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1. quack – a charlatan; someone who claims, and practices under the pretence of having, knowledge and skill that he or she does not possess
2. quadruped – a four-footed animal
3. quaff – a drink or drain in large draughts; to drink deeply
4. quagmire – a difficult problematic situation
5. quail – to flinch; to fail in spirit
6. quaint – pleasantly odd; whimsical; charmingly old-fashioned
7. qualified – limited; restricted
8. qualms – a misgiving; apprehension; reservation
9. quandary – dilemma; a state of perplexity; confusion
10. quarantine – a time of compulsory isolation to prevent spread of contagion or infection; any period of enforced isolation
11. quarry – a hunted animal; a hunter's heap of dead game
12. quarterback – (football) a player stationed behind the centre who directs a team's attacking play
13. quash – officially reject (a legal decision) as invalid; put an end to

14. quay – a landing place; a wharf for the loading or unloading of vessels; a dock
15. queasy – uneasy; feeling as if about to vomit; causing nausea
16. quell – extinguish; crush; subdue
17. querulous – complaining
18. quibble – argument on unimportant details; to raise irrelevant or petty objections
19. quiescent – inactive; resting; still
20. quintessence – epitome; the pure concentrated essence of anything
21. quip – a short, clever, remark; a wisecrack; a fanciful jest or action
22. quirk – a sudden turn, or flourish
23. quixotic – extravagantly romantic in ideals or chivalrous in action; fanciful
24. quizzical – mocking; amusing; comical
25. quorum – a minimum number of persons necessary for transaction of business in any body