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1. macabre – gruesome; ghastly; grotesque
2. macerate – to soften; to mortify
3. machiavellian – ruled by (esp. political) expediency rather than morality; crafty, perfidious in conduct or action
4. machinations – conspiracy; stratagem; scheme; plot
5. madcap – acting without thought; reckless
6. madden – to make very annoyed
7. maelstrom – a particularly powerful whirlpool; a confused or disordered state of affairs; turmoil
8. maestro – a master, especially an eminent musical composer or conductor
9. magnanimous – benevolent; generosity
10. magnate – an industrialist; a person of rank or wealth, or of power
11. magniloquent – speaking in a grand or a pompous style; bombastic
12. maim – injure; wound; lacerate; mutilate; disable
13. maladroit – incompetent; unskillful; clumsy
14. malaise – despondency; uneasiness; weakness
15. malapropism – the misapplication of words without mispronunciation

16. malcontent – a discontented or disaffected person; grumbler
17. malediction – a curse; a calling down of evil; anathema
18. malefactor – a criminal; an evil-doer; a lawbreaker
19. malevolent – wishing evil; malignant; venomous; ill disposed towards others
20. malicious – bearing ill-will or spite; motivated by hatred or ill-will
21. malign – defame; harm
22. malignant – harmful; malicious; venomous; baleful
23. malingerer – a person who pretends or feigns sickness in order to avoid duty or work
24. mall – a public walk; a pedestrian shopping area or street
25. malleable – mouldable; ductile; able to be beaten, rolled, etc. into a new shape
26. malodorous – having an unpleasant or offensive smell
27. maltreat – treat badly or cruelly
28. mammon – riches regarded as the root of evil; possessions; wealth
29. mammoth – huge; enormous; gigantic; massive
30. manacle – handcuffed; shackled

31. mandate – permission to govern according to declared policies, regarded as officially granted by an electorate to a particular political party or leader upon the decisive outcome of an election; command
32. mandatory – restricted; required; compulsory
33. mandarin – a small flattish deep-coloured orange with a loose skin
34. mangy – dirty; shabby; ragged
35. maniacal – insane; frenzied; crazed; mad
36. manifest – apparent; evident; obvious
37. manifesto – public written declaration of the intentions, opinions or motives of a sovereign or of party or body
38. manifold – various; numerous; multiple
39. manipulate – to work with the hands; to handle or manage; to turn to one's own purpose or advantage
40. mannequin – a dummy figure, as used for display in shop windows, etc; a person usually a woman, employed to wear and display clothes
41. manumit – to release from slavery; to set free
42. marauder – outlaw; pirate; looter
43. mariner – a sailor
44. marital – relating to a marriage

45. maritime – relating to seafaring or sea-trade;  
situated near the sea
46. marque – a make of car, as distinct from a specific  
model
47. marred – interfere; spoil; disfigure
48. marsupial – a member of an order of mammals or  
animals whose young are born in a very imperfect state  
and are usually carried in a pouch by the female
49. martial – belonging to the military; warlike
50. martinet – a strict disciplinarian
51. martyr – a person who is put to death for refusing  
to renounce a faith or belief
52. masochist – pleasure; especially sexual pleasure, in  
being dominated or treated cruelly
53. masquerade – an assembly of people wearing  
masks, costumes; to disguise oneself by wearing masks
54. massif – a compact group of mountains
55. masterclass – a class given to students by an expert  
musician
56. masticate – to chew; to knead mechanically, as in  
rubber manufacture
57. maternal – motherly; of a mother; on the mother's  
side
58. matriarch – a women who is the head of the family

59. matt – not shiny
60. maudlin – weakly sentimental; lachrymose; weeping
61. maul – to injure by pawing or clawing; to handle roughly, batter or maltreat
62. maunder – to mutter; to grumble; to talk in a rambling, inconclusive way, to drivel
63. mausoleum – a magnificent tomb or monument; a gloomy or spiritless place
64. maverick – eccentric; a person who does not conform, a determined individualist
65. mawkish – insipid; maudlin; sentimental; loathsome, disgusting
66. maxim – a general principle, serving as a rule or guide; a pithy saying; a proverb; an adage
67. mayhem – malicious damage; maiming
68. meander – to wind about in a circuitous course; to form an intricate pattern
69. meddlesome – intrusive; annoying; bothersome
70. mediate – to act as intermediary; to intervene; to intercede
71. mediocre – average in quality, performance, etc; rather inferior

72. meditation – the act of meditating; deep thought; serious continuous contemplation
73. medley – a mingled and confused mass; combination; mixture
74. megalomania – the delusion that one is great or powerful; a passion for possessions on a grandiose scale
75. mélange – a mixture; a combination; a medley
76. meld – to blend
77. melee – a fight in which the combatants become intermingled; a confused, noisy conflict; an affray
78. mellifluous – melodic; harmonious; smooth
79. memento – something kept or given as a reminder; remembrance; token
80. memoir – a written record set down as material for history or biography
81. memorialize – to present a memorial to; to commemorate
82. ménage – household; the management of a house
83. mendacious – inclined to be untruthful; lying
84. mendicant – a beggar; a friar who depends on alms
85. menial – pertaining to a train of servants or work of a humiliating or servile nature; servile
86. mentor – teacher; tutor; guide; a wise counselor

87. mercantile – relating to merchants; having to do with trade; commercial; mercenary
88. mercenary – greedy; avaricious; hired for money; sold or done for money
89. mercurial – unpredictable; temperamental
90. meretricious – flashy; gaudy; artificial
91. mesa – an isolated flat-topped hill with steep sides
92. mesmerize – to hypnotize; to fascinate; dominate the will or fix the attention of
93. metamorphosis – change; transformation
94. metaphor – a figure of speech by which a thing is spoken of as being that which it only resembles
95. metaphysical – intellectual study; abstract; theoretical
96. mete – apportion; measure; dispense
97. meteoric – remarkably rapid; transiently flashing like a meteor
98. methodical – systematic; uniform
99. meticulous – scrupulously careful; over careful
100. mettle – temperament; courage; spirit
101. mewl – to cry feebly; to mew
102. mews – a street or yard of stabling
103. miasma – unwholesome air or atmosphere; foul vapors, e.g. from rotting matter

104. microcosm – an object, situation, etc. contained within another and displaying all its characteristics on a smaller scale, a miniature version
105. microdot – a photograph reduced to a very small size
106. middling – average in size, amount, or rank
107. mien – bearing; facial expression; look, manner
108. miffed – offended or irritated
109. migrant – a person or animal that migrates or is migrating
110. milieu – neighborhood; environment; surrounding; setting
111. militant – warlike; combative; aggressive
112. militate – to contend; to fight for a cause
113. millennium – a thousand years; the thousand years after the second coming of Christ
114. milliner – a person who makes or sells women's hats
115. minaret – a mosque tower, from which the call to prayer is given
116. minatory – threatening
117. mincing – not speaking frankly or openly; speaking or walking with affected nicety; cut into small pieces
118. mingy – not generous



119. minion – darling; favorite; assistant; a servile dependant
120. minstrel – a person who entertains patrons with singing, buffoonery, etc.
121. minuscule – very small; very unimportant
122. minutiae – minute particulars or details
123. mirage – hallucination; illusion; vision
124. mire – to plunge and fix in any problematical or in electable situation; trap
125. mirth – merriness; pleasure; delight; gaiety; laughter
126. misadventure – misfortune; mishap; bad luck
127. misalliance – an unsuitable alliance
128. misanthrope – a hater of mankind, someone who distrusts everyone else
129. misapprehension – taking in a wrong sense or understanding wrongly
130. miscegenation – inter-breeding, intermarriage or sexual intercourse between different races; mixing of race
131. mischance – bad luck; mishap
132. misconstrue – to interpret wrongly; misunderstand; confuse
133. miscreant – criminal; rogue; scoundrel; villain

134. misdemeanor – bad conduct; a misdeed
135. misgivings – doubt; suspicion; apprehension; a mistrust
136. misnomer – a misnaming; a wrong or unsuitable name
137. misogynist – one who hates marriage
138. misogynist – one who hates women
139. missive – that which is sent, as a letter; a messenger
140. mite – a small contribution proportionate to one's means; a very small amount
141. mitigate – to lessen the severity, violence or evil of; to temper; to mollify, appease; to allay
142. mnemonic – a device to help memory; the art of assisting memory
143. mode – system; practice; technique
144. modicum – a small quantity; little
145. modish – fashionable; affectedly, foolishly or absurdly fashionable
146. modulation – adjustment; change; modification
147. mogul – an influential person; a magnate
148. mollify – to soften; to assuage; to appease; to soothe
149. mollycoddle – to coddle; an effeminate man

150. momentous – of great consequence; significant; important
151. monastic – recluse; solitary; relating to masteries, monks, or nuns
152. monetary – relating to money; consisting of money
153. mongrel – an animal, especially a dog, of a mixed breed
154. monolithic – of a single block of stone; massive and undifferentiated; relating to a monolith
155. monologue – a soliloquy or speech by one person, or a composition intended to be spoken by one person
156. monotheism – the belief in only one God
157. monotony – routine; tedious sameness or lack of variety; boredom
158. monumental – enormous; massive; immense; impressive
159. moor – a wide expanse of uncultivated ground; field
160. moot – arguable; debatable
161. morality – morals; principles; standards; the doctrine of actions as right or wrong
162. morass – crisis; fix; entanglement
163. moratorium – an emergency measure authorizing the suspension of payments of debts for a given time
164. morbid – sickly; gruesome; ghastly; unwholesome

165. mordant – biting; sarcastic; caustic
166. mores – ethics; ideals; principles
167. morganatic – relating to a marriage between people of unequal rank
168. moribund – in a stagnant or dying state; ailing; deteriorating
169. moron – a very stupid or foolish person
170. morose – gloomy; sullen; melancholy
171. mortician – an undertaker
172. mortify – humiliate; sacrifice
173. mosaic – anything composed by the piercing together of different things; the fitting together in a design of small pieces of coloured marble, glass, etc
174. mote – a particle of dust; anything very small
175. motif – theme; concept; subject
176. motley – mixed; variegated; multicolored
177. mottled – spotted; blotchy
178. mountebank – a charlatan; a buffoon; a quack seller of remedies, etc.
179. muddle – to confuse; to mix up, fail to distinguish between
180. muggy – humid; sultry
181. mugwump – a person of great importance, or one who thinks himself or herself to be so

182. mulct – to deprive; to swindle
183. mulish – stubborn
184. multifarious – various; multiple; diverse; many-faceted
185. multilingual – of many languages; speaking several languages
186. mundane – earthly; worldly; ordinary
187. munificent – philanthropic; generous; magnificent liberality in giving
188. mural – a painting done directly on a wall
189. murky – nebulous; obscure; cloudy; foggy
190. murrain – a cattle-plague; a pestilence
191. muse – to ponder; to contemplate
192. musky – having the odour of musk
193. muster – to gather; to collect
194. musty – deteriorated from disuse; spoiled by damp; stale; stuffy
195. mutable – fickle; inconstant; variable; subject to change
196. muted – softened; not loud, harsh or bright
197. mutilate – lacerate; to damage or spoil beyond recognition
198. mutinous – rebellious, unsubmitive; ready or inclined to mutiny

199. myopic – short-sighted

200. myriad – any immense number; abundance

