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1. aaronic – pertaining to priesthood
2. aasvogel – S. African vulture
3. abaca – a plantation grown in the Philippine Islands
4. aback – taken by surprise
5. abaddon – hell
6. abandon – to give up
7. abase – to degrade
8. abash – to strike with shame or embarrassment
9. abate – to subside; to lessen or reduce; to mitigate
10. abbey – a convent under an abbot or abbess
11. abbot – a man who is the head of an abbey of monks
12. abbreviate – to shorten; to abridge
13. abdicate – to renounce or give up (office or dignity)
14. abduct – to kidnap
15. aberration – a deviation from the usual, normal or right course, direction or behavior
16. abettor – one who encourages or assists (in doing bad things)
17. abeyance – a state of suspension or temporary inactivity
18. abhor – to detest; to loathe

19. abhorrent – inspiring disgust; repugnant, hateful, detestable
20. abject – mean; groveling; cast away
21. abjure – to renounce an oath or solemnly
22. ablution – the act of washing, the body; ceremonial washing
23. abnegation – forbearance; renunciation; self-denial
24. abolish – to put an end to
25. abolitionist – a person who favors the abolition of a practice or institution
26. abominable – very bad or unpleasant, detestable, loathsome
27. abominate – to abhor; to detest
28. aborigine – an original or native inhabitant of a country
29. abortive – futile; unsuccessful; vain
30. abrade – to wear down or off
31. abridge – to shorten; to curtail
32. abrogate – to rescind; to annul
33. abscess – a collection of pus in a cavity
34. abscond – to hide, or get out of the way
35. absolve – to acquit without blames; to discharge(from)
36. abstain – to hold or refrain; to restrain

37. abstemious – temperate; restrained in relation to food, drink, or other pleasures
38. abstinence – to restrain(with, from)
39. abstract – a summary or abridgement; to draw away; to separate
40. abstruse – difficult to understand
41. abut – to harder; to end or lean(on, upon or against)
42. abysmal – unfathomable
43. abyss – the depths of the sea; anything very deep
44. accede – to agree or assent (with to)
45. accessory – additional; present along with something more important
46. acclimate – to accustom to a new climate or environment
47. acclivity – an upward slope
48. accolade – high award, honour or praise publicly given
49. accompany – to go along with; to associate, join, or couple
50. accomplice – a person who helps another or others to commit a crime
51. accomplish – perform; succeed in doing; complete
52. accomplished – clever, skilled; well trained or educated
53. accord – agreement; to give or grant

54. accost – to approach and speak (often threateningly) to; assault
55. accoutre – to dress or equip
56. accretion – continued growth; an extraneous addition
57. accrue – to fall due; to accumulate
58. acerbity – acrimony; sarcasm; bitterness
59. acidulous – sarcastic; caustic or sharp
60. acknowledge – to express gratitude or thanks; to admit or intimate receipt of
61. acme – the top or highest point; the culmination or perfection in the career of anything
62. acoustics – a device which converts electrical pulses to sound; used in hearing, auditory
63. acquiescent – a person who assents or makes no opposition
64. acquit – to release; to free; to prove (oneself)
65. acrid – pungent
66. acrimonious – bitterness of feeling or language
67. acronym – a word formed from or based on the initial letters or syllables of other words
68. actuarial – mathematical and statistical techniques
69. actuate – incite to, action
70. acumen – keen insight or discernment; penetration
71. adage – an old saying; a proverb

72. adamant – unyielding; inflexible
73. adapt – to make fit or suitable; to modify
74. addle – putrid; bad
75. adduce – to bring forward in discussion, to cite or quote
76. adept – completely skilled (at or in); an expert
77. adhere – to stick (to); to remain faithful (to)
78. adhesive – sticky; a substance such as glue used for sticking things together
79. adipose – of fat; fatty
80. adjudicate – act as judge in a competition, court, tribunate, etc
81. adjunct – a thing joined or added, but subordinate or not essentially a part
82. adjure – command; direct
83. adjutant – an officer who assists superior officers by communicating orders, conducting correspondence
84. admonish – to warn; to reprove mildly
85. ad nauseam – to the point of producing disgust
86. adobe – a sun-dried brick
87. adore – to worship; to love or revere intensely
88. adorn – to dress; to embellish; to decorate
89. adroit – dexterous; skillful; ingenious
90. adulation – praise (excessive); worship

91. adulterate – to debase by mixing with something inferior or spurious
92. advent – a coming or arrival
93. adventitious – additional; developed out of the usual order or place
94. adversary – an opponent
95. adverse – contrary (with to); opposed; unfavorable
96. adversity – hardship; misfortune; poverty
97. advert – to turn one's attention; to refer
98. advocate – defender; lawyer; attorney; promote
99. aegis – patronage; protection
100. aeon – a vast age; eternity
101. aerialist – a high-wire or trapeze artist
102. aesthete – a person who has or professes to have a special appreciation of beauty
103. aesthetic – artistic; exquisite
104. aesthetician – a person versed in or devoted to aesthetics
105. aestival – pertaining to summer
106. aestivate – spend the summer or dry season in a state of torpor
107. aficionado – a devotee of a sport or pass time
108. affable – courteous; pleasant or friendly
109. affect – to infect or attack; to influence

110. affidavit – a written declaration on oath
111. affiliate – to attach as a member or branch; an associate
112. affinity – attraction; liking; proclivity
113. affirmation – assertion; declaration
114. affluence – abundance; wealth
115. affray – a brawl, fight or fray
116. agape – with gaping mouth; dumbfounded
117. agenda – (a list of) things to be done; a programme of business for discussion
118. agglomeration – accumulation; collection; gather
119. aggrandize – augment; increase
120. aggregate – to amount (to); total
121. aggravate – increase the gravity of (an illness, offence, etc)
122. aghast – stupefied with horror
123. agile – quick moving, nimble, active
124. agility – nimbleness; swiftness and suppleness
125. agitation – tumult; turmoil; distraction (in work)
126. agnostic – cynic; a skeptic
127. agrarian – agricultural; relating to land
128. alacrity – briskness; cheerful readiness; promptness
129. albeit – whereas; although it be

130. albino – a person with abnormally white skin and hair and pink irises
131. alchemy – the infant stage of chemistry, aimed towards transmuting of other metals into gold, and discovering the elixir of life
132. alga – the seaweeds and related forms
133. alias – otherwise known as; an assumed name
134. alibi – the fact of being elsewhere; an excuse for failure
135. alienate – to estrange
136. alimentary – nutritive; pertaining to nourishment
137. alimony – an allowance for support made by one spouse to the other often after their divorce or legal separation
138. allay – to calm; to alleviate; to lessen or reduce
139. allegory – symbol; symbolical narration
140. alleviate – to lessen or reduce; to mitigate
141. alliteration – the recurrence of the same initial sound in words in close succession
142. allude – to convey an indirect reference; to refer without explicit mention
143. allure – to entice; to bait; to seduce or attract
144. alluvial – soil deposited by rivers or floods with matter transported in suspension

145. aloft – on high; on the top
146. aloof – detached; some way off (from); without participation
147. altercation – heated dispute; argument
148. altruism – benevolence; humanitarianism; magnificence
149. altruistic – regard for others as a principle of action, unselfishness, regard for other people
150. alumna – a former female pupil or student
151. amateur – beginner or dilettante; a novice
152. amalgamate – combine or unite to form one structure, organization, etc
153. amazon – a female soldier; a strong, vigorous or aggressive woman
154. ambidextrous – able to use both hands equally well
155. ambience – atmosphere; surrounding influence
156. ambiguous – doubtful; indistinct; having more than one possible meaning
157. amble – to move at an easy pace
158. ameliorate – to make better; to improve
159. amen – so let it be (said at the end of a prayer)
160. amenable – agreeable; open
161. amend – to alter in detail, with a view to improvement; to rectify; to correct

162. amiable – good-natured; lovable; friendly
163. amicable – in friendly spirit
164. amigo – a friend or comrade
165. amiss – astray; wrongly; faultily
166. amity – friendly relation; goodwill
167. amnesia – loss of memory
168. amnesty – general pardon
169. amoral – outside the domain of morality
170. amorous – inclined to love (esp sexual); relating to love
171. amputate – to cut off
172. amuck – to rush about wildly; attacking anyone in one's path
173. amulet – a charm worn to ward off evil, disease, etc
174. anachronism – an error assigning a thing to an earlier or to a later age than it belongs to
175. anaemia – bloodlessness
176. anaesthetic – a substance that produces insensibility to pain
177. anaesthetist – a specialist in the administration of anaesthetics
178. analgesic – producing analgesia; causing insensibility to pain
179. analogy – a resemblance of relations

180. anarchist – an advocate of anarchism or of political disorder
181. anathema – abhorrence; abomination
182. ancillary – auxiliary; supplementary; subsidiary
183. andirons – iron bars to support the end of logs in fire
184. animadvert – to take cognizance; to take note; to comment critically; to consider
185. animated – lively; full of spirit
186. animosity – strong dislike; enmity
187. annals – records of events under the years in which they happened; yearbooks
188. anneal – to strengthen or toughen; to heat and cool gradually to temper or toughen
189. annihilate – to reduce to nothing; to put out of existence
190. annotate – to make notes; to append notes
191. annul – cancel; invalidate; to make null; to abolish
192. anodyne – medicine that allays pain; something that relieves mental distress
193. anoint – to smear with ointment or oil
194. anomalous – irregular; deviating from rule
195. anonymous – lacking a name; lacking distinctive features or individuality

196. antagonistic – opponent; hostile; unfriendly
197. antecede – to go before in time
198. antediluvian – very old-fashioned, primitive
199. anthropoid – manlike
200. antipathy – aversion; dislike; negative feeling
201. antithesis – a thesis or proposition opposing another
202. apathetic – unconcerned; unresponsive
203. aperture – an opening; a hole
204. apex – the summit; the culminating point or climax of anything
205. aphasia – inability to express thought in words; caused by brain disease or damage
206. aphorism – a brief, pithy saying; an adage
207. apiary – place where bees are kept
208. aplomb – self-possession, coolness
209. apocalyptic – prophetic of disaster or, of the end of the world; pertaining to the Apocalypse
210. apocryphal – fictitious; of doubtful authority
211. apogee – the sun's greatest meridional altitude; acme; pinnacle
212. apoplexy – sudden loss of sensation and motion (generally the result of haemorrhage in the brain)

213. apostate – a person who has abandoned his religion, principles, etc
214. apostle – each of the twelve chief disciples of Jesus Christ, a leader
215. apothecary – a druggist or pharmacist licensed to dispense prescribed drugs
216. apothegm – a pithy saying, pointed and practical than the aphorism need be
217. apotheosis – deification; glorification
218. appall – to horrify, dismay; to weaken
219. apparition – a phantom; a ghost
220. appease – to pacify; to satisfy
221. appellation – name esp one attached to a particular person
222. append – to attach; to add
223. apposite – to the purpose
224. appraise – to estimate the worth of
225. apprehend – to lay hold of; to arrest
226. apprise – notify; inform
227. approbation – an act of support or endorsement; approval
228. appropriate – suitable; proper; correct
229. appurtenances – an appendage or accessory
230. apropos – in reference to (with of); as per

231. aquiline – hooked like an eagle's beak
232. arable – land fit for ploughing or crop production
233. arbiter – a person who has absolute control, or right to judge (fem. arbitress)
234. arbitrary – capricious; not bound by rules; personal
235. arbitrate – decide; intervene; negotiate; adjudicate
236. arbitrator – a person appointed to settle a dispute
237. arcade – archway; a covered passageway lined with shops
238. arcane – secret; mysterious
239. archaeology – the study of human antiquities discovered by excavation of material remains
240. archaic – antiquated; old-fashioned
241. archetype – the original pattern or model
242. archipelago – a group of islands; a sea abounding in islands
243. archives – a repository of public records
244. archivist – a person who maintains and is in charge of archives
245. arduous – laborious; strenuous
246. arid – dry; barren
247. armada – a fleet of armed ships
248. aromatic – fragrant; spicy
249. arraign – to call to account; to put on trial; indict

- 250. arrant – notorious; downright, unmitigated
- 251. array – order, arrangement
- 252. arrears – total unpaid debt; debts not paid by the due date
- 253. arrogate – to claim as one's own; to claim proudly or unduly
- 254. arroyo – a rocky ravine; a dry watercourse
- 255. articulate- jointed; to speak distinctly
- 256. artifacts – things made by human workmanship
- 257. artifice – machination; tactic; stratagem
- 258. ascendancy – dominating influence
- 259. ascertain – certify; establish; verify
- 260. ascetic – a person who lives a life of austerity; a strict hermit
- 261. ascribe – to attribute, impute or assign
- 262. asinine – absurd; idiotic
- 263. askance – sideways; obliquely
- 264. askew – aslant; awry; crooked; lopsided
- 265. asperity – acrimony; harshness; bitter coldness
- 266. aspersion – calumny; slander
- 267. aspire – yearn; desire
- 268. assail – to attack
- 269. assay – analyse; appraise

270. assent – to express agreement (with, to); approve of; consent
271. assessment – appraisal; judgement
272. assiduous – industrious; indefatigable
273. assimilate – digest; absorb
274. assuage – to soften, mitigate or allay; to ease or relieve
275. asteroid – one of the small planets that revolve about the sun mainly between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter; starfish
276. astigmatism – a defect in an eye
277. astral – belonging to the stars
278. astringent – contracting, drawing together; caustic
279. astute – wily; bright; sagacious; intelligent
280. asunder – apart; into parts
281. asylum – refuge or protection; institution for the care or relief of unfortunate (blind, mentally ill)
282. atavism – the reappearance of ancestral or to a primitive, type characteristics
283. atelier – a workshop, esp an artist's studio
284. athwart – transversely; wrongly
285. atone – repent; do penance
286. atrocious – very bad or unpleasant, extremely savage or wicked

287. atrocity – heinous act; extremely cruel or wicked acts
288. atrophy – degeneration; to waste away
289. attaché – a person appointed to an ambassador's staff, usually with a special sphere of activity
290. attenuate – to reduce (in strength or value)
291. attest – to testify or bear witness to; to affirm by signature
292. attribute – ascribe; assign
293. attrition – wearing down
294. audacious – bold; daring
295. augment – to increase
296. augury – divination; prophecy
297. august – venerable; majestic
298. auscultation – listening to internal bodily sounds
299. austere – sour and astringent; severely simple, without luxury
300. autarky – economic independence or self-sufficiency; an economically independent state or society
301. authenticate – to prove genuine; to certify the authorship of; to give legal validity to
302. autism – a mental condition in which a person has great difficulty on communicating with others

303. authoritarian – setting authority above freedom
304. autoclave – a strong heated container used for processes using high pressures and temperatures, e.g. steam sterilization
305. autocracy – an absolute government by one person; despotism
306. autodidact – a self-taught person
307. automaton – a machine that acts by routine, without intelligence, activated by a concealed mechanism
308. autonomous – self-governing; independent
309. autopsy – a post-mortem examination of a corpse
310. auxiliary – supplementary; secondary
311. avalanche – a mass of snow and ice falling rapidly down a mountainside; an overwhelming amount
312. avarice – greed for wealth; covetousness
313. aver – to affirm or declare positively; to declare to be true
314. averse – disinclined; reluctant
315. avert – to prevent; to turn aside
316. avian – having to do with birds
317. aviary – a large cage or enclosure for keeping birds
318. aviator – a pilot
319. avid – greedy; eagerly desirous

320. avocation – a diversion or distraction from one's regular employment
321. avow – to affirm; to declare
322. avuncular – suitable to an uncle; benign
323. awash – covered or flooded with water
324. awe – reverence; amazement; overwhelm
325. awl – a small pointed tool used for making holes
326. awning – a sheet of canvas on a frame, used for shelter
327. awry – distorted; crooked
328. axiom – a universally received principle
329. aye – a vote in favour of something
330. azure – of a faint blue; sky-coloured



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