

1. **Abhor**, hate
2. **Bigot**, narrow-minded, prejudiced person
3. **Counterfeit**, fake; false
4. **Enfranchise**, give voting rights
5. **Hamper**, hinder; obstruct
6. **Kindle**, to start a fire
7. **Noxious**, harmful; poisonous; lethal
8. **Placid**, calm; peaceful
9. **Remuneration**, payment for work done
10. **Talisman**, lucky charm
11. **Abrasive**, rough; coarse; harsh
12. **Bilk**, cheat; defraud
13. **Covert**, hidden; undercover
14. **Engender**, cause
15. **Hangar**, storage area (like garage) for a plane
16. **Knotty**, complex; difficult to solve
17. **Nuance**, something subtle; a fine shade of meaning
18. **Plagiarism**, taking credit for someone else's writing or ideas
19. **Renown**, fame
20. **Tangent**, going off the main subject
21. **Abasement**, humiliation; degradation
22. **Billowing**, swelling; fluttering; waving
23. **Cower**, recoil in fear or servility; shrink away from
24. **Enhance**, improve; make better or clearer
25. **Harangue**, noisy, attacking speech
26. **Labyrinth**, a maze
27. **Nullify**, to counter; make unimportant
28. **Plaintiff**, petitioner (in court of law)
29. **Replete**, full
30. **Tangible**, can be touched
31. **Abrogate**, cancel; deny; repeal
32. **Blasphemy**, speech which offends religious sentiments
33. **Credible**, believable
34. **Enigma**, puzzle; mystery
35. **Harbingers**, indicators; bringers of warnings
36. **Labyrinthine**, complicated; highly convoluted
37. **Nuzzle**, cuddle; snuggle
38. **Plaudit**, statement giving strong praise
39. **Reprehensible**, shameful; very bad
40. **Tardy**, slow; late; overdue; delayed
41. **Absolution**, forgiveness; pardon; release
42. **Blatant**, obvious
43. **Creditable**, praiseworthy
44. **Ensconce**, establish firmly in a position
45. **Hasten**, hurry; accelerate; rush
46. **Laceration**, a cut
47. **Obdurate**, stubborn
48. **Plausible**, can be believed; reasonable
49. **Reprise**, a respite; postponement of a sentence
50. **Tawdry**, of little value; gaudy
51. **Abstain**, desist; go without; withdraw
52. **Blighted**, damaged; destroyed; ruined
53. **Credulous**, gullible; ready to believe anything
54. **Enshroud**, cover
55. **Haughtiness**, arrogance; pride
56. **Lachrymose**, tearful; sad
57. **Obfuscate**, deliberately make something difficult to understand
58. **Plethora**, an excess
59. **Repudiate**, shun; eschew
60. **Tedium**, boredom
61. **Abstemious**, self-denying; refraining from indulging
62. **Blithe**, free-spirited; carefree
63. **Crepuscular**, active at dawn and dusk
64. **Enunciation**, clear pronunciation; accent; articulation
65. **Headstrong**, stubborn; willful
66. **Lackluster**, dull; monotonous; bland
67. **Objective**, unbiased; not subjective
68. **Pliable**, flexible; not stubborn
69. **Rescind**, retract; repeal
70. **Temper**, to moderate; soften
71. **Abstruse**, difficult to understand; obscure

72. **Blunderbuss**, 1. ancient weapon (type of gun); 2. a clumsy person
73. **Cringe**, recoil; flinch; shy away
74. **Envenom**, to cause bitterness and bad feeling
75. **Hedonism**, self indulgence; pleasure-seeking
76. **Laconic**, using few words; brief; to the point
77. **Oblique**, indirect; slanting
78. **Plumage**, feathers of a bird
79. **Resignation**, acceptance of fate
80. **Tenacious**, stubborn; resolute; holding firm to a purpose
81. **Accolade**, tribute; honor; praise
82. **Bolster**, support; prop up
83. **Cryptic**, puzzling; enigmatic
84. **Ephemeral**, short-lived
85. **Hedonist**, a pleasure seeker
86. **Lamentation**, expression of regret or sorrow
87. **Obliterate**, destroy; demolish; eradicate
88. **Plummet**, fall suddenly and steeply
89. **Resolution**, determination
90. **Tentative**, not certain
91. **Acquiesce**, to agree to; give in to
92. **Bombast**, arrogant, pompous language
93. **Curtail**, cut short
94. **Epicure**, someone who appreciates good food and drink
95. **Heed**, listen to
96. **Lampoon**, ridicule; spoof
97. **Oblivious**, totally unaware
98. **Podium**, raised platform
99. **Resonant**, echoing
100. **Tenuous**, flimsy; not solid
101. **Acrid**, sharp; pungent (used of smells and tastes)
102. **Boorish**, ill-mannered
103. **Cynical**, believing that people act only out of selfish motives
104. **Epistle**, a letter (form of communication)
105. **Heresy**, against orthodox opinion
106. **Lance**, spear; spike; javelin
107. **Obscure**, difficult to understand; partially hidden
108. **Poignant**, deeply moving; strongly affecting the emotions
109. **Respite**, a break; intermission
110. **Terse**, concise; to the point
111. **Acrophobia**, fear of heights
112. **Bourgeois**, middle class
113. **Debility**, weakness; incapacity
114. **Epistolary**, concerned with letters; through correspondence
115. **Hiatus**, interruption; pause
116. **Languid**, tired; slow
117. **Obscured**, hidden; covered; buried
118. **Poised**, calm; collected; self-possessed
119. **Resplendent**, shining; glowing
120. **Therapeutic**, medicinal; curative
121. **Acuity**, sharpness (mental or visual)
122. **Braggart**, someone who boasts
123. **Debunking**, exposing false claims or myths
124. **Epitomized**, typified; characterized; personified
125. **Hidebound**, rigid in opinions
126. **Languish**, decay; fade away; get weaker
127. **Obsequious**, servile; submissive
128. **Polemical**, causing debate or argument
129. **Restorative**, a tonic
130. **Thwart**, prevent; frustrate
131. **Adamant**, forceful; inflexible
132. **Brawny**, muscular
133. **Decathlon**, an athletic competition with ten events
134. **Equivocate**, speak ambiguously; avoid telling the truth
135. **Hieroglyphics**, 1. picture writing; 2. writing which is difficult to read or enigmatic

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| 136. | Larceny , theft; robbery; stealing | 167. | Obtuse , mentally dull |
| 137. | Obsession , a dominating concern | 168. | Portent , a warning sign; omen |
| 138. | Ponderous , weighty; slow and heavy | 169. | Revere , worship |
| 139. | Retention , preservation; withholding | 170. | Tome , large book |
| 140. | Timorous , cowardly; fearful | 171. | Advocate , support |
| 141. | Adroit , skilful / skillful | 172. | Brusque , blunt; abrupt |
| 142. | Brevity , being brief | 173. | Defoliate , cause leaves to fall off |
| 143. | Decorum , dignified, correct behavior [decorous (a)] | 174. | Espouse , promote; take up; support |
| 144. | Err , make a mistake | 175. | Hone , sharpen; increase; whet |
| 145. | Hinder , obstruct | 176. | Lax , careless; not strict |
| 146. | Largess , generosity | 177. | Obviate , avoid; make unnecessary |
| 147. | Obsolete , no longer valid | 178. | Poseur , someone who puts on an act |
| 148. | Pontificate , speak pompously or dogmatically | 179. | Riddled , full of (usually full of holes) |
| 149. | Reticent , restrained; holding something back; uncommunicative | 180. | Torpid , inactive; lazy; stagnant |
| 150. | Tirade , stream of verbal abuse | 181. | Aesthetic , concerning art or beauty |
| 151. | Adulation , strong admiration; worship | 182. | Bulwark , fortification; barricade; wall |
| 152. | Bristle , to show irritation | 183. | Defunct , no longer in existence |
| 153. | Decoy , lure; trap; trick | 184. | Etymology , the study of word origins |
| 154. | Erratic , wandering; irregular | 185. | Hyperbole , grossly exaggerated speech |
| 155. | Histrionic , theatrical; exaggerated | 186. | Legend , 1. key to map; 2. myth or story |
| 156. | Laud , praise | 187. | Odious , hateful |
| 157. | Obstreperous , noisy and boisterous | 188. | Posterity , future generations |
| 158. | Portend , foretell | 189. | Rife , common |
| 159. | Retraction , withdrawal; cancellation of a statement | 190. | Torpor , dormancy; sluggishness; inactivity |
| 160. | Titter , giggle quietly | 191. | Affable , friendly; social; easygoing |
| 161. | Adversity , hardship | 192. | Bureaucracy , officialdom |
| 162. | Broach , start to discuss; approach | 193. | Degradation , deprivation; poverty; debasement |
| 163. | Deference , respect | 194. | Eulogy , praise |
| 164. | Esoteric , obscure and difficult to understand | 195. | Hypochondriac , a person obsessed with health; having imaginary illnesses |
| 165. | Hoary , old | 196. | Legion , in large numbers |
| 166. | Lavish , on a grand scale; wasteful | | |

197. **Officious**, domineering; intrusive; meddlesome
198. **Posthumous**, after death
199. **Rigor**, thoroughness
200. **Totter**, walk unsteadily
201. **Alacrity**, eagerness; enthusiasm; quickness
202. **Burgeon**, grow; flourish; put forth new shoots
203. **Deleterious**, harmful
204. **Euphemism**, a polite phrase to cover something unpleasant
205. **Hypocritical**, insincere
206. **Lethargic**, tired; without energy
207. **Ogle**, stare at; observe in an obvious manner
208. **Postulate**, hypothesize; propose
209. **Robust**, strong; healthy; tough
210. **Tractable**, obedient; dutiful; polite
211. **Alchemy**, medieval chemistry; attempt to change base metal into gold
212. **Burnish**, polish
213. **Deliberate**, to think over deeply
214. **Euphony**, pleasant sounds
215. **Iconoclast**, person who opposes orthodoxy
216. **Levity**, flippancy; joking about serious matters
217. **Olfactory**, concerned with the sense of smell
218. **Potable**, suitable for drinking
219. **Rotund**, round
220. **Tranquil**, peaceful
221. **Alibi**, an excuse that shows someone was not at a crime scene
222. **Buttress**, strengthen; support
223. **Delineation**, demarcation; explanation; definition; outlining
224. **Evacuate**, vacate; empty; abandon
225. **Idiosyncrasy**, a personal peculiarity; something unique to an individual
226. **Libertarian**, someone who opposes tyranny
227. **Ominous**, threatening
228. **Potent**, powerful; compelling; strong
229. **Ruminate**, think over something; ponder
230. **Transcribe**, copy
231. **Allay**, to lessen
232. **Byline**, the line that tells you who wrote an article
233. **Demur**, hesitate; refuse
234. **Exacerbate**, make worse
235. **Ignominious**, shameful
236. **Liniment**, soothing lotion
237. **Omnipotent**, all-powerful
238. **Pragmatic**, practical
239. **Ruse**, trick; stratagem
240. **Transgress**, go astray; disobey; commit a sin
241. **Alleviate**, make less severe
242. **Cacophony**, discordant loud noises
243. **Denounce**, condemn; speak out against
244. **Exasperated**, frustrated; annoyed
245. **Ignominy**, shame [ignominious
(a) = shameful]
246. **Lithe**, flexible; supple
247. **Omniscient**, all-knowing
248. **Pragmatist**, practical person; one who is concerned with usefulness
249. **Saccharin**, falsely sweet
250. **Transient**, short-lived; ephemeral
251. **Aloof**, distant; detached; cold
252. **Cajole**, coax
253. **Deplete**, use up; lessen
254. **Exceptionable**, very bad (something which we should object to)
255. **Illuminate**, to light up or make clear
256. **Livid**, very angry

257. **Onerous**, burdensome; hard to undertake
258. **Preamble**, introductory material
259. **Sacrosanct**, very holy; inviolable
260. **Traverse**, to move across
261. **Altruism**, putting others first; being self-sacrificing
262. **Caldron**, huge cooking pot
263. **Deplore**, regret
264. **Exculpate**, free someone from blame; pardon; acquit
265. **Illusory**, deceptive; false; misleading
266. **Lobbyist**, person who tries to persuade someone to support a particular cause
267. **Onus**, burden
268. **Precarious**, unstable; risky
269. **Sagacious**, wise
270. **Trepidation**, fear
271. **Amass**, accumulate
272. **Callow**, immature
273. **Depravity**, moral corruption
274. **Execrable**, very, very bad
275. **Immoderate**, excessive; extreme
276. **Lofty**, snooty; arrogant; haughty
277. **Opaque**, does not let light through
278. **Precedent**, a previous occurrence used as a guide
279. **Sage**, a wise person
280. **Trinket**, something of little value; knick-knack
281. **Ambiguity**, uncertainty; vagueness
282. **Candid**, frank; honest
283. **Deprecate**, criticize; denounce
284. **Exegesis**, scholarly explanation or interpretation
285. **Immutable**, unchanging; permanent
286. **Longevity**, long life
287. **Opulent**, wealthy; rich; magnificent
288. **Precept**, guiding principle
289. **Salacious**, lecherous; erotic
290. **Trite**, unoriginal; dull
291. **Ambiguous**, unclear in meaning; can be interpreted in different ways
292. **Candor**, frankness; openness
293. **Deride**, ridicule; make fun of; mock
294. **Exemplary**, outstandingly good; setting a fine example
295. **Impartial**, unbiased; neutral
296. **Loquacious**, talkative
297. **Ordain**, 1. destine; 2. confer holy orders on a priest
298. **Precinct**, district of a city
299. **Sallow**, yellowish
300. **Trivial**, unimportant
301. **Ambivalence**, lack of clarity; wavering; being undecided
302. **Cantankerous**, bad-tempered; quarrelsome
303. **Derogatory**, uncomplimentary
304. **Exemplify**, to serve as a good example
305. **Impecunious**, having no money
306. **Lucid**, clear
307. **Ornate**, highly decorated
308. **Precipice**, steep slope
309. **Salubrious**, health-giving
310. **Truant**, shirker; someone absent without permission
311. **Ambulatory**, able to walk around (used of hospital patients)
312. **Capacious**, spacious
313. **Desecrate**, to damage or pollute a holy place
314. **Exhaustive**, complete and thorough
315. **Impious**, wicked; profane
316. **Ludicrous**, ridiculous; silly
317. **Orthodox**, conventional
318. **Precipitous**, done in a hurry
319. **Salutary**, something which teaches you a lesson; beneficial

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| 320. | Truncate , cut short | 351. | Amity , friendship |
| 321. | Ameliorate , make better | 352. | Castigate , scold strongly |
| 322. | Capitulate , surrender; give in to | 353. | Destitution , hardship; poverty; misery |
| 323. | Desecration , spoiling something holy | 354. | Expedient , convenient; practical |
| 324. | Exonerates , acquits; absolves; removes blame | 355. | Incantation , chant; invocation; prayer |
| 325. | Impoverished , destitute; poor | 356. | Lynch , assassinate; kill; illegal hanging |
| 326. | Lukewarm , 1. unenthusiastic; 2. neither hot nor cold | 357. | Overt , obvious; not hidden |
| 327. | Ossify , 1. turn to bone; 2. become fixed and rigid | 358. | Predicament , dilemma; difficult situation |
| 328. | Preclude , prevent or make impossible | 359. | Sanguine , optimistic; cheerful |
| 329. | Sanctimonious , hypocritically holy | 360. | Ubiquitous , found everywhere; omnipresent |
| 330. | Tumult , uproar; noise | 361. | Amorphous , lacking in shape |
| 331. | Amelioration , improvement | 362. | Catharsis , purging of pent-up emotions |
| 332. | Carping , constant criticism | 363. | Deter , put off; prevent |
| 333. | Desist , stop; discontinue; cease | 364. | Expedite , make faster |
| 334. | Exorcism , getting free/rid of; eliminating (especially demons) | 365. | Incarceration , putting in prison |
| 335. | Impromptu , unrehearsed; spontaneous | 366. | Machinations , plots and plans |
| 336. | Lummox , clumsy person | 367. | Overwrought , worked up; in an emotional state |
| 337. | Ostentatious , showy | 368. | Preeminent , famous; outstanding |
| 338. | Precocious , developing early | 369. | Sardonic , mocking |
| 339. | Sanction , give approval to | 370. | Unalloyed , undiluted; total |
| 340. | Turpitude , depravity | 371. | Analgesic , medicine to combat pain |
| 341. | Amiable , friendly | 372. | Caucus , type of private political meeting |
| 342. | Cartographer , person who makes maps | 373. | Deteriorate , worsen; decline |
| 343. | Despondent , having no hope; miserable | 374. | Exposition , clear explanation |
| 344. | Expatriate , refugee; emigrant; someone living away from his own country | 375. | Incessant , without stopping |
| 345. | Inadvertent , not intentional | 376. | Maelstrom , whirlpool; storm in the ocean |
| 346. | Luscious , juicy; moist; succulent | 377. | Palatable , good to eat; agreeable |
| 347. | Oust , push out of a position | 378. | Prerogative , right or privilege |
| 348. | Predecessor , one who came before | 379. | Savant , person with knowledge |
| 349. | Sanguinary , bloodthirsty; bloody | 380. | Unctuous , oily; using excessive flattery |
| 350. | Tyro , novice; beginner | 381. | Analogous , comparable |
| | | 382. | Caustic , burning |

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| 383. | Detrimental , harmful | 413. | Dichotomy , a division into two parts |
| 384. | Extol , praise | 414. | Extrapolate , extend; predict on the basis of known data |
| 385. | Incipient , just beginning | 415. | Incongruous , not fitting in; out of place |
| 386. | Magnanimous , generous; big-hearted | 416. | Malady , illness |
| 387. | Palisade , fence made of posts | 417. | Palpable , easily felt; easily perceived |
| 388. | Prescient , having fore-knowledge | 418. | Pretentious , pompous; self-important |
| 389. | Scale , to climb | 419. | Scrutinize , examine carefully |
| 390. | Undermined , damaged; attacked | 420. | Unfetter , set free |
| 391. | Anarchy , chaos; lack of government | 421. | Annex (n) , a building which is an addition to an existing building |
| 392. | Cavalcade , procession of vehicles | 422. | Censure , blame |
| 393. | Devoured , greedily eaten/consumed | 423. | Didactic , intended to teach; instructive |
| 394. | Extradite , deport from one country back to the home country | 424. | Extrinsic , irrelevant; on the outside |
| 395. | Inclination , tendency; a leaning toward | 425. | Inconsequential , unimportant; insignificant; negligible |
| 396. | Magnate , powerful businessman | 426. | Malediction , a curse |
| 397. | Palliative , a remedy that improves but doesn't cure | 427. | Panacea , remedy for all ills |
| 398. | Presentiment , a feeling that something might happen | 428. | Prevaricate , speak misleadingly and evasively |
| 399. | Scapegoat , person on whom blame is placed for faults of others | 429. | Scuttle , sink |
| 400. | Underscore , emphasize | 430. | Unfrock , to remove a priest from his position |
| 401. | Anecdote , a brief amusing story | 431. | Annex (v) , take possession of; seize; capture |
| 402. | Celerity , speed | 432. | Cerebral , intellectual |
| 403. | Dexterous , skilful with hands | 433. | Diffident , lacking confidence |
| 404. | Extraneous , irrelevant | 434. | Fallacious , false |
| 405. | Incoherent , not clear | 435. | Inconspicuous , not easily seen; subtle; not noticeable |
| 406. | Maladroit , clumsy; unskillful | 436. | Malefactor , a wrong-doer |
| 407. | Pallid , pale | 437. | Paradigm , 1. example; 2. model; 3. way of looking at things |
| 408. | Presumptuous , assuming too much; arrogant | 438. | Pristine , unspoiled |
| 409. | Scrupulous , careful; diligent; painstaking | 439. | Seminary , an institution in which priests are trained |
| 410. | Uequivocal , clear; obvious | 440. | Unprecedented , never having happened before |
| 411. | Animosity , hatred; antagonism | | |
| 412. | Censorious , disapproving; critical | | |

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| 441. Anomaly , something which does not fit in a pattern; irregularity | 468. Prodigal , wasteful; extravagant |
| 442. Certitude , certainty | 469. Sequester , isolate |
| 443. Digress , wander off the subject | 470. Upbraid , scold; tell off; reprimand |
| 444. Falter , hesitate; waver | 471. Antediluvian , outdated; prehistoric; very old-fashioned |
| 445. Indelible , cannot be wiped out | 472. Chastises , punishes |
| 446. Malinger , deliberately avoid work; shirk | 473. Dilemma , puzzling situation |
| 447. Paradox , apparently contradictory statement | 474. Fastidious , overly particular; finicky |
| 448. Proclivity , tendency towards | 475. Indolence , laziness |
| 449. Sensuous , appealing to the senses | 476. Mallet , 1. wooden hammer; 2. stick used for polo |
| 450. Unscathed , unharmed; intact; without a scratch | 477. Parasite , 1. scrounger; 2. animal which takes digested food from another |
| 451. Antagonism , hostility; strong opposition | 478. Prodigious , very large |
| 452. Charlatan , trickster who claims knowledge he doesn't have | 479. Serendipity , fortunate coincidence; unsought discovery |
| 453. Dike , dam; embankment | 480. Uproarious , hilarious; hysterical; very funny |
| 454. Fanatical , obsessive; fixated | 481. Anthology , a book which is a collection of poems or stories |
| 455. Indifferent , 1. neutral; 2. not outstanding | 482. Chicanery , trickery |
| 456. Malingerer , person who deliberately tries to avoid work | 483. Dilettante , person who dabbles in a subject without serious study |
| 457. Paragon , a perfect example | 484. Fatuous , silly; foolish |
| 458. Procrastinate , delay; put off | 485. Inductee , novice; beginner |
| 459. Sentinel , guard; sentry | 486. Manipulatable , influencable; controllable |
| 460. Unwitting , not deliberate; unconscious | 487. Parched , dried up |
| 461. Antagonistic , opposed; hostile; aggressive | 488. Profane , unholy |
| 462. Chary , wary of; cautious about; reluctant to give | 489. Serene , calm; peaceful |
| 463. Dilatory , slow; falling behind with one's work | 490. Upshot , outcome |
| 464. Fanaticism , passion; excessive devotion | 491. Anthropocentrism , putting man at the center of one's philosophy |
| 465. Indigenous , native to a particular area | 492. Chimerical , changeable; unstable |
| 466. Malleable , flexible; can be shaped | 493. Diligent , hard-working |
| 467. Paramount , of supreme importance | 494. Feasible , possible and practicable |
| | 495. Indulgent , pampering; satisfying desires |
| | 496. Marred , damaged; spoiled |
| | 497. Pariah , an outcast from society |
| | 498. Profanity , swearing; cursing |

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| 499. | Serrated , jagged; saw-like | 529. | Skirmish , minor battle |
| 500. | Urbane , sophisticated; suave | 530. | Utopian , a believer in an ideal world |
| 501. | Antiquated , outdated; old-fashioned | 531. | Apocryphal , of doubtful origin |
| 502. | Choleric , easily angered | 532. | Circumlocution , using too many words; long-windedness |
| 503. | Diorama , model of a scene | 533. | Discern , to distinguish one thing from another |
| 504. | Fecund , fertile | 534. | Fickle , unpredictable; whimsical; easily swayed |
| 505. | Inebriation , drunkenness; intoxication | 535. | Inertia , inactivity; lethargy |
| 506. | Marshal , to gather together | 536. | Masochist , person who intentionally inflicts pain on himself |
| 507. | Parity , equality | 537. | Parry , ward off; avoid |
| 508. | Profound , having deep meaning | 538. | Prolific , producing a lot |
| 509. | Servile , overly submissive; groveling | 539. | Sluggard , slow-moving; lethargic person |
| 510. | Usurp , take someone's position (usually by force) | 540. | Vacillate , waver; hesitate |
| 511. | Apathetic , indifferent; uninterested; lethargic | 541. | Appease , pacify; soothe; calm down; make peace with |
| 512. | Chronicler , person who records historical information | 542. | Circumscribe , limit |
| 513. | Dirge , mournful song | 543. | Discord , disagreement |
| 514. | Felicitous , apt | 544. | Finesse , skill |
| 515. | Ineffable , cannot be expressed in words | 545. | Inevitable , cannot be avoided |
| 516. | Marsupial , pouched mammal (like a kangaroo) | 546. | Matriarchy , society governed by women |
| 517. | Parochial , narrow-minded; concerned only with local matters | 547. | Parsimonious , economical; frugal; thrifty |
| 518. | Profundity , depth | 548. | Proponents , promoters; supporters |
| 519. | Skeptical , doubting; not gullible | 549. | Smelt , refine an ore |
| 520. | Utilitarian , useful | 550. | Vacuous , empty; silly; meaningless |
| 521. | Apathy , lack of interest or emotion | 551. | Apprehensive , worried; fearful |
| 522. | Circuitous , indirect | 552. | Circumspect , cautious; considering all sides |
| 523. | Disapprobation , disapproval | 553. | Discordancy , cacophony; harshness; jarring |
| 524. | Fervor , passion; enthusiasm | 554. | Fitful , not continuous; stopping and starting |
| 525. | Inept , incompetent; unskilled; useless | 555. | Inexorable , relentless |
| 526. | Martinet , person who believes in strict discipline | 556. | Maverick , a loner |
| 527. | Parody , a mockery; imitation for ridicule; spoof | 557. | Parsimony , stinginess; frugality; cost-cutting |
| 528. | Proletarian , member of the working class | | |

558. **Prosaic**, dull; boring; ordinary
 559. **Smorgasbord**, a Swedish buffet of cold dishes
 560. **Vagrant**, person wandering without a home
 561. **Arable**, can be cultivated
 562. **Circumvent**, avoid
 563. **Discrepancy**, something which does not match up; inconsistency
 564. **Flagrant**, clearly wrong
 565. **Inexpedient**, not advisable
 566. **Meager**, in short supply
 567. **Partisan**, biased; one-sided; committed to one group
 568. **Proscribe**, forbid
 569. **Solace**, comfort for grief
 570. **Vapid**, dull; uninspiring
 571. **Arbitrary**, random; for no definite reason
 572. **Clairvoyant**, psychic; mystic
 573. **Discriminate**, to make a clear distinction; see the difference
 574. **Flamboyant**, showy; ornate
 575. **Infallible**, perfect; flawless; cannot make mistakes
 576. **Meander**, wander from side to side
 577. **Pathos**, evoking sadness or pity
 578. **Prosody**, study of versification
 579. **Solicit**, to ask for; seek
 580. **Variegated**, multicolored; speckled
 581. **Arcane**, obscure; known only to a few people
 582. **Clamor**, shout; scream
 583. **Discursiveness**, long windedness; indirectness
 584. **Flaunt**, show off; display in a showy manner
 585. **Infamous**, famous for something bad
 586. **Mellow**, soft; melodious; ripe
 587. **Patron**, one who give support (usually financial)
588. **Prostration**, 1. lying face down; 2. be overcome with extreme weakness
 589. **Somnambulist**, sleepwalker
 590. **Vehemence**, violence; fervor; forcefulness
 591. **Archaic**, ancient; outdated; old fashioned
 592. **Clandestine**, secret; covert; stealthy
 593. **Disdain**, contempt; strong dislike
 594. **Flippant**, making jokes about serious matters
 595. **Infer**, deduce; conclude
 596. **Menagerie**, collection of animals
 597. **Patronize**, condescend to; behave in an arrogant manner towards
 598. **Protagonist**, main character in film, book, play etc.
 599. **Soothsayer**, fortuneteller
 600. **Vehement**, forceful
 601. **Archetype**, classic example of
 602. **Clemency**, mercy
 603. **Disinterested**, unbiased
 604. **Flout**, defy; reject
 605. **Ingénue**, naïve, unsophisticated person
 606. **Mendacious**, given to lying
 607. **Paucity**, shortage
 608. **Protean**, changeable
 609. **Sophomoric**, juvenile; immature
 610. **Venal**, corrupt; can be bribed
 611. **Archives**, collections of old records; place of storage of old documents
 612. **Cliché**, overused expression; something unoriginal
 613. **Disparage**, criticize; belittle
 614. **Flustered**, worked-up; not calm
 615. **Ingrate**, ungrateful person
 616. **Mercenary**, concerned only with money
 617. **Peccadillo**, minor weakness; trivial offence

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| 618. Protégé , person under protection
of, or guided by another | 649. Speckled , spotted; freckled;
dotted |
| 619. Soporific , inducing sleep | 650. Veracity , truthfulness |
| 620. Veneer , surface coating | 651. Ascetic , without luxuries;
severely simple |
| 621. Articulate , clear; lucid; eloquent | 652. Coercion , force |
| 622. Clientele , customers | 653. Diurnal , active in daytime |
| 623. Disparity , an inequality | 654. Fortuitous , happening by
chance |
| 624. Fly-by-night , unreliable;
disreputable | 655. Innovate , create; introduce
something new |
| 625. Inimical , hostile | 656. Meticulous , very careful;
painstaking |
| 626. Mercurial , volatile; changeable | 657. Pejorative , derogatory |
| 627. Pedant , person who insists on
strict adherence to rules or narrow
learning | 658. Puerile , childish |
| 628. Protocol , procedure; code of
behavior | 659. Sporadic , not continuous;
intermittent |
| 629. Sparse , spare; bare; meager | 660. Verbose , talkative; long-winded;
rambling |
| 630. Venerate , revere; worship | 661. Assiduous , thorough; diligent |
| 631. Artifice , deception; trickery | 662. Cogent , lucid; well argued |
| 632. Coalesce , come together; merge | 663. Divert , 1. entertain; 2. distract; 3.
cause a detour |
| 633. Dispassionate , neutral; objective | 664. Fractious , irritable; difficult to
control |
| 634. Forensic , concerned with
argument or debate (esp. for legal
evidence) | 665. Inscrutable , mysterious;
impenetrable |
| 635. Innate , inherited; inborn | 666. Mettle , courage; bravery; valor |
| 636. Merge , come together | 667. Pellucid , transparently clear |
| 637. Pedestrian , common; mundane;
banal | 668. Punctilious , paying attention to
small details |
| 638. Provincial , unsophisticated;
narrow-minded | 669. Spurious , false |
| 639. Specious , false | 670. Verbosity , using too many words |
| 640. Venial , minor; unimportant | 671. Assuage , to calm |
| 641. Artisan , craftsman | 672. Cogitate , think over something;
ponder |
| 642. Coddle , pamper; fuss over;
indulge | 673. Docile , gentle and easily lead |
| 643. Disseminating , circulating;
broadcasting; spreading (information) | 674. Fraudulent , fake; false |
| 644. Fortitude , bravery | 675. Insentient , unfeeling |
| 645. Innocuous , harmless;
inoffensive | 676. Milieu , environment |
| 646. Metaphorically , symbolically;
figuratively | 677. Pensive , in a thoughtful mood;
thinking deeply |
| 647. Peerless , without equal | 678. Purloin , steal |
| 648. Prudent , cautious; wise | 679. Stagnant , still; not moving |

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| 680. | Vertigo , dizziness | 713. | Drawl , speak slowly with words running together |
| 681. | Astute , perceptive; sharp-witted | 714. | Furtive , hidden and secret |
| 682. | Collage , picture made from fragments of other pictures | 715. | Insurgent , a rebel |
| 683. | Dogmatic , having stubbornly held opinions | 716. | Misogynist , hater of women |
| 684. | Frivolous , not serious | 717. | Perdition , damnation |
| 685. | Insipid , dull; bland; boring | 718. | Quagmire , marsh; bog |
| 686. | Mire , swamp; muddy ground | 719. | Stereotype , fixed image |
| 687. | Penury , poverty | 720. | Vindicate , prove right; remove blame |
| 688. | Pusillanimous , cowardly | 721. | Attenuate , weaken |
| 689. | Staid , dull; sober; serious | 722. | Commandeer , take possession of |
| 690. | Vestigial , not developed | 723. | Drivel , nonsense |
| 691. | Asylum , place of refuge or safety | 724. | Futile , useless; hopeless |
| 692. | Collate , arrange in order | 725. | Interminable , never-ending |
| 693. | Dolt , stupid person | 726. | Misrepresentation , deliberately deceiving |
| 694. | Frugal , economical; not wasting anything | 727. | Peremptory , in a commanding manner |
| 695. | Instigate , to start; provoke | 728. | Quaint , picturesque |
| 696. | Misanthrope , hater of the rest of mankind | 729. | Stevedore , dockworker |
| 697. | Perceptive , observant | 730. | Virtuoso , an accomplished musician |
| 698. | Pyromania , compulsion to start fires | 731. | Augment , increase; make bigger |
| 699. | Stanza , section of a poem | 732. | Complacent , self-satisfied; smug |
| 700. | Vignette , small sketch | 733. | Droll , dryly amusing |
| 701. | Atheist , person who does not believe in God | 734. | Galleon , ancient type of sailing ship |
| 702. | Colloquial , local and informal (used of language) | 735. | Intermittent , sporadic; irregular |
| 703. | Dotard , foolish old man | 736. | Mitigate , lessen; make less severe |
| 704. | Furrow , groove | 737. | Perfidy , treachery |
| 705. | Instigator , troublemaker; person who entices others to do something | 738. | Quandary , dilemma; puzzle |
| 706. | Misnomer , wrong name | 739. | Stifle , suppress |
| 707. | Percipient , perceptive; insightful | 740. | Virulent , dangerous; harmful |
| 708. | Quaff , drink down quickly | 741. | Auspicious , favorable; promising to turn out well |
| 709. | Staunch , loyal; faithful; dependable | 742. | Compliant , easy to control; submissive |
| 710. | Vilification , blackening someone's name | 743. | Drone , 1. monotonous noise (n); 2. to speak with no emotion (v); 3. male bee |
| 711. | Atrophy , waste away from lack of use | 744. | Gambol , frolic; leap; bound |
| 712. | Collusion , plotting and planning | | |

745.	Intransigence , stubbornness	777.	Perjury , telling lies under oath
746.	Modicum , small amount	778.	Quirk , oddity
747.	Perfunctory , superficial; cursory	779.	Stratagem , plot; plan; trick
748.	Quarantine , isolation to prevent the spread of disease	780.	Vivify , enliven
749.	Stoic , known for fortitude; indifferent to pleasure or pain	781.	Banal , common; dull
750.	Vital , essential; alive; important	782.	Concise , stated in few words
751.	Austere , severely plain	783.	Ebullient , very lively; cheerful; jovial; happy
752.	Concatenate , link together	784.	Garrulous , talkative
753.	Dubious , doubtful	785.	Invidious , arousing envy
754.	Garble , distort; confuse; muddle	786.	Moribund , on the point of death
755.	Intransigent , stubborn; unyielding	787.	Pernicious , destructive; harmful
756.	Momentous , very important	788.	Ramble , wander aimlessly
757.	Peripatetic , nomadic; moving from place to place	789.	Strident , loud and harsh
758.	Quarry , 1. something that is hunted; 2. mine for stone	790.	Vociferous , noisy; loud in speech
759.	Stoke , add fuel to; strengthen	791.	Banality , ordinariness; dullness
760.	Vitriolic , corrosive; strongly attacking	792.	Condescend , talk down to
761.	Aversion , a dislike of	793.	Eccentric , unusual; quirky; odd
762.	Concatenation , linking into chains	794.	Gaunt , emaciated; bony and angular
763.	Dupe , to fool someone	795.	Inviolable , cannot be invaded
764.	Garish , gaudy	796.	Morose , gloomy; bad tempered
765.	Intrepid , brave	797.	Persnickety , fastidious; fussy
766.	Monotonous , dull; unvarying	798.	Ramifications , branches; subdivisions of a complex system; outcomes
767.	Peripheral , on the edge; not important	799.	Stringent , strict or severe
768.	Querulous , always complaining	800.	Volatile , dangerously unstable; evaporates easily
769.	Stolid , impassive; dull; indifferent	801.	Bane , troublesome influence
770.	Vivacity , liveliness; animation	802.	Condone , tacitly support; overlook
771.	Balk , hinder and prevent; hesitate over	803.	Eclectic , taking things from different sources
772.	Conciliate , to bring together; end a dispute	804.	Genre , a category; type
773.	Dynamic , lively; vibrant; energetic	805.	Irascible , easily angered
774.	Garner , gather; collect	806.	Mundane , ordinary; worldly
775.	Inveterate , habitual	807.	Perpetuated , caused to continue
776.	Moratorium , temporary prohibition or halt to activity	808.	Rancor , resentment; animosity; bad feeling
		809.	Strut , swagger; show off
		810.	Voluble , talkative
		811.	Bard , poet

812.	Condoning , overlooking; disregarding; ignoring	845.	Irrational , unreasonable; absurd
813.	Edifice , building; structure; construction	846.	Navigable , suitable for sailing
814.	Germane , relevant	847.	Perspicacity , insight
815.	Ire , anger [irate (a) = very angry]	848.	Raze , destroy; demolish; tear down
816.	Munificent , generous; charitable	849.	Subterfuge , a trick
817.	Perpetuity , eternity	850.	Wane , grow less
818.	Rant , use bombastic language	851.	Beguile , mislead; lure
819.	Stupefying , astonishing; shocking; stunning into silence	852.	Congenital , present from birth
820.	Voluminous , very large; spacious	853.	Egalitarianism , belief in equality
821.	Bastion , fortress; stronghold	854.	Goad , prod; urge
822.	Conflagration , big fire	855.	Irreproachable , cannot be criticized; perfect
823.	Efface , wipe out; remove all trace of	856.	Nebulous , vague
824.	Germinal , just growing; not developed; immature	857.	Pertinent , relevant
825.	Irksome , annoying; infuriating	858.	Rebuttal , denial
826.	Mutinous , very rebellious	859.	Subtle , not obvious
827.	Personable , attractive	860.	Wary , hesitant; cautious
828.	Ratify , approve; consent	861.	Belabor , explain in unnecessary detail
829.	Subpoena , summons to court	862.	Connoisseur , person with refined taste and good judgment
830.	Voracious , ravenous	863.	Egregious , outstandingly, obviously bad
831.	Befuddle , confuse	864.	Grate (v) , 1. to annoy; aggravate; vex; 2. shred
832.	Confound , confuse	865.	Irrevocable , cannot be cancelled; unchangeable
833.	Effigy , a model of a person	866.	Nefarious , wicked; immoral; disreputable
834.	Gibbering , making meaningless noises	867.	Peruse , read carefully
835.	Ironic , satiric; unexpected	868.	Recant , disclaim; retract statement
836.	Myriad , in large numbers	869.	Subversive , rebellious; revolutionary
837.	Perspicacious , insightful; sharp; wise	870.	Wax , to increase; to grow
838.	Raucous , rough and unpleasant (of sounds)	871.	Beleaguer , besiege; attack
839.	Substantiate , give supporting evidence	872.	Consecrate , dedicate
840.	Waive , surrender; give up	873.	Egress , exit
841.	Begrudge , resent	874.	Gratis , free of charge; without payment
842.	Congeal , to solidify	875.	Itinerant , nomadic; wandering from place to place
843.	Effusive , gushing; demonstrative	876.	Negate , cancel; deny
844.	Glacial , hostile; unfriendly; cold; icy		

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| 877. Pervasive , spreading everywhere | 909. Superlative , extremely good; the best |
| 878. Recapitulate , summarize | 910. Whet , sharpen |
| 879. Succinct , concise | 911. Belligerent , aggressive; ready to fight |
| 880. Waylay , accost; stop; approach; hinder | 912. Contemporary , living or happening at the same time |
| 881. Belie , contradict | 913. Emaciated , very thin; withered |
| 882. Consensus , general agreement | 914. Gritty , coarse; granular |
| 883. Eloquent , fluent and persuasive in speech | 915. Jaunt , short pleasure trip |
| 884. Gratuitous , unwarranted | 916. Niggardly , miserly; stingy |
| 885. Jaded , tired; bored; worn out | 917. Philanthropy , charity; love of mankind |
| 886. Negligence , carelessness | 918. Red tape , formalities; paperwork; official procedure |
| 887. Petrify , 1. terrify; 2. turn to stone | 919. Surly , grumpy; rude |
| 888. Receptacle , container; vessel; holder | 920. Whimsical , capricious; changeable |
| 889. Suffragist , someone who campaigns for voting rights | 921. Bemoan , complain about |
| 890. Weighty , serious | 922. Contrite , sorry |
| 891. Belittle , to demean | 923. Emancipate , set free |
| 892. Conspicuous , easily seen; prominent | 924. Guffaw , sudden loud laughter |
| 893. Elucidate , make clear | 925. Jeopardize , put at risk; endanger |
| 894. Gravity , seriousness | 926. Nomadic , wandering from place to place |
| 895. Jargon , specialized language used by experts | 927. Philistine , uncultured person |
| 896. Neologism , newly coined word | 928. Redolent , smelling of; giving off odors |
| 897. Petulant , sulky; peevish | 929. Surreptitious , secret; sneaky; stealthy |
| 898. Recluse , someone who cuts himself off from life | 930. Willful , stubborn |
| 899. Supercilious , proud and haughty | 931. Benevolent , kindly |
| 900. Whelp , young dog | 932. Contrition , sorrow and repentance |
| 901. Belligerent , war-like; aggressive | 933. Embezzle , defraud; steal |
| 902. Consummate , complete; total; supremely good | 934. Guile , cunning; craftiness |
| 903. Elusive , hard to pin down | 935. Jingoistic , extremely patriotic; nationalistic |
| 904. Gregarious , extroverted; sociable; outgoing | 936. Nonchalance , an appearance of indifference; calm and composed |
| 905. Jaundiced , cynical; pessimistic | 937. Phlegmatic , calm; imperturbable |
| 906. Nettle , annoy | 938. Redress , put right something that was wrong |
| 907. Phenomenon , an event or happening (plural: phenomena) | |
| 908. Recuperate , get better after illness | |

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| 939. Surreptitiously , secretly; furtively; stealthily | 971. Berate , scold; criticize |
| 940. Wily , cunning | 972. Conventional , usual; customary; common |
| 941. Benign , kindly; harmless | 973. Endorse , give support or approval to |
| 942. Contumacious , stubborn | 974. Gustatory , concerned with the sense of taste |
| 943. Embroil , involve in hostility or argument | 975. Judicious , correct in judgment; wise |
| 944. Guileless , frank; straightforward; honest | 976. Notoriety , infamy; known for wrong doing |
| 945. Jocular , in a joking manner | 977. Pivotal , of central importance |
| 946. Nondescript , having no special features; dull and ordinary | 978. Regale , entertain |
| 947. Pillage , plunder | 979. Sycophant , bootlicker; flatterer |
| 948. Redundant , unnecessary; superfluous | 980. Zeal , enthusiasm |
| 949. Susceptible , vulnerable | 981. Beret , type of cap |
| 950. Wispy , flimsy; frail; delicate | 982. Corpulent , fat |
| 951. Benignity , compassion; gentleness; fondness | 983. Endurance , staying power; patience; stamina |
| 952. Contusion , a bruise | 984. Hackneyed , common and over-used |
| 953. Emerge , come out; appear | 985. Jurisprudence , science or study of law |
| 954. Gullibility , unwariness; trustfulness; being easily fooled | 986. Novel , new; unusual |
| 955. Jollity , gaiety; happiness | 987. Placate , pacify; soothe; calm |
| 956. Nonentity , a person of no importance; not famous | 988. Relegate , dismiss to a lower position |
| 957. Pinnacle , topmost point | 989. Taciturn , quiet; saying little |
| 958. Referendum , public vote | 990. Zealot , fanatic |
| 959. Suspect , doubtful | 991. Bestial , behaving like a beast; brutal |
| 960. Wistful , melancholy; pensive; expressing a longing for | 992. Corrugated , highly folded |
| 961. Bequeath , leave something in one's will to be given after one's death | 993. Enduring , lasting |
| 962. Conundrum , a puzzle | 994. Hallowed , worshipped; consecrated |
| 963. Emulate , to imitate something admired | 995. Juxtapose , place next to |
| 964. Gullible , easily fooled | 996. Novice , a beginner; tyro |
| 965. Jubilant , ecstatic; delighted; rejoicing | 997. Placebo , harmless medicine with no effect; dummy medicine |
| 966. Nostalgia , longing for the past | 998. Remorse , regret; sorrow; contrition |
| 967. Pious , very religious | 999. Tactile , concerned with the sense of touch |
| 968. Refute , disprove | 1000. Zenith , summit |
| 969. Sybarite , lover of luxury | |
| 970. Zany , crazy; wacky | |

1001. **Abate**, reduce in intensity
1002. **Abjure**, renounce; swear to refrain from something
1003. **Blandishment**, words used to coax or flatter [*blandish* (v)]
1004. **Boor**, ill-mannered person [*boorish* (a)]
1005. **Cardinal**, 1. high ranking church official; 2. major, important
1006. **Deliberate**, 1. slow (a); 2. to think over (v); 3. on purpose (a)
1007. **Equivocation**, speaking ambiguously [*equivocate* (v), *equivocal* (a)]
1008. **Feeble**, feeble; helpless; lacking in initiative
1009. **Imperturbability**, quality of being calm and not easily disturbed [*imperturbable* (a)]
1010. **Meretricious**, falsely attractive; tawdry
1011. **Augury**, prediction, looking for omens [*augur* (v)]
1012. **Boycott**, refuse to have dealings with
1013. **Glib**, slick; superficial esp. in speech
1014. **Incise**, cut into [incision (n); incisive (a)]
1015. **Moralistic**, concerned with morals [*moralize* (v)]
1016. **Ostracism**, shunning; social isolation [*ostracize* (v)]
1017. **Penchant**, inclination; leaning; tendency; predilection
1018. **Rarefy**, make less dense [*rarefaction* (n)]
1019. **Repine**, fret; be discontented
1020. **Stipulate**, specify [*stipulation* (n)]
1021. **Diaphanous**, transparent; thin and delicate
1022. **Feint**, pretended attack; a move intended to deceive
1023. **Inured**, hardened; habituated
1024. **Mettlesome**, spirited [*mettle* (n)]
1025. **Puissance**, power
1026. **Recondite**, obscure
1027. **Stygian**, very dark
1028. **Touting**, advertising; supporting [tout (v)]
1029. **Virtuosity**, skill, expertise [*virtuoso* (n); *virtuosi* (n.pl)]
1030. **Volubility**, excessive talkativeness [*voluble* (a)]
1031. **Caret**, punctuation mark signifying omission
1032. **Contiguous**, adjacent; touching; abutting [*contiguity* (n)]
1033. **Damp**, (used of vibration) reduce in extent
1034. **Ellipsis**, omission of essential words
1035. **Extirpation**, wiping out; complete destruction [*extirpate* (v)]
1036. **Foppish**, behaving or dressing like a dandy; excessively concerned with fashion
1037. **Gaffe**, blunder; social mistake
1038. **Hortatory**, encouraging; exhorting
1039. **Opprobrious**, expressing great scorn [*opprobrium* (n)]
1040. **Recumbent**, reclining; lying down
1041. **Ambidextrous**, able to use both left and right hands equally well
1042. **Culpability**, guilt [culpable = blameworthy]
1043. **Discernment**, judgment; perceptiveness
1044. **Encomium**, praise
1045. **Inveigle**, coax; cajole; wheedle; entice
1046. **Minatory**, threatening
1047. **Ossified**, turned to bone; become rigid [*ossification* (n)]
1048. **Plumb**, measure depth of (v); exact (a. slang)

1049. **Quintessential**, most typical; the perfect example of [quintessence (n)]
1050. **Runic**, mysterious; magical
1051. **Accretion**, accumulation of matter; growth produced by adding from the outside
1052. **Anachronistic**, occurring in the wrong time period [anachronism (n)]
1053. **Chronic**, long lasting (often used for diseases in which case the opposite is acute)
1054. **Churlishness**, rudeness; ill-mannered behavior
1055. **Demagogue**, mob leader (who appeals to base instincts) [demagogery/demagoguery (n)]
1056. **Effrontery**, daring; audacity (has a negative connotation)
1057. **Idyll**, story or incident in peaceful or ideal setting [idyllic (a)]
1058. **Interregnum**, interval between reigns or governments
1059. **Nugatory**, of minor significance; futile
1060. **Sinecure**, job which pays salary but requiring little effort
1061. **Anodized**, electroplated; coated with thin layer of metal
1062. **Aphoristic**, expressed tersely [aphorism (n) = short statement; maxim]
1063. **Canonical**, orthodox [canon (n) = set of accepted works]
1064. **Commensurate**, equal in significance
1065. **Dexterity**, skill, esp. with hands [dexterous (a)]
1066. **Extant**, still in existence (opposite of extinct)
1067. **Impugned**, challenged; called into question
1068. **Probity**, uprightness; honesty
1069. **Raconteur**, person who relates a story
1070. **Solicitous**, kindly; expressing care and concern
1071. **Amalgamate**, join; consolidate [amalgamation (n)]
1072. **Baleful**, evil
1073. **Coerce**, force [coercion (n); coercing (a)]
1074. **Inchoate**, undeveloped; nascent
1075. **Iniquitous**, evil; unjust [iniquity (n)]
1076. **Libertine**, dissolute person; prodigal
1077. **Millinery**, hats and hat-making
1078. **Natty**, neat; dapper; smart
1079. **Occluded**, obscured; blocked
1080. **Sidereal**, of or related to stars
1081. **Avaricious**, greedy for money
1082. **Extirpate**, wipe out totally
1083. **Halcyon**, peaceful and happy; calm (esp. of summer weather)
1084. **List (v)**, 1. to lean to one side; 2. to write in order
1085. **Maudlin**, sad; sentimental; inclined to weep
1086. **Refulgent**, glowing; radiant
1087. **Subliminal**, below the threshold of consciousness
1088. **Testiness**, irritability; irascibility [testy (a)]
1089. **Vituperate**, attack bitterly
1090. **Whittle**, 1. carve with knife; 2. reduce step by step
1091. **Colander**, bowl with holes used to drain vegetables etc.
1092. **Cumbersome**, bulky; difficult to carry [encumber = to burden]
1093. **Diaphanous**, transparent; thin and delicate
1094. **Dispatch**, 1. send (v); 2. speed; celerity (n)
1095. **Epistemology**, theory of knowledge
1096. **Froward**, stubborn; wayward; disobedient

1097. **Supine**, lying flat on one's back
 1098. **Throwback**, exhibiting primitive, or ancestral, traits
 1099. **Untoward**, unexpected
 1100. **Verisimilar**, true to life; giving the appearance of reality
 1101. **Abysmal**, very deep; very bad
 1102. **Approbation**, approval [opp. disapprobation]
 1103. **Bent (n)**, inclination; aptitude
 1104. **Cadge**, get by begging
 1105. **Debacle**, disaster
 1106. **Extemporize**, speak without preparation or rehearsal [extemporaneous (a)]
 1107. **Incumbents**, occupiers of a job or position
 1108. **Lambaste**, attack verbally
 1109. **Noisome**, disgusting
 1110. **Pastiche**, work (usually artistic) which imitates, or is composed of parts taken from varied sources
 1111. **Arboreal**, living in trees; concerned with trees
 1112. **Centrifuge**, device to separate substances by spinning them at high speed
 1113. **Cloistered**, isolated
 1114. **Disabuse**, make someone aware of an error in thinking
 1115. **Engendering**, causing; bringing into being [engender (v)]
 1116. **Intemperate**, excessive; immoderate [intemperance (n)]
 1117. **Lugubrious**, sad; gloomy
 1118. **Nonplussed**, confused
 1119. **Pedagogy**, science of education; teaching
 1120. **Satiate**, satisfy; fill completely [satisfiable (a); satiation (n)]
 1121. **Slake**, quench; satisfy
 1122. **Artless**, without effort; without trickery; simple
 1123. **Comeliness**, beauty; prettiness [comely (a)]
 1124. **Doff**, take off (esp. of a hat)
 1125. **Don**, put on (esp. of clothes)
 1126. **Erudition**, learning; scholarly knowledge [erudite (a)]
 1127. **Plaintive**, sad; mournful
 1128. **Suborn**, bribe
 1129. **Tendentious**, dogmatic; biased
 1130. **Tortuous**, indirect; winding
 1131. **Verbiage**, excessive or meaningless wordiness
 1132. **Atonement**, making amends for sin or crime [atone (v)]
 1133. **Complaisance**, flexibility; willingness to please [complaisant (a)]
 1134. **Daguerreotype**, forerunner of the photograph
 1135. **Fawn**, behave in a sycophantic way; grovel [fawning (a)]
 1136. **Gregariousness**, sociability; liking for crowds [gregarious (a)]
 1137. **Nascent**, emerging; newly formed
 1138. **Paean**, praise; tribute (esp. in song)
 1139. **Reproof**, scolding; criticism [reprove (v)]
 1140. **Scurvy**, 1. disease due to lack of vitamin C; 2. contemptible; rascally
 1141. **Tutelary**, serving as a guardian [tutelage (n)]
 1142. **Abscission**, cutting; process causing leaves to fall off
 1143. **Contentious**, causing argument [contention (n); contend (v)]
 1144. **Debilitating**, weakening [debilitate (v)]
 1145. **Foible**, quirk; minor weakness
 1146. **Importune**, beg; solicit [importunate (a)]
 1147. **Pertain**, be relevant to [pertinent (a)]
 1148. **Slew**, glut; excess

1149. **Toady**, sycophant; flatterer
 1150. **Torrid**, hot and steamy
 1151. **Veracious**, true [veracity (n)]
 1152. **Asperity**, using harsh or critical tone
 1153. **Blowhard**, boastful person
 1154. **Disingenuous**, crafty
 1155. **Evanescence**, short-lived [evanescence (n)]
 1156. **Intangible**, cannot be touched; abstract [intangibility (n)]
 1157. **Labile**, changing rapidly; unstable
 1158. **Malapropism**, use of similar sounding but incorrect word
 1159. **Posture (v)**, to put on an act
 1160. **Proximate**, immediate; nearest
 1161. **Pugnacious**, aggressive, ready to fight [pugnacity (n)]
 1162. **Foreshadowed**, indicated a future event [foreshadow (v)]
 1163. **Gaucherie**, awkwardness [gauche (a)]
 1164. **Heterodox**, unorthodox
 1165. **Inscrutability**, quality of being difficult to comprehend [inscrutable (a)]
 1166. **Limerick**, short amusing poem
 1167. **Mannered**, stylized; pretentious
 1168. **Pluck (n)**, courage
 1169. **Sedulous**, persevering; eager and thorough
 1170. **Syllogism**, type of logical reasoning
 1171. **Vicissitude**, unexpected change in fortune or circumstances
 1172. **Acolyte**, disciple; follower or attendant
 1173. **Admonitory**, scolding [admonition (n)]
 1174. **Caprices**, whimsies; fancies
 1175. **Cornucopia**, symbol (horn filled with fruit etc.) denoting natural abundance
1176. **Deferential**, showing respect [deference (n); defer (v)]
 1177. **Intractability**, stubbornness; resistance [intractable (a)]
 1178. **Luminary**, eminent person
 1179. **Minion**, underling; servant
 1180. **Undergird**, support; strengthen
 1181. **Vitiate**, weaken; sap energy
 1182. **Coterie**, clique; small group with common interests
 1183. **Denigrate**, decry; criticize; belittle
 1184. **Empirical**, found by experiment or practice
 1185. **Gainsay**, contradict
 1186. **Hyperbole**, exaggeration [hyperbolic (a)]
 1187. **Modest**, 1. bashful; unpretentious; 2. not excessive
 1188. **Prolixity**, wordiness [prolix (a)]
 1189. **Rebus**, puzzle in which pictures give clues
 1190. **Sere**, withered; old
 1191. **Vulpine**, like a fox [compare with bovine (cow-like); porcine (pig-like), etc.]
 1192. **Corroborate**, give supporting evidence [corroboration (n)]
 1193. **Exacerbated**, made worse [exacerbate (v); exacerbation (n)]
 1194. **Exact (v)**, to demand; extort
 1195. **Faddish**, whimsical; following a fashion
 1196. **Hapless**, unlucky
 1197. **Misconstrue**, put a wrong interpretation on something
 1198. **Perennial**, long-lasting
 1199. **Rent**, torn (past participle of the verb to rend)
 1200. **Shard**, fragment of pottery
 1201. **Xenophobe**, person afraid of foreigners
 1202. **Alleviated**, made less severe [alleviation (n); alleviate (v)]

1203. **Apostrophe**, 1. punctuation mark; 2. appeal to someone not present (a figure of speech)
1204. **Centurion**, roman soldier (commander of a company of 100 soldiers)
1205. **Emollient**, softening (a); something which softens (n)
1206. **Fusillade**, long burst of gunfire
1207. **Inerrancy**, infallibility; inability to make mistakes [inerrant (a)]
1208. **Mince**, 1. chop into small pieces; 2. walk with tiny steps, 3. speak in an affected manner
1209. **Palpate**, medical term meaning to examine with the hands
1210. **Platitude**, unoriginal, obvious saying
1211. **Quibble**, 1. (v) to argue about minor matters; to play on words when finding fault; 2. (n) a minor verbal point in an argument
1212. **Apprehension**, slight fear; sense of something unfavorable
1213. **Conniving**, cunning; scheming [connive (v)]
1214. **Derision**, mockery [deride (v)]
1215. **Epigram**, short, witty saying
1216. **Lassitude**, lack of energy; weariness
1217. **Pedantic**, over-insistent on matters of book-learning [pedant (n)]
1218. **Phenomenology**, branch of science concerned with things as they are perceived; not directly derived from theory
1219. **Precipitate**, 1. hurried (a); 2. insoluble product of a reaction in chemistry(n), 3. to instigate or speed up an action (v)
1220. **Renege**, go back on promise or retract statement
1221. **Armada**, fleet of ships
1222. **Dawdler**, slow person who falls behind others [dawdle (v)]
1223. **Dross**, something worthless; impurities left after refining
1224. **Expiate**, atone; make amends for
1225. **Hack**, 1. chop roughly; 2. person who writes to earn money, 3. hired horse
1226. **Prone**, 1. vulnerable to; 2. horizontal
1227. **Propensity**, tendency; inclination
1228. **Scabbard**, cover for a sword
1229. **Skiff**, small boat
1230. **Umbrage**, 1. shadow; 2. offence; sense of injury
1231. **Dilettantism**, dabbling esp. in the arts [dilettante (n) = person who dabbles]
1232. **Enervate**, weaken
1233. **Malevolent**, having evil intentions [malevolence(n)]
1234. **Neophyte**, new convert; tyro
1235. **Panegyric**, speech praising someone; laudatory words
1236. **Presage**, forewarn of; indicate
1237. **Serration**, jagged edge
1238. **Slight**, 1. minor (a); 2. perceived insult (v) and (n)
1239. **Tare**, 1. weed; 2. allowance made for container when weighing
1240. **Unprepossessing**, unattractive
1241. **Aberration**, deviation from the normal
1242. **Cant**, insincere talk
1243. **Disinter**, dig up [opposite inter = bury]
1244. **Façade**, 1. front elevation of building, 2. false appearance or demeanor
1245. **Impeding**, hindering [impede (v); impediment (n)]
1246. **Lacuna**, gap; missing part [plural = lacunae]

1247. **Monolithic**, united in purpose; forming a single unit
1248. **Pied**, multicolored
1249. **Roster**, list of names
1250. **Seemly**, appropriate (of behavior); decorous
1251. **Analogue**, 1. something similar; 2. output proportional to input (engineering)
1252. **Coda**, piece of music at the end of a musical work; finale; final part of document
1253. **Commingle**, mix
1254. **Equivocal**, ambiguous; open to interpretation [equivocate (v), equivocation (n)]
1255. **Fallible**, capable of making mistakes [fallibility (n)]
1256. **Hallow**, respect; worship
1257. **Indigence**, poverty
1258. **Papyrus**, material used for writing on before paper was invented
1259. **Pique**, 1. annoyance (n); 2. to stimulate interest; to annoy (v)
1260. **Sap**, 1. liquid inside plants (n); 2. to drain; to undermine (v); 3. a fool (n)
1261. **Arbitrator**, mediator; person appointed to judge a dispute [arbitrate (v)]
1262. **Descry**, to see (esp. at a distance); catch sight of
1263. **Facetious**, not intended to be taken seriously
1264. **Indecorous**, unseemly; inappropriate (of behavior)
1265. **Proliferate**, grow and spread [proliferation (n)]
1266. **Scotch (v)**, to prevent; stop; disable
1267. **Strut**, 1. supporting rod (n); 2. to walk in an arrogant manner; show off (v)
1268. **Toy (v)**, to play with
1269. **Usury**, lending money at high interest rates
1270. **Wag (n)**, a witty person
1271. **Atavism**, reappearance of ancestral traits; regression [atavistic (a)]
1272. **Filibuster**, delaying tactics
1273. **Gambit**, opening move; transaction
1274. **Mitigation**, making less severe [mitigate (v)]
1275. **Obligate**, compulsory
1276. **Predilection**, leaning; interest; talent
1277. **Propitiate**, appease; try to gain favor [propitiation (n)]
1278. **Stanch**, to stop
1279. **Travesty**, parody; ridiculous error
1280. **Waft**, drift smoothly (v); whiff; smell (n)
1281. **Forage**, search for food
1282. **Lumber**, 1. walk in an ungainly way; 2. timber (wood)
1283. **Muse**, 1. think; meditate (v); 2. a source of inspiration (n) [in mythology, a goddess who gives inspiration]
1284. **Prescience**, foreknowledge
1285. **Prune**, 1. to trim; 2. a dried plum
1286. **Ready**, (used of wit) quick
1287. **Resolve**, firmness (n)
1288. **Squalid**, dirty and demeaning
1289. **Sullied**, made dirty or impure [opposite unsullied; sully (v)]
1290. **Veneration**, worship; respect [venerable (a), venerate (v)]
1291. **Demur**, object; hesitate to accept
1292. **Duplicity**, cunning; deception; double dealing
1293. **Exigency**, urgent matter; pressing need
1294. **Expostulate**, offer strong objections; remonstrate
1295. **Gossamer**, delicate; filmy; like gauze
1296. **Inefficacious**, ineffective
1297. **Pine**, 1. type of evergreen tree; 2. grieve

1298. **Prudish**, narrow-minded; excessively concerned with morals [prudery (n), prude (n)]
1299. **Quixotic**, impractically idealistic
1300. **Stipple**, cover with dots of paint etc.
1301. **Abras ion**, 1. damage to skin caused by scraping; 2. process of scraping or rubbing [abrade (v)]
1302. **Adumbrate**, outline; indicate
1303. **Cognitive**, concerned with thinking or perceiving [cognition (n)]
1304. **Deign**, condescend
1305. **Fervid**, passionate
1306. **Gall**, 1. bitterness (bad feeling); 2. confidence; 3. abnormal growth on a plant
1307. **Levee**, 1. raised bank of a river; 2. morning reception held by a monarch
1308. **Preternatural**, unnatural; abnormal
1309. **Quell**, suppress
1310. **Score (n)**, written form of music
1311. **Abut**, to adjoin
1312. **Consternation**, worry and concern
1313. **Gavel**, judge's hammer
1314. **Lien**, right to sell property held as a security; legal hold on job etc.
1315. **Parenthesis**, remarks deviating from the main point [parentheses are round brackets in punctuation]
1316. **Sinewy**, vigorous; having well-developed muscles [a sinew is a tendon]
1317. **Steep (v)**, to soak in water
1318. **Tamp**, to plug; press loose matter down tightly (e.g. pack explosives into a hole)
1319. **Venturing**, 1. hazarding; risking; putting forward; 2. going somewhere [venturesome means courageous or willing to take risks]
1320. **Wry**, 1. twisted or bent to one side; 2. dryly humorous
1321. **Arduous**, hard
1322. **Decimated**, kill or destroy a large part of (originally one tenth)
1323. **Fledge**, 1. grow feathers; 2. leave nest [fledgling (n) = an inexperienced person or a baby bird]
1324. **Gouge**, cut or dig out
1325. **Picayune**, insignificant; of little value
1326. **Riveting**, fascinating [to rivet literally means to fix metal plates using metal pins]
1327. **Soliloquy**, solo speech
1328. **Supplicant**, person who requests or begs for something [supplicate (v)]
1329. **Transcendental**, supernatural; going beyond normal experience [transcendent (a)]
1330. **Veritable**, true; genuine [verity (n)]
1331. **Condescension**, talking down to someone [condescending (a)]
1332. **Divest**, remove; take off
1333. **Eddy**, circular current
1334. **Epaulet**, shoulder decoration
1335. **Fallacy**, wrong idea [fallacious (a)]
1336. **Fringe**, 1. decorative border with tassels (n); 2. to form an edge (v)
1337. **Leaven**, to make light; modify; cause bread to rise using yeast etc.
1338. **Patronize**, 1. to talk down to; condescend; 2. to be a customer of
1339. **Prominent**, 1. eminent; 2. protruding; 3. obvious
1340. **Statute**, law [statutory (a)]
1341. **Antipathy**, hatred
1342. **Aver**, affirm
1343. **Expiate**, speak or write at great length
1344. **Flag (v)**, 1. to lose energy; 2. to signal

1345. **Flail**, 1. tool used to thresh grain;
 2. to thresh (separate grain from chaff);
 3. to wave arms about wildly
1346. **Indicted**, accused (of crime)
1347. **Loll**, laze around; hang out
 (when used of the tongue)
1348. **Malign**, slander
1349. **Secure (v)**, 1. to fix firmly; 2. to obtain
1350. **Talon**, long pointed nail or claw
1351. **Abeyance**, state of inactivity;
 disuse
1352. **Disarm**, 1. take away weapons;
 2. win over to one's side [disarming (a)]
1353. **Elaborate**, 1. complex and detailed (a); 2. to expand on (v)
1354. **Foment**, 1. stir up; 2. bathe with hot liquids (medical)
1355. **Jockeying**, maneuvering;
 struggling to get ahead of others [jockey (v)]
1356. **Minutiae**, small details
1357. **Rue**, regret [rueful (a)]
1358. **Somatic**, concerned with the body
1359. **Stinting**, holding back; limiting the supply (of supplies/money etc.) [stint (v)]
1360. **Temperate**, moderate
1361. **Allure**, 1. attraction (n); 2. to attract (v)
1362. **Caulk**, treat with substance such as tar to make water-tight
1363. **Conscript**, 1. person enlisted compulsorily into the armed forces;
 2. (v)to enlist compulsorily
1364. **Desultory**, aimless; inconsistent in effort
1365. **Elegy**, poem concerned with death; praise of a dead person
1366. **Fallow**, uncultivated
1367. **Forbearing**, tolerant [forbear (v); forbearance (n)]
1368. **Hegemony**, political domination;
 complete authority
1369. **Impropriety**, lack of honesty or integrity
1370. **Qualm**, hesitation or fear
1371. **Assay**, 1. try; 2. assess purity
1372. **Chauvinist**, someone excessively patriotic [chauvinism (n)]
1373. **Discrete**, separate;
 discontinuous (not to be confused with discreet - prudent; diplomatic)
1374. **Enlist**, 1. sign up for the army; 2. obtain
1375. **Fabricated**, made up; false;
 manufactured [fabricate (v); fabrication(n)]
1376. **Fulminate**, 1. attack loudly in words; denounce thunderously; 2. explode noisily
1377. **Hawser**, thick rope or cable
1378. **Jibe**, agree with; complement; match up with (in British usagejibe means mock)
1379. **Peer**, 1. an equal; 2. to stare at;
 3. nobleman
1380. **Stickler**, one who is strict about rules or details
1381. **Cloture**, closure; terminating a debate by voting
1382. **Congruent**, matching [congruency (n)]
1383. **Dally**, waste time; flirt
1384. **Dissemble**, avoid the truth
1385. **Dote**, be excessively fond of [doting (a)]
1386. **Errant**, 1. wandering; 2. wrong;
 3. straying from accepted standards
1387. **Fervent**, passionate
1388. **Stomach (v)**, to tolerate
1389. **Synapse**, junction between two nerve cells
1390. **Undercutting**, offering a lower price; undermining

1391. **Arson**, deliberate, criminal starting of fires
1392. **Carrion**, dead flesh; carcasses
1393. **Intelligible**, can be understood
1394. **Ironclad**, cannot be altered; firm
1395. **Lint**, fluff; soft material used to cover wounds
1396. **Pretension**, assumed attitude of superiority; arrogance
1397. **Pundit**, expert
1398. **Pyre**, ceremonial fire
1399. **Sate**, satisfy
1400. **Syncopation**, type of musical rhythm with missed beats
1401. **Abraded**, worn away; eroded [abrade (v); abrasion (n)]
1402. **Apposite**, fitting; suitable
1403. **Diatribes**, tirade; violent denunciation; stream of criticism
1404. **Gerontocracy**, government by the aged
1405. **Maculated**, spotted
1406. **Quisling**, traitor
1407. **Sedulity**, thoroughness; perseverance [sedulous (a)]
1408. **Seine**, type of fishing net
1409. **Tender**, to offer
1410. **Waffle**, talk nonsense
1411. **Burlesque**, 1. comic play; 2. lampoon
1412. **Exemplar**, model type [exemplary (a)]
1413. **Homiletics**, art of preaching and giving sermons
1414. **Impugn**, challenge; question someone's honor etc.
1415. **Incubus**, encumbrance; nightmarish thing
1416. **Lope**, run with long strides
1417. **Macerate**, soften or break up by soaking; weaken
1418. **Nostrum**, remedy
1419. **Saw**, 1. tool for cutting; 2. wise saying
1420. **Sibyl**, prophetess
1421. **Brook**, 1. small stream; 2. tolerate
1422. **Emboss**, decorate with a raised design
1423. **Eschew**, shun; avoid
1424. **Limpid**, transparently clear
1425. **Liturgy**, form of worship
1426. **Nexus**, connection
1427. **Odometer**, instrument to measure distance covered
1428. **Purchase**, 1. grip; 2. buy
1429. **Quotidian**, daily; routine
1430. **Seminal**, essential; formative
1431. **Agog**, amazed; wide-eyed with enthusiasm
1432. **Amortize**, pay off a debt in installments
1433. **Curmudgeon**, grumpy person
1434. **Dormancy**, state of inactivity
1435. **Efficacy**, effectiveness
1436. **Epithet**, phrase used as a label or to express the essential nature of
1437. **Figurehead**, symbol of power; nominal leader
1438. **Fracas**, fight; disturbance
1439. **Jamb**, door post
1440. **Milk**, to squeeze; obtain by application of pressure
1441. **Chorales**, simple hymns
1442. **Dissonance**, discord; disagreement
1443. **Frieze**, decorative border
1444. **Gist**, essence; main point
1445. **Latent**, hidden; real but undeveloped
1446. **Partiality**, bias
1447. **Plodding**, walking slowly and heavily; uninspired
1448. **Rekindle**, relight; revive
1449. **Symphony**, type of musical composition
1450. **Tarnished**, made dull; spoil (reputation)

1451. **Compromised**, 1. damaged or put in doubt (esp. of reputation); 2. reached an agreement by giving up part of a claim
1452. **Drabness**, dullness
1453. **Endow**, give gift; provide with money etc.
1454. **Esoterica**, obscure details
1455. **Falters**, hesitates
1456. **Prattle**, mindless talk
1457. **Prohibitive**, 1. prohibiting; 2. exorbitantly expensive
1458. **Purist**, conservative; one who insists on correct forms of language etc.
1459. **Quack**, charlatan; fake
1460. **Taunt**, mock; tease
1461. **Arresting (a)**, attracting attention; striking
1462. **Barrage**, extended gunfire to cover an attack; dam across river; deluge or information etc.
1463. **Chantey**, type of song sung by sailors
1464. **Ferrous**, concerned with iron or its compounds
1465. **Manipulative**, scheming
1466. **Orate**, speak in a pompous manner
1467. **Psychosis**, severe mental disturbance
1468. **Savor**, enjoy
1469. **Table (v)**, put down for future discussion
1470. **Underwrite**, give guarantee, insure
1471. **Dissident**, person who disagrees [dissidence (n)]
1472. **Enigmatic**, puzzling [enigma (n)]
1473. **Foolhardy**, reckless [foolhardiness (n)]
1474. **Homogeneity**, evenness; uniformity
1475. **Personification**, 1. represent something as a person; 2. a concrete example of
1476. **Plaque**, 1. surface deposit on teeth or in artery etc.; 2. decorative plate or sign
1477. **Plausibility**, believability [plausible (a)]
1478. **Resilience**, resistance; ability to spring back [resilience (a)]
1479. **Trilogy**, set of three (literary works etc.); tetralogy = set of four
1480. **Vagary**, something unaccountable; freak
1481. **Aisle**, corridor; passageway (esp. between rows of seats)
1482. **Discountenance**, disallow
1483. **Imperative**, must be obeyed
1484. **Indigent**, poor; needy [indigence (n)]
1485. **Nadir**, lowest point
1486. **Paranoia**, mental state characterized by delusions or excessive fear
1487. **Prudence**, caution; wisdom
1488. **Resuscitation**, revival from unconsciousness [resuscitate (v)]
1489. **Shirk**, avoid (esp. work)
1490. **Teetotalism**, total abstinence from alcohol
1491. **Balm**, soothing ointment or anything soothing [balmy (a)]
1492. **Calibrate**, mark an accurate scale on a device
1493. **Cataclysmic**, violently disruptive [cataclysm (n)]
1494. **Impropiety**, inappropriate behavior
1495. **Pith**, center; soft part of stem; essence
1496. **Primordial**, present from the beginning of time

1497. **Reconnaissance**, examination
or survey conducted in advance
[reconnoiter (v)]
1498. **Sinistral**, left-handed (or
counterclockwise) [dextral - right
handed]
1499. **Tempers**, moderates
1500. **Undermine**, subvert; attempt to
overthrow