? I always remind him about it just to nettle him. Of course, he usually strikes back by reminding me of that time I crashed an amusement park's go-cart.

Related Words: Irk and vex also mean to irritate or annoy.

More Info: Literally, nettles are a stinging plant.

Mnemonic:

1. Nettle sounds like kettle. A Kettle boiling water makes a lot of noise and is therefore irriating and annoying. It also means "worried".
2. "net + tle, when internet is slow like turtle... annoyed!"
3. nettle sounds like needle when someone is needling u, u get annoyed ,disturbed and irritated
4. take NET..when tennis players hit the ball in the net they get ANNOYED
5. "Why are these rumors spreading online?? I hate the internet, it's really annoying me..."
6. net + le >> jab tumhara dost net le bolata hai aur woh bohot slow nikalta hai, tab bohot jaan pe aati hai.. we get annoyed over friend and irritated while surfing the net..

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modish  
(adj)  
MOH-dish

Definition: Stylish, contemporary

Usage: While some sculptors sought to make their work universal and timeless, Dania sculpted modish creations that captured the pop cultural zeitgeist—for instance, a sculpture of Rihanna with an umbrella, or a three-foot high representation of the latest Alexander McQueen heels.

Related Words: In vogue is a synonym.

More Info: In the U.S., "a la mode" generally means "with ice cream" (pie a la mode), but it really means "in fashion" (in French and also in English). Perhaps ice cream was once a big fad.

Mnemonic:

1. modish = mode (style) + ish.. thats is extremely stylish.. hence very fashionable..
2. Just like GIRLISH is very girl like, MODISH can be related to MODEL LIKE...very fashonable!
3. MODEls wear the most fashionable clothes

4. modish-modern so fashionable
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florid  
(adj)  
FLOR-id

Definition: Reddish or rosy; flowery, showy, or excessively fancy

Usage: His writing was so florid that it was hard for modern readers to understand, and unintentionally humorous when they did. He once called a woman in a hoop skirt a “confection of gossamer-clad ephemerality, the bounty of her raiment ringing in my turgid heart like the tintinnabulation of so many church bells.”

Related Words: Ruddy (having reddish skin, in a manner indicating health), Bombastic (far too showy or dramatic than is appropriate; pretentious), Turgid and Tumid (inflated like a balloon, or using language much too fancy for the sentiment or occasion), Declamatory (pompous, merely oratorical), Magniloquent and Grandiloquent (speaking in a lofty, grandiose style), Rococo (ornate, florid)

More Info: Florid, of course, shares a root with flower.

Mnemonic:

1. flo(wer) + rid(red) sounds like a flower that is in a red color..
2. florid sounds like florida.
3. Florida is tropically ornate, and The Florida flag has a big RED "X".
4. Similar to flora or flowery.

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balloon  
(verb)  
buh-LOON

Definition: Swell or puff out; increase rapidly

Usage: During the dot-com bubble, the university's investments ballooned to three times their former value.

Related Words: Distend (swell, expand), Turgid or Tumid (swollen, inflated; or, metaphorically “inflated,” such as in overblown, pompous speech)

More Info: In finance, a balloon payment is a single payment at the end of a loan or mortgage term that is much larger than the other payments.

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inquest  
(noun)  
IN-kwest

Definition: Legal or judicial inquiry, especially before a jury and especially made by a coroner into the cause of someone's death; the results of such an inquiry

Usage: The family waited nervously for the results of the inquest, which finally returned a verdict of misadventure; that is, their grandfather had not been murdered, but rather died in a freak accident of his own doing.

More Info: Inquest is simply a form of the Latin word for “inquire.”

Mnemonic:

1. IN+QUEST(search).....to find out the murderer, you had to quest for the proof hence you started INQUESTING.....

2. in+ quest(questioning which is done in inquiry) thus indicating inquiry ...

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abyss  
(noun)  
uh-BISS

Definition: A deep and vast space or cavity; anything profound or infinite

Usage: Walking a tightrope over an active volcano, the acrobat was terrified of falling into the abyss.

/ Now recovering, the patient remembered her experience with clinical depression as an abyss of hopelessness.

Related Words: Chasm, Crevasse, Fissure, Gorge are all words for deep openings in the earth, and can be used metaphorically (a fissure in a personal relationship, the chasm between cultures, etc.).

More Info: The 1989 classic science fiction movie The Abyss is about a diving team that encounters an underwater alien species.

Mnemonic:

1. A+bys....(this mnemonic is in hindi...ek 20(bees) feet ka gadda)..i.e. Vast bottomless pit....
2. ab+y+ss--- ab ss, sounds ab hissssss, remember movie HISS of malika in which she is a snake, snake lives in DEEP HOLE
3. a + bys (take dis as 20 i.e. bees in hindi language)+mal(take it as mile)..... so a 20 mile deep pit in the ground looks like its bottomless.
4. <B>abyss</B> sounds similar to abuse. When you're seriously abused, you become depressed and feel like jumping into <B>abyss</B>
5. its like a hindi word "vis" means poison by which man reach till pit

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overwrought  
(adj)  
oh-ver-RAHT

Definition: Overly nervous, agitated, or excited; too ornate, elaborate, or fussy; overdone

Usage: By the time her boyfriend met her in the park, she was overwrought, thinking he must have chosen a public place so he could break up with her—turned out, he had just invited her to a picnic.

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Accustomed to more spare American churches, Father Smith found the churches of South America a bit overwrought, with enormous, flowery, gold altars and gold-plating on everything imaginable.

Related Words: Florid (reddish or rosy; flowery, showy, or excessively fancy—often, florid writing), Rococo (ornate, florid)

More Info: Wrought simply means “worked, made.” With metals, it means “made from hammering or beating.” Wrought-iron furniture is simply made from iron. Something finely wrought is made with care and attention to detail.

Mnemonic:

1. over+wrought => remember wrought iron. Which has become so due to agitation and hysteresis.
2. sounds like OVER HOT
3. wrought sounds lik drought...during drought people run mad behind food...they are in a state of agitation
4. wrought means worked.. or donr something.. hence overwrought = overworked.. and worked up ppl tend to get irritated and agitated..
5. over wrote(wrought)in exam in last 5 min - excited or nervous
6. Amitabh was overwrought when someone wrote “Mera Baap chor hai” on his hand.

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manifest  
(verb, adj)

## MAN-if-est

Also manifestation (noun)

Definition: Obvious, apparent, perceptible to the eye (adj); to show, make clear, or prove (verb)

Usage: My superstitious aunt claims that she saw a manifestation of our deceased grandfather, who appeared during a thunderstorm to warn us all about our cousin's fiancée. / Lupus is difficult to diagnose, but sometimes manifests as muscular weakness or joint pain.

More Info: As a noun, a manifest is a list of people or goods aboard a plane, ship, train, etc. A manifestation is often when something "under the surface" breaks out or becomes apparent: The protest was a manifestation of a long-brewing discontent.

## Mnemonic:

1. In a FEST it was visible that people had Money[MANI] ,so Money was visible ; evident and was obvious.
2. many (MANI) people make appearance in FEST-ival
3. India has many (MANI) festivals (FEST)...dis fact is a MANIFEST in itself..clear and obvious..
4. Manifest-man in the fest , some people in the fest eat so much which is the proof of their identity
5. manifest(many fests) in the recent days many fests are being organized due to which fests organizing programme is being noticeable .
6. It is obvious that we invest lot of money(MANI) on college FESTs

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verisimilar  
(adj)  
ver-uh-SIM-ill-er

Definition: Having the appearance of truth, probable

Usage: It's a verisimilar story, sure, but where's the proof?

Related Words: Feasible (possible; logical or likely; suitable), Plausible (credible, having the appearance of truth)

More Info: The root "ver" means "true" and appears in verify, veracious (truthful), aver (claim, assert), and verity or veracity (truth).

## Mnemonic:

1. veri - truth
2. verisimilar = very + similar. when two flowers (or any thing )look alike we ll tell that these two are very similar. so we cant find which one is real flower and which one is artificial. so the verisimilar flower looks alike
3. Verisimilar... facsimile (an exact copy of something) is the opposite of verisimilar ( a true picture).
4. versi= truth and attitude

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abeyance  
(noun)  
uh-BAY-enss

Definition: Temporary suspension, inactivity

Usage: The baseball player's contract negotiations are in abeyance while doctors try to determine whether his injuries will heal in time for the season.

Related Words: Hiatus (break or gap in an activity), Dormant (inactive, resting), Deferment or Deferral (postponement)

More Info: Abeyance generally occurs in the expression "in abeyance." Real estate is in abeyance when no one owns it or the owner is unknown.



**Mnemonic:**

1. a+beyance .. here concentrate on beyance.. it sounds like buoyancy which which suspends objects above the ground level..
2. remember "abey" in hindi... abey mat karo... do it later!
3. Interpret it as opposite of obey+ance -- not obeying the given orders and suspend the work (action)
4. Interpret it as opposite of obey+ance -- not obeying. Not obeying the orders of his Commanding officer resulted in the captain's suspension for 13 days.
5. ABHAYAS(practice) - due to lack of practice, main event got delayed.
6. if you will not OBEY you will get suspended

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                  squelch  
                  (verb)  
                  SKWEL'ch

**Definition:** Crush, squash; suppress or silence; walk through ooze or in wet shoes, making a smacking or sucking sound

**Usage:** The repressive government squelched the rebellion immediately. / Ew, I just squelched a slug in my bare feet!

**Related Words:** Curb (restrain, control, rein in, as in Parliament attempted to curb the excesses of the monarchy), Quell (forcibly suppress; quiet down)

**More Info:** This word is imitative in origin—that is, it comes from the sound that occurs when you step on something soft and squishy.

**Mnemonic:**

1. Very close to 'Squeeze' in both spelling and meaning.
2. Sounds like "belch".

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                  dilatory  
                  (adj)  
                  DILL-uh-tor-ee

**Definition:** Slow, late; procrastinating or stalling for time

**Usage:** Jack was supposed to start his presentation ten minutes ago and he isn't even here? I'm not surprised—he's a dilatory fellow.

**Related Words:** Tardy (late), Temporize (stall for time)

**Mnemonic:**

1. Extract 'late' from the word dilatory and you get.... delay which is generally due to waste of time.
2. Think of the phrase, "dilly dally," which means wasting time.
3. Dilatory:"Daily Late",He is Daily Late to the office so his work is delayed,not completed,delayed.....
4. dilatory = "Late ho rahi hai" ie we are WASTING TIME
5. dil+a+tory; DIL Ayya TORi(some hot chick) par but dude you are wasting your time, as shes super HOT!!!
6. eye dilation for an eye checkup causes delay (waste of time)

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                  iconoclast  
                  (noun)  
                  eye-CAH-noh-clast  
                  Also iconoclastic (adj)

**Definition:** Attacker of cherished beliefs or institutions

**Usage:** A lifelong iconoclast, Ayn Rand wrote a controversial book entitled The Virtue of Selfishness.

Related Words: Maverick (lone dissenter, person who takes an independent stand), Heterodox (unorthodox)

More Info: The original iconoclasts were Eastern Orthodox or Protestant Christians who opposed the Catholic use of icons in worship. In extreme cases, they would physically smash icons in churches.

Mnemonic:

1. icons-ideals; clast is like clash... so iconoclast is someone whose ideas clash with the traditional ideals.
2. iconoclast = icono- + clast; icono- "image"; clast ~ clash; => image destroyer

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squalid  
(adj)  
SKWAH-lid

are

shown on news channel...that experience will be ghastly or horrifying for u i.e lurid

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imbue  
(verb)  
im-BYOO

Definition: Permeate or saturate, as dye in a fabric; influence throughout

Usage: After shearing the sheep and spinning the yarn, the next step is to imbue the yarn with dye. / His poems are imbued with a sense of longing for a lost homeland.

Related Words: Infuse, Suffuse, and Pervade also mean "spread throughout." Inculcate means to teach persistently, implant (an idea) in a person, as in "to inculcate morals in children."

Mnemonic:

1. very close to imbibe. imbibe means to drink. imbue means drink so thoroughly that you soak everything.
2. imbue i m b(l)ue (color of water)= so in cartoon when some 1 soaked you in water u become blue and u say I M Blue
3. nImbu(lemon)-be careful , peeling this nimbu uncarefully
4. imbue == NIMBU do not "saturate " your nimbu pani with lots of nimbu ,, it will taste bitter
5. i m bue(beau)tat means beautiful girl, saturate me with ur love/sex
6. ibue sounds like hue, hue means colour and the most important things in a photo are hue and saturation

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dilate  
(verb)  
DIE-layt

Definition: To become wider or make wider, cause to expand; to speak or write at length, elaborate upon

Usage: The doctor gave her eye drops to make her pupils dilate. / These dinners at Professor Hwang's house usually run rather late—after the meal, he'll typically dilate on his latest research for at least an hour.

Related Words: Expatiate (to expand or elaborate on a topic, to explain in detail)

More Info: Dilate is used frequently in medicine—being a certain number of centimeters dilated is an important part of childbirth.

Mnemonic:

1. If you DIE LATE(die in a very old age) u expand(in weight sense or in age sense)
2. When i ate from Dil se (more than enough) my stomach expanded.
3. wen your dil is eaten(ate) by someone,ie broken by someone.u tend to write big or lengthy letters and speak lengthy dialouges wen u remember her...lol..
4. dilate- inflate -->so expand
5. DI (the) speakers KEPT ON SPEAKING, causing the function to go on untill LATE in the evening.
6. Dilate: Di(two)+Late:Just Imagine ur wife is pergnent and she is LATE in delivery bcoz she is going to deliver 2Twins(Di)by operning her pussy/vulva very larger/expand,because of two(Di) twins

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phlegmatic  
(adj)  
fleg-MAT-ick

Definition: Apathetic, sluggish, not easily excited or made emotional

Usage: A phlegmatic child, he declined to participate in the youth soccer league. He preferred to

stay  
at home, mostly sitting outside poking at dirt with a stick, and occasionally stopping for naptime.

Related Words: Indolent, Torpid, Sluggish, Idle, Lethargic, Loafing, and Slack are all related to laziness or slowness.

More Info: The ancient Greeks thought that people were ruled by the "four humors": blood, yellow bile, black bile, and phlegm. A person with too much phlegm would be phlegmatic; a person with too much bile would be bilious (bitter, mean), and a person ruled by blood would be sanguine (cheerful).

Mnemonic:

1. phlegmatic -> plleg (flag) when we hoist a FLAG we have the AUTOMATIC reaction be calm and unexcited.
2. Sounds like PRAGMATIC(practical) --> practical people think with logic and show little emotion.
3. If u have lots of phlegm due to cold then u would unresponsive or impassive due to tiredness.
4. we can't pull his leg as he is calm & composed.
5. when u hoist a flag u have a lot of passion. phlegmatic is the opposite of that
6. A child sleeps soundly on Ma's leg .. as he is not easily disturbed

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sinecure  
(noun)  
SY-nih-kyoor or SIN-uh-kyoor

Definition: A job or position that pays while requiring little or no work

Usage: It's a wealthy university—it's sort of understood that professors who relocate to campus are rewarded with sinecures for their spouses, whether those spouses have any qualifications or not. / In medieval times, a sinecure was a paying position for a priest but without an attachment to a parish where he would actually have to show up and do anything.

More Info: From Latin "beneficia sine cura," meaning "a church living without care (of souls)." That sounds pretty bad, but sometimes a sinecure is used for a good reason—for instance, a government might appoint someone (who already has a job) a title and salary for another job in order to allow that person expanded power to accomplish something.

Mnemonic:

1. 7 crores ... baithe baithe hi 7 crores mil jate ...
2. all you have to do is SIgN papers and your job will be sECURE
3. SIN+CURE....in order to cure(engulf) your sins you give crores of rupees in POLICE STATIONS and you are pardoned....hence police stations are SINECURES....
4. the word can be broken into SINEC(soldier in hindi)+CURE....so soldiers will be working occasionally in fields ,so to cure a soldier demands little responsibility
5. I'm assiduous. All I need is a "secure" job. It need not be "sinecure". I need not be "cynosure".
6. bus SINE(signature)-HE-KAR aur enjoy the good salary just for little work

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graft  
(verb, noun)  
GRAFT

Definition: Insert part of a plant into another plant, where it continues to grow; join living tissue (such as skin) to part of the body where it will continue to live and grow; attach as if by grafting (verb); the part so grafted (as in a graft of skin); the act of acquiring money or other benefits through illegal means, esp. by abusing one's power (noun)

Usage: The part of the book describing the financial crisis is good, but the "What You Can Do" section seems grafted on, almost as though written by a different author. / It's not cool for your boss to pressure you into buying Girl Scout cookies from his daughter. If she were selling something larger,

we'd call that graft.

More Info: The "skin graft" sense of graft is related to the root "graph," for a writing or carving tool.

This root also appears in graffiti, cartography (mapmaking), epigraph (inscription on a building, statue, etc.), and even cacography (bad spelling or handwriting).

Mnemonic:

1. a grafted plant is given a part of another plant... so that it grows along with the original plant..
2. 2300 AD. Doctor is playing video game (gra) about surgery. In another room someone is operated by robot. (controlled by doctor in video game).

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 erstwhile  
 (adj, adv)  
 ERST-while

Definition: Former, previous (adj); in the past, formerly (adv)

Usage: A novelist and erstwhile insurance salesman, he told us his story of the long road to literary success, before he was able to quit his day job.

Related Words: Bygone (past, former), Quondam (former, sometime)

More Info: Erstwhile is related to the Old English ere, which means "before."

Mnemonic:

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 imprecation  
 (noun)  
 im-preck-AY-shun

Definition: Curse; prayer for harm to come to someone

Usage: The haunted house features a "wicked witch" chanting imprecations at all who pass through.

Related Words: Malediction (synonym)

More Info: Imprecation proceeds from the Latin "precari" (pray). As a verb, imprecate means to curse or call down evil upon.

Mnemonic:

1. IMPRECATION=IM-PRAY-cation. The prefix IM- means opposite. The opposite of PRAY is CURSE (The latin root word "precari" means pray).
2. im+precation(related it to precaution.....so you must take a precaution before saying somebody a curse, or using any offensive word.
3. sounds a lot like IMPLICATION...one must think of the implications before cursing.. :|
4. I M PREGNANT....u deceived me and hence Its my imprecation that ur life will be ruined
5. improvising prev mnemonic..., im + Precation. im and precaution. U must take precautions before cursing someone, else it may back fire.
6. YOU MUST take a precaution to SWEAR in front of someone, as swear is considered a offensive word in civilized society.

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 homage  
 (noun)  
 HAH-midge

Definition: Honor or respect demonstrated publicly

Usage: This structure I built in the backyard is not just a skateboard ramp; it is an homage to my hero

Tony Hawk. I have dubbed it the "Tony Hawk Rocks Western Pennsylvania Skateboard Ramp." / I'm not copying Madonna's song—I am referencing it in my own song as an homage to her work.

Related Words: Tribute (gift, testimonial, etc. as expression of esteem for someone; performance in someone's honor, etc.; rent, tax, etc. paid by a subject to a lord)

More Info: Under the feudal system, a vassal was required to pay homage to his lord. The word probably comes from the word for "man" (French homme, Latin "homo"). The French origin is responsible for what is said by some as a silent "h" (hence "an homage").

Mnemonic:

1. Homage = Home + Age; In our culture, we respect the aged persons of our home.
2. homage, aged people are honored by life time achievement award. like big B,

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malediction  
(noun)  
mal-eh-DICT-shun

Definition: A curse

Usage: Sheila thought the fortune-teller was her friend, but when she didn't pay her bill, the fortune teller cast a hex on her, a malediction intended to cause terrible things to befall her.

Related Words: Imprecation is a synonym. Execration can mean a curse or cursing, but can also mean insulting or slandering. All three words can be used in the plural or not, with the same meaning—for instance, He was such a bitter person it seemed that only execration (or execrations) ever escaped his lips.

More Info: Mal means "bad," of course. The root "dict" comes from "dicere" (to say) and also appears in dictator, dictionary, and indict (connect to a crime), as well as in malediction's antonym, benediction (blessing).

Mnemonic:

1. MALEDICTION=MAL+DICTION.
2. male+(edict..sounds similar to addict)...and imagine a situation where there is only one male in family who earns and if he becomes addicted to all bad habits like gambling, robbery, and alcoholism.....he is curse on the family and society
3. Slang :: To see sheMALE(Chakka's) DICK(penis) is a CURSE for many of us.
4. living in a male dominated country is like a curse
5. male+dictionary has curses is in it.
6. mal(bad)+ediction(addiction)...hence any bad addiction is a CURSE by god..or some1

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epicure  
(noun)  
EPP-ick-yoor  
Also epicurean (adj)

Definition: Person with cultivated, refined tastes, esp. in food and wine

Usage: A true epicure, he served only the finest wines, and bragged about how the pancetta was imported from Italy and the Stilton cheese from the English countryside.

Related Words: Connoisseur (expert, especially in the fine arts; person of educated, refined tastes), Discriminating (judicious, discerning, having good insight)

More Info: The Epicureans were Greek philosophers who did indeed hold that human pleasure was the highest good, although they believed that a simple life was key to that pleasure. Don't confuse modern epicures with hedonists, or those devoted to pleasure—one way to think of the difference is that, if your parents are epicures, you probably grew up eating very well, but if your parents are

hedonists, you probably don't want to know about it.

Mnemonic:

1. EPIC-CURRY...one who can write an EPIC on CURRY has to be a CONNOISSEUR OF FOOD..
2. epicure - appy (a soft drink made from
3. an epicure.. should take a pedicure.. as he doesnt want dirt from his nails to fall in his dishes..  
:D (ya..i kno//..its stupid..)
4. Epic + Curry. The lover of food called the curry epic.
5. PEDICURE--->>CARING OF YOUR FEEET
6. epicure(E+P+I+Care)the Emergent Personal Incharge Cares his boss meal because he is refined in taste

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burnish  
(verb)  
BUR-nish

Definition: Polish, make smooth and lustrous

Usage: Mr. Hoffenstotter replaced all of the rustic wood doorknobs with newer models made of burnished steel. "So shiny," said his delighted wife.

Related Words: Gilded means covered with a thin layer of gold (and thus looking like solid gold, but actually only superficially so) and is used as a metaphor for things that look better than they really are.

More Info: Burnish can also be used as a noun, meaning "luster or shine," as in "the beautiful burnish of her hair" or "the burnish of an Ivy League university."

Mnemonic:

1. Remember Varnish - used on wooden things to make them shine
2. burnish-this brings us to the word ,cald furnish,ie , polishing and rubbing to make it shine..
3. BURNT thing is polished TO MAKE it SHINY.
4. BURNish: Clay work is burned and POLISHed before selling..
5. BURN-ish, can be interpreted as giving burnish texture, i.e. POLISH

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normative  
(adj)  
NOR-muh-tiv

Definition: Implying or attempting to establish a norm; expressing value judgments or telling people what to do (rather than merely describing that which is happening)

Usage: The reason we are not understanding each other in this argument about grammar is that you are arguing normatively, telling me how people should talk, and I am simply reporting and analyzing how people actually talk.

Related Words: Prescriptive is a synonym (a prescriptive take on nutrition would tell people how to eat, just as a doctor's prescription also tells you what to do).

Memory Trick: Something normative is trying to make everyone be normal.

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dichotomy  
(noun)  
die-COT-uh-mee

Definition: Division into two parts or into two contradictory groups

Usage: There is a dichotomy in the sciences between theoretical or "pure" sciences such as physics and chemistry, and the life sciences, which often deal more with classifying than with theorizing.

Related Words: Binary (consisting of or involving two), Duality (a dual state, existence in two parts,  
as in "Descartes posited a duality between mind and body")

More Info: Dichotomy comes from the Greek "dicha" (apart) and "tomos" (cutting).

Mnemonic:

1. can be think as di + cut \_ ... so dichotomy is cutting into two parts
2. DICH0-'two'+TOMY-'cut' so CUT INTO TWO
3. FOCUS ON THE WORD dich(READ AS ditch).
4. mayb relating to dicot seeds which split into 2 parts or dicot meanin 2 halves might help
5. DI(two)+CHO(corners) - split in two corners..
6. dikho- "in two, apart" + -tomia

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somatic  
(adj)  
soh-MAT-ick

Definition: Of the body

Usage: While some depression is caused by outside forces (the death of a loved one, for instance), many cases of depression have a somatic cause—for instance, postpartum depression can be related to hormones and physical changes associated with pregnancy and childbirth.

Related Words: Psychosomatic (involving both the mind and the body—for instance, a physical illness caused by mental stress)

Mnemonic:

1. etymologically "SOMA" means body...and thus the word SOMATIC
2. sumo wrestler...
3. SOM(MONDAY)+HECTIC because of PHYSICAL work and BODY movements!
4. soma wrestling!! haiyaaaaa
5. somatic: of monday(SomVaar Means Monday), & its going involve physical work after lazy sunday. so its all about bodily & physical
6. SOMA is an intoxicating drink from Hindu scripture considered to be ephedra--which has the SOMATIC effects of weight loss and increased energy & sex drive.

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quiescent  
(adj)  
kwee-ESS-unt or kwy-ESS-unt

Definition: Quiet, still

Usage: After hours of moaning and shaking from his illness, the child finally exhausted himself and grew quiescent.

Related Words: Placid or pacific (peaceful, calm, tranquil)

Mnemonic:

1. quiescent => quies ~ quiet = motionless
2. quies(QUITE)+scent(in hindi shant means quite)..so someone who is quite or shant for a period of time.
3. quiz + cent, teacher asks students who will get cent(100) in the quiz...everyone reamains silent for sometime
4. quiescent=quiet+descent.....lady1:->"What a QUIEt and deSCENT son u have..."...lady2:->"please dont go on his TEMPORARY INACTIVENESS...come to our house some day and u shall realise that he is an active volcano..!!!".....:D
5. queue scent for buying a scent a stand in a queue and bcom quiescent
6. It sounds like QUICKSAND, which looks harmless but deadly . A dormant threat .



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pernicious  
(adj)  
per-NISH-uss

Definition: Very harmful or destructive, deadly

Usage: Bullying has a pernicious effect on the learning environment, keeping victims too intimidated to speak up and also silencing others who fear that they could be next.

Related Words: Baneful is a synonym. Baleful is similar, but relates more to the idea of evil. Deleterious means harmful or unhealthful.

More Info: "Per" means "through" in the sense of "completely." The rest of the word shares a root (for "harmful") with noxious (harmful or morally corrupting).

Mnemonic:

1. word can be divided like per+nicious..nicious when pronounced sounds like noxious...so noxious.. ..so something harmful.....
2. it has root nec/nox..in it....means to harm..so per(PERTAINING TO)+nIC/NEC..MEANS HARM..SOMETHING PERTAINING TO HARM U.
3. Pernicious sounds like vicious in the end which means very harmful
4. sounds like perish- something that is very destructive will make you perish
5. Kitna samjhaya is ladke ko PER ye NI(nahi) CIOUS(serious) hota hai...Its harmful for him
6. pernicious:it sounds like punish us..means it punish us..so it is very harmful..

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grovel  
(verb)  
GRAH-vull

Definition: Creep or crawl with one's face to the ground, prostrate oneself as a token of subservience, degrade or abase oneself

Usage: Most of the laid-off employees packed their things and left the building-only one was seen groveling, literally on his knees asking his boss not to fire him and even offering to wash the boss's car.

Related Words: Sycophant, Lackey, Toady, and Myrmidon are all words for a fawning person (colloquially, a "bootlicker"). Truckle means to act subserviently and Kowtow means to fawn-or, literally, to bow until one's forehead touches the floor. Genuflect also means bow, but often in a courtly way, such as a knight bowing to the king.

Memory Trick: When you kneel down to grovel, your knees get all scratched up from being in gravel.

Mnemonic:

1. One who wants to "grow well" needs to grovel before his manager.
2. grovel ..sounds like growl.....and when a dog growls...most of the kids shrink in fear.....
3. GO with out FEAR to gre ...u will do WELL==vel..
4. novel .. when we read we lie down
5. gro(grow)+vel(well)-->When you drink complan and GROW WELL such the you are of very tall person,so u want to creep always
6. When you kneel down to grovel, your knees get all scratched up from being in gravel.

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asperity  
(noun)  
uh-SPARE-ih-tee

Definition: Rigor, severity; harshness or sharpness of tone; roughness of surface

Usage: Used to a more lax school environment, the freshman at military school was shocked by the asperity of punishments meted out for even the most minor offenses, as well as the asperity with

which his drill sergeant bossed him around. / The asperity of her cheap, scratchy sweater made her wish she could afford cashmere.

More Info: Asperity describes a wide variety of unpleasant things: hardship, people speaking to us in an unnecessarily harsh way, or physical roughness.

Mnemonic:

1. Asperity can be thought of as A spear with severity. i.e Sharpness
2. asperity = austerity; meanings are also same.
3. As+per+IT(software industry)is well known for their harshness in layoff
4. aspi + ty : aspi + IN; ASPIRIN - IS given when there is SEVERE pAIN OR headache;
5. ASPIRIN...aspirin is a drug taken to get rid of headache...hence when life brings ASPERITY(headache) in your life you take ASPIRIN...
6. as+per+it+y.. as per it is.. anyway it maybe, you have to endure it, even if it's too harsh

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acerbic  
(adj)  
uh-SER-bick

Definition: Sour; harsh or severe

Usage: Lemons are acerbic. Harsh comments are also acerbic, like putting lemon juice on a wound.

Related Words: Caustic (capable of burning or corroding; extremely critical or sarcastic), Acrid (sharp or biting, pungent), Astringent (biting, severe; a skin cleaning fluid that clears pores)

More Info: An acerbic taste is sour and an acrid taste is unpleasantly bitter, but when used metaphorically, both words mean harsh, critical.

Mnemonic:

1. Sounds like "Acidic." Lemons have a sour taste and are acidic. Therefore, they are ACERBIC.
2. I got to hear acerbic rebuke from my big bro when his ACER laptop fell from my BIke !
3. I think Arabic which sounds harsh to me
4. Azher(cricket player) using harsh language on a BICni girl

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abase  
(verb)  
uh-BASE  
Also abased (adj), abasement (noun)

Definition: Degrade or humble; to lower in rank, status, or esteem

Usage: After messing up at work, the man faced a thorough abasement from his boss; when he realized he had forgotten his own wedding anniversary, he further abased himself in front of his wife.

Related Words: Defame (attack the reputation of), Belittle (put down, disparage)

Memory Trick: Abasement means degradation or lowering of status—that is, abasement makes you feel like you should go hide in a basement.

Mnemonic:

1. abase-abe(a slang used to degrade acvv person)+shhh(se)usually an attempt to degrade a person's opinion..ovral goes to humiliate a person....
2. Abase > to bring someone down back to A BASE level.
3. a= no, negative, less & base = base, position, grade.. combinedly lessen the position/grade
4. A baseball player tripped over A BASE marker thus humiliating himself.
5. abase = a + base; without a base; Imagine you shifted to a new house whose base is not very strong (without base) and hence it may fall down anytime and can abase you in front of your neighbours.
6. abase=BASEti karna(beizzati)

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inculcate  
(verb)

## in-CULL-cayt or IN-cull-cayt

Definition: Teach persistently, implant (an idea) in a person

Usage: Parents spend years trying to inculcate morality in their children, constantly teaching and correcting them.

More Info: Inculcate comes from a Latin word for "tread," which itself comes from a word for "heel." Imagine actually stomping morals into your children!

Mnemonic:

1. IN + CULCATE (calculate). IN school, teachers inculcate (teach) the students how to calculate.
2. Relate it to In-Cultivate..Just
3. Inculcate: in + school + educate
4. jo questions meine aaj repeat kiye hain inko(in) kal(cul) karke(kate) laana...
- 5.
6. INCa CUL(kal) CATE(CAT exam) ka paper hai

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munificent  
(adj)  
myoo-NIF-iss-ent

Definition: Generous, giving liberally

Usage: The elderly titan of industry was notoriously miserly, sometimes called "the cheapest man alive." But his wife was quite munificent, and after his death, she used his fortune to support numerous charities and to buy a house for their longtime maid.

Related Words: Magnanimous (high-minded; generous in forgiving others), Philanthropic (giving money to charity, providing assistance to others)

More Info: Munificent shares a root ("give") with remuneration, meaning repayment or compensation.

Mnemonic:

1. by muni - you think of rishi - muni (sages), who are always generous in giving, will give you whatever you want....tathastu :-)
2. money+sufficient-when a person has sufficient money he is generous
3. Remember Hindi Song "munni badnam hui.." she is badnam because she is very generous in exposing/giving.
4. Munificent gifts can lead to magnificent results! (also, connect MUNI to "money")
5. I'll give you the MOON IF I SCENT your perfume.
6. think of munni(friom dabbang).. she is suffiCiENT and is very generous.. she'll give what you want..

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whitewash  
(noun, verb)  
WHITE-wash

Definition: A substance used to whiten walls, wood, etc. (noun); deception, covering up of wrongs, errors, misdeeds, etc. (verb)

Usage: The journalist accused the government of trying to whitewash the scandal, implying that the officials covered up the incident out of concern for national security rather than to protect themselves.

Related Words: Gloss over, paper over, and whitewash are all expressions for covering up a problem, insult, etc. rather than addressing it or fixing it. Because gloss is slippery (think of lip gloss), gloss over often has the sense of trying to smoothly and quickly move on to something else, as in "He made a snide remark about short people and then tried to gloss over it when he realized his 5'2" boss had overheard."

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malingering  
(verb)  
muh-LING-gur  
Also malingerer (noun)

Definition: Pretend to be sick, esp. to get out of work, duties, etc.

Usage: Joey was sick in class on Monday and was sent to the school nurse to sleep it off. The next day, having realized that illness was a good way to get out of class, Joey said his stomach hurt and spent the afternoon in the nurse's office. By Wednesday, though, the nurse accused him of malingering and sent him back to class.

Related Words: To shirk is to evade your duties or try to get out of doing something. To skulk is to hide for a bad reason, such as avoiding work (or waiting to attack someone, etc.)

More Info: "Mal" means "bad," and although malingering doesn't actually come from linger (stick around, stay due to not wanting to leave), the idea of sticking around in a bad way (like malingerer Joey, above) is a good way to remember malingering.

Mnemonic:

1. MAL(bad)+LINGER(stay in a place longer than necessary)...when you linger on the ramp badly you malingering
2. malingering-
3. MA LINGam gadu, MALady ani chepi rooju school MANesthundu...
4. Malinga avoided IPL duties saying he is ill
5. remember malinga. when he comes to bowl the batsman say they are ill and they avoid their responsibilities and duties
6. (jus to remember)remember the cricketer bollinger???he always avoids responsibilities by pretending illness n gets rid of the game

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ridden  
(adj)  
RID-un

Definition: Dominated or burdened by

Usage: The neighborhood was ridden with crime. / In this corruption-ridden nation, you simply have to pay bribes if you want anything to get done.

More Info: In the phrase disease-ridden slum, it's pretty obvious that the meaning is bad, but actually, adding -ridden to anything makes the meaning bad. If someone said an equality-ridden society, it sounds as though that person is actually against equality!

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molt  
(verb)  
MOLT

Definition: Shed or cast off, esp. to regularly shed skin, feathers, etc. (as a snake)

Usage: Wow, the special effects in that movie were really cool! The actress grew scales all over her body and then molted, leaving behind a scaly skin covering shaped like an entire woman, and then she looked like herself again.

Related Words: To slough or shed is also to lose an outer coating; for instance, some people exfoliate their skin to slough off dead skin cells.

More Info: Molt shares a root ("change") with mutate and mutable.

## Mnemonic:

1. m + old ~ as you get old, your hair shed
2. SOUNDS LIKE "BOLT" WHICH MEANS LOCKING OR FASTENING SOMETHING. "MOLT" IS THE OPPOSITE, WHICH MEANS "SHEDDING"
3. Jolt: imagine a snake. It will jolt to shake off the skin from its body.
4. Molt=melt of oyster (skin or shell).

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fortuitous  
(adj)  
for-TOO-it-uss

Definition: Happening by chance; lucky

Usage: It was amazingly fortuitous that the exclusive beach resort had a cancellation for exactly the weekend she had wanted to get married, allowing her to have the perfect wedding after all.

Related Words: Fluke (stroke of luck, something accidentally successful), Inadvertent (unintentional, characterized by a lack of attention)

More Info: Fortuitous shares a root with fortune. It usually carries both the sense of "happening accidentally" and "fortunate," but can also mean happening by chance in a negative or neutral way.

## Mnemonic:

1. equivalent to fortune.....
2. Everyone doesnot get a happy chance for joining tutitions..those who get it are fortuitous

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skittish  
(adj)  
SKIT-ish

Definition: Shy, fickle, uncertain, or prone to act suddenly due to nervousness; lively in a restless or excessive way

Usage: After his first experience working with a skittish horse who nervously jerked around and ended up stepping on his foot, Ernest learned to wear steel-toed boots. / The band began with an audience of eighty college students but could see that they were skittish—there was a whole festival going on outside, and the student were ready to head for the door if the band wasn't that great.

Related Words: Inconstancy (fickleness, unreliability; the state of changing without good reason), Mercurial (quickly and unpredictably changing moods; fickle, flighty)

## Mnemonic:

1. In a skit ( a comic play or a drama), everyone is lively and playful.
2. skittish=skirtish: think of girls all with short skirts showing skirtish (skittish) behaviour,
3. when u r walking on skates (skatish), u r very lively and playful
4. SKI is a long strip of wood fastened to the foot for sliding....hence SKITTISH people are lively, playful...
5. skits are subjected to change pretty easily
6. after seeing the chick in mini skirt ibecame very frisky

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propagate  
(verb)  
PRAH-puh-gayt

Definition: Reproduce, spread, increase

Usage: Hackers can take down a large computer system in days or even minutes as a virus propagates and infects all of the machines on a network.

Related Words: Proliferate (increase or spread rapidly or excessively)

More Info: Propagate is originally about plants and is still often used regarding plants—many types of plants can be propagated from cuttings (that is, a small piece cut from a mature plant can grow into a new plant).

Mnemonic:

1. prop+a+gate, and shit will spread
2. distribute these PAGes among students

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scintilla  
(noun)  
sin-TILL-uh

Definition: A tiny bit or trace

Usage: With not one scintilla of food in the house, the pioneer woman resorted to desperate means, boiling weeds and even shoe leather to feed her children.

Related Words: A Modicum, Iota, Mite, or Tad of something is also a small amount (as in, If you had one iota of decency, you would have come to the funeral, or I had the tailor shorten the sleeves just a tad). A Vestige is a leftover trace or remaining evidence of something that no longer exists.

More Info: Scintilla is Latin for “spark.” Spark can still be used metaphorically in a sentence where scintilla would also work—for instance, “I had not even a spark of an idea.”

Mnemonic:

1. Scintilla has 'tilla', remember is as tilla [small hill], very tiny as compared to Mountain. So scintilla means 'tiny'.
2. scintilla = skiny + tinka
3. SCINTILLA or SCANT - meagre, small.
4. scintilla-sc(supremecourt)in tilla(in hindi-measurement for land)so why u involving sc in this small  
tilla of land
5. seen til .. "til gul gya god god bola".. til is small and tilgul are sparkling
6. SCINTILLA sounds like CHANTIPIILLA in telugu means born baby which looks very small TINY

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pastiche  
(noun)  
past-EESH

Definition: Mix of incongruous parts; artistic work imitating the work of other artists, often satirically

Usage: The slickly-produced boy band’s first album was deeply unimaginative, just a pastiche of every other boy band album ever produced.

Related Words: Heterogeneous means “made up of diverse elements.” Hodgepodge, Medley, Farrago, Potpourri, Pastiche and Olio are all words for mixtures of diverse things. Eclectic means “selecting the best of everything or from many diverse sources” and thus is more positive than pastiche, which indicates a sort of thrown-together mess of other people’s work.

More Info: From the Italian pasticcio, something made by mixing borrowed elements from other sources. Pasticcio is also a pasta dish—the idea being “a mess” or scramble of pasta.

Mnemonic:

1. PASTi+CHE.....pasti...PASTE.....we do copy PASTE.....while copying we imitate the style of others and paste it where we want
2. paste- we use paste to stick posters of superstars we want to imitate .
3. pastiche=past+stitch,stitch is also a thread art and so it has been of the past,and it has been copied
4. past+iche
5. Paste + Stitch => Paste & Sticking give a picture of mixture & combining (of ideas & works)
6. u can read it as PAST+CHEAT..so it is a work of art that is a cheat from the past work.

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juxtapose  
(verb)  
juck-stuh-POHZ  
Also juxtaposition (noun)

Definition: Place side-by-side (either physically or in a metaphorical way, such as to make a comparison)

Usage: Making a decision between two engagement rings from two different stores was difficult, he noted—it would be much easier if he could juxtapose them and compare them directly.

Related Words: Abreast (side-by-side; metaphorically, “up to date with,” as in “keeping abreast of the news”), Abut (touch, border on, end at, as in Their house abuts my property).

Mnemonic:

1. juxtapose..just next+position..so place something just next to something.
2. juxt(just)+a+pose= they stand side by side(even they are enemies) to give JUST A POSE to the photo.
3. sounds like "just opposite". If a building is "just opposite" to another, they are almost side by side

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prescient  
(adj)  
PRESH-int or PRESH-ee-unt  
Also prescience (noun)

Definition: Having foreknowledge or foresight, seeing the future

Usage: Mariposa swears she’s prescient—she thinks she sees the future in her dreams. / The science fiction novel, published in 1955, was strangely prescient—it pictures the year 2000 as having no flying cars, but a communication system known as the “interconnect,” used largely for online shopping and wasting time.

Related Words: To Prognosticate or Augur is to tell the future. Prophetic means “relating to prophesy, predicting, ominous.”

More Info: Of course the “science” in prescience is the same as in the word science and omniscience (all knowingness)—the root means “to know.” Prescience is to know in advance, either supernaturally, or just by having good judgment.

Mnemonic:

1. prescient means pre+event i.e. pre knowledge of event
2. pre- science€œmeans prediction, knowledge of events forehand
3. Someone who receives imPRESSIONs is PRECIENT.
4. knowledge about future, not just PRES(ci)ENT
5. prescient

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inconstancy  
(noun)  
in-CAHN-stun-see

Definition: Fickleness, unreliability; the state of changing without good reason

Usage: Old-fashioned poems often praised a lover’s constancy; the poet would likely be shocked by any inconstancy from his lady, such as if she were receiving poems from other poets.

Related Words: Continent (characterized by restraint)

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pungent  
(adj)

## PUN-jent

Definition: Having a sharp taste or smell; biting, stimulating, sharp

Usage: The new assistant chef received some rather pungent criticism from the head chef for her idea to make feta cheese soup, which the customers found much too pungent.

Related Words: Acerbic (sour; harsh or severe), Acrid (sharp or biting, pungent), Astringent (caustic, biting, severe; a skin cleaning fluid that clears pores), Caustic (capable of corroding metal or burning the skin; very critical or sarcastic)

More Info: The Latin “pungere” means “to prick.”

Mnemonic:

1. remember pug dog of vodafone. It's very stingy.
2. pun + (negli)gent : As you know punning means playing with words. So if we pun negligently on others it may hurt/wound them.
3. pun-punch+agent ,punch a agent he is strong and sharp
4. Pungent: pun-gent: (pun) rhymes with (non) and (gent) rhymes with gentle. It means not gentle or sharp/strong: pungent criticism; pungent cheese.

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vitriol  
(noun)  
VIT-tree-ohl  
Also vitriolic (adj)

Definition: Something highly caustic, such as criticism (literally, one of a number of chemicals including sulfuric acid)

Usage: After another embarrassing loss, the team's shortstop was full of vitriol for the coach who had led them to their worst season in history.

Related Words: Caustic (capable of burning or corroding; extremely critical or sarcastic), Acrimony (bitterness, animosity), Contumely (contemptuous treatment or a humiliating insult)

Mnemonic:

1. vitriol is an acid..which is simply the meaning of the adverb also...acid like...

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declaim  
(verb)  
dih-CLAIM

Definition: Speak in an impassioned, pompous, or oratorical manner; give a formal speech

Usage: After a drink or two, Gabe will declaim all night about campaign finance reform—you won't be able get a word in edgewise in between all his grandstanding and “expertise.”

Related Words: Grandstand (perform showily as if to impress an audience)

More Info: Don't confuse with disclaim, which simply means “deny, repudiate.”

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baying  
(adj)  
BAY-ing  
Also bay (verb)

Definition: Howling in a deep way, like a dog or wolf



Usage: The lonely dog bayed all night. / The mob bayed for the so-called traitors to be put to death.

More Info: Bay comes from an Old French word meant to actually sound like the baying of an animal. In a related expression, when a person is “at bay” or “brought to bay,” that means that the person is in a captured position, powerless and unable to flee.

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occlude  
(verb)  
uh-CLOOD

Definition: Stop up, close, shut in or shut off

Usage: This drain guard is here to make sure nothing (like silverware) ends up occluding your garbage disposal. / Don't eat that enormous wad of gum! I'm no doctor, but what if it occludes your intestines or something?

Related Words: Occult (to hide, to shut off from view)

More Info: Occlude shares a root (shut, close) with close, cage, and claustrophobia.

Mnemonic:

1. when you include someone they are welcome and the gates are always open but when you OCCLUDE(rhymes with EXCLUDE), they are unwelcome and hence the gates are SHUT or CLOSED on them.
2. Occlude - sounds like conclude. Means close or shut something...
3. Harry Potter fans may remember occlumency which is the subject that helps to close one's mind.
4. clude originates from claudere.. which means close..
5. occlude which is opposite of include.
6. exclude the forms bcoz we r colsed

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misanthrope or misanthropist  
(noun)  
MISS-un-throhp / miss-AN-thruh-pist

Definition: Hater of humankind

Usage: He is such a misanthrope that when some Girl Scouts going door-to-door asked if he'd like to sponsor a hungry child overseas, he replied, “The fewer people in the world, the better,” and shut the door in their faces!

Related Words: Antonym Philanthropist literally means “lover of humankind,” although in modern English it refers to someone who donates money to charity.

More Info: “Anthro” means “man” (in the sense of “humankind”) and also gives us anthropology, androgens (male hormones, such as used in steroids), and androgynous (having both male and female qualities).

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stentorian  
(adj)  
sten-TOR-ee-un

Definition: Very loud and powerful (generally of a human voice)

Usage: The substitute teacher had a hard time calling the rowdy class to order. He poked his head into the hallway and flagged down the football coach walking by, who shut down the chaos immediately with a stentorian, “Sit down and shut up!”

More Info: Stentor was a Greek herald (messenger) in the Trojan War. His voice is described in the Iliad as being as loud as the voices of fifty men!

Mnemonic:

1. sTEN + TORIAN {TONIAN} take it as tone ! so having ten tones which is like very loud
2. remember the STEN gun.. its a very loud machine gun.. so the STEN-TORE my ears
3. steno is one who writes when one speaks. stento is one who has extremely loud voice.
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5. Sounds like Mentor and Mentor has loud voice always
6. The Senate gets very loud when there are STate SENaTORS IN

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preternatural  
(adj)  
pree-ter-NAT-cher-ull

Definition: Supernatural, exceptional

Usage: While Tiger Woods has been mired in scandal, his preternatural golfing talent is still undeniable. / Dad was convinced that the house was haunted, but I doubted that the strange sounds were due to preternatural causes—as it turned out, we had a raccoon in the basement.

Related Words: Occult can mean “supernatural, mysterious, arcane.”

More Info: From Latin—literally, “beyond nature.”

Mnemonic:

1. preter+natural. i.e. remember Spider man(PETER) who had super normal power.
2. preter+natural sounds like deter from being natural or not existing in accordance with nature...

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apposite  
(adj)  
APP-uh-zit or uh-PAH-zit

Definition: Highly appropriate, suitable, or relevant

Usage: He searched his brain for an apposite word to describe wealthy Americans’ addiction to consumer goods, until he discovered the neologism “affluenza.”

Related Words: Apt (appropriate, likely, disposed or prone, as in “Those who are apt to steal will receive an apt punishment”), Condign (appropriate, esp. as a punishment fits a crime)

Mnemonic:

1. apposite=> opposite of OPPOSITE i.e. perfectly matched; appropriate; most suitable
2. appropriate site
3. apposite = a (not) + opposite ; hence not opposite = appropriate.
4. "application on site" that is fitting something appropriately on the site...
5. remember with opposite,
6. apposite=app(APT)+posite(POSITION),,,,,,it means apt position that is APPROPRIATE position

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gambol  
(verb)  
GAM-bull

Definition: Frolic; skip or leap playfully

Usage: Watching the children gambol in the park like frisky little lambs, she wondered how they could have so much energy.

Related Words: Caper (gambol; or, a prank, trick, or carefree activity), Cavort (prance, make merry), Lark (merry adventure)

More Info: Gambol comes from the Latin “gamba,” a horse’s leg.

## Mnemonic:

1. gambol : game-ball, in a football game you have to skip the ball playfully because if you don't do it the opposite player will tackle you quickly.
2. gambol rhymes with gamble (gambling)...so the game of gambling is played in a highly spirited fashion by a set of ppl.
3. Those who gamble and win skip about playfully, frolic.
4. GAM(despair,sadness in hindi)+BHOOl(forget)...in order to forget your sadness you should have a playful frolic
5. In Las Vegas The adults GAMBLE while the children GAMBOL
6. Think of Gameboy, a light-hearted leisure play as well as one can play boisterously too if the game is too exciting

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bucolic  
(adj)  
byoo-CALL-ick

Definition: Pertaining to shepherds; suggesting a peaceful and pleasant view of rural life

Usage: The play was set in a bucolic wonderland—while getting some shepherd's robes for the lead actor was no problem, the stagehands had a hard time bringing in a flock of sheep.

Related Words: Pastoral, Idyllic, Georgic, and Arcadian are all words relating to a positive view of rural life and songs or poems on that theme

More Info: Bucolic comes from a Greek word for "ox."

## Mnemonic:

1. bucolic sounds a bit like bullock which is used in the "country side"...
2. BULLs and COLI (collie, a sheep dog) Country -- rustic and pastoral places, people, and songs.
3. olic is the one to see. oleic acid is used to remove rust.
4. You commonly find a block of salt in a cow pasture. This block of salt is a COWLICK. Picture a BULL licking the COWLICK
5. bullock+kick:it is usually seen in the countryside
6. Bu (B.) +COLIc (coli): B coli infection is common in RUSTIC area because of the unhygienic condition.

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inure  
(verb)  
in-YOOR

Definition: Toughen up; accustom or habituate to pain, hardship, etc.

Usage: Having had over a dozen surgeries before she was ten, spending months at a time in the hospital, she considered herself inured to pain and disappointment.

Related Words: Stoic (not having or showing feeling, esp. in response to suffering), Hardy (bold, brave, capable of withstanding hardship, fatigue, cold, etc.), Fortitude (strength in facing adversity),

Grit (firmness of mind, esp. during hardship; courage)

## Mnemonic:

1. inured means its 'in' 'ur' system...ur used to it...
2. the ppl hav become so inured that they smile even if they get in(j)ured :)
3. Someone who is INURED to carnage is not INJURED by the sight of a massacre.
4. Inured = It is already in you i.e occurred.
5. Rugby players are inured to injury

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lissome  
(adj)

## LISS-um

Definition: Flexible, supple, agile

Usage: The actress exercised and stretched every day, but was ultimately told by the casting director that she wasn't lissome enough to play a ballet dancer. The actress had to agree—"I walk like an ogre," she said.

Related Words: Nimble (moving quickly and lightly; alert)

More Info: Lithe (limber, flexible) is a synonym—in fact, lissome originated as a variant of lithesome.

Mnemonic:

1. imagine LIP of a hot girl! kiss her!!!Then u move forward with ease...
2. LISSOME = LITHE-some
3. When you meet SOME pretty LISSOME ballerinas, you want to KISS'EM.
4. there is agirl named lisa hu is a gymnast and her body is flexible
5. break word
6. lissome = lissamma, is very slender, young and very flexible

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insinuate  
(verb)  
in-SIN-yoo-ayt

Definition: Hint, suggest slyly; introduce (an idea) into someone's mind in a subtle, artful way

Usage: "Where's your boyfriend? You didn't leave him home alone, did you?" asked Ming. "Are you insinuating something?" asked Helen. "If you have something to say, just say it."

Related Words: Implicit and Tacit (implied, unspoken)

More Info: Insinuate contains a root for "a curve, winding" that also exists in sinew and sinus. Insinuate can also mean to introduce yourself (rather than an idea) in a stealthy, covert way, as in "By researching where the bosses would be and what kinds of things they liked to talk about, Fitz was able to insinuate himself into the company's leadership."

Mnemonic:

1. The girl has lost her memory. The boy telling her - This is the INStitute IN which U ATE. He is trying to HINT, IMPLY to her.
2. IN(not)+SIGN...without any signal i.e indirectly hint or imply ....
3. in (sign) ate
4. when i snatched the cadbury 4m my small bros hand and ate it my atomach started painng as if its HINTING /IMPLYING to me that : "IN SIN U ATE....".....:)
5. insinuate sounds like in sign ate
6. inhe suno

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wan  
(adj)  
WAHN

Definition: Unnaturally pale, or showing some other indication of sickness, unhappiness, etc.; weak, lacking forcefulness

Usage: Are you okay? You're looking wan. / Bryan's wan attempt at asking for a raise was easily brushed off by his boss.

Related Words: Pallid (abnormally pale, lacking color or vitality), Sallow (sickly-yellow in color)

More Info: A wan smile is a weak, forced smile that people use to pretend they're okay when they're not.

Mnemonic:

1. wan rhymes with maruthi van... she liked to travel in a scorpio but she is traveling in a van..so she is pale
2. WANE means to decline, diminish so WAN is to decline in color/ vigor
3. WAN for WANTing color; so it is pale
4. Tan: Wan is the opposite of tan.
5. VAN...AMBULANCE....
6. w(with) an(anemia), one who has anemia is pale and pallid

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mannered  
(adj)  
MAN-erd

Definition: Having a particular manner, esp. an artificial one

Usage: Although he grew up in rural Ohio, sometime before he got his own makeover show on television he adopted a mannered way of speaking, as though he had grown up in some very odd corner of Victorian England.

Related Words: Affectation (fake behavior, such as in speech or dress, adopted to give a certain impression)

More Info: Mannered is often part of compound words, such as ill-mannered, which just means having bad manners.

Mnemonic:

1. man in red is "not natural"
2. When someones uses too many manners (politeness) she becomes artificial.
3. suppose a gaon ki chorri ko jabbardasti manners sikhaayi gayi hon.
4. man + nerd -> not natural

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ford  
(noun, verb)  
FORD

Definition: Place where a river or similar body of water is shallow enough to walk or ride a vehicle across (noun); to cross at such a place (verb)

Usage: The pioneers made camp near the riverbank, waiting for the rains to die down and the river to become fordable again. A week later, the waters were shallow enough to ford the river with their entire caravan—horses, wagons, and all.

Related Words: Traverse (pass over, along, or through; go across)

More Info: It doesn't particularly look like it, but ford is related to Latin "portus," meaning "port."

Mnemonic:

1. ford car....you crossed the ford in your ford.
2. if u have a ford car and you take it in beside a river, the river give way (just as it gave way to lord RAMA), where there is ford there's a way
3. in a ford...no need for a CORD for crossing..
4. ford rhymes with board; u need not board a ship to cross a ford - you can cross the river on foot!
5. ford =place the river that can be crossed by ford car , "can be crossed by foot" , shallow
6. we all have hear RIVER FORD.a place where you can alk along with river

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whet  
(verb)  
WET

Definition: Stimulate, make keen or eager (esp. of an appetite)

Usage: Dinner will take another twenty minutes, but maybe this cheese plate can whet your appetite?

Related Words: To pique a person is to anger or annoy, but to pique one's interest, curiosity, etc., is to whet or stimulate that emotion.

More Info: To whet is literally to sharpen (a knife or cutting tool) using grinding or friction, such as on a whetstone, which can also be used metaphorically (Debate camp was a whetstone that sharpened the teenagers' critical faculties).

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like WET, when you see a wet girl, you get stimulated
2. whet - tamil - à®µà¬†à®Ÿà¬à®Ÿà¬, means to cut...it s sharpened wen cut (pencil)
3. Whet sounds like wet.
4. sounds lik VEET:- veet stimulates hair cells to grow another is
5. compare it with "wheat". Mom's persuades her child to have "wheat" that will make him more "whet/acute, sharp"
6. wet ur clothes before washing them to stimulate washing dirt.

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banal  
(adj)  
buh-NAL

Definition: Lacking freshness and originality; cliché

Usage: The drama professor despaired at reading another banal play from his uninspired students. "Oh look," he said sarcastically, "yet another young person has decided to write a play about a young person breaking free of society's constraints. Can you see me yawning?"

Related Words: Hackneyed, Inane, Insipid and Trite all mean "lacking freshness and originality, shallow"

More Info: Banal comes from the Old French "ban," a word for compulsory feudal service—that is, something common to everyone. It's not hard to see how the meaning of "common" could change to "old, stale, and boring" over time.

Mnemonic:

1. abey nal to roz hi kholte hain...
2. SPLIT INTO ba-nal
3. 'ban + al' --> 'ban all' those directors whose movies are 'banal' (the same old story lines are repeated ; (another meaning) dull and unoriginal(dubbed))
4. Divide it like -- ban + al(ban all people); you ban all those people from your group, if they are repeating the same activity again and again.
5. When u r in severe depression u will lock urself in ur room BANNING ALL people for a while as u need some privacy
6. Banal = I would like to BAN-ALL banal words because they are dull and overused.

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adulterate  
(verb)  
uh-DULL-ter-ayt

Definition: Make impure by adding inappropriate or inferior ingredients

Usage: Some bars adulterate top-shelf liquor by pouring cheaper brands into the more expensive brands' bottles.

Related Words: Taint (contaminate, corrupt), Debase (reduce in quality or dignity)

More Info: Adulterate is indeed related to adultery (cheating on one's spouse)—both come from a Latin word meaning "to defile."

Mnemonic:

1. dull+the+rate = impure, means to decrease the rate
2. Adults are more impure than children, so adulterate means to make impure
3. when a child becomes adult he loses his purity and innocence...so any thing adulterated is contaminated or has lost its purity.
4. Think adulterate which reduces purity in marriage
5. ADULTERATE<==> àð@àð;àð²àð%àðµàðŸ àð•àð° (pr. \\milavaT kar \\ ) [Verb]
6. Adulterate: Add alternatives instead of original

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ostentatious  
(adj)  
AH-sten-TAY-shuss

Definition: Pretentious, boastful showiness

Usage: Her ostentatious clothing is simply not appropriate in a business environment—in fact, nothing emblazoned with 2,000 Swarovski crystals is.

Related Words: Showy means showing off and could be good or bad (a showy car). Garish refers to something much too bright, vivid, or fancy (makeup that looks okay in a nightclub looks garish in the office). Gaudy items stand out in a cheap, tasteless, or overly colorful way (wearing too much big jewelry looks gaudy).

More Info: The Latin “ostendere” means “to show” and also occurs in ostensible/ostensive, meaning “professed, evident, or pretended; outwardly appearing in a certain way.”

Mnemonic:

1. oSTENTATIOUS...read it as Stuntatious...Stunts...you perform stunts to attract attention, showy.
2. sounds like Austin(stone cold steve austin) wwe wrestler .. they always pretend and speak crap to grab attention..
3. Nothing is as ostentatious as OSTRICH feathers in your hat.
4. oSTENTATIOUS.. can be rhymed with TEMPTATION.. so trying to induce temptation and attracting ppl..
5. Girl in the "tent" was trying to attract(lure)so we were not able to work...
6. USNE TEN TATTI KIA to attract attention of NURSES

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tumultuous  
(adj)  
tuh-MULT-choo-uss  
Also tumult (noun)

Definition: Riotous, violently agitated, marked by disturbance or uproar; noisy, chaotic

Usage: Poland's tumultuous history includes a Nazi invasion, a period of Soviet rule, and, well before that, over 120 years during which it was partitioned by Russia, Prussia, and Austria and simply didn't exist. / She had been enjoying the game, but lost her hat, left earring, and keys in the tumult that resulted when fans went crazy over a referee's call.

Related Words: Turbid means relating to water that is choppy or has been stirred up (and thus “muddy” or “unclear, hard to understand”) or can mean turbulent (and would be appropriate in the sentence above).

Mnemonic:

1. sound like too+much+to+us(it was too much to us that we cant not bear..and hence we got tires n restless)
2. a person having tumor is disturbed and disorderly
3. relate it to turmoil

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toady  
(noun)  
TOH-dee

Definition: Someone who flatters or acts in a servile manner for self-serving reasons

Usage: Look at that toady, sucking up and offering to do the boss's Christmas shopping for his kids. Gross.

Related Words: Lackey, Sycophant, and Myrmidon are synonyms. Fawn means to try to please in a submissive way. Obsequious means "servile, very compliant, fawning." Truckle means to act subserviently.

More Info: Toady comes from "toad-eater," after magicians' assistants who would eat supposedly poisonous toads so the magician could show off his ability to magically expel the poison. Toadeat used to mean "do any degrading thing for your boss," but today you can use toady as a verb (or toady up to someone) for this purpose.

Mnemonic:

1. Sir, "TODAY"(toady) you look very .....
2. A toady person is like a toad who makes sounds to flatter people just like a toad tries to flatter the female toad..
3. toady=to(too)+ady(addy)means person who add more than fact
4. toady in x-men was extreemely servile
5. TOADY and FLATTERY are similar in sound and meaning. If you flatter a person in order to gain advantage, you will be refered to as toady.
6. the toad flattered the nightingale in order to gain popularity

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idolatry  
(noun)  
eye-DOLL-uh-tree

Definition: Idol worship; excessive or unthinking devotion or adoration

Usage: After a year in an education Ph.D. program, she'd had enough with the idolatry of Howard Gardner and his theory of multiple intelligences—"Gardner isn't a god," she would say, "and you simply can't learn calculus through movement or interpersonal skills."

Related Words: Veneration and Reverence refer to deep admiration and respect. Apotheosis is deification, the process of making someone into or like a god. Lionization is treating someone as a celebrity.

More Info: An idol (forbidden in many religions) is a representation of an object of worship.

Mnemonic:

1. combination of idol+ adulatory(adulation) gives the meaning
2. idol+atry::idol ki aarti(ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय)...worship of idol..
3. idol..ideal....god ram is a ideal man....and we WORSHIP and devout to him.

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listless  
(adj)  
LIST-less

Definition: Spiritless, lacking interest or energy

Usage: "I'm bored, Mom," said the listless child. "Can I have a cookie? Can we go to the park? Let's play a game. There's nothing to do!"

Related Words: Indifferent (not caring, having no interest), Apathy (not caring; absence of feeling; lack of interest or concern)

More Info: Why doesn't listless mean "not having a list?" Turns out the root isn't list so much as lust  
-to be listless is to lack a "lust for life."

Mnemonic:

1. I lost my list of universities to apply, Now I am lacking spirit because I am LISTLESS
2. I had to prepare my GRE wordlist everyday. But today i was tired and had no energy - so i dint



prepare my list. So why was I list - less? Coz i was listless!

3. a person without knowledge about link lists in data structure would be spiritless before the interview
4. You know "List" means tilt or inclination.
5. sounds like LUST less... boys wth no lust are moody

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discomfiting  
(adj)  
diss-CUHM-fit-ing

Definition: Disconcerting, confusing, frustrating

Usage: His fiancée's family said they were comfortable with the fact that he was of a different religion, but he found their constant probing about his beliefs quite discomfiting./ He hates telemarketers so much that he likes to discomfit them by asking them personal questions and suggesting he call them at their homes instead.

Related Words: Abash (destroy the confidence of, make ashamed, disconcert), Disquiet (disturb or cause anxiety to, as in "The anonymous phone message disquieted him.")

More Info: Discomfit originally meant "defeat in battle" but today is closer to disconcert-possibly, over the years, people confused discomfit and discomfort, causing the shift in meaning.

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discordant  
(adj)  
diss-CORD-uhnt  
Also discord (noun)

Definition: Harsh or inharmonious in sound; disagreeing, incongruous

Usage: In a graduation ceremony full of hopeful and congratulatory speeches, the salutatorian's address about the terrible economy struck a discordant note.

Related Words: Dissonance (harsh, inharmonious sound; cacophony; disagreement)

More Info: The opposite of discord is accord. Just as discord can be either about sound or ideas, accord can mean agreement or harmony, as in the sound of a (well-played) accordion.

Mnemonic:

1. FOCUS ON disco-RDANT.
2. dis+chord as in not a chord, so it is conflicting or harsh in sound
3. Con+Cordant means "with agreement". Dis+Cordant means "Without Agreement"
4. DISCORDANT = DIS(not) CORDANT(can be taken as COORDINATION) .. when there is NO COORDINATION there will be NO HARMONY and there is a possibility to CONFLICT..
5. dis+chord as in not a chord, so it is conflicting or harsh in sound-PIANO WITH HARSH NOT HARMONIOUS SOUND
6. dis+cord. cord-related to heart. So if heart doesn't meet that is discordant

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exigent  
(adj)  
ECK-sih-jent

Definition: Requiring immediate attention, action, or aid; excessively demanding

Usage: My boss said she would take me out to lunch and "mentor" me, but that idea always gets tossed aside in favor of more exigent matters.

Related Words: Dire (causing suffering or fear; ominous; urgent or desperate, as in "a dire emergency requiring immediate response")

More Info: Don't confuse exigent with expedient, which means either "suitable, proper" or "opportune; effective, often at the expense of ethics or other considerations," as in "In the face of an exigent problem, the boss risked a serious lawsuit by doing what was expedient instead of what was right."

Mnemonic:

1. EX-tremely ur-GENT
2. sounds like Urgent!!!
3. exigent = [exi]st + [ur]gent -> require immediate action
4. EXtra urGENT because I am more important than "u r".
5. Exit to Gent (exi-gent) -> Urgency &/ requiring exacting preciseness! ;)
6. sounds like 'accident' which requires immediate attention

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machination or machinations  
(noun, usually plural)  
mack-in-AY-shun or mash-in-AY-shun

Definition: Crafty schemes or plots

Usage: It's cute to think that teen idols became famous because their talent was simply so great that the music industry reached out to them, but usually, any teen idol is the product of intense coaching and parental machinations.

Related Words: Collude (conspire; cooperate for illegal or fraudulent purposes), Cabal (a conspiratorial group)

More Info: The verb form machinate has the same meaning (to machinate to overthrow the government). It's just a coincidence that machinations looks a little like Machiavelli, but machinating is quite Machiavellian!

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husband  
(verb)  
HUZZ-buhnd

Definition: Manage prudently, sparingly, or economically; conserve

Usage: As we are dealing with cutbacks, I am calling on you as the office manager to husband our resources, parceling out office supplies and buying new ones only when absolutely necessary.

Related Words: A Steward can be a household manager or a manager of food and drinks, such as on a train or plane; to Steward also means "conserve, use wisely."

More Info: "Animal husbandry" is the practice of raising or breeding livestock.

Mnemonic:

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2. husband , meaning : "save , conserve), mnemonic : husband usually "saves" money for his family , ,

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fawn  
(verb)  
FAWN

Definition: Show affection or try to please in the manner of a dog; try to win favor through flattery and submissive behavior

Usage: Although he was only president of a chain of grocery stores, he was used to being fawned over like a king or rock star. "You are truly king of the low-priced produce world," said the regional manager. "May I wash your car for you?"

Related Words: Sycophant, Lackey, Toady, and Myrmidon are all words for a person who fawns, such as the regional manager in the sentence above. The adjective Obsequious means fawning. The verb Truckle means to act subserviently and Kowtow means to fawn-or, literally, to bow until one's forehead touches the floor.

Mnemonic:

1. a FAN tries to gain favor by flattery

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refractory  
(adj)  
rih-FRAC-tuh-ree

Definition: Stubbornly disobedient, hard to manage

Usage: No matter how much job training the city gives them, refractory ex-criminals are simply unemployable.

Related Words: Intractable, Intransigent, Recalcitrant, and Obstreperous are also used to describe people who are stubborn and hard to control.

Mnemonic:

1. refractory--means factor ,who always factors the law into piece,means don't follow the law.
2. one who doesn't refract or bend at all meaning stubborn
3. Remember SATISFACTORY...REFRACTORY can br the OPPOSITE of SATISFACTORY
4. repeated fractures=re fracture are difficult to manage or cure
5. refractory -due to the economics crisis the industry has beared huge loss , so it takes some time to recuperate from its loss.
6. REFACTORY, He is stubborn that he will buy it again from the factory outlet.

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itinerant  
(adj)  
eye-TIN-uh-ruhnt or it-TIN-uh-ruhnt

Definition: Traveling from place to place, esp. as part of a job

Usage: In rural areas in the 1940s, it was common that a small town would lack its own doctor, instead being seen by an itinerant family physician who made rounds to many such towns.

Related Words: Peripatetic and wayfaring are synonyms. Transient also means moving around, but is more associated with homeless people or those on the fringe of society.

More Info: Itinerant shares a root with itinerary, a travel schedule.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like itenary( plan of a trip).. so a traveller..keeps on wandering\ travelling... hope its hlpful
2. itni sari ants kahan par jaa rahi hain ... wander kar rahi hai
3. ITINERANT > Iti(iteration) + n + era(period of time) > So Wandering an moving about from place 2 place with time.
4. sounds like ITNA RENT !!!!!!! baap re am gng away frm here..
5. teen + errant
6. Rhymes with aberrant > wandering.

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bane  
(noun)  
BAYN  
Also baneful (adj)

Definition: Something that ruins or spoils

Usage: Mosquitoes are the bane of my existence! They just love me, and by "love" I mean ruin my

summer! / The closure of the hospital could not have been more baneful to the already strained community.

Related Words: The opposite of bane is boon, a benefit or blessing. The words are often used together to ask a question, as in “The new regulations: bane or boon?”

More Info: Bane can also mean poison, usually as part of more specific names, like wolfsbane or fleabane. Don’t confuse baneful (destructive, ruinous) with baleful, which means threatening.

Mnemonic:

1. Modern technology is BOON OR BANE. Boon is useful and BANE is Something causing misery or death
2. ban+e -- Things which are harmful or poisonous (can make your life misery) are always banned by government.
3. sounds like CANE which CAUSES MISERY
4. bane...in rhyme with ... pain...so it pain when u r cursed...so:curse,somethin that makes u unhappy,that troubles u.. :)
5. there is a stoy of batman and bane where bane is a vilan(cause od ruin/curse)
6. bane-ane. ane(u) in kannada means tick. wish i s poisonous and harmful to our head and hair.

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recrudescent  
(adj)  
ree-croo-DESS-ent  
Also recrudescence (noun), recrudescence (verb)

Definition: Revival, breaking out into renewed activity

Usage: The recrudescence of his psoriasis came at the worst possible time. “Oh, great,” he said—now I’m going to be shedding skin flakes all over my new coworkers on the first day of work.

Related Words: Renascent (reviving, becoming active again), Resurgent (having a revival, renewing, rising or surging again)

More Info: Recrudescent shares a root (meaning “raw”) with crudité, vegetables served raw. It seems “raw” here is meant in the sense of “harsh, bloody,” and recrudescence is generally used for the reappearance of disease. (For something positive, renaissance might be a more appropriate word).

Mnemonic:

1. Re+CRUDE+SCENT ... Oh re the prices of crude oil has increased again...!! :/

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dovetail  
(verb)  
DOVE-tail

Definition: Join or fit together

Usage: When the neuroscientist married an exercise physiologist, neither thought they’d end up working together, but when Dr. Marion Ansel received a grant to study how exercise improves brain function and Dr. Jim Ansel was assigned to her team, the two found that their careers dovetailed nicely.

Related Words: Converge (move towards one another or towards a point; unite)

More Info: In carpentry, a “dovetail joint” fits together in a precise way and resembles the shape of a dove’s tail.

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dilettante  
(noun)  
DILL-uh-tahnt

Definition: Person who takes up an art or activity for amusement only or in a superficial way

Usage: The “arts center” in the rich neighborhood was populated by dilettantes—a sculpture here, a bit of music appreciation there, two weeks of painting class until they got bored and quit.

Related Words: Dabbler is a synonym, although somewhat less negative (like hobbyist). As in, “Are you a poet?” “I wouldn’t call myself a poet—I just dabble in poetry.”

More Info: Dilettante comes from the Latin “delectare,” meaning “to delight” and also found in delectable and delicious.

Mnemonic:

1. DIL(my heart) ETANTE ATU..watever my heart says ill jus follow bilndly
2. 'Dil' (Heart)+ 'e' (hey) + ttante sounds like (anti). So when you are doing any work against your heart, you don't take it seriously.
3. i called ramu tent wala and ramu tied dhilla(loose) tent because he was dilettante.
4. DIE + LET (t) + ANT + (e) = An amateur who lets the ant die because of lack of expertise
5. dilettant sounds like DEBUTANT (an unskilled person)
6. If you move the 'di' to the end of the word, you can get 'let ants die', which someone who kept an ant farm for superficial reasons would do

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declivity  
(noun)  
dih-CLIV-it-ee

Definition: Downward slope

Usage: Not just any declivity can serve as a wheelchair ramp—I’m pretty sure this thing is too steep to pass regulations.

Related Words: Declination (downward slope, deterioration, deviation from the norm, refusal)

More Info: The opposite of declivity is acclivity, an upward slope.

Mnemonic:

1. acclivity: upslope of a hill.. so, declivity is the downslope of a hill..
2. decli(DECLINE..means lowering)+CLIV(MEANS intending towards something)...so having a tendency towards lower side of something.
3. DE CLIFF is definitely a decline
4. decline+ity ->downward slope

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fastidious  
(adj)  
fass-TIH-dee-uss

Definition: Excessively particular, difficult to please; painstaking, meticulous, requiring excessive attention to detail

Usage: Steve was a fastidious housekeeper, fluffing his couch pillows at least twice a day and never allowing the tiniest speck of dust to settle on any exposed surface.

Related Words: Meticulous (taking extreme care with details; fussy), Exacting (severe in making demands; requiring precise attention)

More Info: Fastidious comes from a Latin word for disgust. Fastidious people are easily disgusted by regular people’s housekeeping, manners, work standards, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. just like ...
2. fas(ana) is tidious ..means kisi ko fasana bhut tidious hai. (janganl mein kisi shikar ko FASaney ke liye use "please" (by bait) karna padta hai. FASana+TEDIIOUS=difficult to please=FASTIDIOUS)
3. fussy n tedious.
4. those who FAST, be TIDY (ppl who are more like perfectionists) are DIFFICULT TO BE PLEASED

5. the word also means very careful in matters of taste...FAST+TEDIOUS....a person who takes tedious time to eat is fastidious

6. fas(Fussy)tidious: remember like he is tediously fussy about minute details.

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complaisant  
(adj)  
cuhm-PLAY-sent

Definition: Eager to please; cheerfully complying

Usage: Coming from a more uptight corporate background, Chris found the soup kitchen volunteers remarkably complaisant—when he asked the greeters to sweep the floor and the cooks to wash dishes, everyone happily moved to their new positions.

More Info: Don't confuse complaisant with complacent, which means "smug, self-satisfied."

Mnemonic:

1. com + plais(please) + ant
2. FOCUS ON sant(saint!), who is always obliging.
3. Complacent is self satisfied and Complaisant is a person who satisfies other people
4. complaisant=complaint + santh ...santh agar complaint bhi karta hai toh ..he does it in an obliging way
5. He is a complaisant boy. Though my home is not facilitated as his, he said It is a pleasant to come here.
6. come please saint i.e.trying to please,obliging

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orotund  
(adj)  
OR-uh-tund

Definition: Full, rich, and clear (of the voice or speaking); pompous, bombastic

Usage: The actor James Earl Jones has long been sought after for voiceover work as well as acting jobs because of his dignified, orotund voice.

Related Words: Sonorous (giving out a deep, rich, loud sound), Dulcet (melodious, agreeable to the ear), Mellifluous (richly and smoothly flowing, as "a mellifluous voice"), Stentorian (loud)

More Info: Rotund simply means rounded—when applied to a person, it's a somewhat more polite word than "fat." The connection is the idea of "roundness"—orotund comes from the idea of speaking with a rounded mouth.

Mnemonic:

1. ORE+TON....a person having tons of gold is either pompous or attractive...
2. Orotund sounds like ORE, precious metal from the earth, and TON, a lot. So an orotund person is pompous because he thinks that he is as good as a ton of precious ore.
3. In Telugu, we say Orlutundu(means vaguthundu --> talkative). so, orotund finally goes as pompous, bombastic
4. the auRa around is head is ROTUND (fat) - if you have a big head you are pompous

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phalanx  
(noun)  
FAY-lanks or FAL-anks

Definition: Formation of soldiers carrying shields close together for defense; any very close group of people

Usage: To even enter the embassy, the diplomats had to make their way through a phalanx of protestors.

Related Words: The expression “rank and file” (or just “ranks” of people) is also a military term referring to an orderly formation of soldiers in rows and columns.

More Info: The plural phalanges refers to the bones in the hands and feet, which fit together closely,  
like soldiers in a phalanx.

Mnemonic:

1. Remeber Gerard Butler's movie.. 300. The way those 300 sartans fought is Phalanx. Hoo Hoo Hoooooo
2. Remeber Gerard Butler's movie.. 300. The way those 300 sartans fought is Phalanx. Hoo Hoo Hoooooo
3. phalanx~feelings.. so people in a thick group lose their feelings and fall on anyone who is around them..!

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variegated  
(adj)  
VAIR-ee-uh-gay-ted

Definition: Varied in color, having multicolored patches or spots; diverse

Usage: Unusually, the bridesmaids' dresses were boldly variegated, having many different colors. The bride reasoned that the dresses could be worn again –“Rainbow goes with anything!” she said. The bridesmaids privately agreed that they would never again wear those dresses as long as they lived.

Related Words: Myriad (innumerable, existing in abundance; diverse), Heterogeneous (different in type, incongruous; composed of different types of elements)

More Info: In biology, variegation refers to different colored zones in the leaves of plants. Of course,  
the “vari” part is the same as in various, so it shouldn't be hard to figure out a synonym like varicolored.

Mnemonic:

1. varie(various)-gated(gates)... the gates are of various colors..
2. variety+ate=variegated.our meal consists variety[chappatis,vegetables etc]...all are of different colour
3. VARY+ATED...when we eat different type of food,our shit is variegated

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sybarite  
(noun)  
SIB-uh-rite

Definition: Person devoted to pleasure and luxury

Usage: The reality show about Beverly Hills “housewives” portrayed wealthy sybarites who actually seemed to be pursuing champagne and Pilates full-time.

Related Words: Voluptuary is a synonym. A hedonist is a pleasure-seeker.

More Info: From the Greek place name Sybaris—the original Sybarites were renowned for living in luxury.

Mnemonic:

1. sybarite..sy+bar+rite a lover of luxury finds going to the bar right and munching dick
2. someone who like 2 see+bright things in life i.e. luxury nd devoted to it.
3. Sybarite = cyber + IT ie ppl in field of Cyber and IT and other computer professionals grow fond of  
luxury bcoz of thier heavy income
4. sy+bar+rite....who "SaYs BAR is RIghT" is sybarite
5. Have U ever seen SYmonds hair style,he is a total luxuries guy, he loves to go to BAR, he says this  
is the RITE way of living,, he loves luxury!

6. cybarite: cy+barite. One can see barite as barat, and Indian wedding and barat is full of luxury...

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stratagem  
(noun)  
STRAT-uh-jum

Definition: Military maneuver to deceive or surprise; crafty scheme

Usage: The party's stratagem was to dig up a scandal on their candidate's opponent, and then release the photos the day before the election, leaving the opponent no time to defend himself before voters took to the polls.

Related Words: Ruse and Subterfuge are synonyms. Artifice (trickery, especially as part of a strategy), Finesse (use tact or diplomacy; employ a deceptive strategy), Duplicity (deceit, double-dealing, acting in two different ways for the purpose of deception), Wily (crafty, cunning)

More Info: Strategy has generally positive connotations, but stratagem implies deception. The similar scheme often has negative connotations (a plot or scam).

Mnemonic:

1. strategy to deceive some one
2. STRATEGY+GEM(costly stone like diamond)...in order to steal gems, thieves had strategy for gems i.e  
    stratagem....
3. strategy by a GEM..!!
4. stratge-m , the deceitful strategy of m
5. Their STRATEGY of sneaking up on the enemy was a total GEM.

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grouse  
(verb, noun)  
GRAH-ooss

Definition: Complain or grumble (verb); a reason for complaint (noun)

Usage: By the end of the trip, everyone was annoyed by Lena's grouching—the bus ride was too bumpy, the food was too spicy, the air conditioning was too dehydrating, etc... / Don't be offended, but I've got a grouse about the way you're handling this project.

More Info: A grouse is also a type of bird, although this usage is of an unrelated origin. The "complain" meaning of grouse comes from the Old French "grouchier" and shares a root with grudge.

Mnemonic:

1. spouse .... complain a lot
2. my ROSE Gone some where...i gave COMPLAIN in the police station
3. grouse--Go Report Of abUSE
4. Oscar the Grouch groused and complained about living in a garbage can.
5. G(girl)+arouse=grouse...you are complaining that a girl is arousing you which is a petty complaint
6. so women go to buy clothes... they BROWSE through a whole lot and GROUSE (complain) nothing is worth  
    buying...

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prattle  
(verb)  
PRAT-ull

Definition: Talk in an idle, simple-minded, meaningless, or foolish way; chatter, babble

Usage: It was infuriating to listen to the boss prattle on about some new restaurant in town when everyone was just waiting to find out if they'd been laid off.



Related Words: Prate is a synonym—actually, both words are variants of the same Middle Dutch word.

Mnemonic:

1. Remember stone cold steve austin who is also called "Rattle snake".. who comes, always drinks beer and talks...
2. prattle- think of cattle, they walk around aimlessly, with no meaning. -meaning less.
3. P+rat+le=parrot ki tarah rat le remember 3-idiot "chamatkaar bhashan"
4. Prattle..... In battle there will be no prattle and everything is done with hand signaling only  
:)
5. prattle chatter tittle tattle (rhyming does help memory and it help w/the def.)

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scurvy  
(adj)  
SKER-vee

Definition: Contemptible, mean

Usage: Our neighbor is so scurvy that he deliberately broke my little brother's bicycle because, as he said, "You kids are too loud!"

Related Words: Reprobate (disreputable or unprincipled person)

More Info: Scurvy is also a disease caused by lack of vitamin C and resulting in anemia, bleeding gums, and other pretty horrible symptoms. Scurvy was common in sailors on long sea voyages in centuries past (before they figured out the cause and started taking lemons with them to sea).

Mnemonic:

1. SCURVY is a deadly disease. So people suffering from this vitamin c deficiency are low in health.
2. Scurvy (crooked teeth)is a gums disease which is characterized by excess dental bleeding.
3. From SCURVY the thing comes to my mind is "SuCK URVY", in punjabi and hindi urvy is a vegetabel. Some people hate to see sucking urvy. So u SuCK URVY u are CONTEMPTIBLE.

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impious  
(adj)  
im-PIE-uss  
Also pious (adj), piety (noun)

Definition: Not religious, lacking reverence, ungodly

Usage: In religious schools, impious behavior is generally prohibited.

Related Words: Irreverent (synonym), Sacrilegious (violating what is sacred) Blasphemous (impious behavior, esp. speech)

More Info: Pious (reverent) shares a root with expiate (to atone, ask to be forgiven of one's sins).

Mnemonic:

1. pious means religious...so with a -ve prefix,impious means not religious....so a person who is not religious lacks respect for god.
2. a person pee's on us then he lacks respect for us. Im PIo US
3. impious and impity means the same i.e, lack of respect to god

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anachronism  
(noun)  
uh-NACK-roh-nizm  
Also anachronistic (adj)

Definition: Something that is not in its correct historical time; a mistake in chronology, such as by

assigning a person or event to the wrong time period

Usage: The Queen of England is a bit of an anachronism, with her old-fashioned pillbox hats. / Did you catch the anachronisms in the latest action blockbuster set in ancient Greece? One of the characters was wearing a wristwatch with his toga!

More Info: The prefix "ana" means "against", and "chron" means "time." This is one word you can work out entirely with a knowledge of roots: anachronistic means "against time."

Mnemonic:

1. you know about chronometer- means clock. Anything with "chron" is related to time. Anachronism- an+chron+ism> here an is used in negative sense> so anachronism means something or someone that is not in its correct time
2. Anachronism = Ana + chron (chronology) + ism = A person or thing who is out of chronological order .i.e. Person belongs to earlier time.
3. chronous(relating to time)as in synchronous.
4. If u remember the movie, Leopold was an anachronism!
5. picture AN ACT in which an astronaut is being CROWNED = AN ACT CROWNISM
6. ana (out of order, negative sense) + chron (time).. so something not placed correctly with respect to time.

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hallmark  
(noun)  
HALL-mark

Definition: A mark of indication of quality, purity, genuineness, etc.; any distinguishing characteristic

Usage: Signature red soles are the hallmark of Christian Louboutin's shoes. / Fast-paced rhymes, an angry tenor, and personal attacks on celebrities are hallmarks of Eminem's music.

Related Words: An earmark is also any distinguishing mark, such as a mark on an animal's ear to show ownership. Earmark can also be a verb meaning "allocate or set aside" (to earmark funds for a project). An earmark is neutral, but a hallmark generally has more positive connotations.

More Info: The Goldsmiths' Company of London made gold and silver articles stamped with a mark. The company was located in Goldsmiths' Hall-thus, a "hall mark."

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propensity  
(noun)  
pruh-PEN-sit-ee

Definition: Natural inclination or tendency

Usage: He was an introvert with a propensity for solitary brooding, and thus was considered a bit strange or unfriendly by the others in his dorm.

Related Words: Predilection, Proclivity, Penchant, and Bent are all words for a preference or inclination (He has an affable bent about him, and a proclivity for striking up conversations with strangers).

More Info: Like its synonym penchant, this word shares a root (meaning "lean") with pendulum and penchant. A propensity is a "leaning" towards something.

Mnemonic:

1. now a days people are inclined towards "CITY" dats y they r migrating from villages....
2. prop + city = people get propelled towards city only because of strong inclination towards city life
3. (PRO+PEN)a PRO has a natural tendancy to hold the PEN in the way he can do caligraphy(art of good writing)
4. "popins"(candy) deke log bachchon ko behla-fusla ke le jate hain....coz they know dat kids hav "natural inclination" 4 it....

5. pro+pen+sity . can a pen stand straight. to make it stand ,it is always inclined to some support  
 6. PROPANE+CITY;

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abscond  
 (verb)  
 ab-SCOND

Definition: Depart suddenly and secretly

Usage: A robber absconds with stolen goods. People who eat in a restaurant and run out without paying—or criminals who jump bail—could also be said to be absconding.

Related Words: Decamp (to depart from camp, or to abscond)

More Info: “Ab” means “away” and the rest of abscond comes from a Latin word meaning “to put.”

Mnemonic:

1. Abscond – ab + scond. ‘Absent in a second’. When you will absent in a second? =when u STEAL OFF & HIDE, or when u DEPART secretly.
2. absCOND sounds like abs'KAND'..when you do KAND you run away, depart secretly and hide :)
3. focus on cond=condition if elders keep conditions to do this n that we will do it secretly or we will escape from that place secretly
4. ABSENT KAUN(who?) - whoever is absent in class has absconded
5. abscond treat it like james bond, hidinng from villain
6. ab-Abishek, scond-scoundral "Amithab scolded Abi as scoundral, and abishek ran off or hide secretly with fear

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glacial  
 (adj)  
 GLAY-shull

Definition: Pertaining to glaciers; cold, icy, slow, unsympathetic

Usage: He had wanted to appear in the singing reality competition his whole young life, but he was not encouraged by the judges’ glacial response to his audition. The awkward silence was excruciating as he waited for the stony-faced panel to say anything at all.

Related Words: Frigid (very cold, without human warmth or emotion), Gelid (icy)

More Info: A very obvious metaphor—glaciers are cold, slow, and (naturally) don’t have feelings. A person who acts like a glacier is unpleasant indeed.

Mnemonic:

1. glacial can be considered as facial(unfriendliness expression)
2. Ice+Glass>=Glass+ice
3. Remember TITANIC, it was hit by a freezing cold Glacier like...and glaciers are very cold ... so glacial would be extremely cold...

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equivocate  
 (verb)  
 eck-WIV-uh-cayt

Definition: Use unclear language to deceive or avoid committing to a position

Usage: Not wanting to lose supporters, the politician equivocated on the issue, tossing out buzzwords related to each side while also claiming more study was needed.

Related Words: Ambivalent (uncertain; unable to decide, or wanting to do two contradictory things at once), Vacillate and Waffle (waver, be indecisive), Dither (act irresolutely), Hedge (avoid commitment by leaving provisions for withdrawal or changing one’s mind; protect a bet by also betting on the other side), Palter (talk insincerely; bargain or haggle), Tergiversate (repeatedly

change one's opinions, equivocate)

More Info: The Latin origin of equivocate is obvious—think of it as being “equally vocal” for two or more positions.

Mnemonic:

1. equi(equal) vocal(sound)... if we make similar sounds then it would be ambiguous(unclear) to distinguish!!
2. equi+vocate sounds like advocate... corrupt advocates LIE, to CONCEAL THE TRUTH which MISLEADS the judge..
3. equivocate = equi + vocate = equal + voice ~ambiguous
4. Don't equivocate, say it straight
5. Equivocate - when someone equally -- agrees(vocate) with two people... he is lying
6. adVOCATE always MISLEAD the judge even though if he is NOT CLEAR about the case...

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verdant  
(adj)  
VER-duhnt

Definition: Green, such as with vegetation, plants, grass, etc.; young and inexperienced

Usage: Having grown up in Ethiopia, Dabir loved the lushness of the verdant forests in rainy Oregon.  
/ The first-year associate was a little too verdant to be assigned to the big case.

Related Words: Primavera or Vernal (relating to the spring; fresh, youthful)

More Info: Verdant is, of course, related to the Spanish verde and French vert for “green.” The color green is also used figuratively—saying someone is “green” (much like a new spring plant) or “wet behind the ears” (a reference to just being born) means the person is inexperienced.

Mnemonic:

1. Animals with BADA DANT eat greenery.
2. ver = true
3. VARDAAN(blessing)...green colour is ablessing...green vegetables,trees,hills....
4. Its a VERDAN to sit on grass, away from this fast,hectic,competitive life ! isnt it?
5. Verdant (greenery) and exuberant (growing profusely)...the exuberant wild flowers of the verdant rain forest.
6. simple here the clue is green ,right??hav you ever imagined or have seen a weird+ant which is green  
in color??

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semantic  
(adj)  
sih-MAN-tick

Definition: Relating to the different meanings of words or other symbols

Usage: Bob said plastic surgery should be covered under the health care plan and Marion said it shouldn't, but it turns out that their disagreement was purely semantic—what Bob meant was reconstructive surgery and what Marion meant was cosmetic surgery.

More Info: Semantic comes from a Greek root for “sign.” When an argument becomes muddled due to language confusion, or when an arguer appears to be redefining a word rather than making a real point, it is common to call the person's remarks “mere semantics” or to say, “You're just playing semantics.”

Mnemonic:

1. Say+Man+Thik(right). To know if someone is saying something right u have to understand the meaning of the language.

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ruminate  
(verb)

## ROO-min-ayt

Definition: Turn over in the mind, reflect on; chew cud (as a cow)

Usage: Oh, I just don't know about that... let me ruminate on it for a few days and I'll get back to you.

More Info: A cow is a ruminant—it has four stomachs and has to digest its food in stages (and thus, very slowly).

Mnemonic:

1. if in ROOMS of hostel there is interNET, we will start to think(mull over)
2. Roaming-at:means ur mind is roaming.
3. my RUMmy ATE my food, u gotta think over what you can do
4. split it as RUM+I+ATE...si i ate rum and kept PONDERING and BROODING about it
5. Ruminate and Meditate rhyme....
6. RUM+i+ate- so after drinking lots rum and eating most ppl start to ruminate abt there X-gf/bf's

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dupe  
(noun, verb)  
DOOP

Definition: Person who is easily fooled or used (noun); to fool or exploit (verb)

Usage: The dashing rogue used flattery and lies to dupe several old ladies out of their money. "I feel like a total dupe," said Hazel Rosenbaum, 87. "I thought he and I were going to get married, but he really just wanted my Social Security checks."

Related Words: Hoodwink, Bilk, Swindle, Con, and Fleece are all verbs for cheating others. Fleece is perhaps more severe, having the connotation of taking everything from the victim, the way one shears all of the fleece from a sheep.

More Info: Dupe comes from Old French duppe, a bird known for being very stupid. Dupe can also be a short version of "duplicate," although this meaning is somewhat informal and less likely on the GRE.

Mnemonic:

1. duplicates(in movies) are used to fool people....
2. DUPE sounds like dope means so "to impure something", means to cheat someone....
3. dupe = [du]mmy+[pe]t ex. a fool dog
4. That DUde Punk'd mE! ~ Dupe
5. from dupe think of dopehead which means stupid & he can be easily cheated
6. Soud like dukes and Dukes can deceive us by giving taste of mango

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perspicacious  
(adj)  
per-spih-CAY-shuss

Definition: Having penetrating insight or good discernment

Usage: A good detective is shrewd and perspicacious, judging when someone is lying, noticing things the rest of us would ignore, and making connections that allow an investigation to move forward.

Related Words: Keen (sharp, piercing; very perceptive or mentally sharp; intense), Acumen (keen, quick, accurate insight or judgment), Astute (shrewd, very perceptive)

More Info: "Per" means "through" and "spic/spec" means "look" (as in spectacles, spectate, etc.) Perspicacious is really just the adjective form of perspective—as in, having a really good perspective.

Mnemonic:

1. pervade+specacaious=perspicacious

2. sounds like perspective or perceptive which are related.
3. per-speak-aces
4. per = completely.. and the 2nd part rhymes with inspect.. hence having an insight..
5. perspicacious: Perspi=precisely ; Cacious=cautious means quick in noticing.
6. PURSE-PICK-ASHES:the purse is filled with the ashes of wisdom: from the PURSE one PICKS ASHES of wisdom.

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intransigent  
(adj)  
in-TRAN-zih-jent

Definition: Refusing to compromise, inflexible, having extreme attitudes

Usage: "Even three detentions and a note home to your parents haven't convinced you to behave yourself in class!" the teacher said to the intransigent child.

Related Words: Intractable, Obdurate, and Obstreperous are also used to describe people who are stubborn and hard to control.

More Info: Intransigent shares a root with transaction—as in, intransigent people will not likely agree to a reasonable transaction.

Mnemonic:

1. intransigent = in-'not' + transact
2. imagine you are going on a trip. the TRANSPORT AGENT is very strict in payment of money. so INTRANSIGENT= transport + agent = very stubborn
3. a GENT IN TRANS(trance) doesn't listen to anyone..doesn't compromise
4. In = not, trans = change, for igent think 'disagreement.' Thus: to <B>not change</B> in a <B>disagreement</B>.
5. in a train i met an agent(driving licence) who was not ready to compromise and i couldn't bargain with him

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kindle  
(verb)  
KIN-dull

Definition: Ignite, cause to begin burning; incite, arouse, inflame

Usage: It's hard to kindle a campfire when it's so damp out. / Although they were apart, the lovers' passion was only further kindled by the love letters they wrote to one another.

Related Words: Incendiary (starting fire; inflaming the senses or arousing rebellion)

More Info: Kindling, also called tinder, is material for lighting a fire (such as twigs or straw). Amazon's Kindle e-book reader is probably so called because it (in theory) ignites a love of reading or knowledge.

Mnemonic:

1. kindle sounds like CANDLE..which when lighted can cause something to catch fire.
2. One had to be KIND in encouraging/inspiring KIDS , other meaning of kindle, inspiring, encourage
3. kindle sounds like CANDLE; We had a Valentine's Day dinner by candlelight, not to kindle romance but to save electricity.
4. with the introduction of KINDLE, AMAZON "Kindled" a fire in the market for E-book Readers. (KINDLE is a trademark name for the popular Amazon's E-Book reader)

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laudable  
(adj)  
LAW-duh-bull  
Also laud (verb)

Definition: Worthy of praise

Usage: When a major discount mart fired several employees for subduing a gunman, most people considered the action a laudable act of heroism, but the discount chain fired the employees for “violating company policies.” Nevertheless, the mayor lauded the former employees in a medal-granting ceremony.

Related Words: Encomium (warm, glowing praise, esp. a formal expression of praise), Panegyric (formal, lofty, or elaborate praise), Paeon (song of praise, triumph, or thanks)

More Info: Laud shares a root with applaud and plaudits (applause, approval).

Mnemonic:

1. Manhattan residents were ABLE to show their LOUD (noisy) demonstration when they saw the Joker instead of LAUDABLE Batman.
2. This Girl is laudable because really one can laud
3. think of "appLAUDABLE"

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canard  
(noun)  
cuh-NARD

Definition: Rumor, a false or baseless story

Usage: The idea that we only use 10% of our brains is a tired, old canard; actually, even the dumbest people use all of their brains.

More Info: Canard is simply the French word for “duck.” The use of “duck” to mean, essentially, “urban legend” may come from an old French expression “to half-sell a duck.” Sounds pretty sketchy! Just like a canard.

Mnemonic:

1. Remember Kannad movies...their fighting is so unreal..false...
2. canard - can hard, it can hardly happen. It is exaggerated.
3. Canarad--- Remember Narad Muni who use to spread false rumours.
4. Remember: I "canard" (cannot) believe that story!
5. can+hard--rumours can be hardly believed
6. can nerd(nard) spread rumours? No he can't!

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doff  
(verb)  
DOFF

Definition: Take off (such as clothes), put aside; remove one's hat as a gesture

Usage: Before the spring break revelers could consider doffing their clothes, they saw the sign: “No skinny dipping.” / In my grandfather's day, it was considered polite to doff your hat when a lady entered the room; to us today, lifting your hat a few inches off your head and then putting it right back seems to some like a silly way to show respect.

More Info: The opposite of doff is don, to put on. Interestingly, don came into being as a contraction of “do on.”

Mnemonic:

1. DO + OFF or take off, remove.
2. dOFF means the opposite of dON

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voluble  
(adj)  
VAHL-yuh-bull

Definition: Easily fluent in regards to speech

Usage: The journalist's new book is a voluble tome, covering three centuries of history with numerous flowing, almost conversational asides into the scientific discoveries and cultural advances of various time periods.

Related Words: Loquacious, Prolix, and Verbose mean "talkative, wordy." Glib means "fluent in speaking" in a bad way that suggests superficiality or insincerity.

More Info: From the same root ("volvere," meaning "to roll") as revolve—the words just "roll" right out of a voluble person.

Mnemonic:

1. Remember "volume" in TV controls. It's related to sound. This voluble is also related to speaking.
2. Voluble (talkative) and inconvertible (reserved) have opposite meanings.

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pallid  
(adj)  
PAL-id  
also pallor (noun)

Definition: Abnormally pale (as skin); lacking color or vitality

Usage: When Eric left the office mid-day, we knew from the pallor that had overtaken him that he really was getting sick. / We need this blog to really hit hard against the special interest groups ruining our country, and your pallid writing isn't doing it—you're going to bore people to death with this wimpy prose.

Related Words: Wan (abnormally pale), Sallow (sickly-yellow in color)

Mnemonic:

1. pallid = pale + lid.(jus take the 1st four letters hence 'pale')
2. PEELI(yellow)
3. Pal( marathi word forreptile found in house)+Id...how is Pal? its yellow...
4. in pallid u can smell the word id.we all know that in id of our clg or office we look so dull and pallid.

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monastic  
(adj)  
muh-NASt-ick

Definition: Relating to or resembling a monastery (where monks or nuns live), esp. by being quiet, secluded, contemplative, strict, and/or lacking luxuries

Usage: Christine decided that the only way she was going to finish her Ph.D. was to live a monastic lifestyle: she broke up with her boyfriend, cancelled her cable service, left the house only when necessary, and ultimately had a draft of her dissertation a few months later.

Related Words: Austere (severe in manner or appearance; very self-disciplined, ascetic; without luxury or ease; sober or serious), Ascetic (abstinent or austere in lifestyle or a person who lives such a lifestyle), Hermit or Anchorite (person who lives away from society, esp. for religious reasons), Recluse (person who lives in solitude)

Mnemonic:

1. monastic has 'ascetic' which means self-denial, living life like a Monk.
2. about monks with a stick
3. Monastic relates to the word MONASTERY i.e. where monks live and do prayers n other holy activities

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magnate  
(noun)



## MAG-nayt or MAG-nit

Definition: Very important or influential person, esp. in business

Usage: Many students pursue MBAs in hopes of becoming wealthy and powerful magnates; some students never quite make it there, instead spending their careers staring at spreadsheets and taking orders from magnates.

Related Words: Scion (descendent, heir—often used to describe the son of a rich, powerful man), Baron (originally a British noble, but now used to describe a powerful businessperson, as in an oil baron or the robber barons of American history)

More Info: The Latin “magnus” means “great” and gives us magniloquent (talking in an overly grand way), magnanimous (high-minded, noble, forgiving), magnify, and many others.

Mnemonic:

1. like a magnet.. attracts people and hence influences..
2. People mistake and call this: "business magnet".
3. a good business man is a MAGNET for money.

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fallow  
(adj)  
FAL-oh

Definition: Left unplanted (of land); not in use

Usage: Crop yields were increased substantially when the villagers discovered that leaving a portion of their fields lie fallow allowed that unused part of the land to become renewed with minerals. / It is terribly important that we make college affordable for underprivileged students, lest great minds lie fallow, and the world never benefit from their genius.

Related Words: Another GRE word related to farming is arable, which means “able to be farmed, fertile,” as in “arable land.”

More Info: Fallow can mean “light yellowish-brown.” Although this seems like a color that an untended field might turn, this meaning of the word comes from a different origin.

Mnemonic:

1. after plowing farmer fallow(fall-low) of money so, he left it without seeding(uncultivated)
2. fallow is like "falo" in hindi (fruit/ripe) so khet ko falne foolne ke liye it has to be left uncultivated..
3. callow land
4. remember seeds are sown in shalow depth pits.. here fallow - F symbolises False/not makin it Fallow  
i.e plowed bt not sowed.
5. if a Tennis player falls low in ranking, sooner he will be unseeded!
6. fallow= buffalo, which are used in plowing the soil

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disparate  
(adj)  
DISS-puh-rit or diss-PAIR-it

Definition: Distinct, different

Usage: He chose the college for two disparate reasons: the strength of the computer science program, and the excellence of the hip-hop dance squad.

Related Words: Divergent (different, deviating), Incommensurable (not comparable, totally disproportionate)

More Info: The root “par” means “equal” and appears in peer and parity, meaning “equivalence or equality,” as well as disparage, meaning “belittle.”

**Mnemonic:**

1. Dis(this) + parate(parrot) is different from the rest.
2. Disparate can be broken as: "This" "sEparate" so read as "this is separate"!
3. Disparate == Dis + parate ; This parrot and that parrot are completely different
4. "disparity" which means inequality or difference---->disparate
5. Disparate: Two lovers are talking 2 each other
6. disparate...di(as we call our elder sister by this name usually didi.)+sparate(separate)..didi has got separate TV in her room , which is very much different from our old TV.

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oblique  
(adj)  
oh-BLEEK or uh-BLEEK

**Definition:** Slanting or sloping; indirect, misleading, or evasive

**Usage:** After the fifteenth oblique reference that Bella made to George or George made to Bella, everyone in the office figured out that they were dating. / The serial killer loved to talk to interrogators, but gave only oblique answers that were useless in finding the bodies.

**More Info:** In math, oblique lines are neither parallel nor perpendicular. Your obliques are the abdominal muscles (along the sides) that run at a slant. In botany, an oblique leaf has unequal sides.

You should now be prepared to interpret oblique in any strange context—it's slanting, or metaphorically "slanting"!

**Mnemonic:**

1. Oblique - split it like OB(object) lique(sounds as LIKE). So OBject Like, referring something indirectly.
2. Ur making an oblique reference i.e indirect ref
3. obliq sound like oblique (slanted)....
4. ob + LIque(lets say LIne) ~ line is normally straight this oblique is indirect
5. jab ghee seedhi ungli se naa nikle to ungli tedhi (oblique) karni padti hai
6. ob+lique"ob means against"if you dislike someone or OB(against)+ LIQUE(like), you always REFER THEM INDIRECTLY

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gouge  
(noun, verb)  
GAH-oodge

**Definition:** Scooping or digging tool, like a chisel, or a hole made with such a tool (noun); cut or scoop out; force out a person's eye with one's thumb; swindle, extort money from (verb)

**Usage:** I was happy with this new video game console for a day or two, until I saw it advertised all over town for half the price and realized I'd been gouged. / He loves gory horror films, where people's eyes are gouged out and gross stuff like that.

**Related Words:** Rout (dig around, as with a snout; rummage; scoop out or gouge)

**Mnemonic:**

1. In slang language we call goggles as gouge - So when you buy a pair of branded gouge, which are expensive, you think the shopkeeper is overcharging you.
2. relate it wid "gao ge"(in hindi as we pronounce singing)
3. GAUGE meter measures cloth quantity and if something is wrongly measured, u say if it is not acc to guage , i will gouge out this cloth(to make a hole in something in a rough or violent way) and give it back to u
4. Gora [Whites] people are overcharged, they say ouch.
5. gouge sounds like "gaaj". "gaaj" gir gayi hai
6. GAUGE meter measures cloth quantity and shopkeeper usually cheat customers by overcharging.

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besiege  
(verb)  
buh-SEED'j

Definition: Attack, overwhelm, crowd in on or surround

Usage: The regiment was besieged by attackers on all sides and finally surrendered. / I cannot go out this weekend—I am besieged by homework!

Related Words: Harry (harass or annoy), Hound (harass or pursue relentlessly, as if with hunting dogs), Beleaguer (surround, as with difficulties or attackers)

More Info: Besiege is equivalent to the expression “lay siege to” (although that expression is used more in the military sense and less in the metaphorical sense).

Mnemonic:

1. divide it like-->be+siege(seize)-- Indian army has seized the line of control, and now the whole area is surrounded by armed forces.
2. be + seize = u are seized by armed forces / by some1 who is continiously annoying u ..!!

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parley  
(noun, verb)  
PAR-lee

Definition: Discussion, negotiation, esp. between enemies (noun); to have such a discussion (verb)

Usage: The industry trade show is our chance to parley with our competitors. We do go out for drinks together, but really, we're just hoping someone slips up and tells us about their new product line.

Related Words: Armistice (truce, mutual agreement to temporarily stop fighting)

More Info: French speakers will note parley's similarity to the French verb parler. The same root (“speech”) also occurs in the English parable, parlance, and parliament.

Mnemonic:

1. parley sounds like parliament... where CONFERENCE is held between opponents ...
2. parley reminds us of parle biscuits....when you attend a CONFERENCE bisleri water and PARLE biscuits are served
3. sounds like parlay.biscuit company...so a conferece between parlay and sunfeast biscuit company heads.
4. Parley ~ Miley (Meet in Hindi) ; When people attend a conference, they meet each other
5. par+ley:par means others and ley means lay(calm) down or pacify.so negotiation between enemies.
6. in the movie 'Pirates of Caribbean' ; pirates, in difficult times, use the right of 'parley' which is right of negotiation

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irresolute  
(adj)  
ih-REZ-uh-loot  
Also resolute (adj)

Definition: Wavering, not sure how to proceed, not firm in one's decision-making

Usage: If we were voting on the bill this moment, we'd have enough votes to pass it. But many of our supporters are irresolute—we're worried that when lobbyists get to them, they'll quickly change their minds.

Related Words: Ambivalent (uncertain; unable to decide, or wanting to do two contradictory things at once), Equivocal (allowing for several different meanings; undecided or having mixed feelings)

More Info: Resolute or resolved means “decided; firm in purpose.” A resolution can be a mutual agreement or a solution to a problem.

## Mnemonic:

1. (IR)not knowing... how to make resolutions.
2. ir+resolute--- resolute means firm and determined, irresolute means the opposite, doubtful
3. think urself as inspector
4. DIS+CRE(e)P+(f)ANCY:- DIS(-ive) ;CRE(e)P(help);(f)ANCY(want to do sth) -> if you not want to help them it means you make them divergence from their clam or solution because you are disagree from them.

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terse  
(adj)  
TERSS

Definition: Concise, brief and to the point (sometimes to the point of rudeness)

Usage: Hoping to talk to her doctor at length about her condition, she was disappointed to be treated so tersely by a doctor who simply renewed her prescription and disappeared.

Related Words: Curt and brusque also mean rudely abrupt or brief. (Terse is often negative, but doesn't have to be).

## Mnemonic:

1. terse...sounds like TERESA..Here all her achievements,efforts everything has been consolidated, confined and put into a single word "MOTHER"..So TERSE means brief,concise
2. TERSE rhymes with VERSE.jus a verse is always CONCISE and PITHY
3. write mother teresa as terse....so u r riting concise and brief!
4. TEARse....when you tear your cloth it becomes brief,concise...
5. Terse is when you Converse in a curt or concise manner.
6. <B>Time</B> spent in a <B>hearse</B> is brief by comparison.

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vestige  
(noun)  
VEST-idge

Definition: Trace or sign of something that once existed

Usage: They hadn't officially broken up, but she felt their relationship was running on fumes—that only vestiges of their former affection remained.

Related Words: Scintilla (a tiny bit or trace), Residue (remainder, leftover part after something has been removed)

More Info: Vestigial features in biology are those left over from a previous stage of evolution—for instance, the hind limbs of whales and snakes, and the tailbone in humans. Thus, when a baby is born with a protruding tailbone, it is called a vestigial tail (as featured in the 2001 film Shallow Hal).

## Mnemonic:

1. think of in + vestigate, where we look for traces or remains of something.
2. sounds like wastage which is the remains of something.
3. think of prestige... the historical monuments that are still there are a vestige
4. Think if Investigation. While investigating, one traces truth
5. sound like wastage....appendix in human beings is a wastage coz its of no use....hence VESTIGE
6. like vestigial organs are trace elements of evolution

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idyllic  
(adj)  
eye-DILL-ick  
Also idyll (noun)

Definition: Presenting a positive, peaceful view of rural life (as poetry or prose); pleasant in a natural, simple way

Usage: An action-packed vacation wasn't their style—for their honeymoon, they enjoyed a quiet idyll

in a cabin in the woods, just watching the deer and enjoying nature.

Related Words: Bucolic, Pastoral, Georgic, and Arcadian are all words relating to a positive view of rural life and songs or poems on that theme.

More Info: As a noun, an idyll can be a poem on an idyllic theme, or a carefree or romantic span of time, such as one spent in peaceful nature.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like idli...south indian dish...and its a very simple food.
2. Sounds like being idle. when we are idle without work we are jolly.
3. idyll.sounds like...ideal..indian ideal participant..who use to look CHARMINGLY CAREFREE...SIMPLE AND VERY HAPPY.
4. idyllic:---> something that is ideal is excellent and delightful in all respects,.. like ideal place  
for research
5. idyllic: hiedi-lic- who s known to be so carefree n simple.. (hiedi the cartoon character)
6. I love IDILLY (south indian dish)

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surly  
(adj)  
SER-lee

Definition: Bad-tempered, hostile, unfriendly, or rude

Usage: This diner is terrible. My eggs are overcooked, and our surly waitress actually told me, "If you don't like it, scram."

Related Words: Curmudgeon (bad-tempered, difficult person; grouch), Crotchety (grouchy, picky, given to odd notions), Cantankerous (disagreeable, contentious), Crank (an unbalanced person who is fanatical about a private, generally petty cause)

More Info: Surly comes from "sir" and originally meant "lordly, acting like a nobleman." Today's meaning is surely still in line with the behavior of many noblemen towards their servants.

Mnemonic:

1. sur+ly.....focus on sur....SOUNDS LIKE SIR.....so THINK OF our school SIR...who was very BAD TEMPERED AND RUDE..who use to beat us whenever we hadn't completed our home work on time.....
2. surly..sirly very much like are sirs who are rude and irritating
3. Liz Hurley is beautiful model but her sister ( ((\* not true ! \* )) ) Liz surley is a ugly woman.
4. SURLY sounds like cURLY. cURLY and Moe are SURLY when they bop each other on the head and hit each other.
5. surly->sirly implies like a sir.Think of a sir who was rude to you
6. SoUR attitude

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turpitude  
(noun)  
TER-pit-ood

Definition: Depravity, baseness of character, corrupt or depraved acts

Usage: Worried about her grandson's turpitude—as evinced by his constant detentions and a three-day stay in a juvenile jail—Mrs. Worthington offered to pay for military school. / It's hard to fathom the kind of turpitude required to make a movie that could get banned in modern-day Europe! When I read the screenplay, I nearly threw up.

Related Words: Base (morally low, mean, dishonorable; of little or no value; crude and unrefined; counterfeit), Debase (lower or reduce in quality or dignity)

More Info: Often used in the phrase "moral turpitude," a legal term that describes depraved behavior.

## Mnemonic:

1. TAPORI ATTITUDE.....I hpe nw its easy
2. turpitude = turbid attitude so a depraved act.
3. TURPITUDE and RECTITUDE are rhyming words with opposite meanings. Turpitude refers to wickedness while Rectitude refers to correctness of behaviour, upright and honest.
4. turpitude...concentrate on "turp", now replace 't' with 's'..it becomes surp..which means snake in hindi..what can you expect from a snake..turpitude, or depraved act
5. The first word that comes with my association with TURPITUDE is TORPEDO..torpedo is similar as it is destructive too
6. focus on the last part of the word turpITUDE...(SOUNDS SIMILAR TO ATTITUDE).....SO SOMEONE HAVING THE MEAN ATTITUDE.

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halcyon  
(adj)  
HAL-see-un

Definition: Calm and peaceful, carefree; prosperous, successful, happy

Usage: Installing drywall wasn't the career he'd planned for—every day he reminisced about the halcyon days of his high school football career, when he was treated like a god, and he had not a care in the world other than the next big game.

Related Words: Tranquil, Pacific, and Placid also mean peaceful.

More Info: The halcyon, in classical mythology, was a bird whose nest floated on the sea and who could charm the waves into calmness.

## Mnemonic:

1. halycon can be considered as opposite of cyclone...just imagine a cyclone...you will understand what I mean
2. halcyon sounds like "halka"...in hindi this word is used 4 "soothing or peaceful"...like in song "halka-halka sa ye nasha"...
3. HAL(solution)+CYON(kyon or why)...WHY we cannot find SOLUTION to kashmir issue in a CALM/PEACEFUL way
4. HALcyOn = HAL can represent a HALO, which is symbolic of peace and harmony
5. he was very tensed.I suggested him HALKA ho ke aa
6. hal+cyon = hell kyun meaning hell kyun jaana hai when u r succesful and happy

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vicissitude  
(noun)  
viss-ISS-it-ood

Definition: Changes or variations over time, esp. regular changes from one thing to another

Usage: While she scrubbed pots and pans, she pondered the vicissitudes of life —she once had a house full of servants, and now was a maid herself.

Related Words: Vagaries (unpredictable or erratic actions or occurrences, as in the vagaries of the weather)

## Mnemonic:

1. some times to face VICISSITUDES OF LIFE one should possess a WISE(good)ATTITUDE ...
2. vicissitude sounds like ...WISE ATTITUDE..... whenever there is variation in circumstances or fortune at different times of life, only a WISE PERSON WHO POSSES WISE(good)ATTITUDE CAN HANDLE THE SITUATION PROPERLY.....
3. vic(ky's) kiss changed veena's fortune.. so it means change of fortune
4. V.l.CC slimming institute jaane ke baad uski kismat badal gayee. remember VCC institute
5. in small wonder - vicky's attitude is varying, which changes the fortune of jamie from bad to good
6. vicissitude = viscous attitude,i.e up & down fate which reflets on his attitude or work.

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contumacious  
(adj)  
cahn-tuh-MAY-shuss

Definition: Rebellious; stubbornly disobedient

Usage: The psychologist's book "Dealing With Your Contumacious Teenager" would have sold many more copies to parents of rude and rebellious youth if only people knew what "contumacious" meant.

Related Words: Obstreperous, Recalcitrant, and Refractory are synonyms

More Info: Contumacious and contumely are not as closely related as they sound: contumely means "contemptuous treatment or a humiliating insult."

Mnemonic:

1. (In Hindi language) Break the word as CON - TU - MA - CI- OUS n tat can be read as Kaun Tu Ma Ki one who says this is disobedient
2. kaun(CON) hai tu (TU) , jiski mein (MA) sunu (cious),,, thus the person is disobedient and obstinate
3. contumacious..taking the tum(my) part..generally police people having big tummy doesn't work
4. CONTUMACIOUS=CONTRARY+REBELLIOUS. (Rebelliously disobedient)
5. Contumacious = one hardass contaminates all fun
6. contu(contrary to,stubbornly disobedient) + macious (malicious)

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attenuate  
(verb)  
uh-TEN-yoo-ayt

Definition: Weaken or thin out

Usage: When you pull a piece of bubblegum so it becomes long and thin, you are attenuating it. / Sadly, the day care center was so understaffed that the carers' efforts were attenuated, and many of the children barely received any attention at all.

More Info: When you attenuate something, it becomes tenuous, which means thin or weak (a tenuous argument).

Mnemonic:

1. If tenu(=you) eat(ate) less you will attenuate
2. AT+TEN+YOU+ATE(gutkha,drugs)....if at the age of ten you start eating gutkha,drugs, you will become weaker day by day and will waste your life....
3. attenuate...A+tenu(TEND)+ate(past form of eat,eaten(P.P))..well if bacteria TEND TO EAT (degrade)your body,that is A indication of your weak IMMUNE SYSTEM.
4. attenuate ~ at ten + you + ate; if you will eat only at 10 PM (once in a day), you will attenuate.
5. attenuate=attention+u+(h)ate ==> if nobody give attention to you and every body hates you, you'll be weakened

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milieu  
(noun)  
mill-YUH

Definition: Environment, atmosphere; the environmental setting in which something happens or develops

Usage: Becoming a priest in the anything-goes milieu of the 1960s gave Father Bryant an interesting perspective on two contrasting philosophies. / After the fall of the Soviet Union, a milieu of crushing poverty, yet hopeful aspiration, existed in the former satellite state.

Related Words: Zeitgeist (the “spirit of an age,” the cultural or intellectual mood of a time period),  
Ethos (the character, personality, or moral values specific to a person, group, time period, etc.)

More Info: Milieu comes from a French word for “middle.” A milieu is certainly something you’re in the middle of.

Mnemonic:

1. milieu sounds like: "maa illu" in
2. milieu sounds like MILE + U .. miles is the term that we use when we travel out somewhere .. that is  
we travel some miles near our SURROUNDINGS OR ENVIRONMENT and we get all excited=Means of expression  
:)
3. TO MEET U(WHEN I MEET U I HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING.IE. means of expression)
4. lieu means locus means place.. hence environment
5. in LIEU of = in place of. MILIEU = place/environment/location
6. lieu is french for place.. so milieu=environment

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rejoinder  
(noun)  
rih-JOIN-der

Definition: Response or reply, esp. a witty comeback

Usage: In retrospect, I could have come up with a better rejoinder than “I know you are, but what am I?” I always think of the perfect witty comeback hours after I actually needed it.

Related Words: Riposte is a fencing term that has made it into common use. When an opponent thrusts (with a sword), your retaliation is a riposte. Outside of fencing, a riposte is a witty comeback or swift reply.

Mnemonic:

1. re + join + der (there) = re joining in d same place again.. = coming back..
2. You REJOIN the same conversation with a reply
3. the one which joins back. when people reply to each other then joins come into picture.
4. When we Re Join somewhere people tend to ask questions we shud be ready to Answer Back instead of REsORTing to other means

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perfunctory  
(adj)  
per-FUNK-tuh-ree

Definition: Done superficially, without much care, or merely as routine

Usage: She did a really perfunctory job on this Powerpoint. Sure, it has a dozen slides, but most of them just say things like “Sales-Ways to Improve” in Times New Roman on a white background. Maybe she’s planning to fill in the details later.

Related Words: Cursory (quick and superficial, as in a cursory glance at the report)

More Info: “Per” means “through” and the rest of perfunctory comes from the same place as “function”—think of perfunctory as trying to get through performing a function as quickly as possible.

Mnemonic:

1. PARAI(other's)+FACTORY - if you are told to take care of somebody else's factory, you would casually  
care about it
2. per+FUNC+tory .. FUNC stands for function i.e. job.. so if you are doing a job quickly just to finish it and not caring enough about it.. doing job superficially.. it is called a perfunctory act..
3. Perform+hurry....perform in a hurry....perfunctory....



4. perfunctory has FUNCTIONARY who is an official, we all know how officials approach their work.. they lack care, enthusiasm or interest in their work and do it just for formality
5. Many people think that the PERFECT, FUN job would be to make a lot of money but not have to put much effort into the work.
6. per+FUN+FACTORY so working in the factory is not fun or interesting as you do same thing again and again so LACK INTEREST, U START DOING THINGS SUPERFICIALLY AND U HAVE NO ENTHUSIASM FOR THE WORK.

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dirge  
(noun)  
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Definition: A funeral or mourning song or poem

Usage: It was supposed to be a wedding march, but when the organist started playing, the reluctant bride thought the song sounded more like a dirge for her former, carefree life.

Related Words: Lament (express sorrow, mourn), Requiem (musical service or hymn for the dead), Threnody (poem or song of mourning), Elegy (song or poem of sorrow, esp. for a deceased person)

More Info: Dirge is simply a version of the first word ("Direct, O Lord, my God...") from a Latin prayer cycle said in the Roman Catholic Church for a deceased person.

Mnemonic:

1. Dirge - di means die, so when you die and have done good things for people in life, a song of grief or lament will be sung for you.
2. A dirge gives me da (the) urge to start crying.
3. DIRGE sounds like DARD(pain)..song filled with DARD
4. looks similar to DARGAH..where people MOURN WITH MUSIC for the loss of loved ones
5. sounds like hindi word DARD and TARAZ(music) so dirge is DARD TARAZ or mournful song
6. Imagine a DARGE(tailor) dies n on his departure a lament mournful song is being sung.. which is rare  
n stupid i kno! :D hehe

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blight  
(noun, verb)  
BLITE

Definition: Disease that kills plants rapidly, or any cause of decay or destruction (noun); ruin or cause to wither (verb)

Usage: Many potato farmers have fallen into poverty as a result of blight killing their crops. / Gang violence is a blight on our school system, causing innocent students to fear even attending classes. / Violence has blighted our town.

Related Words: Scourge (punishment, disease, or disaster; a whip or lash), Bane (something that spoils or ruins, as in "Allergies are the bane of my life.")

More Info: Blight is often used to describe unidentified plant diseases that mysteriously cause all the plants to wither—as such, it makes a good metaphor, as in "urban blight," when everything decays and goes wrong at once.

Mnemonic:

1. Black light may destroy the plants
2. Blight brings Plight
3. BLIGHT = OBLITERATE
4. children often gets DLIGHTED wen they have a sickness(disease) so cu'd skip school
5. bina light ke plant to marega hi na
6. blight like a means no/away like that b means no, no light will cause the plant disease or else it

will destroy/ruin the plant

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catholic  
(adj)  
CATH-ull-ick

Definition: Universal, broad-minded

Usage: Some precursors to the Constitution (such as documents governing the colonies) enumerated the rights of male property holders only. The U.S. Constitution took a more catholic approach, declaring that "All men are created equal." Today, policy writers would probably take catholicism a step further and write "All people."

Related Words: Liberal (aside from the use of Liberal in American politics, Liberal means "favorable to reform; favorable to maximum possible individual freedom; free from prejudice, tolerant, open-minded")

More Info: The Catholic Church, of course, goes by that name because it intends (as do many religions) to be universal.

Mnemonic:

1. Catholic Christians are found everywhere in the world...so they are present universally.
2. cata+holo+ic where holo refers to the whole world so its UNIVERSAL
3. CATs are wHOLe worldic.. That means cats are found everywhere, they are universal.

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fecund  
(adj)  
FEE-cuhnd or FECK-uhnd  
Also fecundity (noun)

Definition: Fruitful, fertile; capable of abundantly producing offspring, vegetation, or creative or intellectual work

Usage: Rabbits are quite fecund; if you've got two, you'll soon have forty. / While some novelists seem to return to the same themes over and over, Bredlaw's fecund mind produced whole new universes for every story he wrote.

Related Words: Prolific is a synonym. Teeming means "full of things, abundantly filled," as in "Rome was teeming with tourists."

More Info: Fecund, unsurprisingly, shares a root with fetus.

Mnemonic:

1. Sounds like "FUCK" "AND". You fuck and You are able to produce an offspring (no offence)
2. fecund-- similar to "fe-male" + "cunt" --produces offspring, fertile
3. fecund- free-fund main shri-khand banane ki ability
4. FECES = Poop.
5. fecund(fe+cund) cund or KUND is a water reservior.. A farm with a KUND is always fertile.
6. FUC\*+LUN\*...a fuc\*ing Lun\* is always fertile...it produces many kids...prolific

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antedate  
(verb)  
ANN-teh-dayt

Definition: Be older than, precede in time; assign to an earlier date

Usage: Dinosaurs antedate the first human beings by about 65 million years. / Jamal didn't get around to writing the "Best Vocabulary Words of 2010" blog post until January 3rd, 2011, but he antedated the post for December 31st so at least the infrequent readers wouldn't notice.

More Info: Postdate (antonym-"I will write this check now, but I'm postdating it for two weeks from now because I don't have the money in my account yet.")

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demur  
(verb)  
dih-MUR

Definition: Show reluctance or object, especially for moral reasons

Usage: When asked to name her favorite professor in the department, she demurred—she was pretty sure that, if she said anything, it would come back to haunt her.

Related Words: Balk (refuse to proceed or to do something)

Mnemonic:

1. sounds a little like Damn U R wrong!! I object!
2. demur --> relate with hindi word "de mar" means "beat" and you beat someone if you object him/her.
- 3.
4. de- means "down", while mur means wall(mural), ie., to push against the wall, which could be a sign of "objection".
5. Your demeanor is your behavior towards others but if you try too hard people might 'question' your intentions and sincerity
6. The chances of me going out with you are very DIMMER as my parent will object it!

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lachrymose  
(adj)  
LACK-ruh-mohss

Definition: Tearful, mournful

Usage: Accustomed to lachrymose occasions, the funeral home kept boxes of tissues near every seat.

Related Words: Maudlin (overly tearful and sentimental), Lament (express sorrow, mourn)

More Info: Interestingly, lacrimation is the medical condition of making too many tears.

Mnemonic:

1. lachrymose-lac+chry(cry)+mose(most),so when you cry most you produce 'tears'.
2. Tear glands in our eyes are also known as lachrymal glands ...So they are the ones that make you cry  
,sorrow ,sober
3. lachRYMOSE the highlighted word rhymes with 'remorse'.so when yu are in a remorse,it means yu are in  
a TEARFUL state
4. lack of something makes you lachrymose
5. hindi mnemonic: lachrymose: focus on the first part lachr--SOUNDS LIKE HINDI WORD LACHAR- SOME WHO IS NOT IN POSITION TO DO SOMETHING.)SO A LACHAR person SHOWS his SORROW.
6. LANGRI(crippled) MOSI(aunt) is always tearful due to handicap.

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aerie  
(noun)  
AIR-ee or EYE-ree

Definition: Dwelling or fortress built on a high place; the nest of a bird of prey, such as an eagle or hawk, built on a mountain or cliff

Usage: The billionaire smoked a cigar out his window and watched the riots in the streets below, safe in the aerie of his penthouse apartment.

Related Words: Stronghold (a well fortified place, especially the central place of a controversial group, as in "Police raided the smugglers' stronghold.")

More Info: Aerie may also be spelled aery, eyrie, or eery. It shares an origin with “airy,” coming from a Latin word pertaining to an open field.

Mnemonic:

1. aerie = like 'airy' =>high altitude

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repast  
(noun, verb)  
rih-PAST

Definition: A meal (noun); to eat or feast (verb)

Usage: After a light repast in a country inn, the men got back on their horses and rode away.

Related Words: Comestibles (food), Gustatory (pertaining to taste)

More Info: From a Latin root for feeding, also found in pasture (where farm animals eat).

Mnemonic:

1. Repast or say re+fast...before refasting the next day we have a repast.
2. repast= remember + past = how?? arrange a get together and have a feast or banquet.
3. re PASTa...suppose u had pasta in ur MEAL..!!
4. repast = re+past=past+re= pastry= feast or you can also roll the word joining the first and last letters like repastrepastre...

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connote  
(verb)  
cuh-NOTE  
Also connotation (adj)

Definition: Suggest or imply in addition to the precise, literal meaning

Usage: The word “titanic” simply means large or majestic, but because of the word’s association with the sunken ship, “titanic” has a negative connotation to many people.

Related Words: Evoke (call forth, esp. of feelings or imagination)

More Info: A denotation is the literal meaning of a word; a connotation is the feeling that accompanies that word.

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egress  
(verb, noun)  
EE-gress

Definition: An exit or the action of exiting

Usage: It is against the fire code to put those boxes there—you can’t block a primary or secondary egress from the building.

Related Words: Outlet can mean an exit or vent, or a means or expression or publication. “You can’t grill in the house—there’s no outlet for smoke! You obviously need an outlet for your frustrated desire to be a chef.”

More Info: Egress shares a root with grade, meaning “move or step.” Just as you exit fifth grade to enter sixth grade, or as the land grades into the sea, egress involves a shift in position. The opposite of egress is ingress, meaning “entering.”

Mnemonic:

1. gress- to go\_\_\_\_\_

2. after giving GRE-U-LEAVE FOR US, EXITING India :(
3. AAG+DRESS- uski dress ko aag lag gayi and her body became visible/apparent.
4. the GRASS came out from the soil, which means EGRESS
5. looks like "egg" which exits a chickens body
6. egress = exit

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inimical  
(adj)  
in-IM-ick-ull

Definition: Hostile, adverse, harmful

Usage: Most people think that being shouted at in the freezing rain is inimical to learning; sadly, our boot camp instructor disagreed.

Related Words: Conducive is an antonym and is also used with the word "to." Loud noise is inimical to studying, and a quiet environment is conducive to studying.

Mnemonic:

1. inimi=enemy, and enemies cause damage. So inimical means something damaging.
2. INIMICAL ~ inimi (sounds like ENEMY) + cal; Enemies are HOSTILE and of-course UNFRIENDLY.
3. amicable another GRE word meaning "FRIENDLY" and ini(NOT) aMICABLe meaning "UNFRIENDLY" or "NOT FRIENDLY" .
4. inimical reminds us of mimical. We sometimes mimic others in good humour.
5. etymologically speaking, Inimical consists of "In(Opposite)"+"Amicus(Friend)"; hence, not friendly. Remember the word "Amigo" in Spanish language means Friend
6. In+Mica, Mica the singer is unfriendly to Rakhi Sawant.

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accretion  
(noun)  
uh-CREE-shun  
Also accrue (verb)

Definition: Gradual increase; an added part or addition

Usage: He was pleased by the accretion of money in his portfolio. / Some charitable funds keep the principal in their accounts untouched and use only the accretion for philanthropic purposes.

Related Words: Augment (grow larger), Agglomerate (form into a mass or cluster, join together)

More Info: Bank accounts accrue interest. Good deeds, ideally, accrue rewards.

Mnemonic:

1. Accretion
2. ACCRETION sounds like secretion which gives an idea of growth in size.
3. accretion ~ add + creation , this
4. Ac-creation
5. University gets accreditation as it grows and improves
6. Ac-creation

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panoply  
(noun)  
PAN-uh-plee

Definition: Splendid, wide-ranging, impressive display or array

Usage: Our old cafeteria had only premade salads, but the new cafeteria has a salad bar with a panoply of toppings.

More Info: Panoply contains the root "pan" ("all") as well as a root for weapons. A panoply was originally a full suit of armor and can still be military regalia or something that covers and

protects  
(The sergeant arrived in full panoply).

Mnemonic:

1. on the MONOPOLY board game there is wide display of impressive array of colors and vibrancy!!
2. A 'PAN'el set by the prime-minister to check the quality of 'PLY'wood used in his podium in Lok Sabha.
3. pan + ply = all + ply (wooden) , which means there are lots of ply which are obviously arranged in array

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resurgent  
(adj)  
rih-SER-jent

Definition: Having a revival, renewing, rising or surging again

Usage: Burlesque has experienced a resurgence in the last decade, as young women dress in old-fashioned finery and perform routines appropriate for the vaudeville halls or nightclubs of previous decades.

Related Words: Recrudescence (revival, breaking out into renewed activity), Renascent (reviving, becoming active again)

Mnemonic:

1. re - sargan (creation) rising by creating again.

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maelstrom  
(noun)  
MAYL-strum

Definition: Violent whirlpool; any chaotic, turbulent situation

Usage: The Smiths lost their houseboat in a maelstrom, but were at least thankful that they weren't on the boat at the time and thus escaped the violent storm at sea. / After having been homeschooled her whole life, the first week of college was a maelstrom of social events, orientations, and business.

Related Words: Tumult (a commotion, uprising, riot, or violent outburst), Din (loud, confused noise), Clamor (noisy uproar, as from a crowd), Hubbub (loud noise, confusion)

More Info: The unusual spelling of maelstrom is due to its Dutch origins.

Mnemonic:

1. mal(= bad) strom (storm) bad storm like a whirlpool
2. MAEL(MALE)+STROM(MEANS..stormy..violence)..so a male who brings storm into his family
3. a "mail storm" shot out of Harry Potters fireplace
4. think of a storm(comes along with rain) which destroys everything leaving confusion,destruction making it look violent...so it means a situation in which there is a great confusion,violence and destruction
5. mael(male..powerful)strom(storm)....A powerful storm...whirlpool
6. maelstorm:(mail+storm): mails coming heavily/continuously like a storm (a flood/whirl/cyclone)

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gestation  
(noun)  
jess-TAY-shun  
Also gestate (verb)

Definition: Pregnancy; the period from conception until birth of an animal or (metaphorically) of an idea or plan

Usage: The gestation period of an elephant is 22 months, more than twice as long as that of humans!

More Info: Just as you can conceive of an idea, you can also gestate metaphorically—"I had the idea for this novel in 2001. After letting it gestate for a decade, I finally got started writing."

Mnemonic:

1. when we pronounce gestation, we have guest in the name. so a guest is about to come permanently which implies pregnancy

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impassive  
(adj)  
im-PASS-iv

Definition: Not having or not showing physical feeling or emotion

Usage: Having been in and out of hospitals all his life, he accepted this latest diagnosis impassively

—"Whatever happens, happens," he said.

Related Words: Stoic (not having or showing feeling, esp. in response to suffering), Inscrutable (not able to be scrutinized, mysterious).

More Info: Note that impassive is NOT the antonym of passive, which means "inactive, not reacting."

Mnemonic:

1. Impassive-> A person saying-"I m Passive(Not Active)", that means he has no feelings, emotions.
2. Passive : inactive hence a person inactive in revealing emotions.zzzz
3. IMPressively PASSIVE
4. impassive=i+m+passive....i.e. someone saying.."i am passive=: deadpan , expressionless , poker-faced , unexpressive"...:)
5. 'im-' normally means 'not'...but for these words...'im' means 'yes'...
6. Kim was simply I.M.ing her friends in Lit class when the sad PASSage was read.

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multifarious  
(adj)  
mull-tif-AYR-ee-uss

Definition: Diverse, having a lot of variety

Usage: Last year's jewelry line was all metal and neutrals, but this year's presents a multifarious array of brilliant colors.

Related Words: Heterogeneous (different in type, incongruous; composed of different types of elements)

Mnemonic:

1. MULTIFARIOUS=MULTI+FARIOUS, farious rhymes with various...so both multi and various means de same...VARIED and GREATLY DIVERSIFIED
2. MULTI(many) + FAR + US = when MANY people come from FAR away to the US, the population gets GREATLY DIVERSIFIED
3. multi+farious(rhymes with facious) means having multi faces so variety
4. Multi Facets
5. in a fun FAIR variety of people come

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impetuous  
(adj)  
im-PET-choo-uss

Definition: Passionately impulsive, marked by sudden, hasty emotion; forceful, violent

Usage: Reflecting on her most recent breakup, Heather decided that next time she would like to date

someone less impetuous; a man who quits his job on a whim and suggests moving together to Utah and raising llamas was just a little too impulsive for her tastes.

Related Words: Rash (hasty, lacking forethought or caution)

More Info: Impetuous is related to impetus, a moving force, motivation, or stimulus.

Mnemonic:

1. im(not)-pet-tuo(to)-us...a dog which is not our pet will be very VIOLENT and RASH.
2. im+petu => i am petu (in hindi which means who eats a lot), so if you don't give me enough food, i'll get violent,harsh, rough etc.
3. sounds like impatient, an impatient person will be impetuous
4. impetuous - imm+pet+u+ous means saying like "you are our pet", so the person will get violent and take hasty decision to beat you.
5. Impetuous..I am Piitu (Hindi for Beat) uous = use (him)..That means I will beat him...Who says that?? One who is very violent..
6. IMPETUS = impulse. Impulsive decisions are IMPETUOUS.

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secrete  
(verb)  
sih-CREET

Definition: Produce and release a substance from a cell or gland of the body for a functional purpose

Usage: When threatened, skunks secrete an odor that humans consider horrible. / The late-night infomercial offered a pheromone perfume that promised to mimic the "attraction" hormones that humans secrete naturally.

Related Words: Emit means send, give forth, or issue—it could be used in either sentence above or in any of a wide variety of situations (a person emits a scream, a tower emits radio waves, etc.)

More Info: Secrete is related to "secret," from a root meaning "to set apart." To secrete a substance, of course, is to "set it apart" or release it from the body.

Mnemonic:

1. Secret+e which is to be concealed or hidden
2. SECRETE and EXCRETE which are rhyming words, mean, to produce and discharge a substance.
3. It sounds like secretary who hides unnecessary things n tell those things which is needed

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inordinate  
(adj)  
in-OR-din-it

Definition: Excessive, not within proper limits, unrestrained

Usage: Students taking online GRE practice tests at home often take an inordinate number of breaks—remember, on the real thing, you can't stop just because you're tired or hungry.

Related Words: Gratuitous (free; without cause or justification)

More Info: Inordinate contains a root for "order" and thus has the sense of "not orderly."

Mnemonic:

1. you are in ordinate(y-axis) and y axis goes upwards without limit
2. split it as in+ord+din+ate...
3. in+ordinary =
4. inordinate:in (not) +ordinate(ordinary)-so not ordinary which is beyond the normal
5. inordinate.split it in(not),ordinate(order),when some body is not in order with higer authority or they r free to do whatever they want.so they become UNRESTRICTED.

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assail



(verb)

uh-SAIL

Also assailant (noun)

Definition: Attack violently, assault

Usage: One strategy for winning in boxing is to simply assail your opponent with so many blows that he becomes disoriented. / The debate team assailed the opposition with more evidence than they could respond to.

Related Words: Batter (beat persistently or hard)

More Info: Assail simply means attack, so it can be used metaphorically the same way you would use attack, such as in "assailing one's homework with great energy."

Mnemonic:

1. take 'sail' from 'assail'- for begining an war many warships are sailed to the warfront
2. assailant is common word in newspaper for mumbai attackers
3. try to remember with misail
4. ass + ail...ail means which causes bodily suffering...ail to ass
5. giving an AILment in one's ASS
6. A 90% SALE(discount) made evryone in town attack(assail) the shopping mall.

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euphony

(noun)

YOO-fun-nee

Definition: Pleasing or sweet sound, especially as formed by a harmonious use of words

Usage: Poetry in translation can keep its meaning, but often loses the euphony the poet worked so laboriously to create.

Related Words: Dulcet (melodious, agreeable to the ear), Mellifluous (richly and smoothly flowing, as "a mellifluous voice")

More Info: Euphony is simply a combination of two roots: "eu" for "good" and "phon" for "sound" (as in telephone, phonics, etc.) A euphonium is an instrument similar to a small tuba.

Mnemonic:

1. Sounds like SYMPHONY. Music is sweet sounding.
2. eu refers to be good and phony refers to sound.....so good sound !
3. Cacophony is apposite of Euphony....
4. EUPHOria is a band which has PLEASANT SOUND
5. when you come on phone, telephony sounds real sweet

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sobriquet

(noun)

SOH-brick-ay or soh-brick-AY

Definition: A nickname

Usage: James Brown, often referred to with the sobriquet "The Godfather of Soul," scored numerous smash hits and was also known for his feverish dancing.

Related Words: An epithet can be a descriptive nickname or an "add-on" to a name—for instance, "Alexander the Great" is an epithet for Alexander III of Macedon. Epithet can also mean "insult"—a "racial epithet" is a slur and is always bad.

Mnemonic:

1. SOBRIQUET= SOB+RICK+KIT. S.O.B. (Son of a B\*\*\*\*), RICK (Richard), and KIT (Katherine) are all common SOBRIQUETs.
2. we know sabri(ramayana) by her name

3. SOBRIQUET....imagine that there is a sober person hence you call him sobriquet....

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parry  
(verb)  
PAIR-ee

Definition: Deflect or avoid (esp. a blow or attack); skillfully evade (a question)

Usage: When asked by a reporter if rumors of his infidelity were true, the candidate parried, answering that he had always supported legislation bolstering the sanctity of marriage.

Related Words: Riposte is also a fencing term that has made it into common use. When an opponent thrusts (with a sword), your move to defend yourself is a parry; then, the short thrust you make back in retaliation is a riposte. Outside of fencing, a riposte is a witty comeback or swift reply.

More Info: Parry shares a root ("make ready, produce, bring forth") with prepare, although this root came through Italian and French to mean "to ward off, defend."

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like "Harry" Potter who wards off the curse from Voldemort..
2. pari- imagine a pari(angel) warding off difficulties .
3. When somebody harries you , you need to parry the coming blows and you cant be tarry about that!
- 4.
- 5.
6. to manage cleverly to avoid dealing with a difficult question or some criticism (pari )

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salient  
(adj)  
SAY-lee-uhnt

Definition: Obvious, standing out; projecting, protruding, jutting out

Usage: The attack on our organization was mostly just partisan bickering, but it did have a few salient points that I think we should respond to. / The windowless prison's side wall had only one salient feature, a sculpture of the state bird jutting out from the building.

Related Words: Jut means to project (out from something) or stand outward or upward from the main thing, as in I snagged my clothes on a nail jutting out from the wall.

More Info: Don't confuse with sapient, meaning "wise, having good judgment."

Mnemonic:

1. SAL(year)IENT(ant or end)... in B.Tech good grades at the END of final YEAR are VERY IMPORTANT
2. SALIENT and PROMINENT are rhyming words with the same meaning. Both words are used to describe the most noticeable (important) factors in a description of something.
3. sounds like SILENT.....instead of chattering, being silent is always noticeable
4. It evokes the word "sail" and sails are the most salient feature of any boat
5. Saline is very important in case of diarrhea.
6. that is not silent..

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peripatetic  
(adj)  
pair-uh-puh-TET-ick

Definition: Journeying from place to place; traveling on foot

Usage: He quit his office job to become a peripatetic musician, traveling from town to town playing in bars and sleeping on couches.

Related Words: Itinerant and wayfaring are synonyms. Peregrinate is a verb for being peripatetic. Transient also means moving around, but is more associated with homeless people or those on the

fringe of society (whereas itinerant is more associated with people who travel for a job).

More Info: "Peri" means around (as in perimeter) and the rest comes from a Latin word meaning "to walk." Peripatetic was originally associated with Aristotle's school of philosophers, who would walk while teaching.

Mnemonic:

1. peripatetic sounds like par pe tic tic....means wandering on legs.
2. peri+pat+etic--peri means around, + pat or path means road to walk on, therefore peripatetic means to walk around.
3. Pronounced as Peri- Pathetic : To Walk (peri) On path in a pathetic way => Keep walking and walking
4. (peri -> with foot)
5. PED is Latin for foot. It takes a PAIR OF PED to walk the PATH = PAIR OF PED PATH
6. There used to be one program on NDTV "Walk the Talk". It was Peripatetic interview program

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coterie  
(noun)  
COH-ter-ee

Definition: Close or exclusive group, clique

Usage: The pop star never traveled anywhere without a coterie of assistants and managers.

Related Words: Cabal (conspiracy, group of people who plot), Entourage (group of attendants)

More Info: In French, a coterie was a group of tenant farmers.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like KOTHARI (in hindi it means an enclosed room) -- where people with common purposes meet.
2. When Michael Jackson Died, TIMES NOW flashed a news: COTORIE KILLED MJ; i.e. A small group of close people presurizes MJ to perform against his wish and thus killed him
3. cot+ erie ; on cot only small group with common interests sleep together
4. KUTRI(female dog)....A SMALL GROUP of dogs is always present near a female dog especially during the mating season....
5. coterie => snds like ROTARY;so group that meets socially
6. Coterie - Kota + re..... kota ( palace / or fort ) lo nivasinche vallu and their RELatives are exclusive set of ppl...

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hand-wringing  
(noun)  
HAND-ring-ing

Definition: Grasping, squeezing, etc. of the hands as an expression of nervousness, guilt, etc.; extend  
debate over what to do about an issue

Usage: There has been much hand-wringing (or wringing of hands) over falling test scores, with so-called "experts" acting as if the world will end if students do 1% worse in math and science.

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acidulous  
(adj)  
uh-SID-joo-luss

Definition: Slightly acid or sour; sharp or caustic

Usage: Grapefruit juice is acidulous. / I'm skipping Thanksgiving this year just to avoid my mother's acidulous comments about what she thinks I ought to be doing with my life.

Related Words: Acerbic (sour, harsh or severe)

More Info: In Latin, "acidus" meant sour, so "acidulus," a diminutive version, meant "slightly sour."

Mnemonic:

1. ACID..(USUALLY SOUR AND BITTER IN TASTE)...so anything which include acid will automatically give you sour and bitter taste
2. acid-acidic , lous>tast so acidic tast
3. acid+less, so slightly bitter or slightly sour
4. Acidulous - Acid - rescramble ous to sou+r = sour. Acid sour.

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 inert  
 (adj)  
 in-ERT

Definition: Inactive; having little or no power to move

Usage: "All of the missiles at the military museum are inert, Timmy," said the tour guide, answering the question children always asked. "They're not going to blow up." / When she saw her father's inert body on the floor, she thought the worst, but fortunately he was just practicing very slow yoga.

Related Words: Latent, Dormant (not active at this time)

Mnemonic:

1. recollect your chemistry . INERT gases hardly react, therefore INERT means LACKIN ABILITY TO MOVE OR ACT.
2. inertia
3. inert: in + earth : unable to move as they are in earth

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 droll  
 (adj)  
 DROHL

Definition: Funny in an odd way

Usage: The play was a droll production—not laugh-out-loud hilarious, but funny especially because it was so strange. Who's ever seen a fairy be mistaken for a block of cheese?

Related Words: Waggish (merry, roguish), Risible (laughable, related to laughing), Jocular, Jocund, or Jocose (jesting, jolly)

More Info: Droll comes from a Middle Dutch word for imp, a mischievous demon.

Mnemonic:

1. when u r amused u roll on the ground
2. droll on a roll
3. doll is amusing to kids!!
4. Suddenly a 'troll' came on the screen and he started 'roll'ing and 'drool'ing on the ground. it was funny!
5. DROLL = Drum ROLL... It's AMUSING.
6. ppl see u with amusement my your child rolls on the ground..

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 maudlin  
 (adj)  
 MAWD-lin

Definition: Excessively sentimental, showing sadness or some other emotion in a foolish or silly way

Usage: I had no idea the film was going to be a maudlin affair in which the male lead dies and the female lead has his baby, who then also dies. Half the theater was weeping, and the other half was just shaking their heads at how badly written the movie was.

Related Words: Cloying, treacly and saccharine all mean “disgustingly or distastefully sweet” (as in some television shows marketed to little girls, for example).

More Info: Maudlin can also mean acting foolishly emotional due to drunkenness.

Mnemonic:

1. when she received a call from the MODELLING company for her appointment, she became EFFUSIVELY SENTIMENTAL and wept a lot. Her dream had come true.
2. maudlin = mat ro darling....dont cry, pertaining to sentimental ppl
3. Think of maudlin as model is in beauty pageant... All models in pageants keep crying unnecessarily, become effusively sentimental.
4. mauldin maula mere maula mere.. rmbrr dis song...its tooo sentimental
5. mougli - remember jungle book invokes very emotional attachemnt for kids
6. Think of Aladdin , which is a highly sentimental movie !

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vex

(verb)

VECKS

Also vexation (noun)

Definition: Annoy or bother; puzzle or distress

Usage: “Don’t vex me,” said the nanny. “Behave, or I’ll tell your parents.” / She was totally vexed by the crossword clue—9 letters, starting with “b,” meaning “person whose socks are either scratchy or imbued with magical powers.” What?

Related Words: Irk (synonym), Nettle (irritate, sting, or annoy)

More Info: Related to vehicle, vex comes from a root for “to convey”—transportation wasn’t so smooth in Roman times, so imagine the vexation that might result from being pulled in a cart by horses over lots of rocks.

Mnemonic:

1. very similar to wax....and LADIES go for waxing, even though it is a very painful and annoying process.
2. Vex and perplex both mean, to confuse.
3. Vex and sex..both are confusing :p
4. vex : v = very ,
5. V think of our EX, it makes us disturb, irritated and annoys us

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neophyte

(noun)

NEE-uh-fight

Definition: Beginner, novice; person newly converted to a religion

Usage: It was totally outrageous of our law firm to send a neophyte into the courtroom to defend our case against a team of experienced attorneys.

Related Words: Tyro (beginner)

More Info: Neophyte shares a root (“planted”) with phytoplankton and many other science words. A religious neophyte is someone in whom a faith has been newly “planted.”

Mnemonic:

1. split the word into "neo = the matrix hero" and "phyte = fight". Thus neo fights in matrix movie as

a beginner or new comer to save the revolution.

2. neo+phyte ~ new + fight;
3. NEW(neo)+FAITH(phyte)....a person who has faith in new religion is a neophyte
4. NEO(phyte) sounds like new...so someone who is new at some thing and learning it...
5. new + fight = the last rule of Fight Club is, if its your first night, then you have to fight

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amortize  
(verb)  
AM-or-tize

Definition: Gradually pay off a debt, or gradually write off an asset

Usage: A mortgage is a common form of amortized debt—spreading the payments out over as long as 30 years is not uncommon. / On his company balance sheet, Joe amortized the value of his patent, estimating that the patent's value as an asset would decline steadily over the course of the year as competitors patented competing products.

More Info: Amortize contains the root “mort,” meaning death. Amortization is when a financial obligation dies a long, slow death.

Mnemonic:

1. mortal means killing or deadly...so when someone is killed he liquidates gradually.. (or his assets liquidate, because people always want to snatch properties)
2. mortal means killing, amortize means a+mortal killing something by that way it gradually liquefied than just imagine ICECUBE. If u kill it it gng to liquefy
3. mortar means a solid mixture of cement, sand etc
4. amortize = am + or (again more) + t (short) + ize (size); I am again becomes short size i.e. decreasing gradually.
5. A + mor + tize = a + more + ties. tie is worn by people of high respect. so when you are paying off the debts, you start getting respect.
6. amortize== amortal, so money is the only immortal..so liquid cash

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lax  
(adj)  
LACKS

Definition: Not strict; careless, loose, slack

Usage: My parents were really lax about homework—they never checked to see if I did it or not. Sadly, this legacy of laxity is not serving me well while studying for the GRE.

Related Words: Slack (loose, negligent, or lazy, as in a slack rope or He is slack in his duties).

More Info: Lax comes from a Latin word for “loose” that also gives us laxative.

Mnemonic:

1. LAX - reLAX - careless
2. lax sounds similar to tax ; dont be lax while submitting tax proofs every financial year end.
3. Remember it as LACK, then one who lacks, is not strict, severe or careful enough about work, rules or standards of behaviour
4. LAXman is a CARELESS batsman... tats y he s not selected for ODI's
5. LAX is pronounced "lacks" which is an anagram for "slack".. i.e. careless/ not strict..
6. lax seems like lacks which can be relate in the clasroom when we lack concentration

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faction  
(noun)  
FACT-shun

Definition: Group or clique within a larger organization; party strife and dissension

Usage: The opposition movement was once large enough to have a chance at succeeding, but it has since broken into numerous, squabbling factions, each too small to have much impact. / The caucus began in a spirit of unity but now, sadly, is marked by faction and petty squabbles.

Related Words: Partisan (partial to a particular party, group, etc., esp. in a biased, emotional way),  
Cabal (a conspiratorial group)

More Info: Faction contains the root “fact,” meaning “make or do,” also appearing in factory and factitious (made up).

Mnemonic:

1. faction -> fraction means fraction of a large party
2. sound like function ..means party
3. Fraction is a small part in numbers , similarly fraction is small part in political party.
4. Fake action in the clique
5. People with different facts will face dissensions easily.
6. faction: Remember the game Red Faction - faction here means a group

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disparage  
(verb)  
diss-PAIR-edge

Definition: Belittle, put down; bring shame upon, discredit

Usage: An Ad Hominem attack is a logical fallacy in which the arguer disparages his opponent rather than addressing the opponent’s ideas. / Your shoplifting arrest has disparaged this family!

Related Words: Denigrate (belittle, attack the reputation of)

More Info: The root “par” means “equal” and appears in peer and parity, meaning “equivalence or equality,” as well as disparate, meaning “distinct, different.”

Mnemonic:

1. dispa-rage can be read as display a rage. When you display your RAGE on your juniors you BELITTLE them in front of the others.
2. dis-opposite, parage-praise so if u don't praise 4 someone u criticize him.
3. disparage~discourage : when you give negative comments/opinions about the effort put by people around you they get DISCOURAGED!
4. CAN REMEMBER AS disprin - which DEPRECIATES(DEGRADES, REDUCES) THE PAIN.
5. 26th janury ki parade ke background mein kisine disco ka music chala diya and that led to everyone's  
disparade
6. we DISPARAGE a 10-paisa coin

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vanguard  
(noun)  
VAN-gard

Definition: Leading units at the front of an army; leaders in a trend or movement, people on the “cutting edge;” the forefront of a trend or movement

Usage: While Google has won the search engine wars, in 1994, Yahoo was on the vanguard of search technology.

More Info: The avant-garde (French for in front of the guard) were the leading soldiers at the front of an army. Vanguard is derived from avant-garde and means the same thing. Metaphorically, the avant-garde (noun or adjective) or vanguard (noun) are innovators, those “ahead of their time.” Sometimes, the avant-garde seems a little crazy at first. For example, She arrived at the mixer in a dress that was a little avant-garde for the otherwise conservative Yale Club—she would have looked more appropriate at an art gallery or Lady Gaga concert.

**Mnemonic:**

1. Maruti A Maruti "VAN" needs to be guarded from the front as it doesnot have a bonnet.
2. a guard is coming in a van in front of all the cars
3. For DOTA players, Vanguard is the foremost item to be made for heroes like Viper and all.
4. vanguard~ one guard which is generally fight before actual war in medieval time~ vanguard also fight before many of other
5. take only the word guard. we only guard those things which are in front or important
6. When a minister or dignitary person goes out, his VAN is GUARDED by ADVANCE FORCES.

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interregnum  
(noun)  
in-ter-REG-num

**Definition:** A time in between two reigns or regimes during which there is no ruler; a period during which government does not function; any period of freedom from authority or break or interruption in a series

**Usage:** When the king died with no heir, his ministers ruled in the interregnum as the nobles argued over which of the king's nephews should rule next. / In the interregnum between Madonna and Lady Gaga, there was no single female pop star who commanded such titanic audiences.

**Related Words:** Interrex (person holding supreme authority during an interregnum), Hiatus (break or gap in an activity), Abeyance (temporary suspension, inactivity)

**More Info:** The Latin root "reg" (kingship, rule) also occurs in regal, regulate, regime, regiment, regicide (killing a king), and regale (entertain, amuse).

**Mnemonic:**

1. reg stands for king or kingly styles (e.g. in regicide,regalia etc.) so inter regnum = in between two kings(referring to their ruling period).
2. Inter(Interval)+Regnum (Kingship)-->Interval between kingship, government etc.
3. inter + regime
4. the interval between two reigns; any period when a state is left without a ruler
5. period of no (inter)fering (reg)ime

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ersatz  
(adj)  
ER-zats or er-ZATS

**Definition:** Artificial, synthetic; being an inferior substitute

**Usage:** I hate this health food restaurant! I do not want to eat some ersatz meatballs made of textured vegetable protein!

**Related Words:** Apocryphal, Faux, Bogus and Specious are all words for "fake or dubious." Factitious can mean "made by humans" or "artificial, sham."

**More Info:** Ersatz comes from German. Ersatzbrot, or "replacement bread" (made of the lowest quality ingredients sometimes mixed with sawdust) and Ersatzkaffee (a substitute made from grain) were served by the Germans to POWs during World War II.

**Mnemonic:**

1. sat is an inferior substitute for gre for ER engineer ppl
2. an enineer (ER) giving the SAT paper,, which will be fake/substitutue, since SAT is given by 12th pass, not graduates (enineer)
3. The first part of ERSATZ sounds like URSA. URSA major is a an ERSATZ of a big dipper.
4. "To err is to assume 'satz' butter when it's ersatz butter, i.e., margarine."
5. he says.. he SAT on AIR...!! tats so fake...!!
6. Rhymes with "Air Sacks" which would be an inferior/artificial bag of air

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prophetic  
(adj)  
pruh-FET-ick

Definition: Relating to prophesy, predicting, ominous

Usage: While most of the country was consumed with irrational optimism about the economy, this particular journalist possessed an almost prophetic pessimism—not only did she predict the crash, she even predicted the month it actually happened.

Related Words: Prescient (having foreknowledge or foresight, seeing the future), Prognosticate or Augur (tell the future)

Mnemonic:

1. remember Prophet Mohammad
2. any predictions about future that seems to be true.. THADASTHU in hindu mythology

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rarefied  
(adj)  
RARE-if-ide

Definition: Lofty, very high up or elevated (in a metaphorical way); exclusive, select; thin, pure, or less dense (as air at the top of a mountain)

Usage: Among the rarefied ranks of conference attendees, she counted two Nobel Prize Winners, a MacArthur Genius Grant winner, and Bill Gates—and that was just at one lunch table!

Related Words: Elevate (raise, lift up; lift the spirits of; move up to a higher rank or status or raise up to a higher spiritual or intellectual plane), Lofty (in a high position, esp. in character, spirit, or rank), Edify (uplift, enlighten, instruct or improve in a spiritual or moral way), Winnow (separate the good from the bad, or narrow down to just the best)

Mnemonic:

1. rare(,very less)+fied(..like field which means environment), hence environment where GAS is VERY LESS DENSE..
2. rarefied is a past tense of rarefy. And, rarefy = rare+fy(to make), i.e. to make something rare, or less dense... :)
3. rarefied meaning is to make refine or pure so rarefied-ra+refined= rarefined
4. rarefy means to make thinner.. any mineral from ore becomes thinner(lesser) after removing the impurities

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hapless  
(adj)  
HAP-less

Definition: Unlucky, unfortunate

Usage: Hiring this hapless new office manager was a mistake—he's always losing and breaking things, as though bad luck simply follows wherever he goes.

Related Words: Bootless (useless), Woebegone (beset with woe—that is, grief or distress)

More Info: Hap is a very rare old word meaning "luck or lot."

Mnemonic:

1. relate it to helpless
2. 'Hap' - luck - hapless - unlucky.
3. break it to happiness +less so a person who is not happy is unfortunate
4. Hapless - Recently there was an earthquake in Haiti which destroyed most of that country so we can

say ----> Residents of Haiti were hapless. HA is in Haiti and hapless both

5. HAPPY-LESS

6. Due to rain race lap is less so no chance or luck of winning

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ossify  
(verb)  
AH-sif-fy

Definition: Become bone or become hard like bone; become inflexible in attitudes, opinions, etc.

Usage: I remember having many broad-ranging discussions with him back in college, but since then, his opinions have ossified—sadly, he is now the most close-minded person I know.

Related Words: Doctrinaire (person who applies doctrine in an impractical or rigid and close-minded way), Dogmatic (close-minded, expressing one's own opinions as though they were facts)

More Info: Ossify shares a Latin root ("bone") with osseous (bony), osteoporosis (condition in which the bones become fragile), and ossuary (place for bones of the dead, such as a cemetery or urn).

Mnemonic:

1. remember it with "fossil"--bodies become hard fossils(bones)
2. root word is os means "bone" and in sanskrit it means "asthi".
3. concentrate on "oss". its similar to "ooze" to freeze
4. aussie chicks give me boner
5. sound like Aussie..made of bones
6. The oosse are harden like bones

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fracas  
(noun)  
FRAY-cuss or FRACK-uss

Definition: Noisy disturbance or fight; brawl

Usage: Rugby is one of the most aggressive of sports—when the players rush to pile on top of the person with the ball, bones can easily be broken in the fracas.

Related Words: Fray (scuffle, brawl, heated dispute)

More Info: In French, "fracasser" is to shatter; in Italian, "fracassare" is to make an uproar. Those, and fracas, come from Latin "frangere" (to break), also appearing in frangible, or breakable.

Mnemonic:

1. Fracas-(fraud + cause), a fraud will generally cause a quarrel or brawl.
2. Imagine a Freak Ass having a noisy quarrel with people.
3. if you pronounce the word properly, the initial part of fracas sounds like fray, and fray is brawl...so fracas<-->fray==brawl
4. fracas = f + ruckus... and ruckus means commotion.
5. sabka bheja fry(fra) ho gaya uske khasne(cas) se... ab to fracas hoga
6. FRACTious noisy ASs = someone who starts noisy quarrels.

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hotly  
(adv)  
HOT-lee

Definition: In an intense, fiery, or heated way

Usage: The issue of how evolution should be taught in schools was hotly disputed by members of the school board, religious leaders, and parent groups.

Related Words: Heatedly (synonym)

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shard  
(noun)  
SHARD

Definition: Fragment of some brittle substance, esp. a sharp fragment of pottery, glass, etc.

Usage: Seeing her broken plate-glass window, Mrs. Chadhury bravely grabbed a shard of glass to defend herself against a possible burglar.

More Info: Shard is related to shear, a verb meaning "to cut" (also, scissors can be called shears).

Mnemonic:

1. s + hard..it is very HARD to join the broken FRAGMENTS OF POTTERY.
2. ( visualize SHARaD pawar our head of BCCI---his face is like broken pot.
3. Shard - flip 'd' vertically. You get sharP, broken part of pottery and glass are usually sharep.
4. sharp and hard , of a glass or pottery....
5. shard - sounds like the noun form of shred - which is to tear to pieces
6. SHARD and DISCARD - The shards will have to be discarded as they are now useless and cannot be put back together again.

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inexorable  
(adj)  
in-ECK-ser-uh-bull

Definition: Relentless, unyielding; not moved by pleading

Usage: Many people fled Europe in the face of Hitler's inexorable march across the continent.

Related Words: Unflagging and Indefatigable (tireless), Insuperable and Indomitable (not able to be defeated)

More Info: Inexorable shares a root ("orare," meaning "pray") with orator (now a public speaker, but originally a worship leader). The sense here is that an inexorable force is pitiless and unmoved by prayers.

Mnemonic:

1. in(not)+exhort(means to pressurize):that means a person who is inexorable cant be pressurised;he will not yield
2. exor is logic gate which changes. so in exorable is that cannot be changed or stopped
3. inexorable sounds likein-exhaust.. so a person who never gets exhausted by torturing people.an inhuman(as he is not getting exhausted),showing inhuman traits
4. Exo bar advert-Cleans even the most unyielding of stains.
5. Sound like inflexible- inflexible ppl are inexorable
6. Imagine a door that is so solid you cannot break it down even by throwing you body against it, so you cannot EXIT. The door is INEXORABLE.

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missive  
(noun)  
MISS-iv

Definition: Letter, written message

Usage: While Don was overseas fighting in World War II, he lived for the missives from the wife he had left behind.

More Info: The Latin "mittere" (to send) also gives us transmit, remit, and mission.

Mnemonic:

1. in olden days .. if you "missed" someone.. you wrote "letters" to them...
2. miss+give....give this letter to the miss

3. MISSIVE sounds like MISS+EVE(occasion)...i.e when u miss someone on a eve,u write a LETTER to convey(ur love).
4. missile is for a Villain and missive is for a Lover.. Now note the letters in caps(L and V) alone..  
Just interchanged :) missile->Villain and missive->Lover.!!
5. MISS+U....when you miss your girlfriend...what will you do???....you will write a love LETTER.....
6. elaborating on Ani's mnemonic : if you want your miss to give you something, she asks you to get a letter from your parents

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lionize  
(verb)  
LIE-un-ize

Definition: Treat like a celebrity

Usage: Being a chef has long been a prestigious profession, but it is only in the last decade or so that

“celebrity chefs” have been lionized and given their own television shows.

Related Words: Apotheosis (elevation to the status of a god; perfect example or embodiment)

More Info: Lionize does come from lion, the animal—in the 16th century, lions were kept in the Tower of London as a tourist attraction. To lionize is to make a person into a spectacle of great interest.

Mnemonic:

1. Lion is assigned a great social importance in animal kingdom
2. lion type kar do..(even donkey ko then we say to make someone famous, or to treat someone as if they were famous)
3. to make someone famous, or to treat someone as if they were famous
4. Think of Alex in Madagascar or Aslan in Narnia.. Those lions were celebrities among their people.

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stint  
(noun, verb)  
STINT

Definition: Period of time spent doing something, or a specific, limited amount of work (noun); to be frugal, to get by on little (verb)

Usage: After a stint in combat, Jared was used to eating whatever he was given, and being sparing with the few condiments available. After watching him stint on ketchup, his wife said, “Honey, seriously, here you can use all you want!”

Related Words: Miser, Cheapskate, Skinflint (stingy person), Frugal (economical, thrifty, not wasteful with money)

More Info: The different meanings of stint are all related the idea of a limited quantity or period—to do one’s stint is to get an assigned job done (and no more than that), and to stint on something is to limit how much is used or given.

Mnemonic:

1. 'stin't is moderately 'stin'gy
2. STUNT means to LIMIT growth. STINT means to LIMIT supply.
- 3.
4. stint~stunt:In bollywood all those who perform the stunt instead of the protagonists have a LIMITED role,A FIXED AMOUNT OF TIME and ROLE ! This also means thrifty - so these stunt doers get a very less salary so they have to be ..
5. in order to paint my Shoe the perfect TINT i must limit the amount of time my finger presses down on

the spray paint can.

## 6. S+tin+T: Survive on TIN meagre Things

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diaphanous  
(adj)  
die-AFF-uh-nuss

Definition: Very sheer, fine, translucent

Usage: The wedding dress was a confection of diaphanous silk, made of at least ten layers of the thin fabric, each layer of which was so fine you could see through it.

Related Words: Gossamer (a fine, filmy cobweb, or a fine, light fabric)

More Info: Diaphanous generally describes fabric or the (beautiful, translucent) wings of certain insects.

Mnemonic:

1. remember this sentence. il bet ul never forget it in ur life
2. Think of the clear cellophane plastic wrap, which is clear. PHANE, meaning clear, is the same root that is found in diaphanous.
3. dia- circular
4. Dia+phanous sounds like famous.. Famous celebrities usually portray themselves 'Transparent' i.e. wat they appear 2 outside world they actually are the same inside!
5. diaphanous- dia(mirza)'s phans(fans) like to see her in transperent clothes
6. diaphanÄ"s, from dia 'through' + phainein 'to show'

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peregrinate  
(verb)  
PAIR-uh-grin-ayt

Definition: Travel from place to place, esp. on foot

Usage: After college, he took a year off to peregrinate across the country, visiting friends and seeing the forty-odd states he had never before had the chance to see.

Related Words: Itinerant, peripatetic and wayfaring are all similar. Transient also means moving around, but is more associated with homeless people or those on the fringe of society (whereas itinerant is more associated with people who travel for a job).

More Info: Relatedly, the peregrine falcon is a roving or migrating bird.

Mnemonic:

1. pere - pair.. foot
2. Pere is like a pair of feet, and grinate sounds like migrate. So a pair of feet migrate from place to place.

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impecunious  
(adj)  
im-peck-Y00-nee-uss

Definition: Poor, without money

Usage: Having grown up with impecunious parents who could barely keep the electricity on in the house, she was now obsessed with wealth and security.

Related Words: Penurious (poor or stingy), Indigent (destitute), Insolvent (unable to meet one's financial obligations, bankrupt)

More Info: "Pecunia" is Latin for money and also appears in pecuniary, "relating to money."

## Mnemonic:

1. pecu (read as pesu means money). impec(s)unious who doesn't have money.
2. IM(MEANS NOT)+PECUNE(MONEY)..SOMEONE WITHOUT MONEY..
3. It is IMPossible to C U IN US "Without Money"
4. Read it like:
5. IM(not)+PECUNIA is a root for money...hence impecunious means having little or no money.
6. I just remember and Imp has no money. Its and Imp.

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adumbrate  
(verb)  
AD-um-brayt or uh-DUM-brayt  
Also adumbration (noun)

Definition: Give a rough outline of; foreshadow; reveal only partially; obscure

Usage: When I took on the lead role in the movie, I agreed not to give away the plot, but I suppose I could give a brief adumbration of the premise.

More Info: Adumbrate contains the root “umbra,” Latin for “shadow.” It may seem that “give an outline of” and “obscure” are opposites, but think of it this way—to adumbrate is to give a shadowy, vague picture of something, which could mean giving more information (if starting with nothing) or obscuring information (if starting with a clear picture) in order to reach that point.

## Mnemonic:

1. A dumb brat can't give the details - just a sketchy outline.
2. umbra means shadow, ad+umbra means to shadow the details, so the word means outline, to shadow, obscure and overshadow.
3. A+DUMB+REPRESENTATION=ADUMBRATION...imagine a dumb is giving you a representation...how will he do it???...represent in outline, indicate faintly...
4. A dumb rate is always vague.

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strut  
(noun)  
STRUHT

Definition: A structural support or brace

Usage: Looking out the window of the small biplane, Maureen could see the struts, the vertical connectors between the lower and upper sets of wings.

Related Words: Bolster or fortify (strengthen or support), Buttress (a support against a building; to strengthen or support),

More Info: Of course, strut as a verb means to swagger or walk in a showy or pompous way, such as in a fashion show. Adam Lambert has a song called “Strut” (“Strut for me and show me what you’re working with”).

## Mnemonic:

1. rhymes with SLUT - imagine the way she walks...pompous, with head erect and chest thrown out.
2. Rhymes with straight. For something to be straight, you need a support.
3. m not spamming guys, its a video on how you strut ure ass. Watch these 2 minutes and enjoy the memory aid
4. Imagine a SLUT on the podium of pole dance...how she walks POMPOUS(shaking her ass) And she dances with the help of STRUT(Supportive bar)
5. strut=pompous walk by a slut.....
6. sounds like STUD: one who shows off to impress others

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anodyne  
(noun, adj)  
ANN-uh-dine

Definition: Medicine that relieves pain (noun); soothing, relieving pain (adj)

Usage: While aspirin is a nice analgesic, the construction worker argued that, for sore and tired muscles, nothing beat the anodyne effects of a six-pack of beer.

Related Words: Analgesic (pain reliever)

More Info: In antiquated slang, a hangman's noose was once (ironically) called an "anodyne necklace."

Mnemonic:

1. Ann will not die from pain if she gets some aspirin.
2. anodyne ~ a + no + dyne (dying); If you want him not to die from pain, you should give him some anodyne drugs.
3. ANODYNE -> ANOINT + DIE. When Jesus ANOINTed (blessed) the sick, their pain stopped and they did not DIE.
4. anodyne, sounds like iodine, iodine sounds like iodix, which is a drug we use for relief
5. Just add G and arrange, we get Agony+Die...when agony dies you become serene or calm....
6. Just add G...Agony+DYEing...when you kill agony you become serene or calm

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symbiosis  
(noun)  
sim-bee-OH-siss or sim-bye-OH-siss  
Also symbiotic (adj)

Definition: Mutually dependent relationship between two organisms, people, groups, etc.

Usage: In biology, one example of symbiosis is when a small creature feeds off bugs that live on a larger creature—thus protecting the larger creature from discomfort and possibly disease. / Although some celebrities complain about paparazzi, many have a symbiotic relationship with those same intrusive photographers – the paparazzi need to get paid, and the celebs need the photos to stay in the news.

More Info: The root "sym/syn" means "together" and also appears in synchronized and sympathy. "Bio" means "life."

Mnemonic:

1. split it like sym(simi)lar+bio+sis..so two sis(ters)..who are sharing BIOlogically similar.body...are living by mutually helping each other.
2. Symbiosis = sym + bio + sis; Symbol of brother & sister together.

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metaphysical  
(adj)  
met-uh-FIZZ-ick-ull  
Also metaphysics (noun)

Definition: Concerned with abstract thought, related to metaphysics (branch of philosophy concerned with explaining the nature of being and of the world); very subtle or abstruse

Usage: My poetry class has all kinds. In contrast to Gary's poetry about dogs and horses, Neil's poetry is very metaphysical, exploring the relation of mortal humans to a timeless universe. It's a little over Gary's head.

Related Words: Ontology is part of metaphysics and is concerned with the investigation of the basic categories of being and their relation to one another.

More Info: Metaphysics is much older than science—to the Greeks, all inquiry was "philosophy." Today, of course, science does a lot of the explaining of the world, so metaphysics can be understood as a non-empirical study of those topics. Empirical means "based on experience or experimentation; not purely based on theory."

Mnemonic:

1. meta + physics -> suffix 'meta' means change.. so if physics keeps changing, it means the topic is only theoretical and cannot be proved practically..
2. meta = data about ~ data about physics? means to understand and study existence of life and nature of reality

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glower  
(verb)  
GLAH-wer

Definition: Stare in an angry, sullen way

Usage: He couldn't figure out why his girlfriend was glowering at him throughout dinner. "Oh," he finally realized, "Is it your birthday? Oh, and I forgot you hate seafood. Sorry about the fishsticks."

Related Words: Lower as a verb means "look angry, appear threatening." A person can lower (as in the girlfriend above), or, often, the sky lowers before a storm.

Mnemonic:

1. Gulshan Grover- stared angrily at the hero.
2. when someone LOWER u ten u stare anGrily at them
3. girl glowers, give flowers
4. When your Girlfried bends somewhat lower to pick something from ground and someone is staring at her, what will be your reaction ???
5. GLOWER :: Girl LOVER. Your Girl Lover. Always angry.
6. GLARE + SCOWL = GLOWER

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hermetic  
(adj)  
her-MET-ick

Definition: Airtight, sealed, isolated; reclusive; pertaining to alchemy, occult

Usage: These packaged meals are hermetically sealed—they'll last years in storage, but once opened, you need to finish the contents within a couple of days. / While writing hundreds of vocabulary flashcards, the GRE instructor lived a hermetic lifestyle, her skin growing pallid and her social network drastically shrinking.

More Info: Hermetic comes from Hermes Trismegistus, a Greek/Egyptian god of magic and alchemy; he supposedly invented a magic airtight seal for containers.

Mnemonic:

1. HERMETIC-HERMET-HELMET...completely airtight(kind of...)
2. Homophone: hermetic - hermit. The hermit lives in a hermetic den.
3. remember Hermits. Hermits are completely sealed from the rest of the world....
4. herman bhweja has a no of hermetic dance steps...
5. hermetic = her + met
6. her(har) + me(maa) + ic(ki) >> Har Maa ki iccha hoti hai ki, usake bacche ko bahar ki hawa na laage... So think of this in relation with airtight..

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endemic  
(adj)  
en-DEMM-ick

Definition: Native, local; natural, specific to, or confined to a particular place

Usage: Certain diseases—especially those that require a precise mix of environmental conditions and local plant and animal life to thrive—remain endemic to particular regions.

Related Words: The antonym of endemic is pandemic, "widespread, universal," also generally of a disease or something bad.



More Info: Endemic contains the Greek “en” (in) and “demos” (people). Don’t confuse endemic with epidemic, which means “rapidly spreading” and is a near-synonym with pandemic.

Mnemonic:

1. simple think of epidemic as an epidemic disease that spreads a vast area and endemic disease as a disease that spreads only a confined area
2. epidemic is something that is confined to vast area and endemic is confined to small area
3. end of(demic)democracy-this characteristic,nw a days,is confined to a very little no of countries..
4. Think: "In a demographic," which relates to a specific portion of the population.
5. The disease only spreads in a certain area, so epiDEMY ENds outside of that aream (endemic)
6. endemic = mic(sound) can be reached up to only certain region

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amalgamate  
(verb)  
uh-MAL-guh-mayt

Definition: Blend, merge, or unite

Usage: The Amalgamated Transit Union is so called because it contains many local unions of bus operators, subway operators, baggage handlers, etc. / When turning her life story into a memoir, she amalgamated two important relatives into a single character, even amalgamating their names (Mary and Rose) into the character “Aunt Mary Rose.”

Related Words: Agglomerate (collect into a mass), Aggregate (gather together), Commix (mix together), Conglomerate (anything made up of different kinds of materials; blended; to bring together), Consolidate (unite or combine, such as companies or debts)

Mnemonic:

1. suppose you are shy girl and you have a+ male+game+mate (amalgamate)what you should do ? of course combine or unite with your mate against other groups
2. amalga+mate ,mate means combine.....
3. amalgamate: as we all know that AMALGAM is the alloy of mercury.and alloy means MIXING things together.SO AMALGAMATE means mixing or combining.
4. remeber pomegranate in which the seeds are united together into one combined ball.
5. There is a game at a mall. Hence people come together...Gather for the game!
6. amalgamate -amass means to collect

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stipulate  
(verb)  
STIP-yuh-layt

Definition: Specify; make an open demand, esp. as a condition of agreement

Usage: Before taking the job, Owen stipulated in his contract that he would be able to leave early on Fridays to attend religious services.

Related Words: Qualified means “modified, limited, conditional on something else” (qualified optimism means the person is part optimistic and part unsure, perhaps waiting for more information). A person who says “Yes, if you do X” is giving qualified agreement by stipulating X.

Mnemonic:

1. staple+it-- Staple the documents, so that it GUARANTEES that they stay together permanently!
2. stipules are plant parts present at the base of leaf. additional leaves present along with leaves. similarly STIPULATE is an condition (AGREEMENT) present in the MAIN AGREEMENT. stipulate = agreement in an agreement
3. stipulate=steep+late
4. we sometimes need to complete work in stipulated time. It means " specified" time.
5. Stipulate-(STIP-U-LATE) suppose a man named STIP had made verbal agreement to meet you but he comes late then you say him(STIP-U-LATE)
6. i will only stip [strip] you late if we have both expressed our conditions clearly. [yay for

consent!]

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slake  
(verb)  
SLAYK

Definition: Satisfy (esp. thirst), cool, or refresh; make less active

Usage: Having been lost for hours, the weary hikers were more than willing to slake their thirst in a mountain stream. / The teacher's harsh, demanding attitude soon slaked the girls' enthusiasm for the ballet class.

Related Words: Satisfy or Sate (to fully satisfy, or to go beyond satisfying to the point of excess)

More Info: Slake is related to slack (loose, negligent, lazy, weak)—if you slake your thirst, your thirst has weakened or gone away.

Mnemonic:

1. focus on the 'lake' part of this word..so you can say that you want to satisfy your thirst after seeing the water in that lake .
2. Lake ... When camel, which is going through desert, finds a lake. What will it do? Just drink the water, which takes its thirst away.
3. Think slacken. Slaking a desire would be slackening it.
4. S(ee)+LAKE = to QUENCH or to SATIATE, SATE.
5. Remember slaked lime. Slaked lime is formed when quick lime is mixed with water.
6. sachin is a lake for cricket lovers calm down every supporter by making high score.

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lugubrious  
(adj)  
luh-GOO-bree-uss or luh-GY00-bree-uss

Definition: Mournful, gloomy (sometimes in an exaggerated way)

Usage: Helen was having a good time at the Irish pub until the Traditional Music Hour started, and the lugubrious tunes made her cry into her Guinness.

Related Words: Lachrymose (tearful, mournful), Maudlin (overly tearful and sentimental), Lament (express sorrow, mourn)

Mnemonic:

1. He was very mournful when he had to BURY his maimed LEG.
2. LOOK+RUBY ous = DEPRESSED AND MOURNFUL that you LOOK like RUBY(face red)
3. Pronounced as lo-goo-bri-yas. She cried so much for the dog's death her tears formed a lagoon (small body of water):P.
4. lugubrious
5. Lugu+bury+his "... hence was very dismal and sad
6. when i saw the new PRIUS which i cant afford to buy i feel LUGUBRIOUS.

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arrogate  
(verb)  
AIR-oh-gayt

Definition: Claim or take presumptuously or without the right to do so

Usage: In order to build the oil pipeline, the government arrogated the land of many small farmers who are still fighting for compensation. / The bride's mother arrogated the right to decide on the venue, the food, and even the wedding dress!

Related Words: The verb Appropriate has two meanings: set aside or authorize for a particular purpose; take for one's own use. The second meaning is a synonym for arrogate.

Memory Trick: To arrogate is to arrogantly take what doesn't belong to you.

Mnemonic:

1. A surrogate mom arrogate the custody of the child for ever
2. Think of it's similarity to "arrogant." An arrogate person might be so bold as to arrogate another's possessions.
3. RROGATE=arro+gate~ARROW + GATE =>Now assume, when u approached a person who has illegally claimed ur power and you wanted it back from him... What he will possibly say HAVE U NOT SEEN THE ARROW DIRECTING TO THE GATE.. GO FROM HERE
4. ARROGATE = ARROgantly seized the GATE.

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supplant  
(verb)  
suh-PLANT

Definition: Take the place of, displace, especially through sneaky tactics

Usage: In the 1950s, many people took cod liver oil as a health supplement. Today, fish oil capsules and flaxseed oil have supplanted the smelly old standby our grandparents used. / He did achieve his dream of becoming CEO, but only after supplanting our previous CEO by wresting control while she was battling cancer.

Related Words: Outstrip (surpass, exceed; be larger or better than; leave behind), Overshadow (cast a shadow over, make to seem less important), Supersede (replace or cause to be set aside), Eclipse (obscure, darken, make less important)

More Info: From the Latin for "to trip up" ("planta" meant the sole of the foot).

Mnemonic:

1. Sounds like: sub + plant....i.e substitute + plant... <br>...so it is taking the place of the other plant
2. Super PLANT---Due to advances in agriculture, govt. is replacing all plants with Super PLANTs.
3. supplant sounds like implants.. and implant takes the place of originality!!
4. The restaurant SoUPPLANTATION is constantly SUPPLANTING its patrons with new ones throughout the day.
5. o this one is easy- SUPPLY ANT as a substitute for parents in case they are not available. {The ANT brainwashes the kids into thinking she is the real parent} meaning of supplant: take the place of in a <b>scheming</b> manner
6. supplant == SUPpress + PLANTation and start construction there mean u have replace smthng unfairly

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apostate  
(noun, adj)  
uh-PAH-stayt or uh-PAH-stit  
Also apostasy (noun)

Definition: Person who deserts a party, cause, religion, etc.

Usage: Many people considered "freedom fighters" by some are considered apostates by others; some women's rights leaders in very conservative nations receive death threats from religious leaders who consider them apostate.

Related Words: Recreant (coward or deserter), Perfidy (faithlessness, treachery), Heretic (believer who disagrees with religious authorities; any nonconformist thinker), Quisling (person who betrays his country by aiding an invader), Infidel (unbeliever, person who does not accept a particular faith)

More Info: Don't confuse apostate with apostle--the words are near-antonyms.

**Mnemonic:**

1. apostate can be thought of as 'opposite state'.. That is changing to the opposite state, and not loyal to his current state..
2. Apostles do not apostate
3. apostate ~ apo + state; Prefix 'apo' means away; so away from state : One who's away from his state or religion. (Abandonment of religious values)
4. a-po-state::
5. Judas the apostle became an apostate when he renounced Jesus.
6. apo(ape)+state.

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reactant  
(noun)  
ree-ACK-tint

**Definition:** Something that reacts; a substance that undergoes a change in a chemical reaction

**Usage:** The two men had been rivals since high school; when both were elected to the city council, they became reactants in the worsening deadlock of an already-polarized city government.

**Related Words:** Catalyst (causer of change—or, in chemistry, a substance that causes or accelerates a reaction but is not itself changed)

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circumscribe  
(verb)  
SER-cuhm-scribe

**Definition:** Strictly limit a role, range of activity, or area; in math, to be constructed around so as to touch as many points as possible

**Usage:** Suki's parents circumscribed her after-school activities; she was permitted only to study and to join organizations directly related to academic subjects. / A square circumscribed in a circle has all four of its vertices on the circle's circumference. / Our land is circumscribed by hedges and fences.

**More Info:** "Circum" is the Latin root for "around," and "scribe" for "write." The "scribe/script" root also occurs in proscribe (prohibit) and conscript (draft into military service).

**Mnemonic:**

1. circumscribe -> circle + scribe(a writer of manuscripts); so circumscribe means a person writing around the same lines or topic.
2. remember circumference..we restrict ourself around a circle..
3. Lakshman drew a circle around Sita's hut to circumscribe(LIMIT,RESTRICT) her
4. scribed in a circle,or limited region
5. circumscribe=circle+describe....you have to describe the things only with in circle...limited,restrained,boundary
6. circum is something like a circle,, and if u chk the word crib here,,that means to stop or check.

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militate  
(verb)  
MILL-it-ayt

**Definition:** Have a great effect, weigh heavily (often as militate against)

**Usage:** While his resume was stellar, his speech impediment militated against his performance in job interviews.

**Related Words:** Inimical (hostile, adverse or harmful—something that militates against your success)

would be inimical to your success)

More Info: Of course, militate is related to the military; it used to mean to fight for a side or belief.

Today, it's more circumstances that militate (rather than people).

Mnemonic:

1. Military action often influences others to argue against the invasion.
2. Military action always takes place when someone work against the other
3. one never gets satisfied by what it gets(MILI hui chiz) for ATE(eating)
4. militate - in pakistan military has many time ceased control by working against the government

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via  
(preposition)  
VY-uh or VEE-uh

Definition: Through, by means of, by way of (by a route that goes through or touches)

Usage: We will be flying to Russia via Frankfurt. / Many of the students at our college got here via special programs that assist low-income students in preparing for college.

Related Words: Per can also be used in this way. The most common use of per is "for each," as in, "We will need one sandwich per child." However, per may also mean "by means of" or "according to." I have delivered the package per your instructions.

More Info: Via is Latin for "way, road, channel." This root also appears in viaduct, a bridge or series of bridges, especially carrying a road or railway over water, a valley, etc.

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immutable  
(adj)  
im-MYOO-tuh-bull

Definition: Unchangeable

Usage: Studies of the brains of stroke patients have shown that our identities are not fixed and immutable; rather, physical injuries to the brain can drastically change our personalities.

Related Words: Immalleable (not moldable or adaptable)

More Info: Immutable shares a root (meaning "change") with mutation and transmute.

Mnemonic:

1. mutation implies changes in genes etc.
2. immutable is something immune to changes
3. mute control in tv used to CHANGE from high volume to total silence. if ur remote becomes immutable  
then u cant change the volume. imutable = unchangeble
4. IM-MU(movable) Table....so its permanently in one place unchanged
5. TRANSMUTE= change BUT IMMUTABLE= changeless
6. unchangeable = immovable = immutable

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calumny  
(noun)  
CAL-um-nee  
Also calumnious (adj)

Definition: Malicious lie intended to hurt someone's reputation; the act of telling such lies

Usage: I've had enough of your calumnious accusations! Admit that you made up all those wicked things about me, or I will see you in court when I sue you for slander!

Related Words: Slander is a synonym. Libel is the written version of slander. Traduce, Vilify, and Defame are verbs meaning "to slander, to damage a person's reputation with lies."

Mnemonic:

1. calumny, sounds like kalmuhi, which is a harsh remark given by a saas to her bahu.
2. rhymes with ALUMNI--imagine urself slandering n defaming some of ur cllg ALUMNI
3. calu-muy: calu means legs in kannada and mny sounds like muri which means to break ...parents will tel i ll BERAK UR LEG(CALUMNY) which is a SLANDER
4. Calumny sounds like columns, imagine if some one write bad thind aboute you ll be defamed.
5. Cal (californians) talk shit about NY (new yorkers)...SLANDER!!!!
6. Calumni = Calikh malna on somebody's character

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latent  
(adj)  
LAY-tent

Definition: Potential; existing but not visible or active

Usage: Certain experts believe that some people have a genetic propensity for addiction; however, if such a person never comes into contact with drugs, the propensity for addiction can remain latent for life.

Related Words: Dormant (not active at this time), Inert (inactive; having little or no power to move),  
Hiatus (break or gap in an activity)

Mnemonic:

1. regroup the words and spell it as talent.. many people have POTENTIAL(talent..)but undeveloped..where as some people HIDE their talent..
2. Latent heat can be seen as heat which is "HIDDEN".
3. when u lay in tent u become hidden to anyone outside.
4. late entry maarega
5. late+ent - which will be active late...
6. someone with LATENT TALENT is called a LATE bloomer.

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fluke  
(noun)  
FLOO'k

Definition: Stroke of luck, something accidentally successful

Usage: It's amazing that I won the prize during halftime, but I guarantee you, it was just a fluke that I made that basket--if I tried a thousand more times, I'm sure I couldn't do it again.

Related Words: Fortuitous (accidental, lucky), Windfall (unexpected, sudden gain or good fortune, as in "The prize winner's windfall more than solved his mortgage problem.")

More Info: A fluke can also be a flatworm (a "liver fluke"), type of fish, anchor blade, barbed arrowhead, or even a lobe of a whale's tail. What all of these objects have in common is being flat (the old Germanic root means flat). The origin of fluke as a "stroke of good luck" is unknown--having flukes parasitizing your liver, for instance, sounds incredibly unlucky.

Mnemonic:

1. F(ortunately)LUKE(Y) means fortunately lucky
2. fluke seems very similar to flute. I think Once it was easy to coax a girl with mellifluous sound of flute. But now a days girls are very clever & than boys.If you manage a girl with flute only then it definitely a GOOD FORTUNE
3. Bird FLU KE baad his survival was a stroke of fortune.

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hedge  
(verb)  
HEDGE

Definition: Avoid commitment by leaving provisions for withdrawal or changing one's mind; protect a bet by also betting on the other side

Usage: While he coaxed and cajoled us all into seeing "the best movie ever," he hedged once we were in the theater: "I don't know if you all like this sort of thing," he said. "I mean, you can make up your own minds." / When the professor called on him to take a stand on the issue, he hedged for fear of offending her: "Well, there are valid points on both sides," he said.

Related Words: Equivocate, Waffle, Vacillate, and Tergiversate (waver, use unclear language to deceive or avoid committing), Ambivalent (unable to decide, or wanting to do two contradictory things at once), Palter (talk insincerely; bargain or haggle)

More Info: A hedge fund is an investment fund that hedges risk with a variety of methods, such as short selling and derivatives.

Mnemonic:

1. HEDGE, think of HEGDE, the politician who AVOIDS PERFORMING DUTIES. No offence hedge supporters

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revamp  
(verb, noun)  
ree-VAMP

Definition: Renovate, redo, revise (verb); a restructuring, upgrade, etc. (noun)

Usage: I had my whole room decorated in Twilight: Eclipse paraphernalia, so when Breaking Dawn came out, I had to revamp my decor.

Related Words: Overhaul (repair, investigate for repairs)

More Info: Vampire puns aside, a vamp is the upper front part of a shoe. To revamp was originally to get your shoes repaired.

Mnemonic:

1. REV+AMP...ample of revision...to IMPROVE your vocabulary, you have to do ample of revision
2. man who is womanized is interested in VAMP, so he tries to PATCH UP his relations with her whenever he is free...i.e. RE+VAMP
3. re+vamp has same sound like re+lamp so it means to repair or renovate

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engender  
(verb)  
en-JEN-der

Definition: Produce, give rise to, cause to exist; procreate

Usage: The television demagogue was blamed for engendering hate and divisiveness. / Having four wives helped the magnate engender 15 children.

Related Words: Beget (cause or produce; make children, esp. as a male parent, as in "John Adams, father of John Quincy Adams, was the first President to beget another President.")

More Info: Engender shares a root with generate, genus, gender, genocide and many others—"gen" can mean "birth, produce, race."

Mnemonic:

1. when two gender's male & female end up together .. they produce or give rise to a CHILD..
2. When genders get together they cause, produce, and give rise to children.
3. engender ~ gene ~ make offspring

4. If a species is ENDANGERED it needs to ENGENDER a new child.
5. engender also means bringing into being.so,thats opposite of endanger where species will be on the verge of extinct
6. when 2 gender combine dey give rise to a new gender(boy or a girl)

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irascible  
(adj)  
ih-RASS-uh-bull or eye-RASS-uh-bull

Definition: Irritable, easily angered

Usage: "I spent my entire childhood tiptoeing around so as not to anger my irascible mother," Joe told his therapist.

Related Words: Dyspeptic (grumpy, pessimistic, irritable), Curmudgeon (bad-tempered, difficult person), Crotchety (grouchy, picky, given to odd notions), Cantankerous (disagreeable, contentious)

More Info: Irascible shares a root with irate (angry) and ire (anger).

Mnemonic:

1. concentrate on rasc- a rascal is one who is irritable, choleric, shor-tempered & hotheaded
2. rascible sounds like "racist able". so, making racist remark can easily anger anyone...
3. IRASCIBLE > Ira + scribe on the black board, for which the 'irascible'(easily angered, irritable) teacher hit her!
4. "Ira" is the same root as irate, which means angry or enraged, and "ible," is from the root "able."  
So an irascible person is easily ABLE to become IRATE.
5. Concentrate on the first 3 letters IRA- it is the tax department in US. They irritate you by sending letter with heavy penalty stating you have not filed your taxes. SO it gives anger and irritation
6. The easily "erase-ible" ink made me easily angered. :)

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sedition  
(noun)  
sih-DISH-un

Definition: Inciting rebellion against a government, esp. speech or writing that does this

Usage: Amnesty International regularly fights for the release of political prisoners imprisoned for sedition. While inciting violence is illegal in most of the world, what is considered sedition under many restrictive governments is what Americans consider a normal exercise of freedom of speech—for instance, writing a letter to the editor of a newspaper criticizing the government's policies.

Related Words: Incendiary (starting fire; inflaming the senses or arousing rebellion)

Mnemonic:

1. seidition = said+i+shun
2. SEDITION or OPPOSITION which are rhyming words refer to words or actions inciting rebellion.
3. Sedition <-> Petition .. Petition is filed in the court to resist the govt's order to relocate the temple ..
4. cheddi-son - ur little son is resisting to put on his underwear
5. sed(APART)+ITIO(GOING)+N....GOING APART or sepration FROM A LAWFUL AUTHORITY, SHOWS YOUR HOSTILITY TOWARDS IT.
6. sedition- rhymes like CHEDI SON -- uske son ne ladki chedi and it is sedition.

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coda  
(noun)  
COH-duh

Definition: Final part of a musical composition; an ending, esp. one that sums up what has come before



Usage: "You play this middle section twice, then move to the coda," the music teacher explained to the child. "The coda always comes last." / Dropping my purse in a mud puddle right outside my own front door was a fine coda to a horrible evening.

Related Words: Recapitulation (summary or the act of summing up), Précis (summary or abstract)

More Info: Coda comes from the Latin "cauda," meaning "tail." (A caudate animal has a tail and an acaudate animal lacks one.)

Mnemonic:

1. ie ,conclusive part of the lunch ,is done by soda(coda) by watching music on television.
2. At the end of the musical performance everyone took pictures with their KODAK cameras.
3. coda...imagine Devedas is drinking rum mixed with soda and listening paaro's song which she is about to end.
4. At the end of a musical or book, rank it by giving it a CODE.
5. c-closing
6. in the villages,people drink color soda after they have a heavy lunch for easy digestion.

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desultory  
(adj)  
DESS-ull-tor-ee

Definition: Lacking consistency or order, disconnected, sporadic; going off topic

Usage: Lulu said she'd been studying for the GRE for a year, but she had been doing so in only the most desultory way—a few vocab words here and there, then nothing for a month, and practice tests whenever she felt like it, which was rarely. / Don't mind my daughter—there's no need to let a toddler's desultory remarks pull an adult conversation off track.

More Info: Desultory comes from the Latin "desultor," a circus rider who jumps from one horse to another.

Mnemonic:

1. De-result...Obviously a haphazard or desultory approach will result to nothing.
2. desultory think like de story-> moving away from the main story
3. desult...de(means without)+sult(RESULT)+tory( a member of conservative party in britain known as TORY)...so if the tories DID NOT WIN ANY ELECTION THIS TIME becoz of their desultory attitude..or since they lacked any definite plan to win election..t
4. Imagine a thirsty, hungry man in a DESolate DESert wandering aimlessly from one mirage to another.
5. ..or since they lacked any definite plan to win election..they were WITHOUT any good RESULTS THIS TIME.
6. Think: Desolate Story... Desolate=(Empty) Story=(Chain of Events)...an empty or purposeless chain of events and/or jumping from one thing to another

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grievous  
(adj)  
GREE-vuss

Definition: Causing grief or suffering; very serious, grave; flagrant, outrageous

Usage: While people certainly do injure themselves on hot stoves, such burns rarely compare to the grievous injuries sustained by people who do not observe safety procedures with twelve-gallon deep fryers.

Related Words: Dire (causing suffering or fear; ominous; urgent or desperate, as in "a dire emergency requiring immediate response")

More Info: "Grievous bodily harm" is a term in English law. General Grievous is a fictional villain in Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith.

**Mnemonic:**

1. we always say like a soul from grave threatens us or causes fear so grievous is like from grave...
2. GRE V(ery) (ser)IOUS

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morose  
(adj)  
muh-ROHSS

Definition: Gloomy, sullen

Usage: She had always been a happy child, but once she hit high school and decided to become a goth, she adopted a morose attitude to match her all-black clothing.

More Info: Morose sounds a bit like morbid, which means “mentally unhealthy, diseased, gruesome.” If you’re depressed, you’re morose; if you enjoy looking at photos of crime scenes, we’d say you have a morbid interest.

**Mnemonic:**

1. in hindi it is like MOR(peacock) RO(weep) SA raha hai-means it is in sorrow and hence brooding ill humoured
2. A guy gave a crushed(MORoda hua(Hindi)) ROSE to girl as a humor she got pissed on this ill humor at the guy and canceled the plan of party(unsociable)
3. MOROSE..ITS LIKE DIS..nOROSE..SO NO ROSE FOR UR GIRLFRIEND SHE LL BE SAD..
4. MOROSE ( More + RoRa(crying in hindi)) Deep and long lasting Sadness
5. a morone is equipped with morose
6. My neighbor left her house to buy some MORE ROSES because she is so sad.

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tyro  
(noun)  
TY-roh

Definition: Beginner

Usage: Kenneth felt called to work as a missionary, but he was really a tyro in the field, and was unprepared for many of the questions people asked him.

Related Words: Novice (synonym), Neophyte (beginner, novice; person newly converted to a religion), Dilettante (person who takes up an art or activity for amusement only or in a superficial way)

**Mnemonic:**

1. tyro...sounds like try karo....a beginner TRYing to establish his buisness.
2. TYRO and MAESTRO which are rhyming words have opposite meanings. Tyro refers to a learner while a Maestro is a master.
3. typo, a newbie always make alotta mistakes (typo)
4. TYRO -change the R with P..a tryo(novice) will usually make a typo(mistake typing)
5. Novice Gymgoers will soon get tired of their old routines.
6. TYRO -> TIGHT + ROPE...beginner TIGHTROPE walkers will die on the circus tightrope without more practice.

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fetid  
(adj)  
FET-id or FEE-tid

Definition: Stinking; having an offensive smell

Usage: I hate doing your laundry—it’s always full of fetid gym socks.

Related Words: Noisome (disgusting, foul), Noxious (harmful to health; corrupting)

Memory Trick: Fetid looks a little like “feet”—smells like feet, too.

## Mnemonic:

1. when fat people "bomb", its all stinking and foul-smelling .. just to remember
2. Feet-ID.. When you clock in for work, there is a new scanner, you have to show your STINKY feet to the scanner as ID :))
3. Feet smells bad
4. a new born foetus (baby) will stinks. FoETus dID stinks.
5. FetID and RancID are synonyms.
6. That Fat did it(Fart) So thats why it stinks.

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distaff  
(adj, noun)  
DISS-taff

Definition: Female, esp. relating to the maternal side of the family; women or women's work; a staff that holds wool or flax for spinning

Usage: In completing your medical history, please try to remember which illnesses occurred on the distaff side of your family. / Medical studies using all male study groups may produce results that cannot be replicated in distaff subjects.

More Info: If using a word related to spinning wool to mean "women" seems offensive, some would agree, although the word is generally not offensive when discussing science and medicine; the NY Times has recently referred to "distaff subjects" in a medical study.

## Mnemonic:

1. amongst the senior staff members you would associate 'di'(DIDI) with females only.
2. women are treated as maid, or "the staff"

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blithe  
(adj)  
BLITHE

Definition: Joyous, merry; excessively carefree (so as to ignore more important concerns)

Usage: Delighted about making the cheerleading team, she blithely skipped across the street without looking, and just narrowly avoided being hit by a bus.

Related Words: Jovial (joyous, merry)

More Info: Blithe can be positive or negative—it's nice to be merry, but not so merry that we thoughtlessly trample over other people, disobey the rules, etc.

## Mnemonic:

1. Blithe== Be-light- Hearted. means care free
2. BLITHE is how someone with a lisp would pronounce BLISS (bliss is a synonym of BLITHE)
3. blithe: bliss the ppl so they can live hapily..

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stasis  
(noun)  
STAY-siss

Definition: Equilibrium, a state of balance or inactivity, esp. caused by equal but opposing forces

Usage: Edie felt that her career was in stasis: her boss made it clear she wasn't getting promoted, but she also couldn't leave because of her health insurance situation.

Related Words: Status Quo (existing state or condition), Stationary (not moving), Static (fixed, not moving or changing, lacking vitality)

More Info: From the Greek for "standing still."

## Mnemonic:

1. stasis..static...no change..
2. this word came on my gre.....From homeostasis (word list) which means maintain relative stability

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steeped  
(adj)  
STEEPT

Definition: Immersed (in), saturated (with)

Usage: A person steeped in classic literature probably thinks about almost everything in terms of old, famous books. / The Met's new campaign seeks to answer affirmatively the question of whether music lovers steeped in hip-hop and pop can learn to love opera.

More Info: To steep as a verb is to soak in liquid, infuse, or saturate. A teabag steeps in hot water. In

French onion soup, a large crouton steeps in broth and becomes soft.

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furtive  
(adj)  
FUR-tiv

Definition: Done secretly; stealthy, sly, shift

Usage: As a spokesperson for a popular diet plan, the actress had to be quite furtive about eating junk food, even hiding her M&Ms in a breath mint container lest the paparazzi snap photos of the inside of her car.

Related Words: Clandestine, Covert, and Surreptitious all mean secret, undercover. Furtive contains the added sense of doing something wrong. For instance, the National Clandestine Service is part of the CIA, and military units regularly engage in covert operations. It is unlikely, though, that a government would ever use furtive in the name of its departments or operations, due to the word's negative associations. Furtive, in fact, comes from a Latin word for "thief."

## Mnemonic:

1. One who is FARTive has to expel farts stealthily.
2. FURTIVE ..very close to FERTILE...SO when you are infertile you go for fertility treatment, which you keep SECRET from others, as you dont want people to know about your infertility.
3. FURtive.. cats have fur..they're stealthy
4. a fugitive has to leave furtively
5. Furtive sounds like 'FLIRT'ive.. So a flirtly look is always SNEAKY...!!! ;)
6. <B><U>Covert</U>ive</B>

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insular  
(adj)  
IN-sull-er or IN-syoo-ler

Definition: Pertaining to an island; detached, standing alone; narrow-minded, provincial

Usage: The young actress couldn't wait to escape the insularity of her small town, where life revolved around high school football and Taco Bell was considered exotic international cuisine.

Related Words: Xenophobia (fear of foreigners), Illiberality (narrow-mindedness, lack of generosity)

More Info: Word origins sometimes contain biases or old-fashioned ideas—for instance, the implication that people on islands are narrow-minded. A similar bias is implied in provincial and parochial (pertaining to a province or parish, respectively)—the idea is that people from “out there in the country” are not as sophisticated as city people, who have their own word, urbane

(cosmopolitan, refined).

Mnemonic:

1. IN(not)+SECULAR...a country which is not secular is INSULAR !!!!!
2. Insula+r: Insulated by Religious, Ritual ,superstitious and blind faith that one becomes narrow-minded.
3. sounds like insiders - they are narrow minded
4. insular - SOLAR,, i u have solar energy , u can be isolated/detached from society,, and live anywhere , since u still have electricity
5. an insulator can supply power locally

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hegemony  
(noun)  
huh-JEM-uh-nee or HEDGE-uh-moh-nee  
Also hegemon (noun)

Definition: Domination, authority; influence by one country over others socially, culturally, economically, etc.

Usage: The discovery of oil by a previously poor nation disrupted the larger, richer nation's hegemony in the region—suddenly, the hegemon had a competitor.

Related Words: Autonomous (self-governing, independent), Fiat (dictate or authoritative order, as in "The king rules by fiat."), Sovereignty (supreme power, autonomy)

Mnemonic:

1. hegemony:he's got money,so he's domineering in the society and he control others.
2. hegemony sounds like he-germany. Germany's hegemony over Belgium was the spark of the WWI
3. hege(to have in punjabi)+ mony(sounds like MONEY)...a nation which has money is powerful and wealthy nations always dominate the poorer nations.
4. can b taken as "huge money".if someone has huge money they ll naturally dominate others..
5. HUGE+MONEY....countries having huge money always dominate
6. Hegemony - 'he' who has 'gem'(gems, jewels)and mony (money) has 'dominance' over others

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reprobate  
(noun, adj)  
REP-ruh-bayt

Definition: Disreputable, unprincipled, or damned person (noun); shameless, depraved (adj)

Usage: The police joked that they had so many mug shots of the old reprobate that they could assemble them into a photography book called, "Faces of Petty Crime, 1976-2011."

Related Words: Dissolution (sinking into extreme hedonism, vice, and degradation), Roué (a dissolute, lustful man, often a womanizer)

More Info: In the original meaning, God would reprobate someone to hell. Today, a reprobate is a wrongdoer unlikely to change.

Mnemonic:

1. reprobate: rep(repeatedly)+rob+ate.. a person who again and again robs other peoples food and eats it up has no moral values.
2. reprobate is a person who has no probity
3. rape+rob+ate...change ate to eat...a person does unscrupulous things like this...hardened in sin ..rep-rob-ate
4. one "reinstated in probation". i.e., morally corrupt person.
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6. rep + pro + bait = he is a repeated "pro" or "professional" in baiting or luring others immorally

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redound  
(verb)  
rih-DOUND

Definition: To have a good or bad effect, esp. as a result of a person's efforts or actions (usually used with to, on, or upon)

Usage: "Cramming" vocabulary words probably won't be very effective, but studying a little every day will redound to your success.

Related Words: Reap (harvest, get as a result of one's effort)

More Info: Don't confuse with rebound, to bounce back (as a basketball) or recover from illness.

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 recalcitrant  
 (adj)  
 rih-CAL-sih-truhnt

Definition: Not obedient, resisting authority, hard to manage

Usage: As an aspiring kindergarten teacher, she had imagined days filled with giggles and singing songs about friendship—she was not prepared for a roomful of twenty recalcitrant children who wouldn't even sit down, much less learn the words to "Holding Hands Around the World."

Related Words: Intractable, Intransigent, Refractory, and Obstreperous are also used to describe people who are stubborn and hard to control.

More Info: Recalcitrant comes from Latin roots meaning "to strike with the heels"—that is, to kick or kick back.

Mnemonic:

1. re+calcit(looks like calcite)+rant...as we know calcite is a hard mineral found in calcium carbonate which forms the major part of rocks, chalk and marble, is hard to break and likewise a recalcitrant person is also stubborn.
2. re+calci(calculator->calculate)+rant....so imagine a person who has made a mistake in calculations using a calci and is unwilling to re-calculate...it shows he is STUBBORN
3. recalcitant : recall+reluctant..boss asked me to call ad guy again but i didn't obey him,i was reluctant.(unwilling to obey)
4. recalcitrant= try RECALLing CITRic acid from chemistry but it is so STUBBORN not able to recal it...
5. Think "Recalc it Rant" or someone who does not want to recalculate anything
6. calcis are not allowed in exams. but imaging a person smuggling them in even though he has been punished before

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 fractious  
 (adj)  
 FRACK-chuss

Definition: Unruly, troublemaking; irritable

Usage: The Students for Progressive Action were a fractious bunch, always fighting with one another over exactly which progressive action should take priority.

Related Words: Obstreperous (unruly, noisy), Refractory (stubbornly disobedient), Captious (faultfinding, making a big deal of trivial faults)

More Info: The word fraction once meant "brawling, discord"—even today, a fraction (in math) is something that has been broken up. Don't confuse fractious with factious, meaning "party strife, breaking into factions or cliques within a larger organization."

Mnemonic:

1. those who get their limbs get fractured...gets annoyed or bad tempered by taking bed rest for long
2. f + RACTIOUS -> RACTIOUS sounds like RAKSHAS(like Raavan) -> RAKSHAS' are easily irritated
3. when u get a fracture, u get cranky,irksome
4. fractious(FRACTURE TO US) - one who causes fracture to others is unruly...
5. it takes a fraction of a second for the rakshas to get angry...
6. Fractious - jo phracture karwa sake! like an unruly horse.. gira toh haddi tuti!

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curmudgeon  
(noun)  
cur-MUD-jun

Definition: Bad-tempered, difficult person; grouch

Usage: The college students' party was hampered by constant complaints from a curmudgeonly neighbor who insisted that making noise after 8pm was unreasonable, and called the police over a single beer can on his lawn.

Related Words: Crotchety (grouchy, picky, given to odd notions), Cantankerous (disagreeable, contentious), Crank (an unbalanced person who is fanatical about a private, generally petty cause)

More Info: Curmudgeon, like crotchety, is almost always used to describe old men (a fact that is perhaps unfair to old men).

Mnemonic:

1. Cur-mud-geon
2. (sir+mut+jiyo) means sir u have already become OLD so now ab mat jiyo.....
3. like karamjali(old cantankerous lady)
4. think of a thick layer of mud on car... nothing affect it..stubborn
5. like Harbhajan, a bad tempered person
6. In telugu this guy is chadastapu musalodu. His wife will always say na kharma em jeevitham ra nayna

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virulent  
(adj)  
VEER-yuh-lent

Definition: Extremely infectious, poisonous, etc.; hateful, bitterly hostile

Usage: Racism is a virulent force that corrupts schools, workplaces, and the basic machinery of democracy. / Discipline in the classroom is one thing, but the teacher's virulence towards misbehaving students was enough to get her suspended from teaching.

Related Words: Pervasive (tending to spread throughout), Pathogenic (capable of producing disease)

More Info: The original meaning of the root "virus" was "poison" (what we call viruses weren't discovered until 1898).

Mnemonic:

1. it is a virus, which causes disease and harm. So, something virulent is viral and
2. As dangerous and poisonous as Viru (shewag) is for the opponents
3. Virulent and malignant have the same sounds and they both mean - bitterly hostile.
4. Virulent and malignant have the same sounds and they both mean - bitterly hostile.
5. A strong, harsh, and noxious man is VIRILE and vioLENT
6. VIRULENT= virus(VIRU) let(LE) him to END(nt)

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analgesia  
(noun)  
an-al-JEE-zee-uh  
Also analgesic (noun, adj)

Definition: Pain relief; inability to feel pain

Usage: While natural-birth advocates decline analgesia in childbirth, many women are very eager to take advantage of modern anesthesia. / A disease of the spinal cord can cause analgesia, which can be dangerous because the patient doesn't know when he has injured himself.

Related Words: Anodyne (pain relieving medicine or anything that relieves pain)

Mnemonic:

1. Analgesic as popularly known, a kind of drug to relieve pain so when you have analgesic, you move into state analgesia
2. anal sex is painfull for girls (i guess) but the sex part makes you forget the pain anyhow !
3. Think: Anal Anasthesia. ANALGESIA is for people who are ANAL about staying conscious, but not feeling any pain.
4. analgesia--> a + null + yesia
5. jitni marze anal + ghiste jao koi farak hi nahi padta :P
6. a-nal - gesia gesia think it like chees chees in hindi when person in pain no chees no pain , person not able to feel pain

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largess or largesse  
(noun)  
lar-ZHESS or lar-JESS

Definition: Generosity, the giving of money or gifts (esp. with the implication that the giver is a bit superior to the recipient)

Usage: While I did attend a tony private school, my parents were actually quite poor—I was at that school through the largesse of my grandfather.

Related Words: Magnanimity, munificence, and openhandedness all mean generosity.

More Info: Largesse certainly does come from the idea of largeness (of spirit). The word is from French (thus the extra “e” in some spellings).

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palliate  
(verb)  
PAL-ee-ayt  
Also palliative (adj)

Definition: Make less serious or severe; relieve symptoms of an illness

Usage: The doctors said it would be pointless to subject Uncle Al to continued treatments when there was no hope of a cure, so we gave consent for him to be transferred to the palliative care wing where he would be made as comfortable as possible in his final weeks or months.

Related Words: Ameliorate, Mitigate, Alleviate, and Extenuate also refer to lessening something bad without eliminating it.

More Info: Palliate comes from the Latin “pallium,” a cloak, which covers up. To palliate a crime is to try to make it seem not as bad, such as by introducing extenuating circumstances.

Mnemonic:

1. it can be like pale(faint coz of disease)+ate so eating the pain.i.e. reducing it.
2. palliate=alleviate
3. palli+ate.I was hungry,had pain in the stomach,so ate some palli(groundnut).It eased the pain but didn't cure it.
4. a friend = a PAL will ALLEVIATE your pain.
5. PALL+I+ATE..ease pain..
6. pal(friend) + ate(lessen) >>> a friend always LESSEN OUR PAIN when it grows a lot

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edify



(verb)  
ED-ih-fy  
Also edifying (adj)

Definition: Uplift, enlighten, instruct or improve in a spiritual or moral way

Usage: Look, Son, I'm glad that you're reading, but I really wish you would read something more edifying than that magazine that gives tips for winning at violent video games.

More Info: Edifying isn't actually etymologically related to edible, but it's a good memory trick to think of something edifying as "food for the soul."

Mnemonic:

1. edify -> edit + y; you edit some thing to improve it
2. edify sounds close to "rectify" which means to correct..
3. edify can be understood as SIMPLIFY things to make them understand better
4. EDISON was a great scientist...In order to improve people we have to tell them about EDISON and edify them....
5. To edit a defy(defiance) ~ to correct morally
6. Edify:Concentrate on first 2 letters of d word, Ed as in B.Ed(Bachelor of education) means to Educate or Enlighten or to make understand.

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bifurcate  
(verb, adj)  
BYE-fur-cayt

Definition: To fork into two branches or divide into two halves

Usage: The medical student carefully bifurcated the cadaver brain, separating it precisely into right and left hemispheres. / The bifurcate tree stood tall, its two massive branches reaching for the sky.

Related Words: Cleave (split or cut, as in a "meat cleaver")

More Info: In math, a midpoint bifurcates a line segment. Bifurcate comes from the Latin "furca," which also gives us "fork."

Mnemonic:

1. after killing the cat (tiger) ,, the 2 hunters divided the fur into 2 equal parts
2. resembling a fork, which only have 2 branches

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stigma  
(noun)  
STIG-muh

Definition: Mark of disgrace, a figurative stain or mark on someone's reputation

Usage: In the 1950s, bearing a child out of wedlock was severely stigmatized, but today in many social circles, there is no stigma whatsoever to unmarried parents having a child.

Related Words: Pariah (social outcast, untouchable)

More Info: Stigma is sometimes used to mean stigmata, marks supernaturally appearing on hands and feet (of nuns, monks, etc.) and resembling the wounds of Christ. This happens to Patricia Arquette in the 1999 movie Stigmata. In The Scarlet Letter, the character Hester Prynne is stigmatized by having to wear the letter "A" on her chest (for "adultery").

Mnemonic:

1. Stigma (STICK + MAA)
2. Opposite of six sigma which is considered very graceful and good
3. stigma = sounds like enigma is always disgraceful.
4. grand ma is always a token of disgrace for mother.
5. Stigma= ma of stig (from the top gear show). His mother is always ashamed of his son being on TV!

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duplicity  
(noun)  
doo-PLISS-it-ee  
Also duplicitious (adj)

Definition: Deceit, double-dealing, acting in two different ways for the purpose of deception

Usage: The campaign worker's duplicity finally came to light when it was discovered that, despite rising to a trusted position within the local Workers Party, he was actually a registered National Party member and was feeding information back to his cronies.

Related Words: Dissembling (misleading, concealing the truth, acting hypocritically), Prevaricating (misleading or lying), Disingenuous (not genuine)

More Info: Duplicity was a 2009 film starring Julia Roberts. It was about spies.

Mnemonic:

1. duplicity== making two faces(duplicate)..
2. like in the 2009 movie "DUPLICITY" where double dealing happens..
3. original+duplicate=2

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grating  
(adj)  
GRAY-ting

Definition: Irritating; harsh or discordant (of a noise); scraping

Usage: Folding jeans at the mall finally became unbearable when her kindly old supervisor was replaced with a young woman whose grating tone made commands like "Fold faster and then clean up this display!" sound like nails on a chalkboard.

Related Words: Rasping is a synonym in all senses—irritating, relating to harsh noise, or scraping, as in "The bottom of the boat rasped the rocky ocean floor." A person with a sore throat often has a raspy voice.

More Info: A grate, of course, can also be a frame of bars, such as to secure a window. A cheese grater shreds cheese. A grating voice is kind of like applying a cheese grater to your ears.

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luminous  
(adj)  
LOO-min-uss  
Also luminary (noun)

Definition: Shining, radiant, well-lit; brilliant or enlightening

Usage: Use our new light-reflecting shimmer blush for a luminous complexion! / We are conferring this honorary degree on the author in appreciation for sharing his luminous intellect with the world. He is truly a luminary.

Related Words: Lustrous, effulgent, and refulgent also mean shining.

More Info: Luminous comes from the root "luc" for "light," which also occurs in translucent, lucubrate (work or study, originally by candlelight), elucidate (make clear, explain), and lucid and pellucid (clear). A luminary is a person who inspires others (or "lights up" the world).

Mnemonic:

1. luminous = luminance ~ bright
2. remember LUMINOUS INVERTERS ad by dhoni...brightful

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invective  
(noun)  
in-VECK-tiv

Definition: Violent denunciation; accusations, insults, or verbal abuse

Usage: Although the money was good, she quit her job after nearly having a nervous breakdown from her boss's invective.

Related Words: Vituperation (synonym), Censure (strong disapproval or official reprimand), Contumely (contemptuous treatment or a humiliating insult), Vitriol (very caustic criticism)

More Info: Invective comes from a root for attack that also gives us inveigh (to protest strongly or attack with words).

Mnemonic:

1. ENVY + ACTIVE or Active jealousy can cause you to ABUSE the other person.
2. divide it like..invi+ctive..invi(sounds like envy)+active...well an active envy..who doesnt want to see you sucessful...such a person wil try all ways to bring you down..hence he will use abusive and venomous language..to express his ill will for you
3. INVECTIVE(abusive) --> INjECTIVE(causing pain) --> INVECTIVE is INjECTIVE
4. basically derived from invectus...means to attack with words....
5. A VECTOR pointing towards u and abusing.. lolz
6. remember VECTOR transmits germs and causes diseases. so its harmful, painful. similarly invective is a abusive language passed to you which causes pain

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lumber  
(verb)  
LUM-ber

Definition: Walk in a heavy or clumsy way, sometimes due to being weighed down

Usage: Alicia was a model and was accustomed to walking everywhere as though on a catwalk, so she was quite displeased when she broke her leg and had to lumber around in a cast, thumping the ground everywhere she went.

Related Words: To trudge or plod is to walk or move in a laborious, difficult, or slow manner. A child might trudge reluctantly to school. A boring movie might plod along. A heavy, inflexible person might lumber around.

Mnemonic:

1. Relate to the person who is "lamba" (lamba in Hindi language means tall person in English ) moves heavily or clumsily
2. The lumberjack was lumbering with heavy lumbers on his back.
3. limber is moving swiftly...i.e to b flexible....lumber is to move heavily or awkwardly....;)
4. lumber(noun and verb) sounds similar to cumber(some) means heavy and awkward.
5. LUMBER=LOVELY+NUMBER...when i said "Hey Lovely chick...whats your nUMBER"..she kicked me on my center point and went away... and i was left MOVING HEAVILY and CLUMSILY....:)
6. The fat plumber with all his tools moves heavily/clumsily.

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usury  
(noun)  
YOO-zher-ee

Definition: Charging interest on a loan, esp. charging illegally high or excessive interest

Usage: I can't see how that payday lending place is even legal—a person borrowing \$100 will end up paying over \$150 interest in just a few months! Isn't that usury? I don't know how that place is skirting the law.

More Info: Usury is always bad. Whether it means simply charging interest or charging way too much depends on the time and place. In medieval times when all moneylending was illegal, usury meant any charging of interest; today, usury laws specify exactly how much interest it's allowable to charge.

Mnemonic:

1. USURY reminds me of TREASURY - Lending money from the treasury at a very high rate of interest
2. us(e)+ur+(mone)y by lending for extra interest rates
3. USURY ~ USURP: You're basically trying to USURP money by lending them at exorbitant rates.
4. (Yun)usury!
5. usury - think U r SUREty (collateral), will you pay the exorbitant rate of interest... for your friend (who wanted you to be his collateral)
6. sounds like udhari and vasuli ; its an undercover business of black money

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axiom  
(noun)  
ACK-see-um  
Also axiomatic (adj)

Definition: Self-evident truth requiring no proof; universally or generally accepted principle

Usage: Given the last decade of research into the brain—as well as our own experience trying to function while deprived of sleep or food—we must take as axiomatic that the brain is influenced by the body.

Related Words: Maxim (short statement of general truth, proverb), Postulate (self-evident proposition, such as in math)

More Info: When we say something is axiomatic, we mean that it must be true, in the way that 2+2 must equal 4, or all squares must have four sides.

Mnemonic:

1. Ax +i+om - when the axe is on me I will tell the truth. This is surely evident.
2. Axiom is a rule or principle that most people believe to be true( /universally recognized)... See "om" in Axiom which is universally believed

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diffuse  
(verb, adj)  
diff-Y00Z (v), diff-Y00SS (adj)

Definition: Spread widely, disseminate (verb); dispersed, widely spread out, or wordy and going off-topic (adj)

Usage: The spy attempted to root out the dissenters at the gala, but he was only able to detect a diffuse sense of discontent all around the room. / It will be very difficult to diffuse the power among the people when transitioning from autocracy to democracy.

More Info: A diffuser is a device that spreads air freshener or other scent by being plugged into an outlet. Don't confuse diffuse with defuse, to calm or put an end to (to "defuse a fight").

Mnemonic:

1. Wen there is a bomb in the building we SPREAD this news WIDELY and call the bomb (DIFFUSE)ing squad
2. diffusion of air means scattering of air in a place..

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clamber  
(verb)  
CLAM-ber

Definition: Climb awkwardly or with difficulty, scramble

Usage: The hiker had spent the last hour plodding lethargically up the side of the mountain, but when she caught sight of the summit, she excitedly began to clamber up even the steepest inclines.

More Info: Clamber comes from the same root as climb. Don't confuse it with clamor, which means "noisy shouting or protest."

Mnemonic:

1. climb + er => person who climbs
2. climber is a person who climbs and clamber is a person who climbs awkwardly using his hands and feet...
3. c+lamb+er
4. clamb+er- climb with error...hence awkward climbing leads to clambering.

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garner  
(verb)  
GAR-ner

Definition: Gather and store; amass, collect

Usage: The publisher sent copies of the soon-to-be-published manuscript to reviewers, hoping to garner acclaim and publicity for the book.

Related Words: Accrue (increase gradually), Augment (grow larger), Agglomerate (form into a mass or cluster, join together), Aggregate (gather together, amount to), Consolidate (unite, combine, firm up—you can consolidate loans or consolidate power)

More Info: Don't confuse garner with garnish, which means either to decorate (such as with a radish carved into a flower next to your sushi) or to take a portion off the top, as in, "After he lost a lawsuit and failed to pay, the judge ordered that his wages be garnished and the money sent directly from his employer towards his debts." Garner comes from granary, a place to store grain.

Mnemonic:

1. Sounds like a gardener who gathers fruits and vegetables from his/her garden.
2. GARNER sounds like GARNIER face wash which GATHERS dust and cleans
3. Granary is to garner
4. gardner + garnier fructus - Sounds like a gardener who gathers fruits and vegetables from his/her garden. :)
5. GATHER grains

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implacable  
(adj)  
im-PLACK-uh-bull  
Also placate (verb), placatory (adj)

Definition: Not able to be appeased, calmed, or satisfied

Usage: After the dog groomer misunderstood and shaved the family Weimaraner totally bald, Mr. Garcia was implacable; neither an offer of a free gift certificate nor a complimentary doggie sweater would reduce his fury.

Related Words: Inexorable (unyielding, merciless, not moved by pleas)

More Info: Implacable means "not able to be placated." Someone who can be placated is placatory.

Mnemonic:

1. Sounds like IMPLEASABLE -- some one who cannot be pleased or appeased -- not pacifiable
2. IM(Not) + PLAC(Place) + ABLE = You will not a place in her heart.
3. implacable = im (not) + play + cable; cable is not playing i.e not friendly environment.
4. In general body IMPLANTS are INCAPABLE of satisfying / pacifying human desires.

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indolent  
(adj)  
IN-duh-lent

Definition: Lazy, slothful

Usage: Having worked all his life, the CEO was constantly frustrated with his indolent son, who used his inherited wealth as an excuse to sunbathe and party.

Related Words: Torpid, sluggish, idle, lethargic, loafing, and slack are all related to laziness or slowness.

More Info: The Latin “dolere” means “suffer pain”—today, dolor means anguish or grief. Indolent arose from the idea of avoiding pain and now means laziness.

Mnemonic:

1. indolent - in + dolent => jo dolta nahi hai(hilta nahi hai)
2. In India people are lazy for giving rent {indo = india , dent = rent}
3. IN(negative) DOLent(DO some actions) --- so not doing any action is being lazy
4. ID(n)OL...IDOL ant is lazy..
5. u will become DOL[in hindi ..huge] if you are lazy..
6. indolent sounds like indoor and the person always play indoor games are lazy.

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beneficent  
(adj)  
ben-EFF-iss-ent

Definition: Doing good

Usage: The billionaire had been a mean and stingy fellow, but after his death, his beneficent widow gave all his money to charity, even accompanying the donations with handwritten notes thanking the charities for all the good work they did.

Related Words: Benevolent (expressing goodwill, helping others or charity), Eleemosynary (charitable)

More Info: The Latin root “bene” means “good,” and “fic” means “making or producing.” The antonym of beneficent is maleficent (“mal” means “bad”).

Mnemonic:

1. Simply think about beneficial(something gives benefit) which help people.
2. ben+eficent--eficent sounds like efficient--> efficient people are the ones who does good or produces good.
3. sounds like BEEN EFFICIENT: so he/she(s) been doing good..
4. beneficent In cartoon network ben(ben10) is very efficient and always do good things and is kind to people.
5. Ben means always good.. So, whatever word starts from Ben means good.. Mal is bad like Malevolent..

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penitent  
(adj, noun)  
PEN-it-ent  
Also penitence (noun)

Definition: Regretful, feeling remorse for one's sins or misdeeds (adj); a person who feels this way (noun)

Usage: After being “separated” from the college for plagiarism, she wrote a letter to the Dean expressing her deep regret and penitence and hoping to be readmitted.

Related Words: Contrite and Remorseful are synonyms. To atone or make amends is to try to make up for having done something wrong.

More Info: Penitent shares a root with penitentiary ("prison") and penal ("relating to punishment").

Mnemonic:

1. inside a tent if you do some thing wrong with a girl by giving penni(money) you will repent it later.
2. read it as pentant.. rhymes with repentant
3. penniless:: if u become penniless u repent ur deeds.
4. he invested his peni in the tents,then booom,he lost all...

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kinetic  
(adj)  
kin-ET-ick

Definition: Pertaining to motion

Usage: Marisa told her mother what she had learned in science class: a ball sitting on a table has potential energy, but a ball falling towards the ground has kinetic energy.

More Info: Kinetic contains a root for motion that appears in many other words that you don't need to memorize, but now can easily puzzle out-kinesthetic learners prefer to learn through physical activity. Patients with dyskenesia have trouble with movement. You could major in kinesiology in preparation for being a coach or gym teacher.

Mnemonic:

1. kinetic honda..
2. active movement in the kindergarten
3. active genetic movement

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subpoena  
(verb, noun)  
suh-PEE-nuh

Definition: A court order requiring a person to appear in court and give testimony

Usage: Lea was served with a subpoena requiring her to testify against her former colleague.

More Info: "Sub poena" is Latin for "under a penalty," after the first words of a subpoena: "Under penalty of..." (meaning that, if the person does not comply, the specified punishment will be applied).

Mnemonic:

1. Its pretty simple... read it as COURT MEIN "SABOOT POST KARNA"!!!
2. ounds like SAB+ P + HEY NA ??
3. "Sub + poena" in Latin means "under penalty"
4. sab ko aana hai
5. remember the word "sub court" ..
6. subpoena = I everybody drunken, i.e ur asked a a witness.

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cupidity  
(noun)  
kyoo-PID-it-ee

Definition: Greed, great or excessive desire

Usage: The doctor's medical license was revoked after it was discovered that, out of sheer cupidity, he had diagnosed people with illnesses they didn't have and pocketed insurance money for performing procedures they didn't need.

Related Words: Avarice (insatiable greed), Covetousness (greed), Rapacity or Rapaciousness (greedy or grasping; living on prey)

Mnemonic:

1. cupidity:look for CUPID HERE..cupid is the god of love. so cupidity means having an desire or greed  
for wealth. cupid-wealth-cupidity...greed for wealth.
2. CUP+IDLI+TEA....a person who wants cup full of wine,IDLI to eat and TEA is too GREEDY.....
3. imagine a Cupid who makes up the matches earning a lot of money by doing so...
4. Cupidity is stupidity...
5. cupidity = cup + hidi hidi means catch.. so greed
6. Salman Khan Movie Partner or Will Smith starrer Hitch

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exonerate  
(verb)  
egg-ZAH-ner-ayt

Definition: Clear from blame or accusation; free from a responsibility

Usage: When the defendant was exonerated after a long trial, his family wept for joy.

Related Words: Exculpate and Vindicate also mean "free from blame."

More Info: Exonerate shares a root with onerous and onus, meaning "burden or obligation." Since "ex" means "out," exonerate can be thought of as removing a burden (generally, that of guilt).

Mnemonic:

1. ex(purani)...ones (one) rate(value)
2. EXONERATE ~ break it as EX (gone) HONOUR (pride) ~ to bring back your gone or fallen honour by getting the blame off you.
3. Ex - honourate get back your honour by getting yourself free from the charges.
4. Onerate -> Responsibility; Ex - Onerate -> Release from burden.
5. ex means previous + oner(honor) so getting back ur ex honor means free from blame
6. Exonerate:Exo+Nerate(Narrate=Narrator),Just Imagine Exo(Exo Dish Wash Bar) is Narrating(Nerate) this  
story....As I killed lot of gems,but court didnt punished me,they pardoned me(absolved from blame) because i killed bad germs.

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winnow  
(verb)  
WIN-oh

Definition: Sift, analyze critically, separate the useful part from the worthless part

Usage: We got 120 resumes for one job—it's going to take me awhile just to winnow this down to a reasonable stack of people we want to interview.

Related Words: Rarefy (make more pure, more exclusive, or thinner and less dense—rarefied air at the top of a mountain or a rarefied crowd at an exclusive event)

More Info: Literally, winnowing is separating the edible part of wheat from the chaff, the outer husks.

Relatedly, the expression "separate the wheat from the chaff" means to winnow, as in "The first week of our training program will really separate the wheat from the chaff—over 50% of recruits drop out in the first few days."

Mnemonic:

1. WIND + NOW = WINNOW
2. WIN NOW will separate you from looser
3. sounds like binno (hindi)- sift
4. its like window,when window is opened the chaff or mud or dust will be cleaned or get seperated
5. Win + now... you can win now...or win + owing...owing to something you could win a prize.
6. Winnow=Wind the minnow (the lesse one the chalf) form the grain.

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turgid



(adj)  
TER-jid

Definition: Swollen, inflated; or, metaphorically "inflated," such as in overblown, pompous speech

Usage: His prose was so turgid he used the phrase "synchronous repast" to mean a lunch break. / Jimmy carefully carried the turgid water balloons to the balcony, ready for a serious splash attack on members of the rival fraternity.

Related Words: Tumid (synonym), Distend (swell, expand), Balloon (swell or puff out; increase rapidly)

More Info: Don't confuse turgid with turbid (turbulent), tepid (lukewarm), or torpid (sluggish).

Mnemonic:

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2. People always tell tragedies by overblowing them
3. TURGID= (TURBID and TURGID river). If there is extreme turbidity in the river, then the river must a turgid river(swollen),because it washes away the mud from the bank.
4. Tu(you) r(are) gid (gas+solid=gid)
5. can be read as To+Get+rid of MUD = muddy
6. Turgid can be thought of opposite of RIGID..i.e.. can be SWOLLEN or DISTENDED

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invidious  
(adj)  
in-VID-ee-uss

Definition: Hatelul, offensive, injurious

Usage: School bullying has become a serious problem, with ongoing invidious behavior driving students to suicide.

Related Words: Malicious and Malevolent both mean "intending ill will towards another."

More Info: Invidious comes from the Latin word for envy. Don't confuse invidious with insidious, which means deceitful, tricky, intended to entrap or ensnare.

Mnemonic:

1. invi seems like "envy" check the meaning of envy and you will understand the mnemonic
2. focus on word in+VIDIO....when tahalaka showed a VIDIO of few tainted ministers , it ROUSED ILLWILL in the whole country.
3. sounds like "hiddeous" to arouse envy or ill will or discriminate against others
4. INVIDIOUS OR ENVIOUS...creating envy or ill-will among people.
5. INVIDIOUS=ENVIOUS+DEVIOUS = Deviously Envious.
6. INdian videos(vidio) are discriminated in US(us) as they envy Indians

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itinerary  
(noun)  
eye-TIN-uh-rare-ee or it-TIN-uh-rare-ee

Definition: Travel schedule; detailed plan for a journey

Usage: Great, that was the Parthenon! What's next on our itinerary?

Related Words: Agenda is a similar but more general word that can be used metaphorically—a meeting usually has an agenda, a trip could have an agenda (goal or plan) for the day, and a person who wants something but isn't being direct about it is said to have an agenda or hidden agenda.

More Info: Itinerary shares a root with itinerant (traveling from place to place, esp. as part of a job). An itinerary can sometimes be a guidebook or a record of travel that has already happened.

**Mnemonic:**

1. the car i10 is rarely used to plan a trip in it...
2. Latin word itiner= journey.... itinerary means schedule or plan a detail route.
3. it-italy, nerar-near ...I'm near Italy according to my plan of the trip...
4. I ti:Tibet ner:near;I am near to Tibet due to my plan of the journey otherwise I would have been lost
5. sounds iterate >>> when some route is used quite often, it becomes a min route and is iterated by people for their traveling...

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knell  
(noun, verb)  
NELL

**Definition:** The sound made by a bell for a funeral, or any sad sound or signal of a failure, death, ending, etc. (noun); to make such a sound (verb)

**Usage:** The Senate minority leader's speech was a death knell for the bill; all hope of bipartisan cooperation was lost.

**Related Words:** Dirge (A funeral or mourning song or poem), Requiem (musical service or hymn for the dead), Threnody (poem or song of mourning), Elegy (song or poem of sorrow, esp. for a deceased person)

**More Info:** Don't confuse knell with knoll, a small hill (as in the "grassy knoll" supposedly involved in JFK's assassination).

**Mnemonic:**

1. knell== k + (hell+bell) === when u die u wil be in hell... so knell means tolling of a bell to indicate funeral
2. Knell the Bell to indicate Hell.
3. when andrew nel(of south africa) comes ganguly thinks that today his death bell has been rung... uski fast bowlers se fat-ti hai
4. KNELL the BELL... ring a bell to give an alarm or signal.
5. Nell is a grain which is generally said as Nell Mani. Mani is bell.
6. Knell of the bell sends his ass to hell!!!

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peddle  
(verb)  
PED-ull

**Definition:** Travel around while selling; sell illegally; give out or disseminate

**Usage:** After an unsuccessful year spent peddling cutlery door-to-door, he turned to peddling drugs, thus landing himself in jail. / "I don't want these people peddling lies to our children," said Mrs. Hoffman, protesting an event in which fringe political candidates were invited to speak to kids.

**Related Words:** A peddler or vendor sells things, as does a fishmonger, ironmonger, etc. (although a scandalmonger doesn't so much sell scandals as promote them).

**Mnemonic:**

1. Peddle ~ try to thnik of cycle paddle,a person paddles his cycle to move around streets and sell the toys.
2. Just remember drug peddlers

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dyspeptic  
(adj)  
diss-PEP-tick

**Definition:** Grumpy, pessimistic, irritable; suffering from dyspepsia (indigestion)

Usage: The dyspeptic professor was so angered by a question from a student who hadn't done the homework that he actually stomped out of class.

Related Words: Curmudgeon (bad-tempered, difficult person), Crotchety (grouchy, picky, given to odd notions), Cantankerous (disagreeable, contentious), Crank (an unbalanced person who is fanatical about a private, generally petty cause)

More Info: Dyspeptic describes a physical condition but is often used metaphorically; indigestion does tend to make a person feel irritable. Similarly, myopia describes the physical condition of nearsightedness, but is often used metaphorically to mean "given to unwisely short-term thinking."

Mnemonic:

1. dys (means not functioning properly) + peptic.. pepsin..is an ENZYME...WHICH BREAKS DOWN THE FOOD PARTICLES AND HELPS IN DIGESTION,...SO if this enzyme stops functioning..then the problem of INDIGESTION occurs.
2. sounds like THIS PEPSI...I wont drink this pepsi because it may create indigestion to me.
3. Note that many of the words with roots from body organs mean irritable. Examples: splenetic, spleen, bilious, dyspeptic, livery, and liverish.
4. dyspeptic = dys + peptic; dys ( means not) + peptic ( pepsin enzyme to help indigestion.
5. dy( dye= color filling) peptic= pepsi, U drank that dye pepsi, as a result u are suffering from indigestion.

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welter  
(noun, verb)  
WELL-ter

Definition: Confused mass or pile, jumble; confusion or turmoil (noun); roll around, wallow, toss about, writhe (verb)

Usage: It said "thrift store," but inside it was just a welter of used clothing, draped everywhere and even lying in piles. / By the time the teacher broke up the fight, it was already pretty much over—the loser was weltering on the floor. / They struggled to keep the sailboat afloat on the weltering sea.

More Info: No one's quite sure why a boxer weighing 140-147 pounds is a "welterweight," but it might have something to do with what you might do if hit really hard by a boxer—welter on the ground.

Mnemonic:

1. I would remember it as 'world tour'.
2. I fell into a WELL of TAR to get drenched and entangled in it.
3. WHEN PRONOUNCED sounds like WET in WATER....SO WHEN you went to visit sunder bans you suddenly fell into mud thus you became wet due to muddy water.
4. Welter is like helter-skelter. Welter means a state of turmoil, while helter-skelter means, in a disorderly haste...thereby showing a confusion.
5. Split it up into WET(WEL)+WATER(TER).So, yu lie soaked in water with a confused look on yur face as wat to do next?
6. well - jalian waala bagh ~ 1. turmoil 2. people soaked in blood

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nadir  
(noun)  
NAY-der or NAY-deer

Definition: Lowest point

Usage: It was only when Ming reached her absolute nadir—what her recovery program called "rock bottom"—that she admitted she had a problem and checked herself into rehab.

Related Words: The opposite of the nadir is the zenith, or highest point. Both words are terms from

astronomy, referring to points directly below and above the observer on an imaginary sphere on which celestial bodies appear to be projected. On the GRE, these words will be used metaphorically—the nadir of one's struggles, the zenith (or acme, pinnacle, or summit) of one's success.

More Info: Finally, a GRE word from Arabic! Nadir comes through Latin from the Arabic nazir, "opposite to"—here, the nadir is opposite the zenith.

Mnemonic:

1. na+gir meaning from where one cannot fall that is the lowest point...
2. think of extremely low-hanging testicles, or NADS (slang), then think of NADir as the lowest point of the male reproductive system (no offense)
3. You can recall Persian emperor Nadir-shah a cruel man, so someone very "lowly".
4. If you fall into Niagara, you will reach its lowest point or nadir
5. na+dir-> null directory lowest point of empty space.
6. Enakku oru Naadhiyum illa. Anyone would say this when they feel very low

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recondite  
(adj)  
RECK-un-dite or rih-CAHN-dite

Definition: Not easily understood, hidden, dealing with an obscure topic

Usage: Professor Ryan's office is full of books, every single one of which is more than 400 years old, and many of them in ancient Greek. He deals in some seriously recondite information.

Related Words: Arcane and Esoteric are synonyms.

Mnemonic:

1. read recondite as "re conduct". The professor re conducted(repeated) the topic as the students could not understand properly.
2. recon-dite:recon sounds like reckon which means guess...if a question is DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND u will GUESS the answer
3. RECKON + TRITE (repeated) = the word was DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND even after REPEATED attempts to RECKON its meaning.
4. REC + ON +DITE ==Obviously it is very DIFFICULT to record while ur dite(eating)...
5. re + condite(sounds like contact). It is DIFFICULT to contact a VIP again and again(Re).
6. recondite sounds like 'wreck on diet' meaning destruction while on a diet. This sounds very absurd and very difficult to understand whats going on !!

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interplay  
(noun)  
IN-ter-play

Definition: Interaction, reciprocal relationship or influence

Usage: Bilingual readers will enjoy the interplay of English and Spanish in many of the poems in this anthology of the work of Mexican-American poets.

Related Words: Converge (move towards one another or towards a point; unite), Dovetail (join or fit together)

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rift  
(noun)  
RIFT

Definition: A gap or fissure (such as in rock), a break in friendly relations

Usage: Olaf's Swedish family was offended when he married a Norwegian girl—so offended that it caused a rift that lasted for decades. / The hikers considered the rift in their path, wondering if

it  
would be possible to leap across.

Related Words: Crevasse (deep fissure or crack), Feud (bitter quarrel generally lasting a long time), Estranged (alienated, as in She hasn't spoken to her estranged father in years).

More Info: Unsurprisingly, to rift as a verb is to split open, burst, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. rhyme is drift(a sound force which drives something along)..a drifted water caused many breaks in the wall.
2. sounds like cleft; which means split
3. riffle create openings
4. rift sounds like 'lift'. if there is a 'GAP' between two objects, you get better grip to 'lift' the object.
5. lift doors will rift apart for opening...
6. There is a RIFT in the LIFT!

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plutocracy  
(noun)  
plooh-TAH-cruh-see

Definition: Rule by the wealthy

Usage: There have always been rich and poor people, of course, but some argue that the U.S. is becoming a plutocracy, with the richest 10% controlling two-thirds of the nation's wealth and nearly half of our Congressional representatives being millionaires.

Related Words: A plutocracy might also be an oligarchy (rule by only a few).

More Info: In Greek mythology, Pluto (also known as Hades) was god of the underworld, and Plutus was god of wealth. Things got a bit confused over the years, as people used "Plutus" to mean "Pluto" as a way to make things sound a little more positive.

Mnemonic:

1. pLUTOcracy...society jo LOOT leti hai or sounds like AUTOCRACY
2. "Do you want our society to achieve plutocracy or democracy." imagining ruled by people from Pluto,  
or demons from Hell! (distorted to enhance memory)

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demagogue  
(noun)  
DEM-uh-gah'g

Definition: A leader who lies and gains power by arousing the passions and especially prejudices of the people

Usage: Political demagogues lie and twist the facts, depending more on their natural charisma and ability to determine exactly what their audience wants to hear than any actual understanding or perspicacity.

Related Words: A Propagandist or Provocateur influences the public in ways that are probably more emotional than logical.

More Info: The Greek root "demos," for "people," also appears in democracy, demographics, and demotic (populist, pertaining to the people).

Mnemonic:

1. demo(means people) agogue (means leading ) so it adds up to leading people in a wrong way...
2. democracy+agog-an agog man leading democracy will only try to win peoples support by using unreasonable and emotional arguments
3. opposite od PEDAGOGUE(teaching)

4. Something to do with DEMocracy wherein Political leaders and people are found. Also DEMography-study of population wherein people are considered
5. in DEMOCRACY people ARGUE upon issues....this results in leaders provoking people and false promises (false leadership)
6. A leader formed by democratic glue, who forms a mist in people's mind without knowing depth knowledge about it.

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rue  
(noun, verb)  
ROO

Definition: Regret, remorse (noun); to feel regret or remorse (verb)

Usage: Movie or cartoon villains sometimes say, "You'll rue the day!" What they mean is, "I will make you regret that you did what you just did." / The couple broke up in high school for a foolish reason, and each hastily married another person. Twenty years later, they were still full of endless rue over having lost each other.

Related Words: Contrite means remorseful for one's wrongs. Penitent means remorseful for one's sins, or a person who is remorseful.

More Info: Rue is also an acrid herb used in medicine. It is likely from this plant that the female name Rue derives (as in Rue McClanahan of The Golden Girls).

Mnemonic:

1. rue sounds similar to ruin...when you ruin your life you LAMENT and REGRET it
2. sounds like ro(weep)...so mourn
3. Think RUEdolf. "All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names." All the other reindeer RUEd when "Santa came to say, RUEdolf with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight."
4. Ruebaroo.....are you CRYING or singing?
5. ROOH(soul)...when we think of soul, we think of death...hence when someone dies, we repent, feel the consequences of it bitterly....
6. rue:- rue sounds like rude.. so when someone behaves rudely, you will be sorrow

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ingrate  
(noun)  
IN-grayt

Definition: Ungrateful person

Usage: You ingrate! I have slaved at this laundromat to pay for your college education, and you quit two weeks before graduation to become a Marxist revolutionary, and then you tell me I'm the enemy of the working class?

More Info: The "grate" in ingrate is of course related to grateful, but also grace and ingratiate (gain favor with, as by flattery).

Mnemonic:

1. ingrate: antonym of grateful
2. In latin 'in' stands for not. that is how in~grate = not gratefull;thankless
3. ingrate, sounds close to ungreat... so an ingrate person is an ungreat person
4. ingrate=ing+rate

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proclivity

(noun)  
pruh-CLIV-it-ee

Definition: Inclination, natural tendency

Usage: After his therapist pointed out that he had a natural proclivity to judge people prematurely, he tried to work on that by imagining things from the other person's point of view.

Related Words: Predilection, Propensity, Penchant, and Bent are all words for a preference or inclination (He has an arrogant bent about him, and a propensity to offend others). Predisposed (having an inclination or tendency beforehand; susceptible)

More Info: Proclivity shares a Latin root ("slope") with incline, decline, declivity, inclination, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. Acclivity- an upward slope; Declivity --a downward slope; Proclivity -- a natural inclination
2. pro(forward) + clivity( think of cliff or high slope, prone to slipping towards it), so a strong predisposition/inclination to... something
3. Pro (for) + Clivity = inclination. An inclination for something

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panegyric  
(noun)  
pan-uh-JEER-ick or pan-uh-JIRE-ick

Definition: Formal or lofty expression of praise

Usage: Lincoln enthusiasts were excited that a new biography was to be published, and many hoped that new light would be cast on certain controversies. However, the book was pure panegyric-- nothing but heroic tales, uncritically presented.

Related Words: Encomium (warm, glowing praise, esp. a formal expression of praise), Laudation (praise, tribute), Eulogy (a speech of praise or written work of praise, esp. a speech given at a funeral), Paean (song of praise, triumph, or thanks)

More Info: Panegyric contains the root "pan" ("all"), indicating a speech given in public, to all.

Mnemonic:

1. pane sounds like paean means praise and gyric sounds like lyric, so panegyric means expression of praise
2. pane(pain)+gyric(lyrics)=if someone takes pain and writes lyrics then he will get **PRAISED**!!!
3. panehyric:gyric sounds like "lyric".so if any song has a good lyric then everybody praise it...in invites appreciation and praises..
4. it sounds like eugyric which also means praise
5. Pen + jerry = When Jerry helps Tom from Owner. Tom offers pen to Jerry and say go i.e. formal praise.
6. If the lyrics of the songs are good then the lyricist will get PRAISED

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pedant  
(noun)  
PED-int  
Also pedantic (adj)

Definition: Person who pays excessive attention to book learning and rules, or who uses his or her learning to show off

Usage: I hate when pedants interrupt you to correct your grammar, especially if what you're saying is important--and in my opinion, almost anything is more important than pedantic quibbles over whether it's okay to end a sentence with a preposition.

Related Words: Didactic means "intended to instruct; teaching, or teaching a moral lesson." This is a

perfectly positive quality for a teacher, but could be annoying coming from a peer. Fastidious means “excessively particular, hard to please.”

More Info: “Ped” means “child,” as in pediatrician. A pedant was once a schoolmaster; now it’s someone who acts like a schoolmaster in inappropriate situations.

Mnemonic:

1. Pedant rhymes with PATENT. Usually those students get PATENT who do research. Since they do research they must be scholar.
2. (ped + ant)remember as padaai karne wali cheeti(ant).ie scholar
3. pedant rhymes with student. Think of a special kind of student.
4. "pendant of books" har waqt books latkake ghoomta rehta hai... "kitaabi keeda"
5. rhyme with VED+AANTH ..jo Veda ko aanth tak padhta ho matlab ki SCHOLAR,kitabi keera
6. "DANT" SCOLDING PADTI HAI AAMIR KHAN KO 3 IDIOTS MEIN BECAUZE WOH BOOK "PE" DI HUI DEFINITION OF MCHINE NAHIN BOLTA HAI = PE+DANT

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assiduous  
(adj)  
uh-SID-joo-uss

Definition: Persevering, diligent, constant

Usage: Through assiduous effort over a substantial period of time, anyone can develop a prodigious vocabulary.

Related Words: Sedulous, Tenacious

More Info: Assiduous contains a variant of the root “sed,” meaning “to sit” (as in sedated or sediment). Think of assiduous as “sitting” in your chair until you finish your work.

Mnemonic:

1. assiduous+ass+in+the+dust.a donkey working hard in the dust.meaning hard working or industrious or diligent
2. if u get "assi" i.e 80%, u sure r a hardworkin nd ASSIduous :P
3. as+Siduo+us: If you know the meaning of Sedulous, which means diligentm, hardworking. One can find the same word in Assiduous too. AS+SEDUOL+OUS.
4. Ass is donkey and donkey is hardworking.
5. if u get "assi" i.e 80% u Sure r hardworkin and ASSIduous
6. assiduous= "as i am doing" persistant effort to master Vocab

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obdurate  
(adj)  
AHB-der-it or AHB-jer-it

Definition: Stubborn, hardhearted, hardened in wrongdoing

Usage: The first mate reported that there was some fuzzy shape on the horizon, but the captain insisted that the instruments showed no such object, and obdurately sailed straight ahead—right into an iceberg. / This obdurate criminal should never be let out on parole—he simply cannot be reformed.

Related Words: Flinty, glacial, stony, and callous can have the meaning of being emotionally “hard” or cold. Reprobate and unregenerate can refer to people who are hardened evildoers.

More Info: “Ob” means “against” and the rest of the word is derived from the Latin “durare” (hard), which also gives us durable and endure. Obdurate people are hardened against feelings, persuasion, or conscience.

Mnemonic:

1. OB+DURA(RELATE IT TO WORD DURABILITY)..SO anything which has durability..has the resisting power, and something which can resist, is stubborn.
2. OB+DU+RATE realate it as AB(OB) RATE DoUble ho gaya,and the seller was very STUBBORN about that



3. durate -duration
4. Think "obstinate" which is stubborn
5. Obdurate - Try reading as "Odd - along - duration" :Means stubborn
6. ob = negative durate = through out duration of life

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compendium  
(noun)  
cuhm-PEN-dee-um  
Also compendious (adj)

Definition: Concise but complete summary; a list or collection

Usage: I could hardly bring my whole collection of poetry books on vacation, so instead, I brought a lightweight poetry compendium containing a few selections each from thirty or so poets thought to represent various styles and eras. / This movie review is unusually compendious—although a scant 500 words, it tells every single thing that happens in the entire film.

Related Words: Digest (a periodical containing shortened versions of works published elsewhere), Recapitulation (summary or the act of summing up), Précis (summary or abstract)

Mnemonic:

1. CUM(hindi for less) PEN use karke u can just write summary of topic.
2. An audience always wants that whoever COMES to speak on the PODIUM should speak briefly.
3. Compendium=Compact Ending...!
4. SPLIT AS comp - end - ium.
5. It is a hard job to explain you all about pentium products. So We release a compendium about coming pentiums.
6. memon nay com pen istamal kartay huay compandium likha

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supposition  
(noun)  
suh-puh-ZISH-un

Definition: Assumption, hypothesis, something that has been supposed

Usage: In order to test our supposition that customers will buy our product if they associate it with celebrities, let's send free samples to some popular young starlets, track mentions in the press, and see if our sales increase accordingly.

Related Words: Conjecture (educated guess, speculation, opinion formed with incomplete information)

Mnemonic:

1. akin to "suppose".
2. "i suppose ill take that position.." was said with mere supposition at best.

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neologism  
(noun)  
nee-AH-luh-jizm

Definition: New word or phrase (or a new meaning applied to an existing word or phrase)

Usage: You won't find "fauxhawk" in the dictionary—it's a neologism that describes a fake mohawk (faux means fake and is pronounced "foe") created by sculpting the hair into a mohawk-like crest without actually shaving the sides.

More Info: The root "log/log" refers to speech and also occurs in eloquent, logic, loquacious (talkative) and interlocutor (participant in a dialogue; interrogator).

Mnemonic:

1. 'neo' means 'new' and 'logos' means 'word'; so 'neologism' means inventing new word.

2. the word neo means new.... which gives the meaning!!!

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bevy  
(noun)  
BEV-ee

Definition: Group of birds or other animals that stay close together; any large group

Usage: The bar owner cringed when a bevy of women in plastic tiaras came in—"Another drunken bachelorette party," he sighed.

Related Words: Covey (a group of birds, or any group), Brood (group of offspring born or hatched at the same time, esp. birds)

More Info: Bevy is most commonly associated with birds, and often used to describe groups of people who stick together like a flock of birds—it usually implies a not-very-serious opinion about the group in question.

Mnemonic:

1. Bevy=be + "we" not me, hence refers to group of people
2. bevy-beavers.this brings this word in our mind. beavers are animals that live in large group.
3. sounds like BIWI (wife in hindi) .. wives like to go to kitty party GROUPS
4. Imagine a large group of friends at a party drinking "bevy"s (beverages)
5. sounds like Baby; actually babies like to keep themselves in a group. So Bevy means large group
6. can be related to Bheed(hindi) very.

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discrete  
(adj)  
diss-CREET

Definition: Separate, distinct, detached, existing as individual parts

Usage: Be sure to use quotation marks and citations as appropriate in your paper in order to keep your ideas discrete from those of the experts you are quoting. / The advertising agency pitched us not on one campaign, but on three discrete ideas.

More Info: Don't confuse discrete with discreet, which means "secretive, undercover."

Mnemonic:

1. this crate (thats used to keep cold drink bottles ) that keeps the bottles separate n unconnected...  
so that they don break
2. if u can remember the discrete maths ,u can see that one topic is separated from the other and subtopics also unconnected to each other.
3. The islands of Crete (Greece) are discrete.
4. Discrete has a rhying with seperate which is the meaning

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inter  
(verb)  
in-TER

Definition: Bury (a dead body) or place in a tomb

Usage: After the funeral, the body will be interred in the cemetery. / Occasionally, a criminal investigation requires disinterring, or exhuming, a body for autopsy; this can be upsetting to family members who have already buried their loved one.

More Info: Inter comes from "in" and "terra" (earth)—thus simply "to place in the earth." The root for earth also appears in terrestrial, terrarium, terrace, territory, Mediterranean, and extra-terrestrial.

## Mnemonic:

1. IN + TER = enTER IN the ground
2. INTo ERth(earth) -> burry
3. INTER milan were buried (screwed) after selling ibrahimovic
4. IN+TER(terra is a latin root for earth)...when you die, you are buried IN TERRA....
5. the INTERNational don never BURY the bodies he has killed ....he just throws them in front of his hungry bulldogs.....hahaha.....:);)

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abscission  
(noun)  
ab-SIZZ-zhun

Definition: Cutting off; sudden termination; the separation of leaves, petals, or other parts from a plant or animal

Usage: The abscission of leaves from the trees is normal in fall. / An inflamed appendix calls for an immediate surgical abscission.

Related Words: Ablation (removal of growths, etc., by surgery or other mechanical means)

More Info: "Ab" means "away." The "scissio" root in abscission means "cut" and is the same as in scissors, excise (cut out or censor), and incision (cut into).

## Mnemonic:

1. It had the word sciss(scissors) in it.Scissors are used for Cutting,seperating..
2. ab + scission = scissor scissor separates two things by cutting them ,so separation
3. "abscission" sounds like "Recession"..nw a days companies are cutting their employs due to recession.
4. its from word abscissnic acid which causes cutting of bud off the plant. so abscission is cutting off
5. rogate is something that sounds rogam which should b abolished.....
6. Imagin word in following way "absc I ssion". Here " I " is separating

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proxy  
(noun)  
PRAHCK-see

Definition: Agent, substitute, person authorized to act on behalf of another

Usage: She was in the hospital, but certainly didn't want to miss voting on the proposal, so she sent a proxy to the board meeting to vote "yes."

Related Words: Legate or Emissary (agent or official person sent to represent someone else)

More Info: Often used in the expression by proxy, as in voting by proxy.

## Mnemonic:

1. heard of proxy servers? ..they act for other servers, to connect us to the desired website...
2. sorry, i have made a wrong analogy before...proxy servers act as a proxy for connecting to the websites we need..they act as proxies for the desired websites(not servers)

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indigence  
(noun)  
IN-dih-jenss  
Also indigent (adj)

Definition: Extreme poverty

Usage: The city government has several agencies that provide shelter, food, and other assistance to the indigent.

Related Words: Impecunious (poor, without money), Penurious (poor or stingy), Indigent (destitute), Insolvent (unable to meet one's financial obligations, bankrupt)

More Info: Don't confuse with indignant (offended, angry at injustice).

Mnemonic:

1. Indica + Zen (Cars) Cars owned by poor people. Antonym: "Opulence" which means "Rich"

Mnemonic

:Opel Astra (Its a car owned by very rich people)

2. Indian gents are very poor as compared to other countrymen

3. indigence- indigenous or aboriginal people in most of the countries are passing their days in extreme poverty.

4. indigence = india+janta, which is in very poor condition

5. indigence ... indigestion due to lack of food... poverty...

6. DIG IN for a six pENCE to give the poor

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ingratiate  
(verb)  
in-GRAY-shee-ayt

Definition: Make an effort to gain favor with

Usage: Ryan's attempts to ingratiate himself with the boss were quite transparent—no one really believes that a 25 year old loves the same cigars, classic rock, and AARP crosswords as the 65 year old company president.

Related Words: Fawn (show affection or try to please in the manner of a dog; try to win favor through flattery and submissive behavior), Sycophant, Lackey, Toady, and Myrmidon are all words for a person who fawns.

More Info: The Latin root "gratia" means grace; ingratiate has the sense of the modern expression "to get into someone's good graces."

Mnemonic:

1. ingratiate, take the word as intake of gratitude....so you do something to gain gratitude of others

2. INGRATIATE ~

3. IN+GRADUATE...In graduation state you get favor of people because you are educated and all and all that crap.....

4. ingratiate->in "great""ate"..you say the guy is great and offer some food to eat..you do this so that he likes you

5. IN+GRACE

6. in gratify , make someone great.

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pare  
(verb)  
PAIR

Definition: Peel or cut off the outer layer (such as peeling fruit with a knife), reduce or trim as if cutting off the outer parts

Usage: We need to pare down our budget if we're going to survive on unemployment for awhile. / She simplified her life by paring commitments from her schedule.

Related Words: Truncate (shorten by cutting off a part), Abridge (reduce or lessen; shorten by omitting parts throughout while retaining the main idea)

More Info: Pare shares a root ("make ready, produce, bring forth") with prepare and with various medical words related to childbirth, such as postpartum.

Mnemonic:

1. for pare, we can remember spare, "we generally say spare a little bit for us also". Pare can be

referred to a bit.

2. You PARE your food when you eat SPARINGLY.

3. sounds like PAIR...pair means two..so when you become two i.e when you get a girl friend, your money

from the wallet gets PARED day by day....

4. pare rhymes with tear

5. i wont spare u wait iam cmg to pare ur skin.idiot

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confound  
(verb)  
cuhn-FOUND

Definition: Confuse, frustrate; mix up or make worse

Usage: He was positively confounded by a map that seemed to show "East Bethlehem" as being to the west of "West Bethlehem." / He was already a little flummoxed in regards to differential equations, but reading an incorrectly-edited Wikipedia page on the topic only confounded the problem.

Related Words: Baffled, Flummoxed, and Nonplussed are all words for "confused."

Mnemonic:

1. CONFusion FOUND == CONFOUND

2. CONFused + dumbFOUNDed

3. con found: cannot be found => puzzle

4. sounds like KAUN FOUND-- kaun (who) founded this company is a great puzzle.

5. Chemistry is a hell subject. I always cofound with the compounds.

6. CON + FOUND, CON = CANT. NOW HE IS CONFUSED and FRUSTRATED AS HE CANTFOUND

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brook  
(verb)  
BROOK (rhymes with look)

Definition: Suffer or tolerate

Usage: "You will do your homework every night before you go anywhere, you will do your chores, and you will be home by 9 p.m. I will brook no disobeying of these rules, young man!"

Related Words: Condone (overlook or tacitly approve), Countenance (as a noun: face or facial expression; as a verb: approve or tolerate)

More Info: Of course, a brook is also a small, freshwater stream. The two "brooks" come from different origins entirely; brook as a verb comes from a Latin root meaning "enjoy."

Mnemonic:

1. relate this to BROOK BOND tea....jst drink the tea and then u can tolerate any tension. :-)

2. In class if you don't bring the BOOK teacher will not BROOK it.

3. brook rhymes like hook which tolerates the weight of anything hanging on it

4. Brook can be split into B(be) - ROOK (rookie). A "rookie" is an untrained army personel who has to put up with (tolerate) the rigors of training.

5. brook...BRO(ther) + OK..consider it as "itz OK BRO i can bear it"

6. BROOK: Be like a chess ROOK (elephant), which can ENDURE / TOLERATE a lot of strain

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seraphic  
(adj)  
sih-RAFF-ick

Definition: Like an angel; serene, spiritually carried off or transported

Usage: The gospel choir looked seraphic in their shimmering white robes.

Related Words: Cherubic means like a cherub, an angel that resembles a chubby baby or child.

Cherubic is generally used to describe chubby, rosy-cheeked babies. Beatific means showing celestial happiness, spiritual joy, etc.

More Info: A seraph (in Christian writings) is a celestial being—various definitions suggest that a seraph has six wings, or is depicted as the winged head of a child.

Mnemonic:

1. Think SER as in SERenade. The person who serenades his love is sweet and angelic.
2. Have you seen that Michael Cera pic ("sera phic")? His characters are always so sweet and angelic.
3. SIR Aap thodi PHiKi kardo chai bohot meethi hai,

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savant  
(noun)  
sa-VAHNT

Definition: Learned person, scholar, someone admitted to membership in a scholarly field; a person with amazing mental abilities despite having a cognitive difference or disability

Usage: The TED conferences feature savants and newsmakers speaking on topics of great importance to the world. / Many people associate autism with being an "autistic savant," but most people who have autism do not actually have the ability to mentally multiply a five digit number by a five digit number in five seconds, for instance.

More Info: Marilyn vos Savant, listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for "highest IQ," wasn't born "vos Savant," but didn't simply choose a clever penname either—her maternal grandparents were named "Savant" and "vos Savant."

Mnemonic:

1. rakhee SAVANT is a SCHOLAR....pun intended...hahaha...lol!!!
2. Abijit Savant is a learned person at singing
3. we call one who is SAVVY a savant
4. A SAVANT is a STUDENT of a very high level or most appropriately a master in his field.
5. Sav Janat Hai.
6. Lucky 7 -> Scholar Person

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token  
(noun, adj)  
TOH-kin  
Also tokenism (noun)

Definition: Sign, symbol, mark, badge; souvenir, memento; coin-like disk used as currency for subways, arcade games, etc.; sample, or person, thing, idea taken to represent an entire group (noun);  
of very little or merely symbolic value (adj)

Usage: I am starting to realize that this law firm hired me to be its token woman. There I am, smiling in all the ads—but I never actually get to work on important cases. / Hollywood movies are often guilty of tokenism—many have exactly one black character (the "token minority"), often present to give advice to the (usually white) main characters. / I am giving you this "Best Friends Forever" necklace as a token of our friendship.

Related Words: By the same token is an expression that means the speaker will then say something based on the same evidence he or she used for what was previously said. "As a libertarian, he wants to abolish the IRS. By the same token, he wants drugs legalized."

Mnemonic:

1. A TOKEN is an INDICATION of something . It could be a token of gratitude or an emblem of something.

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impugn  
(verb)

## im-PYOON

Definition: Attack the truth or integrity of

Usage: I hate to impugn the motives of the volunteers, but I think that some of them are here for personal gain, not to help.

Related Words: Slander, Traduce, and Defame all mean "to speak maliciously and falsely of." (Impugning, in contrast, can sometimes help to uncover the truth).

More Info: Impugn comes from the Latin "pugnare" (to fight), which also gives us pugnacious (combative, belligerent).

Mnemonic:

1. pugn is root word meaning fight...(for eg ..pugnacious means quarrelsome) so impugn means sense of contradicting in order to cause a dispute
2. im + PUGN ~ pugn looks like pungaa(hindi); NOW think of a person who is habitual of taking PUNGAA, he will always CONTRADICT people, and will always CHALLENGE others (impugn others).
3. Im (not) pugn (pun). A pun is usually funny, but impugn is the opposite; it means to dispute or contradict; challenge.
4. We know PUGNACITY as "PUNGA CITY" pugn means "attack" ...and impugn means to attack with words or arguments...!
5. a im"PUG"n cannot attack..so an attack done by him is a false attack.
6. PEUN(drunken in marathi)..im peun means i m not drunken...you are fighting with your father that you are not drunken..hence proving his allegations false

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sublime  
(adj)  
sub-LIME

Definition: Lofty or elevated, inspiring reverence or awe; excellent, majestic; complete, utter

Usage: She loved visiting Gothic churches, which truly filled even a nonbeliever with a sense of the sublime. / It was sublime idiocy that caused him to invest all his money in the market without doing any research. / This dinner is sublime! I will leave a glowing review on Yelp!

Related Words: Lofty (in a high position, esp. in character, spirit, or rank), Elevate (Lift the spirits of; move up to a higher status or spiritual plane), Edify (uplift, enlighten), Rarefied (lofty, figuratively high up or elevated)

More Info: As you can see, sublime is usually positive, but sometimes it's used a bit ironically (sublime idiocy). The related sublimate means to suppress or make socially acceptable (He sublimated his violent anger into stunning performances on the football field) -that is, to make an ugly or immoral impulse more lofty.

Mnemonic:

1. Lime juice makes us feel joy exalted...
2. once u sublimate(purify) ur earthly pleasures u will be sublime(noble)
3. UNDER+LIMELIGHT = something given attention due to its excellence
4. Barsaat-A sublime love story(a film name)
5. Sublime is a process where solids converts directly to vapor without reaching the liquid state. Hence very noble, moral and spiritual
6. sublime=(sound like)sun+bright=like sunshine make everything bright

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coffer  
(noun)  
COFF-er

Definition: Chest for storing valuables; financial resources, a treasury

Usage: The dishonest employee called it “dipping into the company coffers,” but the arresting officer called it “embezzlement.” / Rather than rent a safety-deposit box, I keep my priceless antique coins in a coffer here at home.

Related Words: A strongbox is also a chest for storing valuables.

More Info: Coffers comes from the same root as “coffin,” another type of box. When used metaphorically, coffers is generally used in the plural.

Mnemonic:

1. Think of coffer as coffin. a strong box/case to hold something
2. madda gudu

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acumen  
(noun)  
ACK-yoo-men

Definition: Keen, quick, accurate insight or judgment

Usage: His political acumen allowed him to bargain behind the scenes and get bills passed despite being in the minority party.

Related Words: Perspicacity (acuteness of perception)

More Info: Acumen comes from a Latin word for “needle”—hence the idea of being mentally “sharp.”

Mnemonic:

1. acumen sounds like IQ-men.. men with high IQ have ability to judge quickly (has keen insight).
2. ACUTE+MIND...acute means sharp
3. acumen sounds like "IQ-man" or "a quick man" which grasps quickly
4. acu+men its sounding like active men. Active men have an ability to think and judge quickly
5. acute of men-->ability to understand and judge any men quickly Ex:Business ACUMEN
6. Acumen could be seen as ACCURATE - MEN

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polemic  
(noun)  
puh-LEM-ick

Definition: Controversial argument, esp. one attacking a specific idea

Usage: Laura Kipnis’ 2003 book Against Love: A Polemic has been called “shocking” and “scathing.” Perhaps Kipnis used the word polemic in the title to indicate that she’s making an extreme argument as a means of starting a debate. After all, who’s really against love?

More Info: Polemic comes from a Greek root for “war.”

Mnemonic:

1. pole(poll)+mic..so during polls politicians often attack others opinions.
2. (Language used Hindi)
3. Sounds like POLOUMI of roadies..lets think of her as a very "controversial" person
4. POLEMIC Looks like PROMETRIC which gives a verbal attck 2 us in gre exam
5. Pole-mic = danda karna (pange lena)
6. in roadies season 6 ..paulmi always did argument , ..she was violent

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aseptic  
(adj)  
uh-SEP-tick or ay-SEP-tick  
Also septic (adj), sepsis (noun)



Definition: Free from germs; lacking vitality, warmth, or emotion

Usage: It is very important to perform surgery in an aseptic environment, lest a patient contract sepsis (a systemic infection) and die. / Not only did Marlene dump Tom via email, but the email was so aseptic she might as well have been sending an interoffice memo. "That was ice cold," said Tom.

More Info: A septic tank is a place under a house where sewage is stored. Since putting "a-" before a word means "without," it makes sense that, if septic means "infected or putrefying," then aseptic would be the opposite.

Mnemonic:

1. Antiseptic and aseptic is same
2. a+septic

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impermeable  
(adj)  
im-PER-mee-uh-bull  
Also permeable (adj)

Definition: Impassable, not allowing passage through (such as by a liquid)

Usage: A good raincoat is totally impermeable to water.

Related Words: Impervious (impenetrable, not able to be harmed or emotionally disturbed, as in "impervious to criticism")

More Info: Impermeable contain the roots "in/im" (not) and "per" (through).

Mnemonic:

1. im(no)+permeable(permission)that means no permission for seepage.
2. Permeable membrane allows fluid to pass thru .... so 'impermeable' that does not allow through ...

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maxim  
(noun)  
MACK-sim

Definition: A general truth or fundamental principle, esp. expressed as a proverb or saying

Usage: My favorite maxim is "Seize the day!" How much would it cost to get that on a tattoo? How much more for "Curiosity killed the cat"?

Related Words: Dictum, Apothegm, and Adage are all words for a proverb, saying, or truism. A saw is also a maxim and often appears as "an old saw." Platitude is more negative, meaning a cliched or trite statement.

More Info: Maxim shares a root with maximum; the idea is that a maxim is an expression of the "biggest," most fundamental truth.

Mnemonic:

1. Maxim= for maximum you will say max.. it is a short rule of saying maximum..
2. maxim = maximum + saying...
3. Maxim is a famous magazine. Its a maxim that every young boy reads MAXIM!

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bonhomie  
(noun)  
bah-num-EE or BAH-num-ee

Definition: Friendliness, open and simple good heartedness

Usage: By the end of the summer, the campers were overflowing with bonhomie, vowing to remain

Facebook friends forever.

Related Words: Amity (friendship, peaceful agreement)

More Info: Bonhomie is from French—bon homme means “good man.” In English, bonhomie is pronounced “bon-uh-MEE” or “BON-uh-mee” (somewhat ironically, there is no “homey” in bonhomie).

Mnemonic:

1. Bon is the latin word for good...and Homie is a man...Good Man
2. bonhomie reminds of born homily hence of friendly and good natured
3. bonhomie - imagine a family members just outside their home around a bonfire ( a homely atmosphere)

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modicum  
(noun)  
MOD-ick-um

Definition: A little bit or limited quantity

Usage: In her first five years in Hollywood, she experienced only a modicum of success as an actress, appearing twice in commercials and once as a waitress on Desperate Housewives.

Related Words: An iota, mite, or tad of something is also a small amount (as in, If you had one iota of decency, you would have come to the funeral, or I had the tailor shorten the sleeves just a tad).

More Info: Modicum shares a root with moderate.

Mnemonic:

1. MODICUM=MODERATE+INCOME
2. modicum and moderate had "mode" in common...and "cum" means small in hindi.
3. Modicum sounds like (bahuut hi Kum) that is very little or small in quantity
4. MODICUM=MODI+CUM(come)...so whenever Narendra MODI COMES to the hotel he is served only LIMITED QUANTITY of food...no offence pls
5. Narender Modi is sooo old,,, so when he cums (u knw wat it means),,, the ejaculation is soo small in amount,,, amount,,,
6. modicum=modi+cum=more to come=>v r having sumthng in smal or moderate amount..so we look 4 more.

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prolix  
(adj)  
proh-LICKS or PROH-licks  
Also prolixity (noun)

Definition: Excessively long and wordy (of a person, piece of writing, etc.)

Usage: My mother is incredibly verbose. She'll tell a boring, prolix story for five whole minutes, and at the end, it turns out that the point was that she got a fifty cent discount on a box of spaghetti at the store.

Related Words: Loquacious and Verbose are synonyms.

More Info: “Pro” means “forth” and “lix” comes from the Latin for “liquid.” Words just “pour” right out of a prolix person.

Mnemonic:

1. prolix=prolonged +lexico graphy
2. Prolix can be pronounced as Prol-ex=== Prolonged Exaggeration which somewhat means speaking at a great length
3. Sounds like Horlicks. Mother Prolix the child to take Horlicks
4. Even Pro speakers need to lick their lips to keep the moist while reading such a lengthy script.

5. This pro-lecturer is talking my ears off!

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antithetical  
(adj)  
an-tih-THET-ick-ull  
Also antithesis (noun)

Definition: Directly opposed, opposite; involving antithesis (the rhetorical act of placing two phrases opposite one another for contrast, as in Love me or hate me)

Usage: Partying all night, every night, is antithetical to one's academic performance.

Related Words: Deleterious (harmful, unhealthful), Counterproductive (defeating the purpose; preventing the intended goal), Inimical (unfavorable, harmful)

More Info: Antithesis can be properly understood as "anti" and "thesis"—that is, being against the "thesis" (main point) of something else. The philosopher Hegel posed a method of achieving truth by which a thesis and its antithesis are resolved at a higher level of understanding, called synthesis (in normal speech, synthesis means combination into a unified entity).

Mnemonic:

1. Anti- contrast or against , so antithetical is something that contrasts in meaning , character ,or purpose
2. anti-against and thetical-theory for purpose

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frenetic  
(adj)  
fruh-NET-ick

Definition: Wildly excited, frantic, distracted

Usage: The advice in the expert's time management book struck many as unrealistic, as not everyone can handle the frenetic lifestyle the author espouses: getting up before dawn to begin work before spending quality time with the kids over breakfast, taking conference calls from the treadmill, etc.

Related Words: Frenzied (wildly excited; violently agitated)

More Info: The Greek "phren" meant "mind"; frenetic is related to the idea of an inflammation or disease of the brain.

Mnemonic:

1. Frantic = Frenetic = Frenzied
2. sounds like 'fanatic' which means sm1 with excessive excitement or devotion to smth (belief/cause) so frenetic means excessive excitement like a mad man.
3. FREE N Ever TICKing - ticking fast (rather frenzied) like the seconds hand of a clock

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unconscionable  
(adj)  
un-CAHN-shun-uh-bull

Definition: Not guided by conscience; morally wrong, unjust, unreasonable

Usage: It is unconscionable that you would deny your sister a bone marrow transplant knowing that you're the only person in the family who's a match.

Related Words: Unscrupulous or unprincipled also mean not guided by moral rules.

Mnemonic:

1. unconscionable is un + conscio + nable...and conscience means to know what is morally acceptable but

- unconscious means not aware of the acceptable amount and therefore the same as unconscionable.
2. Unconscionable is the same as immeasurable... something that is beyond compare... incomparable.
  3. un(not)+con(considering)+science(logic/reason). so unconscience means beyond reason or not guided by  
logic(science)
  4. 2012 is the end of world is a UN CONdition SCIENCE report. Not right or reasonable

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emaciate  
(verb)  
im-MAY-shee-ayt or im-MAY-see-ayt  
Also emaciated (adj)

Definition: Make abnormally thin, cause to physically waste away

Usage: After fifty days floating on a raft at sea, he was quite emaciated—his family was elated that he was alive, but shocked to see a formerly 165-pound man looking skeletal at just 125 pounds.

Related Words: Atrophy (wasting away, degeneration, decline, esp. of a body part or organ, as in “Her leg muscles had atrophied while her leg was in a cast.”)

More Info: The word emaciated frequently appears in the news in discussions of whether fashion models are too thin.

Mnemonic:

1. emaciate starts with "hEy MA", thats when u cry when u go hungry..
2. emaciated= ex+massiated,
3. read it in bihari E ka maas I ate so he bacame thin

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extemporaneous  
(adj)  
eck-stem-por-AY-nee-uss

Definition: Done without preparation (esp. of a speech), or with some preparation but no notes; improvised, done on the spur of the moment

Usage: The way the Public Affairs Forum works is that the moderator will announce a topic, and then anyone who wishes may speak extemporaneously on that topic for a few minutes—as you can imagine, our members are very well-read. / Lost in the jungle, the hikers fashioned an extemporaneous shelter from palm leaves.

Related Words: Impromptu (done with no or little preparation, esp. of musical or other performance), Ad-lib (improvise; something improvised)

More Info: Extempore is a variant with the same meaning. “Off-the-cuff” is an expression that means extemporaneous.

Mnemonic:

1. TEMPORARILY done in haste and so not planned.
2. remember an extempore that we did in school which was spontaneous and NOT PLANNED
3. my GRE ex attempt was poor b'coz it was not planned...
4. EXecuted TEMPORArily...coz its not planned...!!!
5. X IS A SHORT TEMPERD MAN, HE GOT ANGRY SUDDENLY & KILLED Y. IT WAS NOT PREPLANED
6. EX means "without," and TEMPOR means "time." Thus EX TEMPOR means without time.

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bilk  
(verb)  
BILK

Definition: Cheat or defraud

Usage: The con artist bilked many elderly people out of their savings, promising to cure illnesses from diabetes to cancer with only 36 monthly payments of \$99.99—for which the victims received

nothing but useless placebo pills.

Related Words: Hoodwink, Swindle, Con, and Fleece are all verbs for cheating others. Fleece is perhaps more severe, having the connotation of taking everything from the victim, the way one sheers all of the fleece from a sheep.

More Info: Bilk can also be a noun for the person who cheats others ("I hope that bilk goes to jail!")

More obscurely, bilk can mean to escape from, frustrate, or thwart. The word comes from the card game cribbage, where it means to play a card that keeps an opponent from scoring.

Mnemonic:

1. bilk -> bill + milk; so you cheated the MILK man by not paying the BILL
2. bilk actually comes from Bil-Klinton. The politician who "cheat" all the time.
3. Bilk rhymes with milk and the milkman "cheats" you by adding water.
4. BILK- Bil Clinton CHEATED India by laying out regulations against it after the Pokhran TEST
5. BILK-MILK the milkman cheats us by giving us adulterated milk
6. bilk--> sounds like MILK , milkmen cheat by mixing water with milk

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dictum  
(noun)  
DICT-um

Definition: Formal or authoritative pronouncement; saying or proverb

Usage: "A stitch in time saves nine" is an old dictum meaning that it's easier to solve a problem before it gets too big. / The king's dictum stated that each feudal lord must provide a certain number of soldiers within three weeks' time.

Related Words: Maxim, Apothegm, and Adage are all words for a proverb, saying, or truism

More Info: The root "dict" comes from "dicere" (to say) and also appears in dictator, dictionary, indict (connect to a crime), malediction (curse), benediction (blessing), and many others.

Mnemonic:

1. the statements said by dictator's are so called DICTUM
2. dictator means authoritarian; dictum means an authoritative statement.
3. if u r preparing for GRE u have gone through A wordlist where a word is APOTHEM which means pithy and wise saying relate it to the dictum

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trenchant  
(adj)  
TREN-chint

Definition: forceful or vigorous, effective, keen; caustic, sharp

Usage: The school's trenchant new anti-truancy policy immediately increased class attendance by a noticeable margin. / Claudia would have gone on making excuses for hours had Juan not trenchantly stepped in and said, "You want to quit, right?" "Yes!" she said, quite relieved.

Related Words: Keen (sharp, piercing; very perceptive or mentally sharp)

More Info: Trenchant is related to trench (a ditch)—the connection is a root meaning "to cut" (either literally or figuratively). A trenchant remark can cut someone in the sense of hurting feelings, or can "cut through all the junk" to get to the point.

Mnemonic:

1. When you chant it is to be very strong, clear and effective
2. if chant under the tree...it ll be clear and effective
3. TRENCH means to CUT
4. 'ant' always walk in straight 'trench' i.e they know which way is right or wrong for them.. they

never deviate...

5. trenchant:trench+ant;an ant in a trench is sharply perceptive to things because it can see every minute particles.(sharply perceptive)
6. TRENCHANT and ELOQUENT are rhyming words . Both the words refer to a strong and effective use of language.

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diffident  
(adj)  
DIFF-id-ent  
Also diffidence (noun)

Definition: Lacking confidence, shy

Usage: Natasha was so diffident that she never believed her comments could be worth anything in class, even when she knew the answer.

Related Words: Timorous (fearful, timid), Self-Effacing (modest, downplaying one's own presence or accomplishments)

More Info: Diffident contains the root "fid," for "trust," also appearing in fidelity, fiduciary, and infidel. The connection is that a diffident person may be mistrustful of others, and thus shy.

Mnemonic:

1. diffident = difficult to be confident
2. The root DI- means lacking. The root FIDE- (like FIDELity) means trust. Therefore, DIFFIDENT means lacking trust or confidence
3. Sounds similar to Confidence..instead of con this word has dif in beginning.. dif (difference, subtract and hence in negative sense)..so diffident means opposite of confidence.
4. Look at the root word "Fident" you can place Con+fident, or Dif+fident. They are polar opposites.
5. It is difficult to have CONFIDENCE when you are different

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recant  
(verb)  
rih-CANT

Definition: Withdraw, retract, or disavow something one has previously said, esp. formally

Usage: For saying that the Sun and not the Earth was the center of the universe, Galileo was brought on trial for heresy, forced to recant, and spent the rest of his life under house arrest. Of course, a forced recantation doesn't say much about whether the person really abjures his former views.

Related Words: Repudiate (reject, cast off, deny that something has authority)

More Info: The root "cant" ("sing") is also found in chant, cantor, incantation, and chanteuse (female singer).

Mnemonic:

1. RE (again) + CANT (cannot) = "I have told you this AGAIN and AGAIN, it CANNOT be done, it has been REJECTED."
2. re + chant(sing): singing/telling again. what??
3. re+cant telling that it cant which means it is wrong and DISAVOWED, DISCLAIMED
4. REcant = when you REspond i CANÂ'T say it again, you're recanting what you've said before.
5. recant means to publicly take back.
6. RAJANIKANT....actor....in his movies, when a criminal sees him, the criminal REcANTS after he is injured by RAJNIKANT

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platitude  
(noun)  
PLAT-it-ood

Definition: A shallow, overused statement; cliché

Usage: Everyone who knew my mother knows she was an atheist, so I can't imagine why people at her funeral would think we'd enjoy their soppy platitudes about Mom's "being in a better place now."

Related Words: Banal, Hackneyed, Inane, Insipid and Trite all mean "lacking freshness and originality, shallow."

More Info: Platitude shares a root ("flat") with plate and plateau. A platitude is a "flat," stale remark.

Mnemonic:

1. flat + attitude:
2. or we can think of plastic: it is veru cheap and of very little value just like platitude
3. Latitudes vary from place to place ...whereas Platitude is common to all ..i.e.  
COMMONPLACE...ORDINARY ... TRITE...
4. Take it as (PLATE + ATTITUDE) this hungry man was throwing the PLATE on server face bcos of serving  
late. Chef is obviously strongly REMARKING towards his ATTITUDE.
5. The word 'platitude' is derived from the word 'plat',which is the French version of the word 'flat'  
and means literally "a flat remark.
6. platitude {altitude} ..some thing related to mountain ..which is common place to every one

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approbation  
(noun)  
app-roh-BAY-shun

Definition: Praise or approval, especially formal approval

Usage: In her speech for class president, she won the approbation of her peers by promising not only to save the prom, but to raise enough money to make it free for everyone.

Related Words: Imprimatur (approval, a mark of approval, or especially a formal body's approval to publish a work)

Memory Trick: Approbation begins with the same five letters as its near-synonym approval.

Mnemonic:

1. Ap+PROBATION: You get CONFIRMATION/APPROVAL in your job after your Probation period
2. APPRO-bation
3. The employer was apprised by the manager that the chances of the employee being appraised in the next appraisal cycle are at the discretion of the director's approbation.
4. approbation can be remembered as approval and approval are gnrerally given in offical and authority matters.
5. approbation ~ approb (approval) + at + ion (Ion technologies company); job approval in some company.
6. PROBE into the matter for APPROBATION of the person's PROBITY

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impute  
(verb)  
im-PYOOT

Definition: Credit, attribute; lay blame or responsibility for (sometimes falsely)

Usage: The ineffectual CEO was nevertheless a master of public relations—he made sure that all successes were imputed to him, and all of the failures were imputed to others.

More Info: Impute proceeds from the Latin "putare" (consider), which also gives us putative (supposed, assumed).

Mnemonic:

1. im(put)e... put the blame to somebody
2. Impute and attribute has the same rhyming ending.

3. impute sounds like input...we usually impute/attribute input to output
4. "put" the blame on...
5. If I am a girl and I am puking most of the people will consider as an outcome of pregnancy...
6. IMplicate + attribUTE = impute

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impervious  
(adj)  
im-PER-vee-uss

Definition: Impenetrable, not able to be harmed or emotionally disturbed

Usage: The problem with arrogant people is that they are impervious to criticism of their arrogance; anything you say to them just rolls right off.

Related Words: Impermeable (impassable, not allowing passage through), Stoic (not having or showing feeling, esp. in response to suffering)

More Info: Impervious contains the roots "in/im" (not), "per" (through), and "via" (road).

Mnemonic:

1. im(not)+pravesh(enter) so unpenetrable...
2. "i m pervez(pervez musharraf)"...no matter wat u say, i won't be affected!!
3. A pervert is trying to rape me. But I'm not scared. He won't be able to penetrate me, because I'm impervious - immune to perverts.
4. impervious = im-'not' + per-'completely' + vious 'via'[old]
5. impervious; here,{pervious= perversion}, thus im-pervious= which cannot be perverted with therefore  
which cannot be damaged or penetrated
6. IM = not + PERVIoUS = letting things through

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fervid  
(adj)  
FER-vid

Definition: Very hot; heated in passion or enthusiasm

Usage: He is a fervid fan of Virginia Tech football, so much so that we've all gotten used to receiving  
"Go Hokies!" hats and shirts for every birthday.

Related Words: Ardent (very passionate), Zealous (full of fervor or dedicated enthusiasm for a cause, person, etc.)

More Info: Like fervid, Fervent and Perfervid also mean "passionate, fiery, deeply enthusiastic" and come from a common root relating to heat.

Mnemonic:

1. fer-fur
2. girls in video (movies) are generally shown passionate for fur
3. FERgie (black eyed peas) in VIDEo ==> HOT
4. fervid = favor
5. you are viewing a video(ferVID) which is very emotional.. and making you cry like hell..
6. Root vi means life.. So read as fer-for vid-live. When u are passionate about something, u have something to live for

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surrogate  
(noun, adj)  
SER-uh-git or SER-uh-gayt

Definition: Substitute, person who acts for another (noun); acting as a replacement (adj)

Usage: A study found that baby monkeys, once separated from their mothers, preferred a surrogate



mother made of cloth to a less comforting, rigid monkey doll, even when induced with treats to change their behavior.

Related Words: Proxy (agent, substitute, person authorized to act on behalf of another)

More Info: A surrogate mother carries a child for another woman (generally, the child is not biologically related to the surrogate—the intended parent or egg donor supplies genetic material).

Mnemonic:

1. Sir+ro+gate: Sir rokar gate se bahar chale gaye and so we need to call someone lese for teaching
2. u wud ve heard abt surrogate mothers..substitute..
3. surrogate - sub + rogate (rogare-latin); rogare is to ask.. As in interrogate.. surrogate is to ask someone to SUBstitute...
4. The unhappy knight chosen to substitute for the king & fight the thousand armed monster was SIR SORROW, who was famed for tearing a gate off an enemy's castle and carrying it away, so he was given the name SIR SORROW GATE.

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plethora  
(noun)  
PLETH-uh-ruh

Definition: Excess; excessive amount

Usage: She had a plethora of excuses, but there is simply no justification for arriving to class drunk.

Related Words: Surfeit or surplus (excess, overabundance)

More Info: The 1986 comedy ¡Three Amigos! popularized the word plethora—if want to remember the word plethora for life, look up “plethora of piñatas” on YouTube.

Mnemonic:

1. like if you go home after many days, your mother will insist that you eat more. What she will say is "Pe Le + Thoda Aur Le"
2. PleTHORA~(Play thoda),but child resist that he will play more and more and more,thus excessive.
3. Sounds like "Please throw a"...Can we PLEASE THROW A party? We have an overabundance of food that we need to get rid of before it goes bad.
4. Let Ho Raha we are getting excessively late
5. PLENTY+THROUGH
6. english version of pitaara...

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annul  
(verb)  
uh-NULL  
Also annulment (noun)

Definition: Make void or null, cancel, abolish (usually of laws or other established rules)

Usage: Can we appreciate the art of a murderer? For many, the value of these paintings is annulled by the artist's crimes.

Related Words: Nullify, Void (synonyms); Abort (stop part way through, remain in an undeveloped state)

More Info: Most people associate “annul” with marriage—to get an annulment rather than a divorce, most states require that the marriage have been based on fraud, or that at least one person was not mentally competent to form a contract.

Mnemonic:

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Definition: Transparent, translucent; clear, easy to understand

Related Words: Lucid can mean literally clear, but often means metaphorically clear or clearheaded –a lucid argument, a lucid person. Pellucid usually means literally transparent, as above. Limpid means clear, transparent, or completely calm.

More Info: The prefix “pel” or “per” means “through” and often doesn’t change the meaning of the other root parts that much (for instance, fervid means passionate and perfervid means really passionate). You can think of the pel/per prefix as similar to the English expression “through and through.”

1. PEL+LUCID...LUCID..MEANS CLEAR ....SO CLEAR IN MEANING.
2. a PELican flew over the LUCID water.
3. pellucid means TRANSPARENTLY CLEAR...so break it as PALE+ LUCID..PALE(which is close to transparency  
when u imply to vision)...n lucid means clear...so PALE+LUCID means transparently clear :)
4. Remember that lucid means clear/ And that pellucid is just an alternative/ Word that is so very near/ In meaning and use as an adjective
5. pellucid

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Definition: Side-by-side. The more common “abreast of” means keeping up with, staying aware of, or remaining equal in progress with.

Usage: As the professor walked abreast down the street with her mentor, she was amazed that the old man, long since retired, still kept abreast of all the latest developments in neurobiology.

Related Words: Conversant with (familiar by use or study), well versed in (experienced, skilled)

More Info: You are conversant with a topic about which you know enough to have an intelligent conversation. Well versed is stronger, implying some expertise. Keeping abreast of a topic implies that you are continually updating your knowledge.

1. It's not vulgar but a fact....how are breasts????...alongside each other and facing the same direction....

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Definition: Lucky, fortunate, or relating to divine care (the idea that a deity has helped or cared for a person)

Usage: Every time their religious sister ran out of money, help always arrived! She viewed this as God's providential hand, but her family members viewed it as their always having to bail her out, and it was getting annoying.

Related Words: Propitious (favorable, giving good signs for the future, likely to work out; kind or forgiving), Auspicious (looking as though success is likely)

More Info: Provident means showing foresight, being frugal or careful to provide for the future, thinking ahead in a wise way. Often this quality is attributed to God (or nature), so providence sometimes simply means God or God's care.

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 appropriate  
 (verb)  
 uh-PROH-pree-ayt

Definition: Set aside or authorize (such as money) for a particular purpose; take for one's own use

Usage: The School Board appropriated money for new textbooks. / In putting together the perfect outfit for "Career Day" at her high school, Mackenzie appropriated her mother's stethoscope and her little brother's stuffed pig, making it clear to everyone that she wanted to be a veterinarian.

Related Words: Arrogate (claim or take presumptuously or without right)

More Info: The last syllable of the more common adjective "appropriate" is pronounced "it"; the last syllable of the verb appropriate is pronounced "ate."

Mnemonic:

1. appropriate = a + property + iate.. i.e. to make it your own property .. by force if required.. And  
 also when you are appropriating it your self you are "allocating" it to yourself.
2. appropriate: is like app(apple) rop(rob) riate(ate= taking away), is taking ur apple from u, taking possession of.
3. A PROPERTY HE ATE
4. Property + Ate
5. a+ppropriate(proprietorship)means the ownership of a business or property.
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 encomium  
 (noun)  
 en-COH-mee-um

Definition: Warm, glowing praise, esp. a formal expression of praise

Usage: Just after all the encomium at his retirement party, he received a gold watch. / The first draft of your dissertation is little but encomium of the works of Christopher Marlowe, whereas I'm afraid that doctoral-level work requires a more nuanced and critical view.

Related Words: Laudation (praise, tribute), Eulogy (a speech of praise or written work of praise, esp. a speech given at a funeral), Panegyric (formal, lofty, or elaborate praise), Paean (song of praise, triumph, or thanks)

Mnemonic:

1. INCOME - People of high INCOME are formally praised for their large donations.
2. en com ( think about M.Com) so when you would top M.com, you will be addressed speeches of encomium  
 !
3. May be in future we have to praise a new metal named 'Encomium' which will be more precious than Platinum.
4. try to make some version of this phrase flow: in COMING HOME, the war hero was treated to ENCOMIUM.

5. encomium- en + comics
6. We all would like praise and approval to be incoming now and then.

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incarnadine  
(adj, noun)  
in-CAR-nuh-dine or in-CAR-nuh-deen

Definition: Blood red or flesh-colored

Usage: The police took the body to the morgue; all that was left at the murder scene was an incarnadine stain on a pillow.

Related Words: Vermilion means bright red or reddish-orange; the word comes from the Latin for "little worm," specifically the insect used for the dye.

More Info: Incarnadine shares a root (meaning "flesh") with carnal, carnage, and incarnate. Don't confuse with Incarnate (embodied, personified; put into concrete form, embody, take on a human body).

Mnemonic:

1. When you incarnate, you take birth in a body filled with red blood and flesh ... the blood colour is incarnadine
2. I see the word cardinal inCARnADINe(L) which is red.
3. carnival means festive; in means not; in carnadine means quarrel i.e bloody.
4. in+kar+die = some one is warning you kam karo nahi or else u will die (death relates to blood)

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dissemble  
(verb)  
diss-EM-bull

Definition: Mislead, conceal the truth, put on a false appearance of

Usage: Roxanne was used to dissembling in job interviews; when asked about the gap on her resume from 1999-2003, she would say, "Oh, I was out of the workforce fulfilling some obligations"—a somewhat misleading way to describe a prison stint. / He won so much money at pool halls by dissembling inexperience, pretending at first that he had no idea how to even hold a pool cue; once bets were placed, he handily defeated his opponents.

Related Words: Disingenuous (not genuine), Prevaricating (misleading or lying)

Mnemonic:

1. The word sounds like "resemble"...the person/ a thing of tat type can be in disguise...
2. seems like "dis assemble"(break) you broke the favourite pot of mom n den tried to "conceal" ur mistake...or pretending
3. DIS+ASSEMBLE....assemble means to bring parts together like we do in computers...now you have got a computer having secret information in it...hence to hide your motives, you will dissemble your computer....
4. Dis sem bale bale ho gayi..:P
5. dessemble = not resemble i.e disguise
6. read as this-resemble. When one thing resembles other, it can disguise viewer for it.

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magnanimous  
(adj)  
mag-NAN-im-uss  
Also magnanimity (noun)

Definition: High-minded, noble, lofty; generous in forgiving others, free of resentment

Usage: The twins were so different from one another—while Andrea was petty and vengeful and would hold a grudge for years, Marina was quite magnanimous, easily forgiving insults or slights,

and simply rising above the petty bickering and cliquish behavior of our high school.

More Info: The Latin “magnus” means “great” and gives us magniloquent (talking in an overly grand way), magnify, and many others. Think of magnanimous as meaning having a great spirit or a big heart.

Mnemonic:

1. magnani+ous magnificentâ€”a person is called magnificent(outstanding, superb) if he is kind, generous
2. hyundia invested 421 million dollars in research and development of i10 magna.it represents that hyundai company is genorous..magnanimous

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 insurrection  
 (noun)  
 in-ser-ECK-shun

Definition: Rebellion or revolt against a government or similarly established authority

Usage: Due to frequent insurrections, the nation has had six governments in just five years. / The principal prepared for insurrection as she announced that all teachers were to spend the rest of the year exclusively preparing for standardized tests.

Related Words: Junta (small group ruling a country, esp. after a revolution), Cabal (a conspiratorial group), Sedition (incitement of dissent against a government; promoting rebellion by speech or writing)

More Info: Insurrection contains the root “surge” (rise up), also appearing in resurgence and insurgent (one who participates in an insurrection).

Mnemonic:

1. in-surrection relate surrection with surrender thus -in surrection = not to surrender = rebellious
2. erection ... uprising :P
3. relate it to resurrection which means RISING from the dead.... insurrection.. ur conscience rising against the existing establishment
4. a rebellion always argue with his head (surr in hindi) Upright (erect)
5. In+sur (head/ government) + reaction ( action/ rebel), so reaction/ rebel against the head/government.
6. In Sur (Head) Action i.e. INSIDE SUR (mind) to take ACTION against authority

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 elegy  
 (noun)  
 ELL-uh-jee

Definition: Song or poem of sorrow, esp. for a deceased person

Usage: While composing an elegy is certainly old fashioned, the poet felt that it was a fitting way for her to honor her father at his funeral.

Related Words: Dirge (a funeral or mourning song or poem), Lament (express sorrow, mourn), Requiem (musical service or hymn for the dead), Threnody (poem or song of mourning)

Mnemonic:

1. E(a)-LEGY(legendry).....so if a legendry person dies.....people sing a mournful poem or people lament or regret for his death....
2. sounds like eulogy...
3. basically this is taken from a greek elegos which is a song of mourning .....and we mourn if someone dies
4. elegy => clergy. Clergy lives in church => ....
5. think of Alizee singing a sad song
6. LG ke tv par elegy aa rahi hai

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livid  
(adj)  
LIV-id

Definition: Furiously angry, enraged

Usage: Diane was livid when she discovered that her daughter had borrowed her wedding dress to wear to an '80s party. "I have never been angrier in my life," she said.

Related Words: Irascible means easily angered and the related irate means angry (ire is anger).

More Info: Originally from a French word for a bluish color, livid has the sense of turning blue from rage (although Americans would say that we turn purple with rage—same idea). Livid can also mean bruised or "black-and-blue," or even turning pale (from sickness) or red (from anger)—but whatever livid is, it's never good.

Mnemonic:

1. =LIVE+VIDEO: The officer was ENRAGED WITH ANGER when he was caught taking bribe on LIVE VIDEO
2. a person who LIVEs(liv) with Difficulties will look ILLNESS
3. livid = opposit of vivid
4. tell ur parents i ll live-in, they ll be livid
5. LIVID(levy)- when u levy unnecessary taxes on commodities,the common man become enraged.
6. leave(liv) it(ID) yaar... so what if you have been beaten \*black and blue\* by her brother... uski maa ki....

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cardinal  
(adj)  
CAR-din-ull

Definition: Chief, most important

Usage: The cardinal rule of Fight Club is that you don't talk about Fight Club.

Related Words: Principal (first, highest in rank)

More Info: Cardinal can also mean an official in the Catholic church, a bright red bird, or a deep red color. Cardinal comes from a Latin word for "hinge"—as in, a thing which other things "hinge" or depend on.

Mnemonic:

1. 'cardinal' also means pertaining to the 'heart' and the heart is the 'most important' part of our body. It is responsible for the working of our body.
2. CARDinal - cards, account cards, visa cards, ssn cards, those most important stuffs.
3. car + din(day)....so car is "important" to go to the office during din
- 4.
5. You are very important to me.

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harangue  
(noun, verb)  
huh-RANG

Definition: Long, intense verbal attack, esp. when delivered publicly

Usage: Look, I'll clean the gutters when I get a free weekend—I don't need you to keep haranguing me about it.

Related Words: Tirade, Diatribe, and Fulmination are all words for bitter, angry speeches or attacks. Memory Trick: What do you call a large ape who always yells at you? A harangutan! (That's the worst joke on all of these flashcards—we promise).

Mnemonic:

1. HARANGUE can be split as har + ang + u + e....so when YOU are ANGry with HAR(her), she is

subjected

to a long or intensive verbal attack.

2. HAR (her) + ANGRY (anger) = she VERBALLY ATTACKED me because of HER ANGER at me.

3. split it to HAR + LANGUAGE . HAR = harass and LANG = language .. hence harangue is harassing language

4. sounds like HARAYENGE (we will beat them)....Imagine that our leaders are giving earnest speech on how we are going to beat terrorism....

5. Har angle se anger hai us harangue bhasan me to.

6. it sounds like hang.. when some1 hangs, he/she remains in the same state for long..

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coagulate  
(verb)  
coh-AGG-yoo-layt

Definition: Cause a liquid to become solid or semisolid

Usage: Hemophilia is a medical condition in which the blood doesn't coagulate, meaning that a hemophiliac can easily bleed to death from a small wound. / When making jam, use pectin to get the fruit to coagulate.

Related Words: Curdle also means "go from liquid to solid" but tends to be used to describe milk spoiling, or metaphorically, as in "Her scream made my blood curdle." Clot has the same definition as well, and often describes blood (a blood clot in an artery can cause a heart attack). Some desserts

involve clotted cream.

Mnemonic:

1. Colgate - think about the "thick" paste

2. congeal- geal resembles gel,,ie this gel is a coagulant.

3. the use of colgate toothpaste strengthens our teeth without germs

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legerdemain  
(noun)  
led-jer-deh-MAYN

Definition: Slight-of-hand (magic as performed by a magician); trickery or deception

Usage: The child was astounded when her uncle pulled out a quarter from behind her ear. Of course, she hadn't actually lost a quarter there; it was just a bit of legerdemain from an amateur magician.

Related Words: Prestidigitation is a synonym and thaumaturgy is the working of miracles. To conjure is to produce by magic or call up a spirit or memory.

More Info: Legerdemain comes from Middle French, meaning light of hand. The modern French word for hand is main, which is related to the root in the English manual (relating to hands, as in manual labor) and manumit (free from slavery, untie the hands).

Mnemonic:

1. legerdemain: legendary man

2. legerdemain means dexterity of hand. skillful in magic. consider DOMAIN . domain knowledge is needed

for IT jobs. so one should have sound domain knowledge. so legerDEMAIN means artful, skillfull in magical powers

3. legs are d main !

4. using his sleight of hand he transformed a lizard to a man

5. French- Legere- Light

6. le ja(l)di main...

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quixotic  
(adj)  
kwick-SAH-tick

Definition: Extremely impractical but very romantic, chivalrous, or idealistic; impulsive

Usage: Prompted by a lesson their teacher devised for election year, the children shared what they would do if elected President. The plans were adorably quixotic, involving housing all the homeless in floating homes on the ocean, or teaching everyone to be nice to each other.

Related Words: Rash (too hasty, acting without considering the consequences)

More Info: From Cervantes' 1791 novel Don Quixote, about a romantic, impractical hero who becomes obsessed with books about chivalry (believing even the most ridiculous tales within the books) and famously attacks windmills he believes to be giants—hence the expression “tilting at windmills,” meaning fighting unwinnable battles or battles against imaginary foes.

Mnemonic:

1. quixotic== quick + exotic, if you desire something exotic to happen quickly in your life it is just a daydream.
2. THIS WORD IS DERIVED FROM THE NOVEL....Don Quixote de la Mancha...where the HERO IN THE NOVEL..Cervantes GETS inspired by lofty and chivalrous but impractical ideals.....
3. divide it as quix(quick)+otic..
4. quixotic=quick+sotic(sortic)...if u sort out things quickly without thinking u ll be FOOLISH AND IMPRACTICAL
5. if we divide quixotic, we will notice xotic which is similar to exotic which mean unusual
6. Quick so thick....He is Quick and so thick(fat here)...which is unrealistic.

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per se  
(adverb)  
per SAY

Definition: Intrinsically; by itself; in itself

Usage: The policy isn't sexist, per se, but it has had a disproportionate impact on women that deserves further study.

More Info: From Latin, often written in italics. Per se is often used to indicate that while something isn't naturally or the same as something else, it still has the same effect.

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myopic  
(adj)  
my-AH-pick  
Also myopia (noun)

Definition: Near-sighted; lacking long-term thinking, short-sighted

Usage: To raise prices in a time of crisis is both wrong and deeply myopic—our profits would go up in the short term, but our customers' resentment would simmer for decades. / Myron's myopia is so strong that he cannot be helped by contact lenses and has to wear the heavy glasses he has worn for decades.

Related Words: Improvident (not providing for the future)

More Info: The “op” in myopia comes from a Latin root for “eye” and also appears in optometrist, optical, and ocular.

Mnemonic:

1. With My Opaque lenses I will be short sighted

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mired  
(adj)  
MY-erd



Definition: Stuck, entangled (in something, like a swamp or muddy area), soiled

Usage: Mired in her predecessor's mess and mistakes, the new CEO found it difficult to take the company in a new direction.

Related Words: Morass and quagmire are also words (often used metaphorically) for soft, swampy ground that a person can sink into. The Vietnam War was famously called a quagmire.

More Info: The expression muck and mire means, literally, "animal waste and mud" and is used in the sense, "The federal prosecutor spent weeks wading through the muck and mire of the scandal—every uncovered document showed that the corruption was deeper and worse than previously thought." To muck up is to mess up or get dirty, and to muck about or around is to waste time.

Mnemonic:

1. Mired= M+Wired.. when you are wired, you are entangled..!

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effrontery  
(noun)  
eff-RUN-ter-ee

Definition: Shameless boldness

Usage: Mr. Jackson thought his daughter's boyfriend guilty of the worst effrontery when he asked for her hand in marriage—and, as soon as Mr. Jackson gave his blessing, followed up by asking for a job at Mr. Jackson's company.

Related Words: Audacious (very bold or brave, often in a rude or reckless way; extremely original), Insolent (bold in a rude way), Brazen (shameless, contemptuously bold)

More Info: The "front" in effrontery means brow or forehead; the word comes from the idea of "putting forth one's forehead," in a sense similar to the use of "barefaced" in the expression "barefaced liar."

Mnemonic:

1. for every discussion he comes to the FRONT and argues...in a rude manner.
2. think she stepped IN FRONT OF ME. How dare she be so bold!
3. if u can remember the word effront, it brings to mind the rude soldiers who stand in front of the queen's palace .these people are generally rude .u try to talk to them or scold them,they dont even move ,so wen a person scolded continuously and if he
4. think FTV .. and FTV is shameless !!
5. ef+front+ery
6. The <B>front</B> of a male peacock displays extreme boldness when attracting a mate.

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noisome  
(adj)  
NOY-sum

Definition: Offensive, disgusting; harmful

Usage: Everyone knows that smoking is deadly, but even "herbal" cigarettes are a noisome habit—and noisome to your health!

Related Words: Deleterious means harmful, Baneful means very harmful or fatal, and Noxious means harmful or morally corrupting. Fetid means smelly.

More Info: Noisome isn't really about noise! (The word shares a root with "annoy"). The GRE is not above trying to trick you into picking noisome when you really need a word for "noisy" (like cacophonous or dissonant).

Mnemonic:

1. Try to extract out two words from it... <ol style="padding-

- left:50px"><li>NOISE</li><li>NOISE</li></ol>.. Hence <b>NOISOME</b> is something that makes  
 <i>NOISE</i> in our <i>NOISE</i>  
 2. when you fart in a silence its noisome which spreads out foul smell in a room  
 3. a Noisy fart is less Noisome(smelly) than a silent killer- If you know what I mean ;)  
 4. noisome sounds somewhat like noise..which is irritating  
 5. "no its not me"...:)  
 6. nose+some = something which is bad for nose...

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imperturbable  
 (adj)  
 im-per-TER-buh-bull

Definition: Calm, not able to be upset or agitated

Usage: Having seen pretty much everything, the kindergarten teacher was truly imperturbable: a morning containing a discipline problem, two bathroom accidents, one fight, and one temper tantrum didn't bother her in the least.

Related Words: Impervious (impenetrable, not able to be harmed or emotionally disturbed, as in "impervious to criticism"), Stoic (not having or showing feeling, esp. in response to suffering)

More Info: Of course, a person who can be upset is perturbable and has been perturbed. Perturb contains a root from the Latin "turbare" (to disturb); this root also appears in turbulence and turbid (muddy and choppy, as a turbulent body of water).

Mnemonic:

1. imperturbable--im + pertur (like tur tur) + babble ( just talking foolishly..). So, the person who never do any tur-tur and never babbles is a very cool, calm and peaceful guy.
2. im-'not'+perturb(able), meaning not perturbed....so a person who is not perturbed stays calm and placid.
3. imperturbable- im+perturbable. Perturb has a rhythm with Disturb. Imperturbable is a person whom u can't feel disturbed/upset easily- that's why he is always calm.
4. imperturbable = imperturbare (old) = im- 'not' + per-'completely' + turbare (sounds like disturb)
5. Im+Pester+Able.
6. Im(Not) + per( permiable) + tub(turbulence) , so not prone to turbulence,so marked by extreme calm steadiness...

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harrow  
 (noun, verb)  
 HAIR-oh  
 Also harrowing (adj)

Definition: Farming tool that breaks up soil (noun); painfully disturb or distress (verb)

Usage: Let's start our garden together--you harrow, and I'll follow behind you planting the seeds. / The bus ride across Siberia was a harrowing experience--the roads were all ice, and the ancient, barely heated vehicle seemed to be lacking both headlights and brakes.

More Info: Shakespeare may have been the first to use harrow in a metaphorical way ("I could a tale unfold whose lightest word would harrow up thy soul"--Hamlet).

Mnemonic:

1. 'hard'+ 'row':rowing upstream is very hard and causes pain(distress).

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synoptic  
 (adj)  
 sin-OP-tick

Definition: Relating to a synopsis or summary; giving a general view

Usage: The movie studio had interns read screenplays and write up synoptic outlines for the executives to review.

Related Words: Digest (a periodical containing shortened versions of works published elsewhere), Recapitulation (summary or the act of summing up), Précis (summary or abstract), Compendium (concise but complete summary; a list or collection)

More Info: The root "sym/syn" means "together" and "op" comes from a Latin root for "eye" (optometrist, optical, ocular, myopia). Thus, synoptic literally means "see all together," which is what a good summary allows you to do.

Mnemonic:

1. something like synopsis
2. Synopsis = Syn+Optic

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vernal  
(adj)  
VER-null

Definition: Relating to the spring; fresh, youthful

Usage: Alma's favorite part of gardening was the vernal reawakening that followed a frozen winter.

Related Words: Primavera is a synonym. (The dish pasta primavera is full of vegetables—that is, "spring pasta").

More Info: The vernal equinox is a moment in spring at which the Sun is directly over the equator; this is associated with a change of seasons.

Mnemonic:

1. Ver (above) nal (tap of water) (in Marathi, Hindi) -- water falling from the tap which is above us like rain.
2. VERNA(1)...Hyundai VERNA has a very powerful engine and an excellent pick up. It SPRINGS when accelerated.
3. Vernal is the opposite of primal. Vernal means something fresh, new, young, whereas primal means, the primitive (old).
4. This is for bio students, vernalisation is to do with flowering, so vernal can be connected to flowers and thus 'spring'
5. relate to Virginal mean fresh and pure reminds spring
6. vernal circle: spring summer autumn winter spring summer....

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inveigle  
(verb)  
in-VAY-gull

Definition: Entice, lure; get something by flattery, cleverness, or offering incentives

Usage: After Mrs. Kim found out that her son's friends had inveigled him into doing something stupid, she gave him a lecture on standing up to peer pressure.

Related Words: Coax and cajole are gentler versions—trying to get someone to do something through persuasion or flattery.

More Info: Don't confuse with inveigh (to protest strongly or attack with words).

Mnemonic:

1. inveigle sounds like in veil.
2. there's a damsel IN veil (VEIGLE)...in burkha may be... and u r \*urging\* her to have a look at her beautiful face but your actual intention is to have a look at something else (\*that's your guile\*)
3. Inveigle- envy+girl..when u envy her u think of teaching her a lesson by luring her n finally deceiving her..
4. To inveigle/cajole the beautiful girl in veil to show up her face.

5. A Beg-al is invei-gle when he wants some-thing from-you

6. INVEIGLE: Sounds like two words. INVade and GoAL (INVA-GOAL). Thus, when you Invade someone's Goals;

you have Influenced or urged them to do yours/another's by deception or flattery.

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grandstand  
(verb)  
GRAND-stand

Definition: Perform showily in an attempt to impress onlookers

Usage: I was really passionate about the candidate when he spoke at our school, but now that I think about it, he was just grandstanding. I mean, who could disagree that young people are the future? And doing a cheer for the environment doesn't actually signify a commitment to change any public policies about it.

Related Words: Declaim (speak in an impassioned, pompous, or oratorical manner; give a formal speech)

More Info: As a noun, a grandstand is essentially "the bleachers," so to grandstand is to perform as though for bleachers full of onlookers. In a memorable episode of 30 Rock, Queen Latifah's character, a Senator, grandstands by making animated nonsense speeches in which she just shouts "America" and "the future" and "the troops" so passionately that everyone applauds.

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delimit  
(verb)  
dih-LIM-it

Definition: Fix, mark, or define the boundaries of

Usage: The role of an executive coach is delimited by our code of conduct—we may not counsel people for psychological conditions, for instance.

Related Words: Demarcate (mark the boundaries of, separate)

More Info: Delimit is one of those words where the "de" doesn't seem to be doing much—the definition is pretty close to that of limit.

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flout  
(verb)  
FLOUT

Definition: Treat with disdain, contempt, or scorn (usually of rules)

Usage: He flouted the boarding school's curfew so blatantly that, on his way back from a party that lasted past midnight, he actually stopped by the headmaster's house to say hello to his daughter.

More Info: Don't confuse with flaunt, meaning "to show off or parade oneself in a conspicuous way." Flout comes from Middle English "flouten," meaning "to play the flute." Apparently it was once possible to play the flute at someone in a jeering way.

Mnemonic:

1. FLOUT... FOUL + OUT. When a player is sent out by foul, the player shows his contempt to the referee.
2. A kid asked me if he could FLY his paper plane in the room, I replied bluntly-FLY OUT.
3. Can be associated with word "Clout" which means "great influence" as "Person who has clout tends to flout" == A person who has great influence tends to show contempt for and break the rules. eg. Salman Khan
4. flout sounds like foul;;;

5. FLOUT is to treat with contempt. If you have CLOUT you are treated with respect.
6. fLOUT(OUTDATED)...SO something which is outdated is always rejected by people.

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augury  
(noun)  
AWG-yer-ee  
Also augur (noun)

Definition: Telling the future, such as through supernatural means

Usage: Value investors such as Warren Buffet (who attempt to buy shares in undervalued companies by analyzing the businesses themselves) consider others' attempts to "time the market" as mere augury, equivalent to trying to predict rain by reading tea leaves.

Related Words: Prognosticate and Presage also mean to tell the future.

More Info: An augur or auspex in ancient Rome interpreted omens (sometimes by reading bird entrails) to help guide the making of public decisions.

Mnemonic:

1. Augury.... Augur..... Sounds like Eager.
2. augury..think it to be aug(aag i.e fire in HINDI) +u +ary(HARRY)..u got a prophecy that u will b in fire along with harry,,,
3. aagey aa rahi events
4. augury- its like AUG+gURU-remember it as ...aug is the month of tht event tht guruji pridicted(prophecy) !
5. AUGury - ETS has given us an AUGury about the GRE pattern changing in AUGust 2011
6. aao+ gori

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circumspect  
(adj)  
SER-cuhm-spect

Definition: Cautious, prudent; careful to consider the circumstances and consequences

Usage: Luann immediately forked over an initiation fee to become a vitamin distributor, but her more circumspect brother had a list of at least twenty questions he wanted answered before he would consider joining.

Related Words: Staid (restrained, prim, settled)

More Info: The root "circum" means "around" and "spect" means "see"—thus, circumspect people "look around" before acting, much as in the idiom "look before you leap."

Mnemonic:

1. circum(means circumstance)...spect(means to inspect)...so a kind of person who inspects circumstances before speaking, and such people are generally considered as prudent.
2. when a circle inspector inspects u, the nu would become prudent and cautious in ur action and thought..
3. Circum(circular i.e 360 degrees)+spec(spectacles)...when you watch things or circumstances from all angle, it means that you are wary and unwilling to take risks....
4. circums - sounds like circumference of circle...go round...means who is cautious he ll not take shortcuts...he will go circumspect
5. Circumspect also means wary or cautious...circum(circumstance)+spect(spectacles)...when you see a circumstance with your spectacles, you are cautious....
6. One who is cautious will SUSPECT trouble and go around it: CIRCUM SUSPECT.

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pugilism  
(noun)  
PYOO-juh-lizm

## Also pugilist (noun)

Definition: boxing, fighting with the fists

Usage: Pugilism has been called “the sweet science” by some, but others feel that hitting other people in the head until they can’t get up isn’t much of a sport.

Related Words: Belligerent, bellicose, truculent, and pugnacious mean combative, inclined to fighting.

More Info: Pugilism and pugnacious come from the Latin “pugnus,” for “fist.”

Mnemonic:

1. Think pungent.

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fatuous  
(adj)  
FAT-choo-uss

Definition: Foolish, silly, esp. in a smug or complacent manner

Usage: Sadly, every philosophy class seems to have one person who responds to every discussion, from metaphysics to ethics, with the fatuous question, “But what if we don’t really exist?”

Related Words: Inane (lacking sense, silly; empty), Waggish (merry, roguish), Risible (laughable, related to laughing), Jocular, Jocund, or Jocose (jesting, jolly), Droll (funny in an odd way)

More Info: Don’t confuse fatuous with facetious, meaning “joking, humorous, esp. inappropriately.” Facetious people can be smartly sarcastic; fatuous people are dull and dim-witted. Fatuous comes from a word for gaping—as in, having one’s mouth hang open like a very stupid person.

Mnemonic:

1. remembers FAT ASS an ass is considered foolish
2. focus on 'fat' in this word ..for some foolish people fat people are generally foolish
3. generally fat people in US are foolish!!
4. Fatuous - "Fatu" In hindi Fatu means one who dont have much confidence in doing things. So Fatu is one who dont have brain(barinless) and foolish, thats why he is not that so confident
5. faLtu bolne wala - foolish n insane!
6. INFATUATED means unintelligently and foolishly in love. Fatuous means unintelligent or foolish.

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cosset  
(verb)  
CAH-set

Definition: Treat as a pet, pamper

Usage: The cosseted toddler was lovingly wrapped up in his snow gear, so much so that he could barely even move his arms enough to make his first snowball.

Related Words: Coddle (treat tenderly or indulgently)

More Info: As a noun, a cosset is a pet lamb or any pet. The root in cosset actually comes from a word meaning “to kiss.”

Mnemonic:

1. You will treat him/her with care regardless of the COST SET
2. Think of COT - you try and pamper the baby by giving him/her a grand cot
- 3.
4. The value of cos is set perfectly.
5. cosset - sofa set - expensive - so very caring and protecting towards it

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searchingly  
(adv)  
SER-ching-lee  
Also searching (adj)

Definition: In a searching or penetrating manner; while examining closely or probing for answers

Usage: "I'm fired?" said Ron, looking searchingly at his boss. "I thought I was like a son to you." /  
Breaking up is hard to do, but the searching look of her brokenhearted soon-to-be-ex-boyfriend was just too much.

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fulminate  
(verb)  
FULL-min-ayt

Definition: Explode, detonate; attack verbally in a vehement, thunderous way

Usage: Please don't bring up anything related to gun control around my family, or my dad will fulminate for hours about the Second Amendment.

Related Words: To rail against or rail at is to issue a bitter denunciation of.

More Info: Fulminate comes from a Latin word for "hurl lightning." When you fulminate, you are as angry as the Romans imagined Jupiter to be, hurling lightning bolts in your fury!

Mnemonic:

1. fulminate sounds like
2. I'm FULL I just ATE any more and I will explode!
3. Frustration will <B>culminate</B> in a loud verbal attack, an emotional explosion.
4. fulminate = foul + my + mate = criticize hardly
5. fulminate=full of menace
6. fulminate:FULLY ILLUMINATED:::::

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impasse  
(noun)  
IM-pass

Definition: Position or road from which there is no escape; deadlock

Usage: If the union won't budge on its demands and the transit authority won't raise salaries, then we are at an impasse.

Related Words: Standstill, gridlock, logjam, stalemate, standoff, and standstill are all words for being stuck due to different people's opposing goals. Not surprisingly, all of these words are common in politics.

More Info: A physical impasse—a road that hits a dead end—can be called a cul-de-sac.

Mnemonic:

1. im(IMPOSSIBLE)+passe(PASS)...IMPOSSIBLE TO PASS through a canal, which has no way to escape.
2. im-passe-->no passage
3. impasse=i+m+pass...."i m unable to pass the CAT xam...it was my last hope of becoming something good in life...now i am going to become just a middle class person in my life...there is NO ESCAPE from this situation..."..:)
4. I am not getting pass marks â€“ this is impasse.

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arbiter  
(noun)  
AR-bit-er

## Also arbitrate (verb)

Definition: Judge, umpire, person empowered to decide matters at hand

Usage: Professional mediators arbitrate disputes. / The principal said, "As the final arbiter of what is and is not appropriate in the classroom, I demand that you take down that poster of the rapper Ice-T and his scantily-clad wife Coco."

Related Words: Adjudicator (judge or arbitrator, esp. a judge of a competition)

More Info: An arbitrator is officially appointed to settle a dispute; an arbiter is more someone whose opinion is valued, as in the expression "arbiter of good taste."

Mnemonic:

1. AR(arbitrary means random)+BEATER.....a person who beats the hammer on the table randomly saying SILENCE SILENCE is an arbiter
2. Its similar to arbitrate and Mnemonic for arbitrate is bit-rate, bit rate is the judging or deciding parameter for the transfer rate or say speed of data transfer..
3. arbiter= "Argument" + "Beater"
4. OUR BEATER: our man who beats the hammer on the table
5. arbiter reminds of albert(einstein), the person who was able to judge any matter.
6. Arbiter: A person who listens to arbit discussions and give arbit judgements.

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collude

(verb)

cuh-LOOD

Also collusion (noun)

Definition: Conspire; cooperate for illegal or fraudulent purposes

Usage: After two competing software companies doubled their prices on the same day, leaving consumers no lower-priced alternative, the federal government investigated the companies for collusion.

Related Words: Cabal (a conspiratorial group)

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like "conclude" so come to a secret understanding

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brandish

(verb)

BRAN-dish

Definition: Shake, wave, or flourish, as a weapon

Usage: The Renaissance Fair ended badly, with one drunken fellow brandishing a sword and refusing to leave the ladies' dressing tent.

More Info: Brandish comes from the Germanic "brand," or sword.

Mnemonic:

1. brandish = brand(brandy)...so once v drink brandy v will start waving foolishly...
2. brand+ish...and try to remember sourav ganguly in SONA CHANDI CHAVANYAPRAS...ADVERTISE MENT...WAVING SWORD TO SHOW THE STRENGTH HE GOT AFTER EATING SONA CHANDI CHAVANPRAS BRAND so dada brandishing the sword for chavanpras BRAND
3. if you get some new branded item like a shoe or watch etc you'll wanna wave it around n display it to everyone!!

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insipid



(adj)  
in-SIP-id

Definition: Dull, stale, lacking taste or interest

Usage: This is a university level poetry class, and your insipid drivel just won't cut it here.  
"Things

that are bad always make me sad"? Really? / The restaurant critic called the dish "insipid"—I did think it was bland, but I probably would've been more polite about it.

Related Words: Banal, Hackneyed, Inane, Insipid and Trite all mean "lacking freshness and originality, shallow."

More Info: The rare antonym sipid and the variant sapid mean "tasty, agreeably distinct." The root "sapere" (having taste) also means "be wise" and appears in sage and sapient, which both mean wise.

Mnemonic:

1. in+sip+id(it)
2. in+ sipid(spell it as spit..) ,we spit when the FOOD LACKS FLAVOR : or it is TASTELESS..
3. if u take a SIP IN, and realize that u were stuPID enough to taste such a flavor , then the drink is  
insipid
4. IN+SIP+IT: is there anything IN this?! i took a SIP and IT is awful and bland!
5. sounds like in + stupid.
6. not worth a sip

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goad  
(verb)  
GOH'd

Definition: Urge on (as cattle) with a pointed or electrically charged stick; spur on, stimulate, encourage

Usage: He never forgave his friends for goading him into spray-painting the school with them. While the effect was temporarily hilarious, he lost a scholarship over the incident.

Related Words: Prod is a synonym (a "cattle prod" is also a pointed or electrified stick). Cajole, Coax, and Wheedle are all much gentler, meaning "artfully persuade, such as by flattery."

More Info: In common language, goad means "to peer-pressure."

Mnemonic:

1. goad tells you to "GO And Do [it]"
2. goad...sounds like god....everyday when we pray...we always URGE to god ,to give us courage to face all the hurdles and obstacles in life.
3. GOAd...Just think of GOA...This itself is enough to URGE or STIMULATE you to go there
4. Goad sounds like GOD who give courage to face everything in life.
5. goat ... bali ka bakra i.e you encourage someone to do but you have a hidden motive
6. GOAD Looks like (Go+AND+Do) Urge on ---2nd meaning.

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leery  
(adj)  
LEER-ee

Definition: Suspicious or wary

Usage: You should be leery of any business opportunity that requires a startup fee and a "sponsor"—you might find yourself sucked into a scam.

Related Words: Chary (cautious, wary, or timid). There is a big overlap between leery and chary, although a person could be habitually chary (such as in being shy), whereas a person is generally leery of something specific (and sketchy!).

More Info: Leery is almost always followed by of. Relatedly, to leer is to look in an intense, creepy way, such as with lustful or malicious intent. You should be leery of anyone who leers at you.

Mnemonic:

1. leery >when u are travelling in train and someone asks u to eat something then they say "leh ri" then u get suspicious at his offering..
2. rhymes with Wary
3. leery-compare with jerry tom is always cautious and suspicious that jerry is around
4. rhymes with eerie... On viewing eerie things we get suspicious
5. Sounds like jerry...tom is always suspicious and cautious about jerry..
6. Beware of the pace of Brett Lee

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 ameliorate  
 (verb)  
 uh-MEE-lee-or-ayt

Definition: Improve; make better or more bearable

Usage: If you spill water on your computer keyboard, you can ameliorate the damage by leaving the keyboard upside down to try—it may still be ruined, but that's still the best chance you've got of saving it.

Related Words: Mitigate, Palliate, and Alleviate are near-synonyms, all of which could take the place of "ameliorate" in the sentence above.

More Info: Ameliorate occasionally appears as meliorate (an Old English version), meaning exactly the same thing.

Mnemonic:

1. Ameli (Imli) improves the taste of food.
2. In movie Amelie, Amelie tries to improve other's life.
3. Take the suffix 'rate'. With the increase in product rate it's quality will also improve.
4. "ae"+ "melio"+ "re"(meet me)
5. Aam(Mango)+ lio(Take) + rate(@ less rate).. Cheap mangoes.. makes it Better ;)
6. Sounds a bit like deteriorate which means 'to lessen or degrade'. Here 'a' negates the meaning. Hence it means 'to better'

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 solecism  
 (noun)  
 SAH-liss-izm

Definition: Nonstandard use of grammar or words; mistake, esp. in etiquette

Usage: "I could care less" is a solecism—what the speaker really means to say is "I couldn't care less." / Apparently, Libby had committed a solecism by asking a man if he wanted to dance. "In Lubbock, Texas," said her friend, "we keep things traditional."

Related Words: Malapropism (ludicrous mistake in word use), Faux Pas (social blunder)

More Info: Solecism comes from the place name Soloi—the ancient Greeks considered the people from that region to speak in a horrible, substandard dialect.

Mnemonic:

1. SHOLEYcism...when you think of hindi movie sholay,who comes in your mind???? GABBAR....everytime he used to make mistakes while speaking because of his rustic or wild accent....
2. look at it .....
3. solecism = so less lex - ism. Lexical is related to grammar as also in lexical analysis in a computer language.. so-less-lex-ism means more grammatical and awkward mistakes
4. It's a funny one...When someone's shoe sole comes out it is a social blunder...
5. take the word "sole" from it...now imagine a hot blonde girl sleeping on parks bench alone(sole)..this is an awkward act...so solecism

## 6. SOcially or LExICally worthy of critiCISM = SOLECISM.

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propitiate  
(verb)  
proh-PISH-ee-ayt

Definition: Attempt to reconcile with, satisfy, or reduce the animosity of (a person who is angry, offended, etc.)

Usage: The ancient Greeks would often attempt to propitiate angry gods by sacrificing animals to them.

Related Words: Placate, Appease, Mollify, Conciliate, and Assuage are near-synonyms.

More Info: The Romans had something called a "propitiatorim," or "place of atonement"—presumably, one would be propitiating the gods.

## Mnemonic:

1. PROf+PITI- if you want professor's pity then you would have to appease him/her.
2. propiti + ate .. propiti sounds very close to property.. + ate .. so just imagine if you elder brother ate (here it means encroach) all your property ....you will quarrel with him... your father will try to appease or pacify you.
3. "prop"(prophet) + "itiate"(initiate) initiate the work of a prophet/priest..i.e making peace.
4. pro "PEACE" iate ... some what sounds like this .. so it means "make peace with"
5. PROPITIATE -> PROPER+INITIATION. In college, PROPER INITIATION ceremonies are carried out for freshmen to win favor with (PROPITIATE) the upper classmen.
6. maintain the peace at home.but basically it is taken from latin propetere..which when splited means  
pro means for + petere means to seek ..so you seeking for PEACE...

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pulchritude  
(noun)  
PUHL-krih-tood

Definition: Physical beauty

Usage: Marilyn Monroe's mystique is based not only on her obvious pulchritude, but also on her mysterious death and likely dalliance with JFK.

Related Words: Comeliness is a synonym. Aesthetic (concerning the appreciation of beauty or good taste, pertaining to the science of what is beautiful)

Memory Trick: This word is so ugly sounding! Would you ever have guessed it meant beauty?

Imagine a man telling a woman she is the epitome of pulchritude. Unless she has a very good vocabulary, it probably won't go very well.

## Mnemonic:

1. itude=attitude
2. Christ is depicted as a very beautiful man in every one of his paintings ..
3. Christ on Pulsar -- A very beautiful sight
4. guys having pulsors easily get comely chicks
5. PULCHRITUDE = PULUK (eyelid) ghapakna (blink) bhool jao BEAUTY daikh kay
6. Pulchritude - originates from pulcher which sounds similar to pulsar.. pulsar is magestic which attracts beautiful girls..

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repertorial  
(adj)  
reh-per-TOR-ee-ull

Definition: Pertaining to a repertory or repertoire, a stock of available things or a number of theatrical performances presented regularly or in sequence

Usage: One theater observer noted that repertorial community theater can tie together different plays for a repeat audience: seeing the same actor as Hamlet one night and Romeo another prompts interesting parallels between the two plays.

More Info: Don't confuse repertorial with reportorial, "characteristic of news reporters."

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umbrage  
(noun)  
UM-bridge

Definition: Offense or annoyance (usually as take umbrage, meaning become offended or annoyed)

Usage: With thirty years' experience in the field and quite recent successes on a variety of projects, the executive understandably took umbrage when a coworker suggested that he was good to have around to remind others of "ancient history."

Related Words: Pique also means anger or irritate. Note that to pique (that is, stimulate) someone's interest is positive, but to pique a person is always bad.

Mnemonic:

1. notice the last 4 letters...RAGE. And then umbrella = shade, rage = anger and resentment.
2. umbrage == angrez ..who ruled India for a 100 years were very insulting to the Indians.
3. we grew great resentment to Dolores Umbridge: X 

4. umbrage = um bra rage.

5. sounds like curtley EMBROSE, westindies player ..to whom sachin hits 3 sixes in a row and so he is

in Umbrage (really angry)

6. Umbrage and enrage are similar in sound and both mean, anger.

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insensible  
(adj)  
in-SEN-sih-bull

Definition: Incapable of feeling; unconscious, unaware

Usage: Very intoxicated people can be insensible to pain, leading to serious problems as they injure themselves and don't realize it. / I cannot believe that, while I was insensible after the operation, you

put funny hats on me and took pictures! You are insensible to shame!

Related Words: Insensate (inanimate, as an object; without sense or human feeling, cruel)

Mnemonic:

1. in (without..) +sensible (sense..) i.e. without sense we are UNCONSCIOUS or UNRESPONSIVE..

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distend  
(verb)  
diss-TEND  
Also distended (adj)

Definition: Swell, expand, stretch, bloat

Usage: The emergency room doctor constantly saw people who came in with distended bellies, sure that they had appendicitis; usually, it was just gas.

Related Words: Balloon (swell or puff out), Turgid or Tumid (swollen, inflated; or, metaphorically

“inflated,” such as in overblown, pompous speech)

Mnemonic:

1. try to relate it with dis means distance and extend means to expand.
2. This(DIS) Tent(TEND) can expand easily
3. dis(apart) + tend(stretch)
4. stend- take it as stem. stem generally expands or swell out ,wen there is a clot of water ..
5. Imagine DISTance from an END ->Extend;Wider;swell out
6. TENDancy to DISassociate=DISTEND

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pusillanimous  
(adj)  
pyoo-sill-AN-im-uss

Definition: Cowardly, timid

Usage: He was so pusillanimous that not only was he afraid to ask his boss for a raise, he was even afraid to tell the waitress that he didn't like sugar in his tea.

Related Words: Craven (cowardly)

More Info: What an interesting origin this word has—"pullus" was Latin for a young animal, and "pusillus" added the idea of being small and weak. The root "animus" (animation, etc.) means "spirit." Thus, a pusillanimous person has the spirit of a weak baby animal.

Mnemonic:

1. take it as PUSSY + ANIMAL = a pussy will always be dumb and cowardly, will always lack courage.
2. pussillanimous --> PUSSY with ANIMUS(enemy). So, someone who behaves like a pussy cat with his enemies is coward and also remember PUISSANT means powerful and strong
3. if someone is coward,they call him 'pussy,u r no man'
- 4.
5. pussy is a silly animal...coz it is cowardly (pussy+silly+animus)...!!!
6. pusill-petty, very small; anim-spirit. Petty spirit == timid, cowardly.

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investiture  
(noun)  
in-VEST-it-choor or in-VEST-it-cher

Definition: Investing; formally giving someone a right or title

Usage: The former dean had her academic robes dry cleaned in preparation for her investiture as university president.

Related Words: Divest (deprive or strip of a rank, title, etc., or of clothing or gear; to sell off holdings)

Mnemonic:

1. After you get an investment and venture, you get a investiture

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raconteur  
(noun)  
rack-uhn-TOOR

Definition: Witty storyteller

Usage: Miguel was quite the raconteur—the laughing party guests naturally congregated in a cluster around him as he held court.

Related Words: A bard is a poet/storyteller—Shakespeare is often called “The Bard.” Bard also evokes images of a medieval poet traveling from town to town, accompanying himself on an instrument. A raconteur is more of a person who is fun at parties.

More Info: From the French verb for “recount,” or “tell.”

Mnemonic:

1. "reckon" means think. raconteur is one who thinks (writer/storyteller).
2. one who recounts
3. rekha aunty tear
4. reckon means to imagine.....raconteur means a person who make us able to imagine by telling stories
5. when we go on a TOUR in a new city, we take some travels bus and the guide tells stories of the city and places skillfully.
6. rac(rock)+on+teur(tour).... to rock on tour you should be story-teller.

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albeit  
(conjunction)  
al-BEE-it

Definition: Although, even though

Usage: The village leader was illiterate albeit highly intelligent. / The trip was exciting, albeit brief.

Related Words: Notwithstanding (in spite of, although, all the same—“Notwithstanding the video of his crime, he was acquitted on a technicality”)

More Info: Albeit is a shortening of “although it be.”

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opine  
(verb)  
oh-PINE

Definition: Express an opinion

Usage: After all was said and done, he opined that he wished he had never tried to sail around the world in a canoe, and he was sorry that the rescue effort was so expensive.

Related Words: Expatiate (to expand or elaborate on a topic, to explain in detail), Excogitate (think through in detail)

Mnemonic:

1. OPINe as in OPINion, to have an opinion.

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polyglot  
(noun)  
PAH-lee-glaht

Definition: Speaking or composed of many languages (of a person, book, etc.); a person who knows several languages

Usage: New York’s public service announcements often take the form of polyglot posters in the subway, suggesting in six languages that readers give up their seats for pregnant women or those with disabilities.

More Info: “Poly” means “many” (polygamy, polynomial) and “glot” means “tongue” (glottal, epiglottis).

Mnemonic:

1. poly(many)+glot(glottis=speech organ)= many speech organ = able to speak many language
2. poly+glot(remember gala in hindi which is neck). One who has multiple necks(speaks multiple languages).

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politic  
(adj)  
PAH-lit-ick

Definition: Shrewd, pragmatic; tactful or diplomatic

Usage: Celebrities have to watch what they say, as even an offhand comment can end up splashed across the covers of magazines. When the starlet was asked what she thought of her ex-husband marrying the swimsuit model he left her for, she gave the politic reply, "I wish both of them the best."

Related Words: Expedient (suitable, proper; effective, often at the expense of ethics or other considerations)

More Info: The expression "the body politic" means the citizens of a particular government, considered as a group.

Mnemonic:

1. To enter POLITICS, one has to highly PRACTICAL n they must also have a WELL DEvised plan to succeed!
2. To enter Politics, one has to be Politic

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plucky  
(adj)  
PLUCK-ee

Definition: Brave, spirited

Usage: Feminist critics have commented that today's romantic comedies tend to feature passive, helpless female leads, whereas the romantic comedies of the 1940s featured plucky heroines who took the lead in cleverly solving problems. / While the police hit a dead end, a band of plucky children was able to find the stolen bicycle.

More Info: Plucky (along with synonym spunky) is a rather "cute" word for courageous. It is appropriate for children and for people dealing with fairly minor situations in a bold, clever way. Some find it sexist when applied to adult women in professional or otherwise serious situations; it is almost never applied to men. Plucky would be very inappropriate to describe a soldier in battle, a hero of the Civil Rights movement, etc. Use a word like courageous or intrepid instead.

Mnemonic:

1. To be a rockstar a person has to be GUTSY and a GUTSY ROCKERS PLUCK THE GUITAR IN A PLUCKY WAY.....
2. Break it down into Pre LUCKY. When someone knows that they will be lucky, they will be brave and take more risks.

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larceny  
(noun)  
LAR-sen-ee

Definition: Theft

Usage: The department store employs a security officer whose job it is to prevent larceny.

Related Words: To purloin is to steal. To pilfer or filch is also to steal, but generally of something small (I filched these awesome coffee mugs from the local diner).

More Info: In legal terms, larceny refers to a particular type of theft—the thief must physically carry away the stolen item. No one but lawyers cares about this distinction.

## Mnemonic:

1. break it up into LA-R-CENY LA (Law) and CENY (rhymes with Money or CENT for money)
2. larceny(very close to COMPANY NAME LARCEN & TURBO..)....SO theives theft a great sum from larcen and turbo office.
3. to steal a LARge SUM of monEY
4. LARcenY contains LA and NY. LAPD and NYPD fight against a lot of LARCENY.
5. break it as lar(law)ce(se)ny(nahi)i.e. law se nahi or unlawful seizure
6. larceny=larcen = i dont like the footballer "larcen" as he "theft" the ball at offside

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precipitate  
(verb)  
prih-SIP-it-ayt

Definition: Cause to happen suddenly or prematurely; fling, plunge, or hurl down

Usage: Mr. and Mrs. Rosen had been considering a move to Florida for years, but the sudden destruction of their house in a hurricane precipitated their decision to finally make the move. / "Stay away from the precipice!" said the mother to her child. "I wouldn't want my darling son to be precipitated to his doom!"

Related Words: Catalyst (causer of change)

More Info: Precipitation is rain, snow, or hail—water that, of course, comes down from the sky. Precipitous sometimes means "pertaining to a precipice (such as a cliff)," as in a precipitous mountain face, and sometimes means "hasty."

## Mnemonic:

1. Precipitate -> Pre + anticipate.
2. preci [president] + pit+ate[past participle 'eat']. Imagine that President 'falls vertically/sharply' into a gigantic 'pit' and 'ate' the mud hence precipitate [v].
3. Precipitation of barium sulphate by mixing solutions of sodium sulphate and barium chloride- HASTY and RASH chemical reaction.
4. precipitate also means to rain, rain HAPPENS SUDDENLY
5. recipe HASTENS the making of a dish
6. For the Verb: to cause to happen before anticipated...

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dissolution  
(noun)  
diss-uh-LOO-shun  
Also dissolute (adj)

Definition: Dissolving, the state of having been dissolved; breaking bonds or breaking up of a group of people; death, disintegration; sinking into extreme hedonism, vice, and degradation

Usage: Raoul went from garden-variety hedonism to utter dissolution—his three-day drug benders cost him his job and may land him in jail. / Following the dissolution of the corporation and the liquidation of our assets, each investor will receive a cash payment proportional to his or her shareholding in the company.

Related Words: Licentiousness (excessive freedom, extreme hedonism), Profligacy (reckless extravagance, shameless behavior)

## Mnemonic:

1. dissolution is the opposite of resolution. When you make a resolution you make a promise, when you make a dissolution you BREAK or dissolve the promise!
2. came from "dissolve"
3. dissolution; dissolve some thing or terminate it..
4. Picture a sugar cube DISSOLVING in a spoon filled with a SOLUTION of hot tea. DISSOLVING SOLUTION
5. Dissolve into solution : Disintegrate bonds ; Like water - loose (Loose in morals too)
6. Dissolution = Looseness in morals ---> Imagine the population is a homogenous mixture, all have accepted behaviour, except the DISSOLUTE mass of people who are the dissipated mass of this



mixture,  
they have no morals

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prevaricate  
(verb)  
preh-VAIR-ick-ayt

Definition: Stray from the truth, mislead, lie

Usage: Maryanne had been shoplifting—when her mother asked where her new clothes had come from, she prevaricated, vaguely suggesting that a rich friend had bought them for her.

Related Words: Dissembling (misleading, concealing the truth, acting hypocritically), Disingenuous (insincere, not genuine), Equivocate (use unclear language to deceive or avoid committing to a position)

More Info: As you can see, we have many words in English that mean something just short of lying—probably because there are many situations in which we need to point out a lie, but want to do so as politely or discreetly as we can; all of the above words are less blunt than lie.

Mnemonic:

1. divide is as pre(..before)+var(truth..)+icate(..gate) ..i.e. before truth, you have kept a gate. Hence you are LYING or HIDING THE TRUTH..
2. pre+var(truth)+cate(fabricate) is to fabricate the truth, meaning to lie.
3. pre(before)varicate(varying) i.e varying the truth b4 bcomz a lie
4. pre(Before)+var(True)= so before telling the truth you awlays lie
5. Preparing Various Cate;say Cate is a girl,preparing various Cate to hide the true Cate
6. Pre(before) marriage evry var(groom) lies

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perennial  
(adj)  
per-EN-ee-ull

Definition: Lasting through the years or indefinitely, enduring; recurring

Usage: Fighting over the bathroom is a perennial problem in our house—there are eight of us, and we're homeschooled, so we're all pretty much always here.

More Info: Perennial plants last more than one year, as opposed to annuals, which must be replanted every year. "Per" means "through" and the "ennial" part of the word is really just a variant on "annual," so perennial literally means "through the years."

Mnemonic:

1. if you remember we have learnt about perennial rivers in social studies which means LONG LASTING rivers
2. sounds like PURANI(old)...purani things are perennial
3. Per is the prefix of " through", Ennial is the root word of year -->perennial means ' through out the year.'
4. per annual
5. perennial sounds like "parential" which is long lasting from history
6. Discover the word <b>"PERU"</b> ( a country from South America). U may need long time to be there.

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hew  
(verb)  
HYOO

Definition: Strike, chop, or hack (as with an axe, sword. etc.); make or shape something (such as a statue) with a cutting tool

Usage: The pioneer had to hew his own way through the brush in order to proceed westward. / She preferred rustic furniture; her dining room chairs were little more than stumps roughly hewn into stools.

More Info: The past tense of hew is hewn, and the expression roughly hewn (or rough-hewn, or rough hewed) is often used to describe something that seems unfinished or looks as though it was "carved" with a heavy axe rather than more delicate tools. For instance, a manly-man movie star—someone like Russell Crowe—is a more roughly hewn than someone like Zac Efron.

Mnemonic:

1. CHEW- when you chew, you try to chop the thing with your teeth.
2. "hew"... "(s)hew" it is the sound of the sword or ax.
3. If you have seen a villager use an axe, u may remember that when striking the wood, he would breadth out strongly, that sounds like a hew.
4. sounds lyk jew....

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treacherous  
(adj)  
TRETCH-er-uss  
Also treachery (noun)

Definition: Betraying trust, not faithful or trustworthy; not dependable; dangerous or deceptive

Usage: Betraying one's country for money is the most base of acts—his treachery cost the lives of several soldiers whom he had pledged to fight alongside. / The small boat was capsized in the treacherous waters.

Related Words: Perfidy (disloyalty, treachery), Apostate (person who deserts a party, cause, religion, etc.), Recreant (coward or deserter), Quisling (person who betrays his country by aiding an invader)

More Info: From the Old French "trechier," meaning "cheat or trick."

Mnemonic:

1. well.... treacherous sounds like "treasure".....
2. Treacherous...Relate it with TRICK..one who makes tricks to deceive others is Treacherous..
3. who tracks and cheats vigorously track+cheats+vigorous=treacherous

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dither  
(verb, noun)  
DIH-ther

Definition: Act indecisively (verb); a state of fear or trembling excitement

Usage: "Stop dithering," said the mother to her daughter. "Pick which sweater you want so I can pay for it and we can get out of here." / The haunted house brought the children to a dither from which it was difficult for their parents to calm them down.

Related Words: Vacillate and Equivocate also mean "act irresolutely," or in common parlance, "flip-flop" in making a decision.

More Info: Dither may be related to dodder, meaning to shake or tremble, usually used in the sense of "a doddering old man."

Mnemonic:

1. DITCH+HER....I am indecisive whether to ditch her or not because it's a big decision and it will ruin her life....
2. Hither means 'here' or yahan;
3. Remember hrithik roshan's song..."Ither chali mein uthar chali"....so dither means vacillate
4. either this or that (to be undecisive)
5. to WITHER or shy away, nervously.
6. die of ether! that's confusing

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ascribe  
(verb)  
uh-SCRIBE

Definition: Assign or credit to a certain cause or source

Usage: He ascribed his good grades to diligent studying. / The young boy ascribed to his imaginary friend all the powers he wished he had himself—being able to fly, having dozens of friends, and never having to eat his broccoli.

Related Words: Impute (attribute or ascribe)

More Info: Ascribe contains the root “scribe,” meaning “write.”

Mnemonic:

1. Scribe means refer to
2. ascribe ~ sounds like prescribe, so ascribe is refer
3. doctor prescribe medicine if u fill well u ascribe doc :)
4. Take ascr=oscar award;so if I will win an Oscar I will ascribe it to my parents.
5. ascribe : a script; We ascribed this script to it's author;
6. ascribe ~ describe; you should also give a small description of person whom you are going to give credit for his work.

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vociferous  
(adj)  
voh-SIFF-er-uss

Definition: Noisily crying out, as in protest

Usage: He has always been a vociferous opponent of the estate tax, appearing on numerous news programs to rail against “double taxation.”

Related Words: Stentorian (loud), Clamor (vociferous uproar, as from a crowd)

More Info: The root “voc” (from “vox”) means “voice” and also occurs in vocal, equivocal, and vox populi (the voice of the people).

Mnemonic:

1. VOICE + FURIOUS = noisy
2. take the second part of word --> FERIOUS !!!
3. sounds like "voice of ferous(iron)" which is very noisy.
4. Vociferous (Voice(y) + Furs)
5. Vociferous (loud)is the opposite of harmonious (peaceful).
6. vocy or walky talky is quite noisy

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puerile  
(adj)  
PY00-er-ull or PY00R-ile

Definition: Juvenile, immature

Usage: The retiring film critic decried the puerile humor common in so many modern American movies, pointing out that the classic comedies of the '40s were so much smarter and less reliant on jokes about bodily functions.

Related Words: Jeune (dull, childish), Sophomoric (very immature, having poor judgment)

Mnemonic:

1. PURE things are always childish and immature.
2. PUERILE=PURE+CHILD. A child is always pure so puerile means childish.
3. virile is manly n puerile is childish (not manly)
4. (Call it pe urine which is a childish thing to do)
5. SPECKLE

6. puerile sounds like pure as well as peril.

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philistine  
(noun)  
FILL-ist-een

Definition: Person deficient in or hostile to culture

Usage: Her date was very handsome, but she decided he was an absolute philistine when he said that documentaries were “boring” and that the “Best Picture” Oscar should go to Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D.

Related Words: Boor or Churl (rude, ill-mannered, or insensitive person; a peasant or country bumpkin), Lowbrow (not intellectual or cultivated, as in She preferred art films, but her boyfriend preferred lowbrow comedies with lots of vomit jokes).

More Info: The original Philistines were simply the people of Philistia; they warred with the Israelites and are referred to negatively in the Bible. Thus, their name has come to mean barbarians.

Mnemonic:

1. break it into PHIL(feel)+TINE(tiny)...those who feel over tiny things are NARROW MINDED.
2. heard of palestine gang? they are narrow minded and uncultured..
3. philistine...piliste ne palukutadu.. narrow minded person
4. easy mnemonic - phil is teen = phil's parents would be narrow minded and wouldn't allow her to wear short clothes as she is a teen
5. palestine = muslims. Muslims are stereotyped as narrow-minded, devoid of respect for other's culture etc.
6. Those who are not pristine, they are philistine

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ignoble  
(adj)  
ig-NOH-bull

Definition: Not noble; having mean, base, low motives; low quality

Usage: What you have done may not be illegal, but it surely is ignoble—people who don't read the user agreement surely do not expect that, by clicking “I Agree,” they have signed up for a Jelly of the Month club!

Related Words: Ignominious (disgraceful, humiliating, contemptible)

More Info: The Latin “ig” is simply a variation on “in,” meaning “not.”

Mnemonic:

1. igno(ignore)+ble(able)..so if something IS unworthy and not noble, ONE should be able to ignore them.
2. ignoble = igno[r]able coz not worthy to be noted
3. ignoble:::i+G(agree)+NOBLE.....if someone says to you "yes,i agree..he is NOT NOBLE..."...that means its now proved that he is IGNOBLE/unworthy/not noble...
4. IGNORANCE+NOBLE.....a person who ignores noble people is not noble
5. So,it is of following order
6. to whom u will ignore...??? which not worthy..