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1. cabal – a secret plot or intrigue
2. cache – a hiding-place for treasure; to hide
3. cachet – the state of being respected or admired; prestige
4. cacophony – a harsh or disagreeable sound
5. cadaverous – sickly-looking; gaunt or haggard
6. cadence – rhythm
7. cahoots – making secret plans together
8. caisson – an apparatus for lifting a vessel out of the water for repairs or inspection
9. cajole – to coax; beguile
10. calamity – catastrophe; a disaster
11. caliber – character or capacity, degree of suitability or excellence
12. calligraphy – fine handwriting or penmanship; a characteristic style of writing
13. callous – cold-hearted; insensitive; unsympathetic
14. callow – inexperienced; juvenile
15. calorific – pertaining to, or causing heat
16. calumniate – to accuse falsely; to slander
17. calumny – false accusation or statement; defamation

18. camaraderie – the intimacy of comradeship; good fellowship
19. cameo – a gem with figure (usu. A head or bust) carved in relief
20. camouflage – device for disguising or for deceiving an adversary; to disguise
21. canard – a false rumour
22. candor – frankness and openness; sincerity; purity
23. canine – dog-like; related species of the dog family
24. canker – a fungus disease in trees and shrubs; an ulcer; disease like situation causing destruction
25. cannibal – a person who eats the flesh of other human beings
26. cannon – a great gun (usually mounted on wheels)
27. canny – intelligent; sharp; witty
28. canopy – an over-hanging covering (such as the sky)
29. cant – vocabulary or language peculiar to a particular group or sect
30. cantankerous – quarrelsome or stubborn; irascible
31. cantata – musical narrative by a person, accompanied by a single instrument
32. canter – an easy gallop
33. canto – a division of a long poem

34. canvas – a coarse cloth of cotton, hemp or other material
35. canvass – to campaign
36. capacious – spacious; massive; large
37. caparison – rich clothing and ornaments (for covering animals)
38. capillary – a thin-walled blood vessel that forms a network connecting arteries with veins; a fine-boned tube
39. capitol – the building where Congress or a state legislature meets
40. capitulate – to draw up terms of agreement; to yield or surrender
41. caprice – a whim; an unpredictable change of mind
42. capricious – full of caprice; humorous
43. caption – a heading
44. captious – ready to find trivial faults
45. carafe – a water-bottle or wine-flask for the table
46. carat – a unit of weight used in expressing the proportion of gold in an alloy
47. carcinogenic – substances encouraging spread or growth of cancer in the body
48. cardinal – fundamental; chief; main
49. careen – to tilt to one side

50. caricature – burlesque; satire
51. carillon – melody played on a set of bells; a set of bells for playing tunes
52. carmine – bright red pigment
53. carnage – bloodshed; extensive slaughter
54. carnal – sensual; unspiritual; sexual
55. carnivorous – flesh-eating
56. carousal – a noisy revel; a feast
57. carp – to nag about trivialities; to find fault (with, at)
58. carrion – the dead and rotten body or flesh
59. carte-blanc – a blank paper, one bearing a signature, to be filled up at the recipient's discretion
60. cartography – the skill or profession of making maps and charts
61. caryatid – a female figure used instead of a column to support an entablature
62. cascade – a waterfall
63. cask – a large barrel for storing alcoholic drinks
64. castaway – a shipwrecked person, cast aside, rejected
65. caste – a social class amongst Hindus in India
66. castigate – to criticize severely; to punish or scold

67. casualty – an injury or death; a misfortune; department of a hospital
68. casuist – a person who resolves problems of conscience, duty, etc. often with clever but false reasoning, sophist, quibbler
69. casuistry – science concerned with moral conscience; plausible but false reasoning
70. cataclysm – a major disaster; a debacle
71. catalyst – stimulus; a person who causes or promotes change by their presence in a situation
72. catapult – hurl; fling; propel
73. cataract – a waterfall; an opaque condition of the lens of the eye
74. catastrophe – calamity; tragedy
75. catechism – comprehensive system of teaching in the form of questions and answers
76. categorical – positive; unconditional; absolute
77. catharsis – purification
78. cathartic – ablutionary; cleansing the bowels
79. catholic – liberal
80. caucus – conference; meeting; to hold meetings
81. caustic – substance having corroding or burning action; bitter or severe (remarks)
82. cauterize – to destroy using caustic substances

83. cavalcade – a procession of people on horseback or in vehicles; a parade
84. cavil – a trifling objection; to quibble
85. cede – yield; surrender; relinquish
86. celerity – alacrity; speed; rapidity of motion or thought
87. celestial – heavenly; divine
88. celibate – living as a single person; abstaining from sexual relations
89. censor – an official who examines books, films, papers, etc. with power to delete obscene words and actions; to ban; to delete
90. censure – berate; criticize; to blame; to castigate
91. centaur – a mythical creature, half man and half horse
92. centenarian – a person a hundred or more years old
93. centigrade – of a scale
94. centrifugal – tending away from the centre; proceeding in development from the apex towards the base
95. centripetal – tending towards the centre; proceeding in development from the base towards the apex

96. centurion – In Roman army, an officer who had the command of a hundred men
97. cerebral – pertaining to the brain; intellectual
98. ceremonious – given to ceremony; particular in observing formalities
99. certitude – a feeling of complete certainty
100. cessation – stopping; ceasing
101. chafe – to heat; to wear by rubbing; to cause irritation
102. chaff – husks from corn that has been threshed or winnowed
103. chaffing – teasing; banter
104. chagrin – embarrassment; shame; humiliation
105. chalice – drinking cup or bowl
106. chameleon – an inconstant, changeable, or readily adaptable person; a lizard which can change its colour to blend with its surroundings
107. champ – to make a snapping or munching noise with the jaws while chewing; to bite or chew
108. champion – a successful combatant; promote
109. chaotic – confused; disorganized
110. chaperon – someone who supervises a group of children or young people (usu. for protection)

111. charisma – personal quality or gift that enables an individual to impress and influence many of his or her fellows
112. charlatan – someone who pretends to have special knowledge or ability (esp. in medicine); an impostor; a fraud
113. chary – cautious; alert; fastidious; shy
114. chase – to follow’ to pursue; to decorate by engraving
115. chasm – a gap or opening; a void space; an abyss; a ravine
116. chassis – the structured framework of a motor car to which the movable working parts and body may be attached
117. chaste – modest; decent and pure in taste and style
118. chasten – to free from faults by punishing; to purify or refine
119. chastise – to correct; to subdue to a state of order or obedience
120. chattel – belongings; possessions
121. chauffeur – a person employed to drive a private or hired motor car
122. chauvinist – a person with a fanatical or extravagant attachment to any group, place, cause, etc.

123. cherubic – a sweet innocent-looking chubby faced person, esp. a child
124. chic – style, elegance; artistic skill; smart, elegant and fashionable
125. chicanery – artifice; deception; fraud
126. chide – to rebuke; reprove by words
127. chivalrous – courteous; courageous
128. chock – a wedge or block placed against a wheel to prevent it from moving
129. choleric – irascible; angry
130. churlish – rude; surly; ungracious
131. chute – a passage or sloping trough for sending down goods, water, rubbish, etc.
132. cinch – a saddle girth
133. circumlocution – expressing an idea in more words than are necessary
134. circumscribe – to draw a line round; to enclose within certain limits
135. circumspect – cautious; prudent
136. circumvent – to avoid or evade; to outwit
137. citadel – a fortress in (or near) a city
138. cite- to quote
139. clairvoyant – the power of discerning things beyond the normal range of sense or perception

140. clamber – to climb with difficulty; to ascend
141. clamor – a loud continuous outcry; uproar;
persistent expression of dissatisfaction
142. clandestine – concealed or hidden; secret; private
143. clangor – a loud ringing noise that made by striking
large pieces of metal
144. clarion – the sound of a trumpet; a stirring
summons (to duty, etc)
145. claustrophobia – a pathological dread of confined
spaces
146. clavicle – the collar-bone
147. cleft – crack; split, divided
148. clemency – mercy; mild; gentle
149. cleric – a member of the clergy
150. cliché – banality; stereotype
151. clientele – all the customers; clients
152. climactic – pertaining to the most important or
exciting scene
153. clime – climate; a country, region (in poetic sense)
154. clique – a small group of people who spend time
together and do not allow others to join them
155. cloak – an outdoor overgarment
156. cloven – split; divided
157. coadjutor – an associate

158. coalesce – to grow together or unite into one whole; to fuse
159. coax – persuade (a person) gradually or by flattery
160. cockade – a rosette worn on the hat as a badge
161. cocky – conceited in a bold or cheeky way
162. coda – a passage forming the completion of a piece, rounding it off to a satisfactory conclusion
163. coddle – to pamper; an effeminate person
164. codicil – a supplement to a will
165. coercion – compulsion; force
166. coeval – a person or thing of the same age; a contemporary
167. cog – a projection, eg. on a toothed wheel
168. cogent – powerful; convincing
169. cogitate – contemplate; meditate; ponder
170. cognate – of the same family, kind or nature
171. cognizance – knowledge; awareness; perception
172. cognomen – a surname
173. cohere – to stick together; to be consistent
174. coherent – able to speak intelligibly and articulately, having a constant phase relationship
175. cohesion – the act of sticking together
176. coincident – agreeing; corresponding to identical without any connection

177. colander – a perforated vessel
178. columnist – a journalist contributing regularly to a newspaper
179. collaborate – to work in association (with)
180. collage – any work or construction put together from assembled fragments
181. collapsible – able to be folded down
182. collate – to bring together for comparison
183. collateral – security; guarantee; secondary; corresponding
184. collation – organization; arrangement; group; a light meal
185. collier – a coal miner; a sailor in a ship carrying coal
186. colloquial – expression used in formal conversation or familiar talk; casual; informal
187. colloquy – conversation; discussion
188. collusion – conspiracy; plot
189. colossal – massive; gigantic
190. coltish – energetic but awkward in one's movements or behaviour
191. comatose – affected with coma; extremely drowsy or sleeping heavily
192. combatant – a person or nation engaged in fighting during a war

193. combative – ready or eager to fight or argue
194. combustible – liable to catch fire and burn
195. comely – pretty; pleasing; handsome
196. comestible – eatable
197. comity – courteousness; civility
198. commandeered – confiscate; to take over for one's own use, without asking
199. commando – a party of men called out for a military service
200. commemorative – serving to preserve the memory of
201. commensurate – equal in measure or extent; in due proportion with
202. commiserate – to feel or express sympathy or pity for
203. committal – the sending of someone to prison or psychiatric hospital, or for trial
204. commodious – spacious; comfortable; gigantic
205. communal – pertaining to a commune or a community; owned in common, shared
206. communiqué – an official announcement or bulletin
207. compact – closely packed or fitted together; concise; small; agreement; contract
208. compatible – congruous; harmonious; suitable

209. compatriot – a fellow countryman
210. compendium – a shortening or abridgement
211. compensatory – giving compensation
212. compere – a person who introduces and links the artists in a variety show
213. compilation – the act of collecting or drawing (data, list, records, speeches, etc.)
214. complacent – showing satisfaction; pleased
215. complaisant – obliging; to please or tending to comply with the wishes of others
216. complement – companion; counterpart; consummate
217. compliance – yielding; submission; assent
218. compliant – agreeable; flexible; submissive
219. compliment – an expression of admiration or praise; to praise; to admire
220. compositor – a person who sets up type for printing
221. compromise – arbitration; a settlement of differences by concession on each side
222. compunction – regret; shame; conscience
223. comrade – a workmate, friend or companion
224. concede – to admit; to make a concession; to give up
225. conceited – vain; proud

226. concord – harmony; agreement
227. condescend – to act graciously to inferiors
228. condiment – a seasoning, esp. salt or pepper
229. conduit – a pipe, tube or duct conveying water or covering electric wires, etc.
230. confidant – a close friend; a person confided in or entrusted with secrets
231. conflagration – a war or major destructive disturbance
232. congeal – to freeze
233. congenial – pleasant; affable; cordial
234. congenital – dating from the birth, not necessarily hereditary; inborn
235. conglomeration – collection; the state of being conglomerated
236. conifer – any tree or shrub bearing cones
237. conjugal – pertaining to marriage; marital; the right of sexual relations with a spouse
238. connoisseur – a person with a well informed knowledge and appreciation, esp. of fine food and wine or of the arts
239. connotation – implication additional to the idea
240. conscientious – tending to take great care or show diligence; scrupulous; meticulous

241. consecrate – to devote (time, energy, etc.); to sanctify
242. consensus – agreement in opinion; unanimity
243. consequential – following as a result, esp. an indirect result; self-important
244. consonance – a state of agreement or accord
245. consort – spouse; mate; partner; companion
246. conspiracy – a plot; a secret bonding together for a purpose (usu. unlawful)
247. constellation – stars which form a group as seen from the earth
248. constituent – citizen; voter
249. constraint – compulsion
250. construe – to infer; to interpret
251. consul – an agent for a foreign government appointed to attend to the interest of its citizens and commerce
252. consummate – to raise to the highest point; to perfect of finish
253. contagion – transmission of an emotional state, eg. excitement
254. contaminate – to pollute; to infect

255. contemporary – living or occurring at the same time, approximately equal in age, following modern ideas or fashion in style or design
256. contempt – scorn; abhorrence; disdain
257. contentious – quarrelsome; controversial
258. contest – competition; to challenge
259. context – situation; circumstances
260. contiguous – adjoining; touching; near next
261. continence – restraint; self-control; celibacy
262. contingency – emergency; eventuality; a chance happening or concurrence
263. contingent – likely possible; accidental; a group of soldiers
264. continuous – incessant; without interruption
265. contortion – deformation; a violent twisting
266. contraband – forbidden by law to be imported; illegally imported; smuggled
267. contravene – to oppose; to infringe
268. contrite – full of guilt and remorse for a wrong doing or sin; action showing a sense of guilt or sin
269. controvert – to oppose; to argue against; to dispute
270. contumacious – opposing lawful authority; stubborn; obstinate

271. contumely – insolent or reproachful language or treatment, disagree
272. contusion – a bruise; the state of being bruised
273. conundrum – a riddle; any puzzling question
274. convalescence – gradual recovery of health and strength
275. convene – to call together; to assemble; to come together
276. conventional – customary
277. converge – meet in one point
278. conversant – familiar
279. converse – to speak; reverse
280. convex – arched; raised
281. conveyance – means of transportation
282. conviction – belief; the state of being convinced; opinion
283. convivial – jovial; social
284. convoke – to call together; to assemble
285. convoluted – difficult to understand; intricate
286. copious – abundant; plentiful; generous
287. coquette – flirting; dallying
288. cordial – friendly; sincere; affectionate
289. cordon – encircled area to prevent or control passage into or out of it

290. cormorant – a member of shiny black web-footed seabirds, relating to the pelicans, that feeds on fish; a glutton
291. cornice – a projecting moulding along the top of a building, window, etc.
292. corollary – an easy inference; a natural result
293. corporeal – not spiritual; having a substance
294. corpulent – heavy; plump; stout
295. correlation – the act of correlating; mutual relation
296. corroborate – to confirm; to make more certain
297. corrosive – having the quality of eating away
298. corrugated – wrinkled; drawn into folds
299. corsair – a privateering ship; a pirate
300. cortege – a procession (esp. funeral procession)
301. coruscate – to sparkle; to throw off flashes of light
302. cosmic – relating to the cosmos; universal
303. coterie – a social, literary, or other exclusive circle
304. counselor – a person who gives counsel, an advisor, a person trained to give guidance on personal, social or psychological problems
305. countenance – the face; expression of the face; to favour; permit or sanction
306. counterfeit – made in imitation, not genuine

307. countermand – to revoke; to give a command in opposition to one already given
308. counterpart – complement; correlative; a corresponding or equivalent person or thing
309. coup – revolt; a stroke, clever and successful stratagem
310. couple – two, a pair; two people considered as partners; that which joins two things together
311. courier – a state or diplomatic messenger
312. covenant – a mutual agreement
313. covert – concealed; secret
314. covetous – inordinately desirous; avaricious
315. cower – to crouch or cringe in fear
316. coy – modest; shy
317. cozen – to cheat; to deceive
318. crabbed – ill-natured; perverse or irascible
319. crass – boorish; crude; vulgar
320. craven – cowardly; spiritless
321. creamer – a cream or milk substitute for adding to coffee or tea
322. credence – credibility; belief; trust
323. credentials – certificates; evidence of competence, taken as one's entitlement to authority, etc.
324. credo – belief; doctrine

325. credulity – disposition to believe without sufficient evidence
326. creed – belief; faith
327. crepuscular – of or pertaining to twilight; dim, dark; active or appearing at twilight
328. crescendo – gradual increase in loudness
329. crestfallen – dejected or cast-down
330. cretin – a person who is deformed and mentally retarded as the result of thyroid deficiency
331. crevice – a narrow crack or split
332. cringe – to stoop in a servile manner; to cower in fear
333. criterion – a means or standard of judging; a rule
334. crone – an old woman; an old ewe
335. crotchety – short-tempered; whimsical
336. cruet – a small jar or bottle
337. crux – essence; gist; that on which a decision turns
338. crypt – grave; tomb
339. cryptic – enigmatic; hidden; mysterious
340. cubicle – part of a dormitory or other large room which is partitioned off
341. cuisine – the art or style of cooking; a kitchen or cooking department
342. culinary – pertaining to the kitchen or to cookery

343. cull – to select; to pick out and destroy, as inferior or superfluous members of a group
344. culmination – achievement; completion
345. culpable – guilty; blameworthy
346. culvert – an arched construction or channel enclosing a drain or watercourse beneath a road
347. cum – combined with
348. cumbersome – unwieldy; awkward; unmanageable
349. cupidity – covetousness
350. curator – a person who has the charge of anything; a person appointed by law as guardian
351. curmudgeon – a miser; an avaricious, ill-natured person
352. curry – to dress or treat (leather)
353. cursive – written in a running hand; flowing
354. cursory – running quickly over; superficial
355. curtail – to cut short; to abridge
356. custodian – a guardian or keeper
357. cynic – misanthrope; pessimist
358. cynosure – anything that strongly attracts attention or admiration
359. czar (also tsar) – the title of the former emperors of Russia; a person with great authority

360. czarina (also tsarina) – the title of the former empress of Russia

