

1. extrapolate

: to predict by projecting past experience or known data

extrapolate public sentiment on one issue from known public reaction on others

: to project, extend, or expand (known data or experience) into an area not known or experienced so as to arrive at a usually conjectural knowledge of the unknown area

extrapolates present trends to construct an image of the future

: to infer (values of a variable in an unobserved interval) from values within an already observed interval

: to perform the act or process of extrapolating

2. malingering

: to pretend or exaggerate incapacity or illness (as to avoid duty or work)

His boss suspected him of malingering because of his frequent absences from work.

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3. cacophonous

: marked by cacophony : harsh-sounding

like an old battlefield, once cacophonous with the clash of steel, the roar of cannon, the screams of wounded and dying men

4. insular

: characteristic of an isolated people

: of, relating to, or constituting an island

: dwelling or situated on an island

insular residents

: of or relating to an island of cells or tissue

: of or relating to an island of cells or tissue (as the islets of Langerhans or the insula)

5. impermeable

: not permitting passage (as of a fluid) through its substance

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the plasma membrane of a red blood cell is relatively impermeable to sodium and calcium ions

6. occlude

: to close up or block off : obstruct

a thrombus occluding a coronary artery

: sorb

Palladium occludes large volumes of hydrogen.

: to come into contact with cusps of the opposing teeth fitting together

His teeth do not occlude properly.

: to become occluded

: to close up or block off : obstruct

a thrombus occluding a coronary artery

: to bring (upper and lower teeth) into occlusion

: to take in and retain (a substance) in the interior rather than on an external surface : sorb

proteins in precipitating may occlude alcohol

: to come into contact with cusps of the opposing teeth fitting together

his teeth do not occlude properly

: to become occluded

7. denigrate

: to attack the reputation of : defame

denigrate one's opponents

: to deny the importance or validity of : belittle

denigrate their achievements

8. aberrant

: deviating from the usual or natural type : atypical, abnormal

aberrant behavior

: straying from the right or normal way

aberrant misfits

: a group, individual, or structure that is not normal or typical : an aberrant group, individual, or structure

: a person whose behavior departs substantially from the standard

: straying from the right or normal way

aberrant behavior

: deviating from the usual or natural type : atypical sense 1

aberrant salivary tissue

9. truculence

: the quality or state of being truculent

10. dichotomy

: a division into two especially mutually exclusive or contradictory groups or entities

the dichotomy between theory and practice

: something with seemingly contradictory qualities

it's a dichotomy, this opulent Ritz-style luxury in a place that fronts on a boat harbor

: the phase of the moon or an inferior planet in which half its disk appears illuminated

: bifurcation

: a system of branching in which the main axis forks repeatedly into two branches

: branching of an ancestral line into two equal diverging branches

: a division or forking into branches

11. vituperative

: uttering or given to censure : containing or characterized by verbal abuse

12. plasticity

: the quality or state of being plastic

: the ability to retain a shape attained by pressure deformation

: the capacity of organisms with the same genotype to vary in developmental pattern, in phenotype, or in behavior according to varying environmental conditions

: the capacity for continuous alteration of the neural pathways and synapses of the living brain and nervous system in response to experience or injury

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: the capacity for continuous alteration of the neural pathways and synapses of the living brain and nervous system in response to experience or injury that involves the formation of new pathways and synapses and the elimination or modification of existing ones

13. intransigence

: the quality or state of being intransigent

14. ambivalence

: simultaneous and contradictory attitudes or feelings (such as attraction and repulsion) toward an object, person, or action

felt ambivalence toward his powerful father

: continual fluctuation (as between one thing and its opposite)

: uncertainty as to which approach to follow

ambivalence about their goals

: simultaneous and contradictory attitudes or feelings (as attraction and repulsion) toward an object, person, or action

ambivalence which is expressed in behavior by alternating obedience and rebellion

15. coda

: a concluding musical section that is formally distinct from the main structure

: a concluding part of a literary or dramatic work

: something that serves to round out, conclude, or summarize and usually has its own interest

16. mendacious

: given to or characterized by deception or falsehood or divergence from

absolute truth

mendacious tales of his adventures

17. castigate

: to subject to severe punishment, reproof, or criticism

The judge castigated the lawyers for their lack of preparation.

: to punish or criticize harshly

18. soporific

: causing or tending to cause sleep

soporific drugs

: tending to dull awareness or alertness

: of, relating to, or marked by sleepiness or lethargy

: a soporific agent

: causing or tending to cause sleep

: a soporific agent (as a drug)

19. convoluted

: having convolutions

a ram with convoluted horns

: involved, intricate

a convoluted argument

: folded in curved or tortuous windings

20. inchoate

: being only partly in existence or operation : incipient

: not yet made complete, certain, or specific : not perfected — see also inchoate lien at lien

: not yet transformed into actual use or possession

until an employee has earned his retirement pay...[it] is but an inchoate right

: of or relating to a crime (as attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy) which consists of acts that are preliminary to another crime and that are in themselves criminal — compare choate

21. permeable

: capable of being permeated : penetrable

: having pores or openings that let liquids or gases pass through

: capable of being permeated

22. discrete

: constituting a separate entity : individually distinct

several discrete sections

: consisting of distinct or unconnected elements : noncontinuous

: taking on or having a finite or countably infinite number of values

discrete probabilities

: separate entry 2 sense 3, distinct

The report is divided into discrete sections.

: characterized by distinct unconnected lesions

discrete smallpox

23. tangential

: touching lightly : incidental, peripheral

tangential involvement

: divergent, digressive

: of, relating to, or of the nature of a tangent

: acting along or lying in a tangent

tangential forces

24. verbose

: containing more words than necessary : wordy

a verbose reply

: given to wordiness

a verbose orator

25. desiccate

: to dry up

the desiccated land

: to preserve (a food) by drying : dehydrate

desiccated coconut

: to drain of emotional or intellectual vitality

... a charming little romance ... not desiccated and compressed within the pages of a book

: to become dried up

leaves desiccating in winter

: to dry up or cause to dry up : deprive or exhaust of moisture

: to preserve a food by drying : dehydrate

desiccated coconut

: to become dried up : undergo a desiccating process

26. disabuse

: to free from error, misconception, or fallacy (see fallacy sense 1a)

was quickly disabused of the idea that anything had changed

27. indigence

: a level of poverty in which real hardship and deprivation are suffered and comforts of life are wholly lacking

: impoverished hardship and deprivation

28. salubrious

: favorable to or promoting health or well-being

salubrious habits

: favorable to or promoting health or well-being

a salubrious climate

29. gullible

: easily duped or cheated

selling overpriced souvenirs to gullible tourists

: easily fooled or cheated

30. chicanery

: deception by artful subterfuge or sophistry : trickery

He wasn't above using chicanery to win votes.

: a piece of sharp practice (as at law) : trick

resorted to political chicaneries

31. implode

: to burst inward

a blow causing a vacuum tube to implode

: to undergo violent compression

massive stars which implode

: to collapse inward as if from external pressure

: to break down or fall apart from within : self-destruct

the firm ... imploded from greed and factionalism

: to cause to implode

32. compliant

: ready or disposed to comply : submissive

a corrupt regime aided by a compliant press

: conforming to requirements

compliant software

33. misanthrope

: a person who hates or distrusts humankind

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34. viscous

: having a thick or sticky consistency : viscid

viscous secretions

: having or characterized by a high resistance to flow

viscous lava

: having a glutinous consistency and the quality of sticking or adhering : viscid

: having or characterized by viscosity

a viscous flow

35. shard

: a piece or fragment of a brittle substance

shards of glass

: shell, scale

: a fragment of a pottery vessel found on sites and in refuse deposits where pottery-making peoples have lived

: highly angular curved glass fragments of tuffaceous sediments

: a sharp piece or fragment of something

36. veracious

: truthful, honest

: marked by truth : accurate

37. inconsequential

: of no significance : unimportant

: irrelevant

: illogical

38. grandiloquence

: a lofty, extravagantly colorful, pompous, or bombastic style, manner, or quality especially in language

was urged to follow up his grandiloquence with positive action

39. dissonance

: lack of agreement

the dissonance between the truth and what people want to believe

: an instance of such inconsistency or disagreement

the mingling of bitter comedy and stark tragedy produces sharp dissonances

: a mingling of sounds that strike the ear harshly : a mingling of discordant sounds

: an unpleasant combination of musical sounds

: inconsistency between the beliefs one holds or between one's actions and one's beliefs — see cognitive dissonance

40. malleable

: capable of being extended or shaped by beating with a hammer or by the pressure of rollers

: capable of being altered or controlled by outside forces or influences

: having a capacity for adaptive change

: capable of being extended or shaped with blows from a hammer

41. bombastic

: marked by or given to speech or writing that is given exaggerated importance by artificial or empty means : marked by or given to bombast : pompous, overblown

42. diatribe

: a bitter and abusive speech or piece of writing

: ironic or satirical criticism

: a prolonged discourse

43. boorish

: resembling or befitting a rude or insensitive person : resembling or befitting a boor

boorish remarks

44. paucity

: smallness of number : fewness

: smallness of quantity : dearth

45. recondite

: difficult or impossible for one of ordinary understanding or knowledge to comprehend : deep

a recondite subject

: of, relating to, or dealing with something little known or obscure

recondite fact about the origin of the holiday

: hidden from sight : concealed

46. zealot

: a zealous person

: a member of a fanatical sect arising in Judea during the first century a.d. and militantly opposing the Roman domination of Palestine

47. exculpate

: to clear from alleged fault or guilt

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as time passed, however, the...rule, which barred the admission of other persons' confessions that exculpated the accused, became the subject of increasing criticism

48. ebullient

: boiling, agitated

: characterized by ebullience : having or showing liveliness and enthusiasm

ebullient performers

49. iconoclast

: a person who attacks settled beliefs or institutions

: a person who destroys religious images or opposes their veneration

50. abstemious

: marked by restraint especially in the eating of food or drinking of alcohol

an abstemious drinker

51. disingenuous

: lacking in candor

52. endemic

: belonging or native to a particular people or country

: characteristic of or prevalent in a particular field, area, or environment

problems endemic to translation

: restricted or peculiar to a locality or region

endemic diseases

: an organism that is restricted or peculiar to a locality or region : an endemic organism

: restricted or peculiar to a locality or region

endemic diseases

: an endemic disease or an instance of its occurrence

: an endemic organism

53. lethargic

: of, relating to, or characterized by laziness or lack of energy : feeling or affected by lethargy : sluggish

The patient was weak and lethargic.

: indifferent, apathetic

The legislature was lethargic in considering the bill.

54. rarefied

: being less dense

: of, relating to, or interesting to a select group : esoteric

: very high

55. plethora

: a bodily condition characterized by an excess of blood and marked by turgescence and a florid complexion

: abundance, profusion

... Grand Cayman offers a plethora of bustling restaurants, ritzy resorts and comfortable condos ...

: a bodily condition characterized by an excess of blood and marked by turgescence and a reddish complexion

56. prohibitive

: tending to prohibit or restrain

: tending to preclude use or purchase

prohibitive costs

: almost certain to perform as predicted

a prohibitive favorite

57. recalcitrant

: obstinately defiant of authority or restraint

: difficult to manage or operate

: not responsive to treatment

: resistant

this subject is recalcitrant both to observation and to experiment

: not responsive to treatment

severe recalcitrant psoriasis

58. prevaricate

: to deviate from the truth : equivocate

59. equivocate

: to use equivocal language especially with intent to deceive

: to avoid committing oneself in what one says

60. abscond

: to depart secretly and hide oneself

He absconded with the stolen money.

: to depart secretly : withdraw and hide oneself

61. catalyst

: a substance that enables a chemical reaction to proceed at a usually faster rate or under different conditions (as at a lower temperature) than otherwise possible

: an agent that provokes or speeds significant change or action

That waterway became the catalyst of the area's industrialization.

: a substance (as an enzyme) that enables a chemical reaction to proceed at a usually faster rate or under different conditions (as at a lower temperature) than otherwise possible

62. problematic

: posing a problem : difficult to solve or decide

: not definite or settled : uncertain

their future remains problematic

: open to question or debate : questionable

: expressing or supporting a possibility

: something that is problematic : a problematic aspect or concern

63. neophyte

: a new convert : proselyte

: novice sense 1

: tyro, beginner

a neophyte when it comes to computers

: beginner, novice

: a new convert

64. coagulate

: to cause to become viscous or thickened into a coherent mass : curdle, clot

: to gather together or form into a mass or group

: to become coagulated

: being clotted or congealed

: to gather into a thick compact mass : clot

The blood coagulated.

: to cause to become viscous or thickened into a coherent mass : clot

blood platelets that coagulate blood

: to subject to coagulation

high-frequency radio waves used to cut and coagulate tissue

: to become coagulated : undergo coagulation

: coagulum

65. erudite

: having or showing knowledge that is gained by studying : possessing or displaying erudition

an erudite scholar

66. euphemism

: the substitution of an agreeable or inoffensive expression for one that may offend or suggest something unpleasant

67. loquacious

: full of excessive talk : wordy

: given to fluent or excessive talk : garrulous

68. tenuous

: having little substance or strength : flimsy, weak

tenuous influences

: shaky sense 2a

tenuous reasons

: not thick : slender

a tenuous rope

: not dense : rare

a tenuous fluid

69. fawning

: seeking or used to seek approval or favor by means of flattery

... they are excellent emblems of fawning yet fickle fandom ...

70. conundrum

: an intricate and difficult problem

He is faced with the conundrum of trying to find a job without having experience.

: a question or problem having only a conjectural answer

... the political conundrums involved, particularly the problem of how the richer areas ... can be made to subsidize the poorer.

: a riddle whose answer is or involves a pun (as in "Why didn't the lost hikers starve in the desert? Because of the sand which is there.")

: riddle entry 1 sense 1

71. penchant

: a strong and continued inclination

72. innocuous

: producing no injury : harmless

: not likely to give offense or to arouse strong feelings or hostility :
inoffensive, insipid

: not harmful

innocuous chemicals

: producing no injury : not harmful

73. hyperbole

: extravagant exaggeration (such as "mile-high ice-cream cones")

74. indeterminate

: not definitely or precisely determined or fixed : vague

: not known in advance

: not leading to a definite end or result

: having an infinite number of solutions

a system of indeterminate equations

: being one of the seven undefined mathematical expressions $\frac{0}{0}$, $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$, $\infty \cdot 0$, 1^{∞} , 0^0 , ∞^0 , $\infty - \infty$

: characterized by sequential flowering from the lateral or basal buds to the central or uppermost buds

: relating to, being, or undergoing indeterminate cleavage

an indeterminate egg

75. burgeon

: to send forth new growth (such as buds or branches) : sprout

: bloom

when the flame trees and jacaranda are burgeoning

: to grow and expand rapidly : flourish

The market for her work has burgeoned in recent years.

76. onerous

: involving, imposing, or constituting a burden : troublesome

an onerous task

: having legal obligations that outweigh the advantages

an onerous contract

: being difficult and unpleasant to do or to deal with

"... do you never find your duties onerous or irksome?"

: excessively burdensome or costly

: involving a return benefit, compensation, or consideration

an onerous donation

77. intractable

: not easily governed, managed, or directed

intractable problems

: not easily relieved or cured

intractable pain

: not easily manipulated or shaped

intractable metal

: not easily managed or controlled (as by antibiotics or psychotherapy)

an intractable child

: not easily relieved or cured

intractable pain

78. felicitous

: very well suited or expressed : apt

a felicitous remark

: pleasant, delightful

felicitous weather

79. exacerbate

: to make more violent, bitter, or severe

The new law only exacerbates the problem.

: to cause (a disease or its symptoms) to become more severe

her condition was exacerbated by lack of care

80. abeyance

: a state of temporary inactivity : suspension

... new contracts on all but one existing mine ... are in abeyance pending the outcome of a government inquiry to be carried out into Australia's role in the nuclear fuel cycle.

: a lapse in succession during which there is no person in whom a title is vested

an estate in abeyance

: temporary inactivity or suspension (as of function or a symptom)

: a lapse in the succession of property during which there is no person in whom title to the property is vested

the estate was in abeyance

: temporary inactivity or suppression : cessation or suspension for a period of time

to hold the entry of summary judgment in abeyance

81. lassitude

: a condition of weariness or debility : fatigue

The patient complained of headache, nausea, and lassitude.

: a condition characterized by lack of interest, energy, or spirit : languor

surrendered to an overpowering lassitude, an extreme desire to sit and dream

: a condition of weariness, debility, or fatigue

a disease typically accompanied by chronic lassitude

82. phlegmatic

: resembling, consisting of, or producing the humor phlegm

: having or showing a slow and stolid temperament

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: having or showing a slow and stolid temperament

83. inure

: to accustom to accept something undesirable

children inured to violence

: to become of advantage

policies that inure to the benefit of employees

: to become of advantage

84. gregarious

: tending to associate with others of one's kind : social

gregarious animals

: marked by or indicating a liking for companionship : sociable

is friendly, outgoing, and gregarious

: of or relating to a social group

: growing in a cluster or a colony

: living in contiguous nests but not forming a true colony

: enjoying the company of other people

: tending to live in a flock, herd, or community rather than alone

gregarious insects

85. frugality

: the quality or state of being frugal : careful management of material resources and especially money : thrift

For these renters, the philosophy is more about having it all ... than it is about hardship or frugality.

86. pervasive

: existing in or spreading through every part of something

a pervasive odor

87. esoteric

: designed for or understood by the specially initiated alone

a body of esoteric legal doctrine

: requiring or exhibiting knowledge that is restricted to a small group

esoteric terminology

: limited to a small circle

engaging in esoteric pursuits

: private, confidential

an esoteric purpose

: of special, rare, or unusual interest

esoteric building materials

88. fallacious

: embodying a fallacy

a fallacious conclusion

: tending to deceive or mislead : delusive

false and fallacious hopes

89. rescind

: to take away : remove

: take back, cancel

refused to rescind the order

: to abrogate (a contract) and restore the parties to the positions they would have occupied had there been no contract

: to make void by action of the enacting authority or a superior authority : repeal

rescind an act

: to take back and make void

rescinded its suspension of his license

: to abrogate (a contract or transaction) by mutual agreement, judicial decree, or unilateral declaration because of fraud, mistake, duress, misrepresentation, illegality, a breach, or another sufficient ground with both parties restored to their positions before the contract was made — compare cancel, terminate

: to make void by the same or by a superior authority

rescind a regulation

: to rescind something (as a contract)

90. banal

: lacking originality, freshness, or novelty : trite

: of a common or ordinary kind

banal skin organisms

91. fledgling

: a young bird just fledged (see fledge sense 1)

a female bird feeding her fledglings

: an immature or inexperienced person

fledgling medical students

: one that is new

a fledgling company

: a young bird that has just grown the feathers needed to fly

92. itinerary

: the route of a journey or tour or the proposed outline of one

: a traveler's guidebook

: a travel diary

93. probity

: adherence to the highest principles and ideals : uprightness

94. compendium

: a brief summary of a larger work or of a field of knowledge : abstract

a one-volume compendium of the multivolume original

: a list of a number of items

: collection, compilation

a compendium of folk tales

95. gouge

: a chisel with a concavo-convex cross section

: the act of gouging

: a groove or cavity scooped out

: an excessive or improper charge for something : extortion

: to scoop out with or as if with a gouge (see gouge entry 1 sense 1)

: to force out (an eye) with the thumb

: to thrust the thumb into the eye of

: to make (someone) pay too much for something : overcharge

: a chisel with a curved blade for scooping or cutting holes

: a hole or groove made by cutting or scraping

: to make a hole or groove in something by cutting or scraping

: a chisel with a concavo-convex cross section for removing portions of bone in surgery

96. paragon

: a model of excellence or perfection

was a paragon of goodness

: to compare with : parallel

: to put in rivalry : match

: surpass

97. pristine

: belonging to the earliest period or state : original

the hypothetical pristine lunar atmosphere

: not spoiled, corrupted, or polluted (as by civilization) : pure

a pristine forest

: fresh and clean as or as if new

used books in pristine condition

98. cogent

: appealing forcibly to the mind or reason : convincing

cogent evidence

: pertinent, relevant

a cogent analysis

: having power to compel or constrain

cogent forces

99. irascible

: marked by hot temper and easily provoked anger

: easily angered

100. tirade

: a protracted speech usually marked by intemperate, vituperative, or harshly censorious language

101. commensurate

: corresponding in size, extent, amount, or degree : proportionate

was given a job commensurate with her abilities

: equal in measure or extent : coextensive

lived a life commensurate with the early years of the republic

: commensurable sense 1

102. quiescent

: marked by inactivity or repose : tranquilly at rest

: causing no trouble or symptoms

quiescent gallstones

: being in a state of arrest

quiescent tuberculosis

: causing no symptoms

quiescent gallstones

103. anomalous

: inconsistent with or deviating from what is usual, normal, or expected : irregular, unusual

Researchers could not explain the anomalous test results.

: of uncertain nature or classification

an anomalous figure in the world of politics

: marked by incongruity or contradiction : paradoxical

: not regular or usual

anomalous test results

: deviating from normal

anomalous development

104. anachronism

: an error in chronology

: a person or a thing that is chronologically out of place

: the state or condition of being chronologically out of place

105. disjointed

: being thrown out of orderly function

a disjointed society

: lacking coherence or orderly sequence

an incomplete and disjointed history

: separated at or as if at the joint

: not clear and orderly

a disjointed story

106. pathological

: of or relating to pathology

pathological research

: altered or caused by disease

pathological changes in the body

: being such to a degree that is extreme, excessive, or markedly abnormal

a pathological liar

: of or relating to pathology

a pathological laboratory

: altered or caused by disease

pathological tissue

107. guileless

: innocent, naive

a straightforward man with a guileless smile

108. quibble

: to evade the point of an argument by caviling about words

: cavil, carp

: bicker

: to subject to quibbles

: an evasion of or shift from the point

: a minor objection or criticism

: to argue or complain about small and unimportant things

: a small and usually unimportant complaint, criticism, or argument

109. recant

: to withdraw or repudiate (a statement or belief) formally and publicly : renounce

: revoke

: to make an open confession of error

: to renounce or withdraw (prior statements or testimony)

surprised the prosecution by recanting statements made earlier to the police

: to renounce or withdraw prior statements or testimony

110. effrontery

: shameless boldness : insolence

111. deterrent

: serving to discourage, prevent, or inhibit : serving to deter

The ads had a deterrent effect on youth smoking.

: relating to deterrence

a deterrent view of punishment

: something that makes someone decide not to do something

The alarm is a deterrent against theft.

112. torpor

: a state of mental and motor inactivity with partial or total insensibility

: a state of lowered physiological activity typically characterized by reduced metabolism, heart rate, respiration, and body temperature that occurs in varying degrees especially in hibernating and estivating animals

: apathy, dullness

: a state of mental and motor inactivity with partial or total insensibility : extreme sluggishness or stagnation of function

113. welter

: writhe, toss

: to rise and fall or toss about in or with waves

: to become deeply sunk, soaked, or involved

: to be in turmoil

: a state of wild disorder : turmoil

: a chaotic mass or jumble

a bewildering welter of data

: welterweight

: a confused jumble

He had too much to think about and felt lost in the bewildering welter of his thoughts.

114. contrite

: feeling or showing sorrow and remorse for a sin or shortcoming

a contrite criminal

: feeling or showing sorrow for having done something bad or wrong :
repentant

The prince lowered his head so as to appear humbled and contrite.

115. eclectic

: composed of elements drawn from various sources

: selecting what appears to be best in various doctrines, methods, or styles

: one who uses a method or approach that is composed of elements drawn
from various sources : one who uses an eclectic method or approach

: including things taken from many different sources

The radio station plays an eclectic mix of music.

: selecting what appears to be best in various doctrines or methods

: of, relating to, or practicing eclecticism

: one who uses an eclectic method or approach

116. ephemeral

: lasting a very short time

ephemeral pleasures

: lasting one day only

an ephemeral fever

: something that lasts for a very short time : something ephemeral

: lasting a very short time

117. enervate

: lacking physical, mental, or moral vigor : enervated

: to reduce the mental or moral vigor of

: to lessen the vitality or strength of

: to cut the nerves or tendons of

: to lessen the vitality or strength of

heat enervates people

118. dirge

: a song or hymn of grief or lamentation

: a slow, solemn, and mournful piece of music

: something (such as a poem) that has the qualities of a dirge

119. subpoena

: a writ commanding a person designated in it to appear in court under a penalty for failure

: to serve or summon with a writ of subpoena

: a writ commanding a designated person upon whom it has been served to appear (as in court or before a congressional committee) under a penalty (as a charge of contempt) for failure to comply — compare summons

: to call before a court or hearing by a subpoena

the inspector is given the power to subpoena any relevant...witnesses

120. contentious

: likely to cause disagreement or argument

a contentious issue

: exhibiting an often perverse and wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes

a man of a most contentious nature

121. fatuous

: complacently or inanely foolish : silly

a fatuous remark

122. porous

: possessing or full of pores

: containing vessels

hardwood is porous

: permeable to fluids

: permeable to outside influences

: capable of being penetrated

porous national boundaries

: full of small holes

porous wood

: capable of absorbing liquids

porous paper

: possessing or full of pores

porous bones

: permeable to fluids

123. mundane

: of, relating to, or characteristic of the world

: characterized by the practical, transitory, and ordinary : commonplace

the mundane concerns of day-to-day life

: dull and ordinary

I helped with mundane tasks, like doing dishes.

: relating to ordinary life on earth rather than spiritual things

124. mollify

: to soothe in temper or disposition : appease

mollified the staff with a raise

: to reduce the rigidity of : soften

Shaving cream mollifies the beard.

: to reduce in intensity : assuage, temper

Time mollified his anger.

: soften, relent

: to soothe in temper or disposition

125. penury

: a cramping and oppressive lack of resources (such as money)

: extreme and often stingy frugality

126. attenuate

: to lessen the amount, force, magnitude, or value of : weaken

... shows great skill in the use of language to moderate or attenuate the impact of awkward facts.

: to reduce the severity, virulence, or vitality of

an attenuated virus

: to make thin or slender

Glass can be attenuated into fibers.

: to make thin in consistency : rarefy

attenuate oil by heating it

: to become thin, fine, or less

: reduced especially in thickness, density, or force

the attenuate limbs of a starving person

: tapering gradually usually to a long slender point

attenuate leaves

: to reduce the severity of (a disease) or virulence or vitality of (a pathogenic agent)

a procedure to attenuate severe diabetes

127. meticulous

: marked by extreme or excessive care in the consideration or treatment of details

a meticulous researcher

: showing extreme or excessive care in thinking about or dealing with small details

a meticulous description

128. sporadic

: occurring occasionally, singly, or in irregular or random instances

sporadic protests

: occurring occasionally, singly, or in scattered instances

sporadic diseases

: arising or occurring randomly with no known cause

sporadic Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

129. platitude

: the quality or state of being dull or insipid

: a banal, trite, or stale remark

130. perfidious

: of, relating to, or characterized by perfidy

131. incongruity

: the quality or state of being incongruous

: something that is incongruous

132. impervious

: not allowing entrance or passage : impenetrable

a coat impervious to rain

: not capable of being damaged or harmed

a carpet impervious to rough treatment

: not capable of being affected or disturbed

impervious to criticism

: not letting something enter or pass through

The coat is impervious to rain.

: not bothered or affected by something

They all started telling stories, then, of how fine and wonderful a thing it was to be a ghoul ... Impervious to disease or illness, said one of them.

: not allowing entrance or passage

medication packaged in a container impervious to air and light

133. substantiate

: to give substance or form to : embody

: to establish by proof or competent evidence : verify

substantiate a charge

134. condone

: to regard or treat (something bad or blameworthy) as acceptable, forgivable, or harmless

a government accused of condoning racism

: to treat (something bad) as acceptable, forgivable, or harmless

I can't condone his actions.

: to pardon or overlook voluntarily

135. precursor

: one that precedes and indicates the approach of another

: predecessor

: a substance, cell, or cellular component from which another substance, cell, or cellular component is formed

: one that precedes and indicates the onset of another

angina may be the precursor of a second infarction

: a substance, cell, or cellular component from which another substance, cell, or cellular component is formed especially by natural processes

136. garrulous

: given to prosy, rambling, or tedious loquacity : pointlessly or annoyingly talkative

: wordy sense 1

garrulous speeches

: very talkative

137. gainsay

: to declare to be untrue or invalid

: contradict, oppose

did not dare to gainsay the king

138. flout

: to treat with contemptuous disregard : scorn

flouting the rules

: to indulge in scornful behavior

Ah, you may flout and turn up your faces

: jeer

: to ignore in an open and disrespectful way

The children flouted the rules.

139. viable

: capable of living

a viable skin graft

: having attained such form and development of organs as to be normally capable of surviving outside the uterus

a 26-week old viable fetus

: capable of growing or developing

viable seeds

: capable of working, functioning, or developing adequately

viable alternatives

: capable of existence and development as an independent unit

The colony is now a viable state.

: having a reasonable chance of succeeding

a viable candidate

: financially sustainable

a viable enterprise

: capable of living or growing

viable seeds

: possible to use or apply

a viable plan

: capable of living

the skin graft was viable

: capable of growing or developing

viable eggs

140. diffidence

: the quality or state of being unassertive or bashful : the quality or state of being diffident

141. plummet

: to fall perpendicularly

birds plummeted down

: to drop sharply and abruptly

prices plummeted

: plumb

: an abrupt drop : an instance of plummeting

a sharp plummet in prices

: to fall straight down

The satellite plummeted toward the ocean.

142. officious

: volunteering one's services where they are neither asked nor needed :
meddlesome

officious people who are always ready to offer unasked advice

: informal, unofficial

officious conversations between foreign ministers

: kind, obliging

: dutiful

143. preamble

: an introductory statement

: an introductory fact or circumstance

: an introduction (as to a law) that often gives the reasons for what follows

: an introductory statement (as to a contract)

144. perfunctory

: characterized by routine or superficiality : mechanical

a perfunctory smile

: lacking in interest or enthusiasm

145. inadvertent

: unintentional

an inadvertent omission

: not focusing the mind on a matter : inattentive

: not intended or deliberate : accidental

an inadvertent mistake

146. assuage

: to lessen the intensity of (something that pains or distresses) : ease

unable to assuage their grief

: pacify, quiet

... vainly strove ... to assuage an implacable foe ...

: to put an end to by satisfying : appease, quench

assuaging his thirst

: to make less severe or intense

assuage pain

147. foment

: to promote the growth or development of : rouse, incite

foment a rebellion

: fomentation

: to treat with moist heat (as for easing pain)

148. refractory

: resisting control or authority : stubborn, unmanageable

: resistant to treatment or cure

a refractory lesion

: unresponsive to stimulus

: immune, insusceptible

after recovery they were refractory to infection

: difficult to fuse, corrode, or draw out

: a refractory person or thing

: resisting control or authority : stubborn

a refractory child

: capable of enduring very high temperatures

refractory clays

: resistant to treatment or cure

a refractory fulminant lesion

: unresponsive to stimulus

the refractory period of a muscle fiber

: resistant or not responding to an infectious agent : immune

refractory to reinfection

149. digression

: the act or an instance of leaving the main subject in an extended written or verbal expression of thought : the act or an instance of digressing in a

discourse or other usually organized literary work

Every place Hamilton, his parents, or his wife visited over a century's time is described at length; everyone he met merits at least a minor biographical digression.

: a going aside

150. obdurate

: stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing

an unrepentant, obdurate sinner

: hardened in feelings

The obdurate enemy was merciless.

: resistant to persuasion or softening influences

obdurate in his determination

151. recluse

: marked by withdrawal from society : solitary

: a person who leads a secluded or solitary life

152. specious

: having a false look of truth or genuineness : sophistic

specious reasoning

: having deceptive attraction or allure

: showy

153. ameliorate

: to make better or more tolerable

medicine to ameliorate the pain

: to grow better

154. complaisant

: marked by an inclination to please or oblige

: tending to consent to others' wishes

155. proliferate

: to grow by rapid production of new parts, cells, buds, or offspring

: to increase in number as if by proliferating : multiply

: to cause to grow by proliferating

: to cause to increase in number or extent as if by proliferating

: to grow by rapid production of new parts, cells, buds, or offspring

: to cause to grow by proliferating

156. obviate

: to anticipate and prevent (something, such as a situation) or make (an action) unnecessary

The new medical treatment obviates the need for surgery.

157. vacillate

: to waver in mind, will, or feeling : hesitate in choice of opinions or courses

: to sway through lack of equilibrium

: fluctuate, oscillate

: to hesitate between courses or opinions : be unable to choose

158. tortuous

: marked by repeated twists, bends, or turns : winding

a tortuous path

: marked by devious or indirect tactics : crooked, tricky

a tortuous conspiracy

: circuitous, involved

the tortuous jargon of legal forms

: having many twists and turns

a tortuous path

: marked by repeated twists, bends, or turns

a tortuous blood vessel

159. adulterate

: to corrupt, debase, or make impure by the addition of a foreign or inferior substance or element

: being adulterated : spurious

: tainted with adultery : adulterous

... that incestuous, that adulterate beast ...

: to make impure or weaker by adding something different or of poorer quality

The company adulterated its orange juice with water and sugar.

: to corrupt, debase, or make impure by the addition of a foreign or inferior substance

: to corrupt, debase, or make impure by the addition of a foreign or inferior substance or element

160. discerning

: showing insight and understanding : discriminating

a discerning critic

161. tractable

: capable of being easily led, taught, or controlled : docile

a tractable horse

: easily handled, managed, or wrought : malleable

162. insipid

: lacking in qualities that interest, stimulate, or challenge : dull, flat

insipid prose

: lacking taste or savor : tasteless

insipid food

: having little taste or flavor

: not interesting or challenging

163. laconic

: using or involving the use of a minimum of words : concise to the point of seeming rude or mysterious

164. distend

: extend

the main outlines of the land yet lay clearly distended before them

: to enlarge, expand, or stretch out (as from internal pressure) : swell

a distended abdomen

: to become enlarged, expanded, or stretched out

causing the stomach to distend

: expand sense 2, swell

Illness can cause the stomach to distend.

: to enlarge or stretch out (as from internal pressure)

distended veins

: to become expanded

165. equanimity

: evenness of mind especially under stress

nothing could disturb his equanimity

: right disposition : balance

physical equanimity

166. obsequious

: marked by or exhibiting a fawning attentiveness

167. immutable

: not capable of or susceptible to change

168. facetious

: joking or jesting often inappropriately : waggish

just being facetious

: meant to be humorous or funny : not serious

a facetious remark

: intended or trying to be funny

a facetious remark

169. amalgamate

: to unite in or as if in an amalgam

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170. discrepancy

: the quality or state of disagreeing or being at variance

: an instance of disagreeing or being at variance

: a difference between things that are expected to be the same

171. maverick

: an unbranded range animal

: an independent individual who does not go along with a group or party

: characteristic of, suggestive of, or inclined to be a maverick

172. desultory

: marked by lack of definite plan, regularity, or purpose

a dragged-out ordeal of ... desultory shopping

: not connected with the main subject

desultory comments

: disappointing in progress, performance, or quality

a desultory fifth place finish

173. conciliatory

: intended to gain goodwill or favor or to reduce hostility : tending or intended to conciliate

speaking in a conciliatory tone

174. oscillate

: to swing backward and forward like a pendulum

The fan was oscillating.

: to move or travel back and forth between two points

he oscillates regularly between his comfortable home ... and his downtown office-laboratory

: to vary between opposing beliefs, feelings, or theories

The mood of the voters has oscillated between optimism and pessimism.

: to vary above and below a mean value

Bank rate oscillates between 2 and 6 percent.

: to swing or move back and forth between two points

: to swing backward and forward like a pendulum

: to move or travel back and forth between two points

175. invective

: insulting or abusive language : vituperation

: an abusive expression or speech

: of, relating to, or characterized by insult or abuse

176. savor

: the taste or smell of something

: a particular flavor or smell

: a distinctive quality

: to have a specified smell or quality : smack

: to give flavor to : season

: to have experience of : taste

: to taste or smell with pleasure : relish

: to delight in : enjoy

savoring the moment

: the taste or smell of something

... the air was full of the savor of clover fields ...

: to taste or smell with pleasure

I savored my meal.

: to delight in

The team savored its victory.

177. disassemble

: to hide under a false appearance

dissembling the facts

: to put on the appearance of : simulate

She lay down and dissembled sleep.

: to put on a false appearance : conceal facts, intentions, or feelings under some pretense

He had dissembled about the risks involved.

178. burnish

: to make shiny or lustrous especially by rubbing

burnish leather

: polish sense 3

attempting to burnish her image

: to rub (a material) with a tool for compacting or smoothing or for turning an edge

pottery with a smooth burnished surface

: luster, gloss

: to make shiny

179. disseminate

: to spread abroad as though sowing seed

disseminate ideas

: to disperse throughout

180. irresolute

: uncertain how to act or proceed : vacillating

irresolute legislators

: uncertain how to act or proceed

... we lay still a long time, very irresolute what course to take.

181. forestall

: to exclude, hinder, or prevent (something) by prior occupation or measures

Negotiations failed to forestall the conflict.

: to get ahead of (something) : anticipate

detailed explanations intended to forestall questions

: to prevent the normal trading in (something) by buying or diverting goods or by persuading people to raise prices

... forestalling the wheat harvest and selling it at three times its cost ...

: intercept

... he sprang like a cat to the top of the cabin and ran aft. But his pursuers forestalling him, he doubled back across the cabin ...

: obstruct, beset

: to keep out, interfere with, or prevent by steps taken in advance

forestalling problems

182. imperturbable

: marked by extreme calm, impassivity, and steadiness : serene

: hard to disturb or upset : very calm

an imperturbable teacher

183. levee

: a reception held by a person of distinction on rising from bed

: an afternoon assembly at which the British sovereign or his or her representative receives only men

: a reception usually in honor of a particular person

the years of levees and parades and other suave peacetime occasions

: an embankment for preventing flooding

: a river landing place : pier

: a continuous dike or ridge (as of earth) for confining the irrigation areas of land to be flooded

: to provide with a levee

: a bank built along a river to prevent flooding

184. metamorphosis

: change of physical form, structure, or substance especially by supernatural means

the metamorphosis of humans into animals

: a striking alteration in appearance, character, or circumstances

The company has gone through a series of metamorphoses.

: a typically marked and more or less abrupt developmental change in the form or structure of an animal (such as a butterfly or a frog) occurring subsequent to birth or hatching

the metamorphosis of caterpillars into butterflies

: a great change in appearance or character

: the process of great and usually rather sudden change in the form and habits of some animals during transformation from an immature stage (as a caterpillar) to an adult stage (as a butterfly)

: change of physical form, structure, or substance

: a marked and more or less abrupt developmental change in the form or structure of an animal (as a butterfly or a frog) occurring subsequent to birth or hatching

185. belie

: to give a false impression of

Her gentleness belies her strength.

: to present an appearance not in agreement with

His manner and appearance belie his age.

: to show (something) to be false or wrong

The evidence belies their claims of innocence.

: to run counter to : contradict

... appeared to belie all the rosy things I had heard about it.

: disguise sense 3

An air of rural charm ... belies the community's industrial activity.

: to give a false idea of

Her voice was strong and even, belying her eighty-two years.

: to show to be false

Their actions belie their claim of innocence.

186. morose

: having a sullen and gloomy disposition

: marked by or expressive of gloom

: very serious, unhappy, and quiet

She became morose and spoke to no one.

187. empirical

: originating in or based on observation or experience

empirical data

: relying on experience or observation alone often without due regard for system and theory

an empirical basis for the theory

: capable of being verified or disproved by observation or experiment

empirical laws

: of or relating to empiricism

: following or used in the practice of the empirics — compare rational sense 2

: being or befitting a quack or charlatan

: originating in or based on observation or experiment

much medical lore had had an empirical origin ... centuries of trial-and-error gropings after remedies

: capable of being confirmed, verified, or disproved by observation or experiment

empirical statements or laws

188. dogmatic

: characterized by or given to the expression of opinions very strongly or positively as if they were facts

a dogmatic critic

: of or relating to dogma (see dogma)

189. disparate

: markedly distinct in quality or character

: containing or made up of fundamentally different and often incongruous elements

: indicating or stimulating dissimilar points on the retina of each eye

190. apprise

: to give notice to : tell

They apprised him of his rights.

191. artless

: lacking art, knowledge, or skill : uncultured

an artless brute

: made without skill : crude

an artless attempt to win votes

: free from artificiality : natural

artless grace

: free from guile or craft : sincerely simple

an artless young woman

192. pedantic

: of, relating to, or being a pedant

a pedantic teacher

: narrowly, stodgily, and often ostentatiously learned

a pedantic insistence that we follow the rules exactly

: unimaginative, dull

Pedantic song choices don't help any. Only 2 out of 10 songs stray from the most common classic-rock fodder.

193. proscribe

: to publish the name of as condemned to death with the property of the condemned forfeited to the state

: to condemn or forbid as harmful or unlawful : prohibit

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194. propitiate

: to gain or regain the favor or goodwill of : appease

195. elegy

: a poem in elegiac couplets

: a song or poem expressing sorrow or lamentation especially for one who is dead

: something (such as a speech) resembling such a song or poem

: a pensive or reflective poem that is usually nostalgic or melancholy

: a short pensive musical composition

196. connoisseur

: expert

: one who enjoys with discrimination and appreciation of subtleties

a connoisseur of fine wines

: a person qualified to act as a judge in matters involving taste and appreciation

197. magnanimity

: the quality of being magnanimous : loftiness of spirit enabling one to bear trouble calmly, to disdain meanness and pettiness, and to display a noble generosity

He had the magnanimity to forgive her for lying about him.

: a magnanimous act

the great magnanimities between soldiers

: the quality of being generous and noble

198. dormant

: represented on a coat of arms in a lying position with the head on the forepaws

: marked by a suspension of activity: such as

: temporarily devoid of external activity

a dormant volcano

: temporarily in abeyance yet capable of being activated

seeds will remain dormant until spring

: asleep, inactive

dormant creatures

: having the faculties suspended : sluggish

: having biological activity suspended: such as

: being in a state of suspended animation

: not actively growing but protected (as by bud scales) from the environment

: associated with, carried out, or applied during a period of dormancy

dormant grafting

: not active for the time being

The volcano is dormant.

199. relegate

: to send into exile : banish

: assign: such as

: to assign to a place of insignificance or of oblivion : put out of sight or mind

: to assign to an appropriate place or situation on the basis of classification or appraisal

: to submit to someone or something for appropriate action : delegate

: to transfer (a sports team) to a lower ranking division

200. pungent

: sharply painful

: having a stiff and sharp point

pungent leaves

: marked by a sharp incisive quality : caustic

a pungent critic

: being sharp and to the point

: causing a sharp or irritating sensation

: having an intense flavor or odor

a pungent chili

: having a strong or sharp taste or smell

a pungent odor

: causing a sharp or irritating sensation

201. buttress

: a projecting structure of masonry or wood for supporting or giving stability to a wall or building

: something that resembles a buttress: such as

: a projecting part of a mountain or hill

: a horny protuberance on a horse's hoof at the heel — see hoof illustration

: the broadened base of a tree trunk or a thickened vertical part of it

: something that supports or strengthens

a buttress of the cause of peace

: to give support or stability to (a wall or building) with a projecting structure of masonry or wood : to furnish or shore up with a buttress (see buttress entry 1 sense 1)

: a structure built against a wall or building to give support and strength

: something that supports, props, or strengthens

: to support or strengthen : to support with or as if with a buttress

202. presumptuous

: overstepping due bounds (as of propriety or courtesy) : taking liberties

: going beyond what is proper

It would be presumptuous to ask personal questions.

203. caustic

: capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action : corrosive

The chemical was so caustic that it ate through the pipe.

: marked by incisive sarcasm

a caustic film review

: relating to or being the surface or curve of a caustic (see caustic entry 2 sense 2)

: a caustic agent: such as

: a substance that burns or destroys organic tissue by chemical action

: a strong corrosive alkali (such as sodium hydroxide)

: the envelope of rays emanating from a point and reflected or refracted by a curved surface

: capable of eating away by chemical action : corrosive

: very harsh and critical

caustic remarks

: capable of destroying or eating away organic tissue and especially animal tissue by chemical action

silver nitrate and sulfuric acid are caustic agents

: a caustic agent: as

: a substance that burns or destroys organic tissue by chemical action : escharotic

: a strong corrosive alkali (as sodium hydroxide)

204. discordant

: being at variance : disagreeing

discordant opinions

: quarrelsome

a discordant family

: relating to a discord (see discord entry 1 sense 2)

a discordant tone

: being in disagreement

discordant opinions

: dissimilar with respect to one or more particular characters — compare concordant

205. reprobate

: an unprincipled or depraved person : scoundrel, rogue

Cemeteries were seldom placed on the north side of a church, which, if used for burial at all, was reserved for unbaptized children, criminals, reprobates and suicides.

: morally corrupt : depraved

: foreordained to damnation

: of, relating to, or characteristic of a reprobate

reprobate conduct

: expressing or involving reprobation

: rejected as worthless or not standing a test : condemned

: to condemn strongly as unworthy, unacceptable, or evil

reprobating the laxity of the age

: to refuse to accept : reject

: to foreordain to damnation

206. levity

: excessive or unseemly frivolity

She would tolerate no levity in the classroom.

: lack of steadiness : changeableness

the levity ... of the brisk fire

207. inert

: lacking the power to move

: very slow to move or act : sluggish

: deficient in active properties

: unable or slow to move or react

inert gas

: lacking the power to move

: deficient in active properties

208. aver

: to declare positively

Mr. Murray avers that many large organizations in the private sector are run by curmudgeons like him ...

: to verify or prove to be true in pleading a cause

: to allege or assert in pleading

: to assert or declare positively especially in a pleading : allege

not necessary to aver the capacity of a party to sue

209. impassive

: giving no sign of feeling or emotion : expressionless

: unsusceptible to or destitute of emotion : apathetic

: unsusceptible to physical feeling : insensible

: unsusceptible to pain

: not feeling or showing emotion

an impassive face

210. exigency

: that which is required in a particular situation

exceptionally quick in responding to the exigencies of modern warfare

: the quality or state of being exigent

: a state of affairs that makes urgent demands

a leader must act in any sudden exigency

: that which is required in a particular situation

: the quality or state of being exigent

: a state of affairs that makes urgent demands

211. pragmatic

: relating to matters of fact or practical affairs often to the exclusion of intellectual or artistic matters : practical as opposed to idealistic

a pragmatic leader

: relating to or being in accordance with philosophical pragmatism

: busy

: officious

: opinionated

212. antipathy

: a strong feeling of dislike

an antipathy to taxes

: something disliked : an object of aversion

... perhaps his greatest antipathies were cabs, old women, doors that would not shut ...

: opposition in feeling

: a strong feeling of dislike

: settled aversion or dislike

: an object of aversion

213. disparage

: to depreciate (see depreciate sense 1) by indirect means (such as invidious comparison) : speak slightly about

religious beliefs disparaged as superstition

: to lower in rank or reputation : degrade

: to speak of as unimportant or bad : belittle

He disparaged the other team.

214. delineate

: to describe, portray, or set forth with accuracy or in detail

delineate a character in the story

: to indicate or represent by drawn or painted lines

: to mark the outline of

lights delineating the narrow streets

215. engender

: beget, procreate

: to cause to exist or to develop : produce

policies that have engendered controversy

: to assume form : originate

216. goad

: to incite or rouse as if with a goad (see goad entry 2 sense 2a)

was goaded into fighting with another player

: to drive (an animal) with a goad (see goad entry 2 sense 1)

: a pointed rod used to urge on an animal

: something that urges or stimulates into action : spur

The accident has been a goad to the company to improve its safety record.

: something that pains as if by pricking : thorn

: a pointed rod used to keep an animal moving

: something that urges or forces someone to act

: to urge or force a person or an animal to act

... he goaded them toward school any way he could.

217. implacable

: not placable : not capable of being appeased, significantly changed, or mitigated

an implacable enemy

: impossible to please, satisfy, or change

implacable enemies

218. inundate

: overwhelm

was inundated with phone calls

: to cover with a flood : overflow

: to cover with or as if with a flood

I'm inundated by mail.

219. strut

: to become turgid : swell

: to walk with a proud gait

: to walk with a pompous and affected air

: to parade (something, such as clothes) with a show of pride

: to display one's best work : show off

: a structural piece designed to resist pressure in the direction of its length

: a pompous step or walk

: arrogant behavior : swagger

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221. divest

: to deprive or dispossess especially of property, authority, or title

divesting assets to raise capital

: to undress or strip especially of clothing, ornament, or equipment

Christmas trees divested of their ornaments

: rid, free

: to take away from a person

: to deprive or dispossess (oneself) of property through divestiture

222. transgression

: an act, process, or instance of transgressing: such as

: infringement or violation of a law, command, or duty

: the spread of the sea over land areas and the consequent unconformable deposit of sediments on older rocks

: a violation of a command or law

223. alacrity

: promptness in response : cheerful readiness

accepted the invitation with alacrity

: a cheerful readiness to do something

He accepted the challenge with alacrity.

224. derivative

: a word formed from another word or base : a word formed by derivation

"pointy," "pointed," and other derivatives of "point"

: something derived

... the sonata form (itself a derivative of opera) ...

: the limit of the ratio of the change in a function to the corresponding change in its independent variable as the latter change approaches zero

: a chemical substance related structurally to another substance and theoretically derivable from it

: a substance that can be made from another substance

Petroleum is a derivative of coal tar.

: a contract or security (see security sense 3) that derives its value from that of an underlying asset (such as another security) or from the value of a rate (as of interest or currency exchange) or index (see index entry 1 sense 1b) of asset value (such as a stock index)

: formed from another word or base : formed by derivation

a derivative word

: having parts that originate from another source : made up of or marked by derived elements

a derivative philosophy

: lacking originality : banal

a derivative performance

: a word formed from an earlier word or root

The word "childhood" is a derivative of "child."

: something that is formed from something else

Gasoline is a derivative of petroleum.

: formed from something else

a derivative product

: formed by derivation

: made up of or marked by derived elements

: something that is obtained from, grows out of, or results from an earlier or more fundamental state or condition

: a chemical substance related structurally to another substance and theoretically derivable from it

: a substance that can be made from another substance

: a contract or security that derives its value from that of an underlying asset (as another security) or from the value of a rate (as of interest or currency exchange) or index of asset value (as a stock index)

: arising out of or dependent on the existence of something else — compare direct

: of, relating to, or being a derivative

a derivative transaction

225. ostentatious

: attracting or seeking to attract attention, admiration, or envy often by gaudiness or obviousness : overly elaborate or conspicuous : characterized by, fond of, or evincing ostentation

an ostentatious display of wealth/knowledge

: attracting or fond of attracting attention by showing off wealth or cleverness

226. alleviate

: relieve, lessen: such as

: to make (something, such as pain or suffering) more bearable

a drug that alleviates the symptoms

: to partially remove or correct (something undesirable)

government programs to alleviate poverty

: to make less painful, difficult, or severe

: to make (as symptoms) less severe or more bearable

a lotion to alleviate itching

227. converge

: to tend or move toward one point or one another : come together : meet

converging paths

: to come together and unite in a common interest or focus

Economic forces converged to bring the country out of the recession.

: to approach a limit as the number of terms increases without limit

the series converges

: to cause to converge

228. harangue

: a speech addressed to a public assembly

listening to his capacious harangue and its immaculate delivery

: a ranting speech or writing

emotional and frequently violent harangues

: lecture

gave me a harangue on the subject of my poor grades

: to make a harangue (see harangue entry 1) : declaim

poets ... and philosophers recited their works, and harangued for diversion

: to address in a harangue

haranguing me ... on the folly of my ways

: a scolding speech or writing

229. fervor

: intensity of feeling or expression

booing and cheering with almost equal fervor

: intense heat

: strong feeling or expression

230. tacit

: expressed or carried on without words or speech

the blush was a tacit answer

: implied or indicated (as by an act or by silence) but not actually expressed

tacit consent

: understood or made known without being put into words

: implied (as by an act or by silence) rather than express

a tacit admission

: arising by operation of law

a tacit mortgage

231. eulogy

: a commendatory oration or writing especially in honor of one deceased

she delivered the eulogy at his funeral

: high praise

232. perennial

: present at all seasons of the year

: persisting for several years usually with new herbaceous growth from a perennating part

perennial asters

: persistent, enduring

perennial favorites

: continuing without interruption : constant, perpetual

the perennial quest for certainty

: regularly repeated or renewed : recurrent

death is a perennial literary theme

: present all through the year

a perennial stream

: living from year to year

a perennial plant

: never ending : constant

perennial joy

: happening again and again

perennial flooding

: a plant that lives from year to year

: present at all seasons of the year

perennial rhinitis

233. elicit

: to call forth or draw out (something, such as information or a response)

her remarks elicited cheers

: to draw forth or bring out (something latent or potential)

hypnotism elicited his hidden fears

234. dupe

: one that is easily deceived or cheated : fool

: to deceive or cheat easily : to make a dupe (see dupe entry 1) of

was duped into buying a counterfeit

: duplicate

This new breed of browsing utility programs can also help you organize the pages you've retrieved, eliminating dupes, throwing out unwanted pages, and storing the useful ones in efficient hierarchies of folders.

: duplicate, copy

dupe a disc

: a person who has been or is easily deceived or cheated

: trick entry 2

Don't be duped into giving them money.

235. propensity

: an often intense natural inclination or preference

: a natural tendency to do or favor something

They have a propensity to chatter.

236. reticent

: inclined to be silent or uncommunicative in speech : reserved

: restrained in expression, presentation, or appearance

the room has an aspect of reticent dignity

: reluctant

237. craven

: lacking the least bit of courage : contemptibly fainthearted

... craven mercenaries who would not fight ...

: defeated, vanquished

: cowardly

238. stigma

: a mark of shame or discredit : stain

bore the stigma of cowardice

: an identifying mark or characteristic

: the usually apical part of the pistil of a flower which receives the pollen grains and on which they germinate — see flower illustration

: a small spot, scar, or opening on a plant or animal

: bodily marks or pains resembling the wounds of the crucified Jesus and sometimes accompanying religious ecstasy

: petechia

: a scar left by a hot iron : brand

: a mark of disgrace or dishonor

: the upper part of the pistil of a flower which receives the pollen grains

: an identifying mark or characteristic

: petechia

: a small spot, scar, or opening on a plant or animal

239. bolster

: a long pillow or cushion

: a structural part designed to eliminate friction or provide support or bearing (see bearing sense 5)

: to support with or as if with a bolster : reinforce

lay bolstered up in bed

: to give a boost to

news that bolstered his spirits

: a long pillow or cushion sometimes used to support bed pillows

: to support with or as if with a bolster

We tried to bolster their courage.

: to use evidence usually improperly to give weight to (evidence already introduced)

240. spectrum

: a continuum of color formed when a beam of white light is dispersed (as by passage through a prism) so that its component wavelengths are arranged in order

: any of various continua that resemble a color spectrum in consisting of an ordered arrangement by a particular characteristic (such as frequency or energy): such as

: electromagnetic spectrum

: radio spectrum

: the range of frequencies of sound waves

: mass spectrum

: the representation (such as a plot) of a spectrum

: a continuous sequence or range

a wide spectrum of interests

: kinds of organisms associated with a particular situation (such as an environment)

: a range of effectiveness against pathogenic organisms

an antibiotic with a broad spectrum

: exhibiting traits associated with autism spectrum disorder

... quiet areas and sensory bags with headphones ... and other ways to help kids who are on the spectrum cope with unfamiliar, noisy surroundings.

: the group of different colors including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet seen when light passes through a prism and falls on a surface or when sunlight is affected by drops of water (as in a rainbow)

: a continuum of color formed when a beam of white light is dispersed (as by passage through a prism) so that its component wavelengths are arranged in order

: any of various continua that resemble a spectrum in consisting of an ordered arrangement by a particular characteristic (as frequency or energy): as

: electromagnetic spectrum

: mass spectrum

: the representation (as a plot) of a spectrum

: a continuous sequence or range

241. stolid

: having or expressing little or no sensibility : unemotional

: having or showing little or no feeling

a stolid person

242. capricious

: governed or characterized by caprice : impulsive, unpredictable

: moved or controlled by a sudden desire

a capricious shopper

: likely to change suddenly

capricious weather

: governed or characterized by impulse or whim: as

: lacking a rational basis

: likely to change suddenly

: not supported by the weight of evidence or established rules of law

243. ingenuous

: showing innocent or childlike simplicity and candidness

her ingenuous thirst for experience

: lacking craft or subtlety

ingenuous in their brutality

: noble, honorable

: ingenious

: showing innocence and childlike honesty

244. satiate

: filled to satiety

: to satisfy (a need, a desire, etc.) fully or to excess

245. analogous

: similar or comparable to something else either in general or in some specific detail

Timbre in music is analogous to color in painting.

: showing analogy : similar

: having similar function but a different structure and origin

analogous organs

246. embellish

: to make beautiful with ornamentation : decorate

a book embellished with illustrations

: to heighten the attractiveness of by adding decorative or fanciful details :
enhance

embellished our account of the trip

: decorate sense 1

Artwork embellished the book.

247. stint

: a period of time spent at a particular activity

served a brief stint as a waiter

: a definite quantity of work assigned

: restraint, limitation

: to be sparing or frugal

not stinting with their praise

: stop, desist

: to restrict with respect to a share or allowance

stinted herself of luxuries

: to limit within certain boundaries

: to put an end to : stop

: any of several small sandpipers (genus *Calidris*)

: to be stingy or sparing

Don't stint on necessities.

: an amount of work given

: a period of time spent at a particular activity

248. arduous

: hard to accomplish or achieve : difficult

an arduous task

: marked by great labor or effort : strenuous

... a life of arduous toil.

: hard to climb : steep

an arduous path

: difficult sense 1

an arduous climb

249. audacious

: intrepidly daring : adventurous

an audacious mountain climber

: recklessly bold : rash

an audacious maneuver

: contemptuous of law, religion, or decorum : insolent

an audacious maverick

: marked by originality and verve

audacious experiments

: very bold and daring : fearless

an audacious scheme

: disrespectful of authority : insolent

an audacious radio personality

250. apathy

: lack of feeling or emotion : impassiveness

drug abuse leading to apathy and depression

: lack of interest or concern : indifference

political apathy

: lack of feeling or of interest : indifference

: lack of feeling or emotion

251. saturate

: to satisfy fully : satiate

: to treat, furnish, or charge with something to the point where no more can be absorbed, dissolved, or retained

water saturated with salt

: to fill completely with something that permeates or pervades

book is saturated with Hollywood

: to load to capacity

: to cause to combine until there is no further tendency to combine

: saturated

: to soak completely

Saturate the sponge with water.

: to treat, furnish, or charge with something to the point where no more can be absorbed, dissolved, or retained

water saturated with salt

: to cause to combine until there is no further tendency to combine

: a saturated chemical compound

252. latent

: present and capable of emerging or developing but not now visible, obvious, active, or symptomatic

a latent infection

: a fingerprint (as at the scene of a crime) that is scarcely visible but can be developed for study

: present but not visible or active

a latent infection

: existing in hidden or dormant form: as

: present or capable of living or developing in a host without producing

visible symptoms of disease

a latent virus

: not consciously expressed

latent anxiety

: relating to or being the latent content of a dream or thought

: existing in hidden or dormant form but usually capable of being brought to light — compare patent

253. precarious

: dependent on chance circumstances, unknown conditions, or uncertain developments

... forced to earn a precarious living as a door-to-door salesman.

: characterized by a lack of security or stability that threatens with danger

His balance looks precarious, and I try to talk him down ...

: dependent on uncertain premises : dubious

... the student of psychology who cares little for brilliant precarious generalizations ...

: depending on the will or pleasure of another

In rank and authority these officers seemed not inferior to the ancient proconsuls; but their station was dependent and precarious.

: not safe, strong, or steady

precarious balance

: depending on the will or pleasure of another — see also precarious possession at possession

254. emulate

: to strive to equal or excel

: imitate

: to equal or approach equality with

: emulous sense 1b

pricked on by a most emulate pride

: to try hard to be like or do better than : imitate

She grew up emulating her sports heroes.

255. whimsical

: resulting from or characterized by whim or caprice

: subject to erratic behavior or unpredictable change

: full of, actuated by, or exhibiting whims

: full of whims

: unusual in a playful or amusing way

256. placate

: to soothe or mollify especially by concessions : appease

: to calm the anger of

The apology did little to placate customers.

257. assiduous

: showing great care, attention, and effort : marked by careful unremitting attention or persistent application

assiduous planning

: showing great care, attention, and effort

They were assiduous in gathering evidence.

258. prodigal

: characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure : lavish

a prodigal feast

: recklessly spendthrift

the prodigal prince

: yielding abundantly : luxuriant

nature has been so prodigal of her bounty

: one who spends or gives lavishly and foolishly

: one who has returned after an absence

: carelessly wasteful

a prodigal spender

: somebody who wastes money carelessly

259. ascetic

: practicing strict self-denial as a measure of personal and especially spiritual discipline

an ascetic monk

: austere in appearance, manner, or attitude

260. ambiguous

: doubtful or uncertain especially from obscurity or indistinctness

eyes of an ambiguous color

: inexplicable

: capable of being understood in two or more possible senses or ways

an ambiguous smile

: able to be understood in more than one way

an ambiguous explanation

261. aesthetic

: of, relating to, or dealing with aesthetics or the beautiful

aesthetic theories

: artistic

a work of aesthetic value

: pleasing in appearance : attractive

... easy-to-use keyboards, clear graphics, and other ergonomic and aesthetic features
...

: appreciative of, responsive to, or zealous about the beautiful

: done or made to improve a person's appearance or to correct defects in a person's appearance

aesthetic plastic surgery

: a branch of philosophy dealing with the nature of beauty, art, and taste and with the creation and appreciation of beauty

: a particular theory or conception of beauty or art : a particular taste for or approach to what is pleasing to the senses and especially sight

modernist aesthetics

: a pleasing appearance or effect : beauty

appreciated the aesthetics of the gemstones

: relating to beauty and what is beautiful

They made aesthetic improvements to the building.

: done or made to improve a person's appearance or to correct defects in a person's appearance

aesthetic plastic surgery

262. supersede

: to cause to be set aside

: to force out of use as inferior

: to take the place or position of

: to displace in favor of another

: to take the place or position of

These instructions supersede those you received earlier.

: to subject to postponement or suspension

: to take the place of in authority : preempt, override

: to take the place of and render null or ineffective

263. volatile

: characterized by or subject to rapid or unexpected change

a volatile market

: unable to hold the attention fixed because of an inherent lightness or fickleness of disposition

: tending to erupt into violence : explosive

a volatile temper

: easily aroused

volatile suspicions

: lighthearted, lively

: readily vaporizable at a relatively low temperature

: difficult to capture or hold permanently : evanescent, transitory

: flying or having the power to fly

: a substance that is readily vaporizable at relatively low temperature : a volatile substance

: easily becoming a gas at a fairly low temperature

volatile solvents

: likely to change suddenly

a volatile temper

: a volatile substance

: readily vaporizable at a relatively low temperature

264. disinterested

: not having the mind or feelings engaged (see engaged sense 1) : not interested

telling them in a disinterested voice

: no longer interested

husband and wife become disinterested in each other

: free from selfish motive or interest (see interest entry 1 sense 1a) : unbiased

a disinterested decision

: not interested

disinterested in sports

: not influenced by personal feelings or concerns

a disinterested judge

: free of any interest especially of a pecuniary nature : impartial

a disinterested person to witness the will

265. diverge

: to move or extend in different directions from a common point : draw apart

diverging roads

: to become or be different in character or form

The friends' lives diverged after graduation.

: to turn aside from a path or course : deviate

diverge from a direct path

: to be divergent (see divergent sense 2)

: deflect

diverge a compass needle

266. repudiate

: to refuse to accept

: to reject as untrue or unjust

repudiate a charge

: to refuse to acknowledge or pay

repudiate a debt

: to refuse to have anything to do with : disown

repudiate a cause

: to divorce or separate formally from (a woman to whom one is betrothed or married)

"The incident was witnessed by ... the Marquess Zanipolo, who, in consequence, has already repudiated his unhappy bride."

: to refuse to have anything to do with

They repudiated their wayward son.

: to refuse to believe or approve of

She repudiated the rumors.

: to disavow or reject an obligation (as a debt) or duty (as performance under a contract)

267. idolatry

: the worship of a physical object as a god

: immoderate attachment or devotion to something

268. refute

: to prove wrong by argument or evidence : show to be false or erroneous

: to deny the truth or accuracy of

refuted the allegations

: to say or prove that something is wrong or untrue

269. dissolution

: the act or process of dissolving: such as

: separation into component parts

: decay, disintegration

: death

grew convinced of his friend's approaching dissolution

: termination or destruction by breaking down, disrupting, or dispersing

the dissolution of the republic

: the dissolving of an assembly or organization

the dissolution of the legislature

: liquefaction

the dissolution of ice

: a dissolute or indulgent act or practice

: the act or process of dissolving: as

: separation into component parts

: death sense 1

grew convinced of his friend's approaching dissolution

: liquefaction

: solution sense 1a

: the act or process of ending: as

: the termination of an organized body (as a court)

: the ending of a partnership relationship caused by the withdrawal of one of the partners from the relationship

: the termination of a corporation

: dissolution of a corporation by a court in response to a shareholder petition based on statutorily prescribed grounds

: dissolution of a corporation upon the initiative of the directors and with approval of a certain percentage of the shareholders

: the termination of an injunction or stay by court order

: the termination of a marriage by divorce

270. mitigate

: to cause to become less harsh or hostile : mollify

aggressiveness may be mitigated or ... channeled

: to make less severe or painful : alleviate

mitigate a patient's suffering

: extenuate

attempted to mitigate the offense

: to make less severe or painful

: to lessen or minimize the severity of

what actions the State took to mitigate the hazardous conditions

: to lessen or minimize the severity of one's losses or damage

a failure to mitigate

271. implicit

: capable of being understood from something else though unexpressed : implied

an implicit assumption

: present but not consciously held or recognized

implicit attitudes

: not lessened by doubt : absolute, complete

There's an implicit trust between them.

: involved in the nature or essence of something though not revealed, expressed, or developed : potential

... a sculptor may see different figures implicit in a block of stone.

: defined by an expression in which the dependent variable and the one or more independent variables are not separated on opposite sides of an equation — compare explicit sense 4

: understood though not put clearly into words

an implicit warning

: not affected by doubt : absolute

He had my implicit trust.

: capable of being recognized though unexpressed : implied

272. beneficent

: doing or producing good

a beneficent policy

: beneficial

beneficent bacteria

273. decorum

: literary and dramatic propriety : fitness

according to strict neoclassic decorum only the aristocracy had the right to appear in tragedy

: propriety and good taste in conduct or appearance

strict in her notions of decorum

: orderliness

the organization's decorum has rarely been shaken

: the conventions of polite behavior

the established sobrieties and decorums of English life

: proper behavior

Grandpa insisted on decorum during the ceremony.

274. efficacy

: the power to produce an effect

275. facilitate

: to make easier : help bring about

facilitate growth

: to make easier

: to increase the likelihood, strength, or effectiveness of (as behavior or a response)

reflexes can be facilitated or inhibited

: to make easier : help bring about

a vehicle used to facilitate commission of the offense

276. laud

: praise, extol

He was lauded for his accomplishments.

: an office of solemn praise to God forming with matins (see matins sense 1) the first of the canonical hours (see canonical hour sense 2)

: praise, acclaim

all glory, laud and honor to Thee

William 1573–1645 English prelate; archbishop of Canterbury (1633–45)

277. discredit

: to refuse to accept as true or accurate : disbelieve

discredit a rumor

: to cause disbelief in the accuracy or authority of

trying to discredit the claims of a rival

: to deprive of good repute : disgrace

personal attacks meant to discredit his opponent

: loss of credit (see credit entry 1 sense 3) or reputation

I knew stories to the discredit of England

: lack or loss of belief or confidence : doubt

contradictions cast discredit on his testimony

: to cause to seem dishonest or untrue

discredit a report

: to harm the reputation of

The candidates tried to discredit each other.

: loss of good name or respect

278. stipulate

: to make an agreement or covenant to do or forbear something : contract

: to demand an express term in an agreement

: to specify as a condition or requirement (as of an agreement or offer)

: to give a guarantee of

: having stipules

: to make an agreement or covenant about something (as damages)

: to demand a particular promise in an agreement

may...assume or stipulate for obligations of all kinds

: to agree respecting an aspect of legal proceedings

stipulated to a dismissal of the claim with prejudice

: to specify especially as a condition or requirement of an agreement

parties may not stipulate the invalidity of statutes or ordinances

: to establish (procedure or evidence) by agreement during a proceeding

defendant stipulated that evidence was sufficient to support his conspiracy conviction

279. lucid

: suffused with light : luminous

: translucent

snorkeling in the lucid sea

: having full use of one's faculties : sane

: clear to the understanding : intelligible

: having or showing the ability to think clearly

lucid behavior

: easily understood

lucid writing

: having, showing, or characterized by an ability to think clearly and rationally

280. appease

: pacify, conciliate

: to cause to subside : allay

appeased my hunger

: to bring to a state of peace or quiet : calm

appease a quarrel

: to make calm or quiet

appease their anger

: to make less severe

appeased his hunger

281. distill

: to let fall, exude, or precipitate (see precipitate entry 1 sense 3b) in drops or in a wet mist

some caves are dry, others distill water from invisible rifts

: to purify or transform (a liquid) by successive evaporation and condensation : to subject to or transform by distillation

distill molasses into rum

: to obtain by or as if by distillation

distill whiskey

: to extract the essence of : concentrate

distill the experience into a poem

: to fall or materialize in drops or in a fine moisture

: to appear slowly or in small quantities at a time

: to undergo distillation

: to perform distillation

: to make (a liquid) pure by heating it until it becomes a gas and then cooling it until it becomes a liquid

distill water

: to subject to or transform by distillation

: to obtain by or as if by distillation

: to obtain an extract from (as a plant) by infusion and distillation

making medicines by distilling herbs

: to undergo distillation

: to condense or drop from a still after distillation

282. default

: failure to do something required by duty or law : neglect

: fault

: a failure to pay financial debts

was in default on her loan

: failure to appear at the required time in a legal proceeding

The defendant is in default.

: failure to compete in or to finish an appointed contest

lost the game by default

: a selection made usually automatically or without active consideration

due to lack of a viable alternative

remained the club's president by default

: a selection automatically used by a program in the absence of a choice made by the user

using the default settings

: in the absence of

: to fail to fulfill a contract, agreement, or duty: such as

: to fail to meet a financial obligation

default on a loan

: to fail to appear in court

: to fail to compete in or to finish an appointed contest

: to make a selection automatically in the absence of a choice made by the user

The program defaults to a standard font.

: to fail to perform, pay, or make good

default a loan

: forfeit

defaulted the game

: to exclude (a player or a team) from a contest by default

was defaulted from the tournament

: failure to do something especially that is required by law or duty

: to fail to do something required

He defaulted on repaying the money.

: failure to do something required by duty (as under a contract or by law): as

: failure to comply with the terms of a loan agreement or security agreement especially with regard to payment of the debt

: a delay in performing under a contract that is recognized by the other party

: failure to defend against a claim in court (as by failing to file pleadings or to appear in court) — see also default judgment at judgment sense 1a

: in the condition of having defaulted

283. daunt

: to lessen the courage of : cow, subdue

obstacles that would have daunted a man of less intrepid mind

: discourage sense 1, frighten

The dangers didn't daunt them.

284. aggregate

: formed by the collection of units or particles into a body, mass, or amount : collective: such as

: clustered in a dense mass or head

an aggregate flower

: formed from several separate ovaries of a single flower

aggregate fruit

: composed of mineral crystals of one or more kinds or of mineral rock fragments

: taking all units as a whole

aggregate sales

: to collect or gather into a mass or whole

The census data were aggregated by gender.

: to amount to (a whole sum or total) : total

audiences aggregating several million people

: a mass or body of units or parts somewhat loosely associated with one another

Froth is an aggregate of tiny bubbles.

: the whole sum or amount : sum total

spent an aggregate of 10 million dollars in advertising during the past three years

: a rock composed of mineral crystals of one or more kinds or of mineral rock fragments : an aggregate rock

: any of several hard inert materials (such as sand, gravel, or slag) used for mixing with a cementing material to form concrete, mortar, or plaster

: a clustered mass of individual soil particles varied in shape, ranging in size from a microscopic granule to a small crumb, and considered the basic structural unit of soil

: set sense 21

: monetary aggregate

: considered as a whole : collectively

Dividends for the year amounted in the aggregate to 25 million dollars.

: to collect or gather into a mass or whole

The particles of sand aggregated into giant dunes.

: a mass or body of units or parts

The rock is an aggregate of several minerals.

: the whole sum or amount

They won by an aggregate of 30 points.

: formed by the collection of units or particles into a body, mass, or amount

: to collect or gather into a mass or whole

aggregated human albumin

: a mass or body of units or parts somewhat loosely associated with one another

: taken as a total

aggregate liability

: to combine or gather into a whole

class members may aggregate their individual claims

: to amount to

an award aggregating \$100,000

: to form an aggregate

they may not aggregate if their claims are regarded as “separate and distinct”

: total amount

may sue in federal court if the aggregate of the claims exceeds \$75,000

: a whole made up of individual units

the aggregate of operative facts

285. indolent

: averse to activity, effort, or movement : habitually lazy

: showing an inclination to laziness

an indolent sigh

: conducive to or encouraging laziness

indolent heat

: causing little or no pain

: slow to develop or heal

indolent tumors

: lazy sense 1, idle

: causing little or no pain

an indolent tumor

: growing or progressing slowly

leprosy is an indolent infectious disease

: slow to heal

an indolent ulcer

286. inherent

: involved in the constitution or essential character of something : belonging by nature or habit : intrinsic

risks inherent in the venture

: belonging to or being a part of the nature of a person or thing

She has an inherent sense of fairness.

: involved in the constitution or essential character of something : belonging by nature

the skin's inherent elasticity

287. impair

: to diminish in function, ability, or quality : to weaken or make worse

It has been known for nearly 100 years that memory is impaired by bilateral damage to either of two brain regions ...

: to lessen in function, ability, or quality : weaken or make worse

: to diminish in function, ability, or quality : to weaken or make worse

It has been known for nearly 100 years that memory is impaired by bilateral damage to either of two brain regions ...

: to damage or make worse by or as if by diminishing

impaired health

: to diminish the value of (property or property rights)

288. secrete

: to form and give off (a secretion)

: to deposit or conceal in a hiding place

: to appropriate secretly : abstract

: to produce and give off as a secretion

Some glands secrete mucus.

: to put in a hiding place

: to form and give off (a secretion)

cells secreting mucus

289. insinuate

: to impart or suggest in an artful or indirect way : imply

I resent what you're insinuating.

: to introduce (something, such as an idea) gradually or in a subtle, indirect, or covert way

insinuate doubts into a trusting mind

: to introduce (someone, such as oneself) by stealthy, smooth, or artful means

: to enter gently, slowly, or imperceptibly : creep

: to ingratiate oneself

: hint entry 2, imply

She insinuated that I had cheated.

: to bring or get in little by little or in a secret way

He insinuated himself into the group.

290. luminous

: emitting or reflecting usually steady, suffused, or glowing light

luminous objects—the nebula, the stars, the planets

: of or relating to light or to luminous flux

: bathed in or exposed to steady light

luminous with sunlight

: clear, enlightening

a luminous explanation

: shining, illustrious

a luminous film star

: giving off light

The dial of the clock was luminous and it shed a very soft green light.

: emitting or reflecting usually steady, suffused, or glowing light

: of or relating to light or to luminous flux

291. approbation

: commendation, praise

a plan that has won the approbation of the mayor

: an act of approving formally or officially

: proof

292. skeptic

: an adherent or advocate of skepticism

: a person disposed to skepticism especially regarding religion or religious principles

: a person who has or shows doubt about something

293. deference

: respect and esteem due a superior or an elder

: in consideration of

returned early in deference to her parents' wishes

: respect and consideration for the wishes of another

294. supposition

: something that is supposed : hypothesis

: the act of supposing

295. abate

: to decrease in force or intensity

waiting for the storm to abate

: to become defeated or become null or void (as of a writ or appeal)

: to decrease in amount or value

The legacies abated proportionately.

: to put an end to

abate a nuisance

: nullify sense 1

abate a writ

: to reduce in degree or intensity : moderate

may abate their rancor to win peace

: to reduce in value or amount : to make less especially by way of relief

abate a tax

: deduct, omit

abate part of the price

: to beat down or cut away so as to leave a figure in relief

: blunt

: deprive sense 1

: to make or become less

The flood abated slowly.

: to put an end to or do away with

abate a nuisance

: to make void : nullify

abate an action

: to reduce in amount especially proportionately

abate a tax

: to become defeated or become null or void

when a public officer who is a party to an appeal...in an official capacity dies...the action does not abate

: to decrease in amount or value

the legacies abated proportionately

296. admonish

: to indicate duties or obligations to

: to express warning or disapproval to especially in a gentle, earnest, or solicitous manner

were admonished for being late

: to give friendly earnest advice or encouragement to

admonished them to be careful

: to say (something) as advice or a warning

The sign admonished, "Watch your step."

: to criticize or warn gently but seriously

The principal admonished a student for talking.

: to give friendly advice or encouragement

I admonished them to keep trying.

297. deride

: to laugh at or insult contemptuously

got derided by a carnival clown

: to subject to usually bitter or contemptuous ridicule or criticism

politicians deriding their opponents

: to laugh at in scorn : make fun of : ridicule

298. impede

: to interfere with or slow the progress of

: to interfere with the movement or progress of

299. enhance

: heighten, increase

: raise

: to make greater or better

300. anarchy

: absence of government

: a state of lawlessness or political disorder due to the absence of governmental authority

the city's descent into anarchy

: a utopian society of individuals who enjoy complete freedom without government

: absence or denial of any authority or established order

anarchy prevailed in the war zone

: absence of order : disorder

not manicured plots but a wild anarchy of nature

: anarchism

301. contention

: a point advanced or maintained in a debate or argument

It is his contention that allowing a casino to be built would not be in the best interests of the city.

: an act or instance of contending

He has taken himself out of contention for the directorship.

: rivalry, competition

: something that is argued

It's my contention that watching television is a waste of time.

: anger and disagreement

: a state or situation of having a chance to win

She's in contention for the gold medal.

302. diffuse

: being at once verbose and ill-organized

a diffuse report from the scene of the earthquake

: not concentrated or localized

diffuse lighting

: to pour out and permit or cause to spread freely

a drop of blue dye diffused in a glass of water

: extend, scatter

diffusing their ideas throughout the continent

: to spread thinly or wastefully

a government in which power is diffused

: to subject to diffusion (see diffusion sense 3)

: to spread out or become transmitted especially by contact

The civilization diffused westward.

: to undergo diffusion

heat from the radiator diffusing throughout the room

: to spread or allow to spread freely

: not concentrated or localized

diffuse sclerosis

: to subject (as a light beam) to diffusion

: to break up and distribute (incident light) by reflection (as from a rough surface)

: to undergo diffusion

303. wary

: marked by keen caution, cunning, and watchfulness especially in detecting and escaping danger

: very cautious

The baker's worries about ogres and bandits I thought exaggerated ... However, I was wary of strangers.

304. futile

: serving no useful purpose : completely ineffective

efforts to convince him were futile

: occupied with trifles : frivolous

: having no result or effect

Their efforts to win were futile.

305. austere

: stern and cold in appearance or manner

an austere Puritan

: somber, grave

an austere critic

: morally strict : ascetic

: markedly simple or unadorned

an austere office

: giving little or no scope for pleasure

austere diets

: having the flavor of acid or tannin predominant over fruit flavors usually indicating a capacity for aging

: seeming or acting serious and unfriendly

an austere family

: plain entry 1 sense 1

an austere room

306. incorporate

: to unite or work into something already existent so as to form an indistinguishable whole

: to blend or combine thoroughly

: to form into a legal corporation

: to admit to membership in a corporate body

: to give material form to : embody

: to unite in or as one body

: to form or become a corporation

: incorporated

: to include (something) as part of something else

The plan incorporated all of our ideas.

: to form into a corporation

: to subject to incorporation

incorporated his psychiatrist in a system of delusions

: to unite with something else to form a whole

incorporate the agreement into the divorce

: to form (as a business) into a legal corporation

: to include (rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights) within the guarantees of the Fourteenth Amendment — see also selective incorporation, total incorporation

: to form a legal corporation

: to make (the terms of a contemporaneous or earlier document) part of another document (as a codicil) by specific reference in that document — see also republish

307. insensible

: incapable or bereft of feeling or sensation: such as

: lacking sensory perception or ability to react

insensible to pain

: unconscious

knocked insensible by a sudden blow

: not endowed with life or spirit : insentient

insensible earth

: unaware

insensible of their danger

: lacking emotional response : apathetic, indifferent

insensible to fear

: not intelligible : meaningless

: imperceptible

dampened by an insensible dew

: lacking delicacy or refinement

: stupid, senseless

: not able to feel

The animal is insensible to pain.

: not aware of or caring about something

They seemed insensible to the danger.

: incapable or bereft of feeling or sensation: as

: unconscious

knocked insensible by a sudden blow

: lacking sensory perception or ability to react

insensible to pain

: lacking emotional response : apathetic

: not perceived by the senses

insensible perspiration

308. subside

: to sink or fall to the bottom : settle

: to tend downward : descend

: to let oneself settle down : sink

subsided into a chair

: to become quiet or less

as the fever subsides

: to become less strong or intense

The pain subsided.

: to become lower : sink

The flood subsided.

: to lessen in severity : become diminished

the fever subsided

309. piety

- : the quality or state of being pious: such as
- : fidelity to natural obligations (as to parents)
- : dutifulness in religion : devoutness
- : an act inspired by piety
- : a conventional belief or standard : orthodoxy
- : devotion to God : the state or fact of being pious

310. precipitate

- : to throw violently : hurl

the quandaries into which the release of nuclear energy has precipitated mankind

- : to throw down
- : to bring about especially abruptly

precipitate a scandal that would end with his expulsion

- : to cause to separate from solution or suspension
- : to cause (vapor) to condense and fall or deposit
- : to fall headlong
- : to fall or come suddenly into some condition
- : to move or act with violent or unwise speed

: to separate from solution or suspension

: to condense from a vapor and fall as rain or snow

: a substance separated from a solution or suspension by chemical or physical change usually as an insoluble amorphous or crystalline solid

: a product, result, or outcome of some process or action

: falling, flowing, or rushing with steep descent

: precipitous, steep

: exhibiting violent or unwise speed

: to cause to happen suddenly or unexpectedly

The misunderstanding precipitated a quarrel.

: to change from a vapor to a liquid or solid and fall as rain or snow

: to separate from a solution

The procedure called for precipitating salt from seawater.

: to bring about especially abruptly

: to cause to separate from solution or suspension

: to cause (vapor) to condense and fall or deposit

: to fall or come suddenly into some condition

: to separate from solution or suspension

: a substance separated from a solution or suspension by chemical or physical change usually as an insoluble amorphous or crystalline solid

311. partisan

: a firm adherent to a party, faction, cause, or person

: a member of a body of detached light troops making forays and harassing an enemy

Peasant partisans assaulted the French army.

: a member of a guerrilla band operating within enemy lines

Polish partisans had blown up two trains

: feeling, showing, or deriving from strong and sometimes blind adherence to a particular party, faction, cause, or person : exhibiting, characterized by, or resulting from partisanship

partisan politics

: of, carried on by, or being military partisans

partisan fighters

: a weapon of the 16th and 17th centuries with long shaft and broad blade

: a person who strongly supports something or someone

I'm a partisan of the governor.

312. qualified

: fitted (as by training or experience) for a given purpose : competent

: having complied with the specific requirements or precedent conditions (as for an office or employment) : eligible

: limited or modified in some way

qualified approval

: fitted (as by training or experience) for a given purpose or condition

: being in compliance or accordance with specific requirements or conditions

a qualified voter

: eligible under applicable requirements for favorable tax treatment (as exemption of funds from taxation until retirement)

a qualified pension plan

: limited or modified in some way : less than absolute

313. propriety

: the quality or state of being proper or suitable : appropriateness

: conformity to what is socially acceptable in conduct or speech

: the customs and manners of polite society

: fear of offending against conventional rules of behavior especially between the sexes

: true nature

: a special characteristic : peculiarity

: correctness in manners or behavior

He went beyond the bounds of propriety.

: the quality or state of being proper

: the rules of correct behavior

314. sage

: one (such as a profound philosopher) distinguished for wisdom

: a mature or venerable person of sound judgment

: proceeding from or characterized by wisdom, prudence, and good judgment

sage advice

: wise through reflection and experience

: grave, solemn

: a European perennial mint (*Salvia officinalis*) with grayish-green aromatic leaves used especially in flavoring meats

: the fresh or dried leaves of sage

: sagebrush

: a light grayish green

: wise entry 1 sense 1

She gave sage advice.

: a very wise person

: a mint with grayish green leaves used especially to flavor foods

: sagebrush

: a perennial mint of the genus *Salvia* (*S. officinalis*) having grayish green pungent and aromatic leaves that are much used in flavoring foods and as a mild tonic and astringent

Russell 1816–1906 American financier

315. confound

: to throw (a person) into confusion or perplexity

tactics to confound the enemy

: refute

sought to confound his arguments

: to put to shame : discomfit

a performance that confounded the critics

: damn

: to fail to discern differences between : mix up

They implored Charles not to confound the innocent with the guilty ...

: to increase the confusion of

: baffle, frustrate

Conferences ... are not for accomplishment but to confound knavish tricks.

: to bring to ruin : destroy

: consume, waste

: confuse sense 1

The crime has confounded police.

316. venerate

: to regard with reverential respect or with admiring deference

: to honor (an icon, a relic, etc.) with a ritual act of devotion

: to consider holy

: to show deep respect for

317. sanction

: a formal decree

: a solemn agreement : oath

: something that makes an oath binding

: the detriment, loss of reward, or coercive intervention annexed to a violation of a law as a means of enforcing the law

: a consideration, principle, or influence (as of conscience) that impels to moral action or determines moral judgment

: a mechanism of social control for enforcing a society's standards

: explicit or official approval, permission, or ratification : approbation

: an economic or military coercive measure adopted usually by several nations in concert for forcing a nation violating international law to desist or yield to adjudication

: to make valid or binding usually by a formal procedure (such as ratification)

: to give effective or authoritative approval or consent to

... such characters ... look, talk, and act in ways sanctioned by society and novelistic tradition ...

: to attach a sanction or penalty to the violation of (a right, obligation, or command)

... the status, procedures, rights, and duties of members are carefully defined by rules that are sanctioned by fines should they be contravened by members.

: to impose a sanction or penalty upon

... a Long Island brokerage firm that, at the time, had serious Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC fraud charges pending against it and has since been heavily fined and sanctioned.

: official approval or permission

The soldiers' conduct did not have the king's sanction.

: an action (as the ending of financial aid) taken by one or more nations to make another nation comply with a law or rule

: to officially accept or allow

The coaches sanctioned the new rule.

: a punitive or coercive measure or action that results from failure to comply with a law, rule, or order

a sanction for contempt

: explicit or official approval

: an economic or military coercive measure adopted usually by several nations in concert for forcing a nation violating international law to desist or yield to adjudication

: to give official approval or consent to : ratify

: to impose a sanction on

sanctioned the lawyer for professional misconduct

318. negate

: to deny the existence or truth of

negated and denied her own honest reactions

: to cause to be ineffective or invalid

Alcohol can negate the effects of some medicines.

319. reverent

: expressing or characterized by reverence : worshipful

: very respectful

reverent mourners

320. reproach

: an expression of rebuke or disapproval

: the act or action of reproaching or disapproving

was beyond reproach

: a cause or occasion of blame, discredit, or disgrace

: discredit, disgrace

: one subjected to censure or scorn

: to express disappointment in or displeasure with (a person) for conduct that is blameworthy or in need of amendment

: to make (something) a matter of reproach

: to bring into discredit

: to find fault with : blame

: something that deserves blame or disgrace

: an expression of disapproval

321. dismiss

: to permit or cause to leave

dismiss the visitors

: to remove from position or service : discharge

dismissed the thievish servant

: to reject serious consideration of

dismissed the thought

: to put out of judicial consideration : refuse to hear or hear further in court

dismiss all charges

: to put out (a batsman) in cricket

: to allow or cause to leave

dismiss a class

: to remove from a job or position

She dismissed her assistant.

: to decide not to think about

He dismissed the criticism.

: to remove from position or service

dismissed the employee

: to bring about or order the dismissal of (an action)

the suit was dismissed

: to bring about or order a dismissal

the plaintiff moved to dismiss

322. appropriate

: especially suitable or compatible : fitting

an appropriate response

: to take exclusive possession of : annex

No one should appropriate a common benefit.

: to set apart for or assign to a particular purpose or use

appropriate money for a research program

: to take or make use of without authority or right

natural habitats that have been appropriated for human use

: especially fitting or suitable

The movie is appropriate for small children.

: to take possession of especially in an illegal or unfair way

: to set apart for a certain purpose or use

The school appropriated funds for new books.

: to set apart for or assign to a particular recipient, purpose, or use

the legislature appropriating funds for the program

: to take or make use of without authority or right

323. profound

: having intellectual depth and insight

: difficult to fathom or understand

: extending far below the surface

: coming from, reaching to, or situated at a depth : deep-seated

a profound sigh

: characterized by intensity of feeling or quality

: all encompassing : complete

profound sleep

: something that is very deep

: having or showing great knowledge and understanding

a profound thinker

: very deeply felt

profound sorrow

324. resolution

: the act or process of resolving: such as

: the act of analyzing a complex notion into simpler ones

: the act of answering : solving

: the act of determining

: the passing of a voice part from a dissonant to a consonant tone or the progression of a chord from dissonance to consonance

: the separating of a chemical compound or mixture into its constituents

: the division of a prosodic element into its component parts

: the substitution in Greek or Latin prosody of two short syllables for a long syllable

: the analysis of a vector into two or more vectors of which it is the sum

: the subsidence of a pathological state (such as inflammation)

: something that is resolved

made a resolution to mend my ways

: firmness of resolve

: a formal expression of opinion, will, or intent voted by an official body or assembled group

: the point in a literary work at which the chief dramatic complication is worked out

: the process or capability of making distinguishable the individual parts of an object, closely adjacent optical images, or sources of light

: a measure of the sharpness of an image or of the fineness with which a device (such as a video display, printer, or scanner) can produce or record such an image usually expressed as the total number or density of pixels in the image

a resolution of 1200 dots per inch

: something decided on

a New Year's resolution

: firmness of purpose : determination

: the act of solving

They went to court for resolution of the matter.

: the solution to a problem

They found a resolution to the dispute.

: a statement of the feelings, wishes, or decisions of a group

: the separating of a chemical compound or mixture into its constituents

: the process or capability of making distinguishable the individual parts of an object, closely adjacent optical images, or sources of light

: the subsidence of a pathological state (as inflammation)

: a formal expression of opinion, will, or intention voted by an official body (as a legislature) or assembled group — see also concurrent resolution, joint resolution

: an expression or document containing authorization usually by a corporate board of directors of a particular act, transaction, agent, or representative

a corporate resolution authorizing counsel to bind the corporation to a settlement

325. document

: proof, evidence

: an original or official paper relied on as the basis, proof, or support of something

: something (such as a photograph or a recording) that serves as evidence or proof

: a writing conveying information

financial documents

: a material substance (such as a coin or stone) having on it a representation of thoughts by means of some conventional mark or symbol

: documentary

: a computer file containing information input by a computer user and usually created with an application (such as a spreadsheet or word processor)

create a new document

: to furnish documentary evidence of

documenting their claims

: to furnish with documents

: to provide with factual or substantial support for statements made or a hypothesis proposed

charges that were well documented

: to construct or produce (something, such as a movie or novel) with authentic situations or events

: to portray realistically

documents the challenges of being a single parent

: to furnish (a ship) with ship's papers

: a written or printed paper that gives information about or proof of something

Your birth certificate is a legal document.

: a computer file containing data entered by a user

: to record (as on paper or in film) the details about

Scientists documented the medical study.

: to prove through usually written records

: a writing (as a deed or lease) conveying information — see also instrument

: something (as a writing, photograph, or recording) that may be used as evidence

: an official paper (as a license) relied on as the basis, proof, or support of something (as a right or privilege)

: to furnish documentary evidence of

: to provide with exact references to authoritative supporting information

: to furnish (as a ship) with documents (as ship's papers)

326. flag

: any of various monocotyledonous plants with long ensiform leaves: such as

: iris

: sweet flag

: a usually rectangular piece of fabric of distinctive design that is used as a symbol (as of a nation), as a signaling device, or as a decoration

: the tail of some dogs (such as a setter or hound)

: the tail of a deer

: something used like a flag to signal or attract attention

: one of the cross strokes of a musical note less than a quarter note in value

: something represented by a flag: such as

: flagship

: an admiral functioning in his office of command

: nationality

: to signal with or as if with a flag

: to mark or identify with or as if with a flag

flagged potential problems in the proposal

: to call a penalty on : penalize

a lineman flagged for being offside

: to hang loose without stiffness

: to become unsteady, feeble, or spiritless

: to decline in interest, attraction, or value

flagging stock prices

: a hard evenly stratified stone that splits into flat pieces suitable for paving

: to lay (something, such as a pavement) with flags (see flag entry 5)

: a piece of cloth with a special design or color that is used as a symbol (as of a nation) or as a signal

: to signal to stop

: to become weak

He tried to use the flagging power of his memory ...

327. resolve

: to deal with successfully : clear up

resolve doubts

: to find an answer to

: to make clear or understandable

: to find a mathematical solution of

: to split up into two or more components especially in assigned directions

resolve a vector

: to reach a firm decision about

resolve to get more sleep

: to declare or decide by a formal resolution and vote

: to change by resolution or formal vote

the house resolved itself into a committee

: break up, separate

the prism resolved the light into a play of color

: to reduce by analysis

resolve the problem into simple elements

: to distinguish between or make independently visible adjacent parts of

: to separate (a racemic compound or mixture) into the two components

: to make (something, such as one or more voice parts or the total musical harmony) progress from dissonance to consonance

: to work out the resolution of (something, such as a play)

: to cause resolution of (a pathological state)

: dissolve, melt

: to become separated into component parts

: to form a resolution : determine

: consult, deliberate

: to progress from dissonance to consonance

: fixity of purpose : resoluteness

: something that is resolved

: a legal or official determination

: to find an answer to : solve

They resolved the difficulty.

: to reach a firm decision about something

I resolve to work hard.

: to decide by a formal resolution and vote

: firmness of purpose : determination

: to separate (a racemic compound or mixture) into the two components

: to cause resolution of (as inflammation)

: to distinguish between or make independently visible adjacent parts of

: to become separated into component parts

: to undergo resolution

: to deal with successfully : clear up

resolve a dispute

: to declare or decide by formal resolution and vote

: to change by resolution or formal vote

the house resolved itself into a committee

: to form a resolution

: something that is resolved

: a legal or official determination