

WORD LIST

abase	v. ~ oneself/sb lower oneself/sb in dignity; degrade oneself/sb ;
abash	to destroy the self-possession or self-confidence of:disconcert
abate	v. make or become less
abbreviate	v. ~ sth shorten (a word, phrase, etc), esp by omitting letters
abdicate	v. resign from or formally renounce the throne
aberrant	adj. not following the normal or correct way
aberration	n. deviation from what is accepted as normal or right
abet	v. ~ sb (in sth) help or encourage sb to commit an offence or do sth wrong
abeyance	n. be in abeyance; fall/go into abeyance (of a right, rule, problem, etc) be suspended temporarily; not be in force or use for a time
abhor	v. feel hatred and disgust for (sb/sth); detest
abide	v. (esp with can/could, in negative sentences or questions can/could) tolerate (sb/sth); endure; bear
abject	adj. wretched; hopeless
abjure	v. promise or swear to give up (a claim, an opinion, a belief, etc); renounce formally
ablution	n. (fml or joc) ceremonial washing of the body, hands, sacred vessels, etc
abnegation	n. denial or renunciation (of a doctrine)
abode	n. house; home
abolish	v. end the existence of
abominable	adj. ~(fml) causing disgust; detestable
abominate	v. feel hatred or disgust for (sth/sb); detest; loathe
aboriginal	adj. inhabiting a land from a very early period, esp before the arrival of colonists
abortive	adj. coming to nothing; unsuccessful
abrasive	adj. that scrapes or rubs sth away; rough
abridge	v. make shorter, esp by using fewer words; condense
abrogate	v. cancel, repeal or annul (sth)
abscission	The act of cutting off, as in a surgical operation.
abscond	v. ~go away suddenly and secretly, esp in order to avoid arrest
absolute	adj. complete; total
absolve	v. ~ sb (fml esp law ,) clear sb (of guilt); declare sb free (from blame, a promise, a duty, etc)
abstain	v. ~ keep oneself from doing or enjoying sth, esp from taking alcoholic

	drinks; refrain ;
abstemious	adj. not taking much food or drink; not self-indulgent; moderate
abstinence	n. ~ abstaining, esp from food or alcoholic drinks
abstract	adj. existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical or practical existence
abstruse	adj. difficult to understand
abusive	adj. criticizing harshly and rudely; insulting
abut	v. ~ on/against sth (of land or a building) have a common boundary or side with sth; adjoin sth
abyssmal	adj. extremely bad
abyss	n. hole so deep that it seems to have no bottom
academic	adj. of schools, colleges, etc
accede	v. ~ (fml) take office
accelerate	v. make move faster or happen earlier; increase the speed of
accessible	adj. ~ that can be reached, used, etc
accessory	n. thing that is a useful or decorative extra but that is not essential; minor fitting or attachment
acclaim	v. welcome (sb/sth) with shouts of approval; applaud loudly
acclimate	to adapt to a new temperature, altitude, climate, environment, or situation
acclivity	n. upward slope
accolade	n. praise; approval
accommodate	v. provide lodging or room for
accomplice	n. person who helps another to do sth wicked or illegal
accord	n. peace treaty; agreement
accost	v. approach and speak to (sb) boldly
accoutre	equip
accretion	n. growth or increase by means of gradual additions
accrue	v. ~ (from sth) come as a natural increase or advantage, esp financial; accumulate
acerbity	Sourness of taste, character, or tone.
acetic	adj. of, containing, producing, or derived from acetic acid or vinegar
acidulous	adj. rather sharp or bitter in taste or manner
acknowledge	v. accept the truth of admit (sth)
acme	n. highest stage of development; point of perfection
acne	n. inflammation of the oil-glands of the skin, producing red pimples on the face and neck
acoustics	n. qualities of a room, hall, etc that make it good or bad for carrying sound
acquiesce	v. ~ (fml) accept sth without protest; offer no opposition (to a plan,

	conclusion, etc)
acquittal	n. judgement that a person is not guilty of the crime with which he has been charged
acrid	adj. having a strongly bitter smell or taste
acrimonious	adj. bitter
acrophobia	"acro'phobic adjектив
actuarial	calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics
actuary	n. expert who calculates insurance risks and premiums
actuate	v. make (a machine, an electrical device, etc) move or work; make (a process) begin , ;
acuity	n. (esp of thought or the senses) sharpness; acuteness
acumen	n. ability to understand and judge things quickly and clearly; shrewdness
acute	adj. very great; severe
adage	n. traditional saying; proverb ;
adamant	adj. firmly or stubbornly determined; unwilling to be persuaded
adapt	v. ~ sth (for sth) make sth suitable for a new use, situation, etc; modify sth
addendum	n. thing that is to be added
addiction	n. ~ condition of taking drugs, etc habitually and being unable to stop doing so without suffering adverse effects
addle	v. confuse (sth/sb); muddle
address	n. details of where a person lives, works or can be found, and where letters, etc may be delivered
adept	adj. ~ ~ (at/in doing sth) expert or skilful in (doing) sth
adhere	v. ~ (to sth) remain attached (to sth); stick (as if) by means of glue or suction
adherent	n. supporter of a party or doctrine
adjacent	having a common endpoint or border also immediately preceding or following
adjoin	v. be next or nearest to and joined with
adjourn	v. stop (a meeting, etc) for a time; postpone
adjunct	n. ~ thing that is added or attached to sth else but is less important and not essential
adjuration	solemn urging
adjutant	n. army officer responsible for administrative work in a battalion
admonish	to express warning or disapproval to especially in a gentle, earnest, or solicitous manner
adore	v. love deeply and respect (sb) highly
adorn	v. ~ sth/sb/oneself add beauty or ornament to sth/sb/oneself
adroit	adj. ~ skilful; clever

adulation	n. excessive admiration or praise; flattery
adulterate	v. make poorer in quality by adding another substance
Advent	n. the ~ of sth/sb the approach or arrival of
adventitious	adj. not planned; accidental
adversary	n. opponent in a contest; enemy
adverse	adj. not favourable; contrary
adversity	n. unfavourable conditions; trouble
advert	n. = advertisement
advocacy	n. ~ giving of support (to a cause, etc)
advocate	v. speak publicly in favour of (sth); recommend; support
aegis	n. under the aegis of sb/sth with the protection or support of sb/sth, esp a public institution
aerie	= eyrie
aesthetic	adj. concerned with beauty and the appreciation of beauty
affable	adj. polite and friendly
affected	adj. not natural or genuine; pretended; artificial
affidavit	n. written statement that can be used as evidence in court, made by sb who swears that it is true
affiliation	n. affiliating or being affiliated
affinity	n. ~ ~ (between A and B) structural resemblance or similarity of character; relationship
affirmation	n. affirming
affix	v. ~ sth (fml) stick, fasten or attach sth
affliction	n. pain; suffering; distress
affluence	n. abundance of money, goods or property; wealth
affront	n. ~ (to sb/sth) deliberately insulting or disrespectful remark, action, etc, esp in public
afterlife	n. existence that is thought by some to follow death
agape	adj. ~ (of the mouth) wide open, esp with wonder
agenda	n. matters of business to be discussed at a meeting, etc
agglomeration	n. action of agglomerating
aggrandize	to make appear great or greater:praise highly
aggregate	v. ~ sb (fml) be formed or bring sb into an assembled group or amount
aghast	adj. ~ filled with horror or amazement
agility	nimbleness
agitate	v. cause anxiety to (a person, his feelings, etc); disturb; excite
agnostic	n. person who believes that nothing can be known about the existence of God or of anything except material things

agog	adj. eager; excited
agrarian	adj. of land
airy	adj. having plenty of fresh air moving about; well-ventilated
alacrity	n. prompt and eager readiness
alchemy	n. medieval form of chemistry, the chief aim of which was to discover how to turn ordinary metals into gold ,
alcove	n. small space in a room, etc formed by part of the wall being set back; recess
alias	n. name by which a person is called at other times or in other places; false name
alienate	v. ~ sb cause sb to become unfriendly or indifferent; estrange sb
alimentary	adj. of food and digestion
alimony	n. allowance that a court may order a man to pay to his wife or former wife before or after a legal separation or divorce
allay	v. make (sth) less; relieve
allege	v. state (sth) as a fact but without proof; give as an argument or excuse
allegiance	n. ~ (to sb/sth) support of or loyalty to a government, ruler, cause, etc
allegory	n. story, painting or description in which the characters and events are meant as symbols of purity, truth, patience, etc ,
alleviate	v. make less severe; ease
alliteration	n. occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of two or more words in succession, as in sing a song of sixpence or as thick as thieves , sing a song of sixpence as thick as thieves
allocate	v. ~ sth allot or assign sth (to sb/sth) for a special purpose
alloy	n. metal formed of a mixture of metals or of metal and another substance
allude	v. ~ to sb/sth (fml) mention sb/sth briefly or indirectly
allure	v. tempt or attract (sb) by the expectation of gaining sth
allusion	n. ~ indirect reference
alluvial	adj. made of sand, earth, etc left by rivers or floods, esp in a delta
alms	n. money, clothes, food, etc given to poor people
aloft	adv. up in the air; overhead
aloof	adj. ~ cool and remote in character; unconcerned
altercation	n. (act of) quarrelling or arguing noisily
altruistic	(adj.) unselfish
amalgam	n. alloy of mercury with another metal
amalgamate	v. ~ (with sb/sth) (cause people or things to) combine or unite
amass	v. gather together or collect (sth), esp in large quantities
amazon	n. tall strong athletic woman

ambidextrous	adj. able to use the left hand or the right hand equally well
ambience	n. environment; atmosphere of a place
ambiguous	adj. having more than one possible meaning
ambivalence	the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes
amble	v. ride or walk at a slow, leisurely pace
ambrosia	n. food of the gods
ambulatory	walking
ambush	n. waiting in a hidden position to make a surprise attack
ameliorate	v. (cause sth to) become better
amenable	adj. ~ (of people) willing to be influenced or controlled (by sth)
amend	v. correct an error in (sth); make minor improvements in; change slightly
amenities	[amenity:] [often pl] a useful or pleasant facility or service
amiable	adj. showing and inspiring friendliness; pleasant and good-tempered
amicable	adj. showing friendliness; without hostility
amiss	adj. , adv wrong(ly); inappropriate(ly)
amity	n. friendly relationship between people or countries
amnesia	n. partial or total loss of memory
amnesty	n. general pardon, esp for offences against the State
amok	adv. run amok rush about in a wild and angry frenzy
amoral	adj. not based on moral standards; not following any moral rules ;
amorous	adj. readily showing or feeling love; relating to love
amorphous	adj. having no definite shape or form; not organized
amphibian	n. animal able to live both on land and in water
amphitheater	oval building with tiers of seats
ample	adj. enough
amplify	v. increase (sth) in size or strength
amputate	v. cut off by surgical operation
amulet	n. piece of jewellery, etc worn as a charm1(
anachronism	n. mistake of placing sth in the wrong historical period
analgesia	n. loss of ability to feel pain while still conscious
analgesic	adj. n substance that relieves pain
analogous	adj. ~ partially similar or parallel; offering an analogy
analogy	n. ~ partial similarity between two things that are compared
anarchist	n. person who believes in anarchism
anarchy	n. absence of government or control in society; lawlessness
anathema	n. detested person or thing
anathematize	declare to be evil or anathema

ancestry	n. line of ancestors
anchor	n. heavy metal device attached to a rope, chain, etc and used to moor a ship or boat to the sea-bottom or a balloon to the ground
ancillary	adj. ~ helping in a subsidiary way
anecdote	n. short, interesting or amusing story about a real person or event ,
anemia	condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles
anesthetic	= anaesthesia, anaesthetic
anguish	n. severe physical or mental pain
angular	adj. having angles or sharp corners
animadversion	n. criticism
animated	adj. lively
animosity	n. ~ ~ (between A and B) (instance of) strong dislike or of hostility
animus	n. animosity shown in speech or action
annals	n. story of events year by year; historical records
anneal	v. make tough by cooling slowly after heating
annex	v. take possession of
annihilate	v. destroy completely
annotate	v. add notes to giving explanation or comment
annuity	n. fixed sum of money paid to sb yearly, usu for the remaining part of his lifetime
annul	v. declare (sth) no longer valid; abolish; cancel
anodyne	n, adj that can relieve pain
anoint	v. ~ sb apply oil or ointment to sb (esp as a religious ceremony)
anomalous	adj. different from what is normal; irregular
anomaly	n. anomalous thing; irregularity
anonymity	n. state of being anonymous
antagonism	n~ ~ (between A and B) (instance of) active opposition or hostility, esp between two people
antagonistic	adj. ~ showing or feeling antagonism; hostile
antecede	be earlier in time; go back further
antecedents	ancestr
antediluvian	adj. of the time before Noah's Flood
anthem	n. short musical composition, usu for a choir and an organ, to be sung in religious services, often with words taken from the Bible ,
anthology	n. collection of poems or pieces of prose on the same subject or by the same writer
anthropoid	adj. man-like in form
anthropologist	n. student of or expert in anthropology

anthropomorphic	adj. treating gods, animals, etc as human in form and personality ,
anticlimax	n. disappointing end to a series of events which had seemed likely to become more interesting, exciting or impressive
antidote	n. ~ substance that acts against the effects of a poison or disease
antipathy	settled aversion or dislike:DISTASTE
antiquated	adj. (of things) out of date, obsolete ,
antique	adj. belonging to the distant past
antiquity	n. ancient times, esp before the Middle Ages
antiseptic	n. substance that prevents a wound, etc from becoming septic, esp by destroying bacteria
antithesis	n. ~ (of/to sth/sb) direct opposite
antler	n. branched horn of a stag or of some other deer
anvil	n. iron block on which a smith shapes heated metal by hammering it
apathetic	adj. showing or feeling apathy
apathy	n. ~ lack of interest, enthusiasm or concern; indifference
ape	n. any of the four primates (gorilla, chimpanzee, orang-utan, gibbon) most closely related to man .
aperture	n. narrow opening
apex	n. top or highest point
aphasia	n. partial or total loss of ability to speak or understand spoken language, caused by damage to the brain
aphorism	n. short wise saying; maxim ;
apiarist	n. person who keeps bees
apiary	n. place with a number of hives where bees are kept
apiculture	the cultivation of bees on a commercial scale for the production of honey
aplomb	n. confidence and self-control; poise
apocalyptic	adj. prophesying great and dramatic events like those in the Apocalypse
apocryphal	adj. not likely to be genuine; untrue or invented
apogee	n. position in the orbit of the moon, a planet or a satellite when it is at its greatest distance from the earth ,
apolitical	adj. not interested or involved in politics
apologist	n. person who defends a doctrine by logical argument
apoplexy	n. sudden inability to feel or move, caused by the blockage or rupture of an artery in the brain ,
apostate	n. person who renounces his former beliefs, etc
apothecary	n. person who prepares and sells medicines and medical goods
apothegm	= apophthegm
apotheosis	n. (of a human being) making or becoming a god or a sain

appall	to overcome with consternation, shock, or dismay
apparent	adj. clearly seen or understood; obvious
apparition	n. appearance, esp of sth startling, strange or unexpected ,
appease	v. make quiet or calm, usu by making concessions or by satisfying demands
appellation	n. name or title; system of naming ;
append	v. ~ sth (fml) attach or add sth (esp in writing)
application	n. ~ (to sb) (for sth) formal request
apposite	adj. ~ (of a remark, etc) very appropriate (for a purpose or an occasion)
appraise	v. assess the value or quality of
appreciate	v. understand and enjoy (sth); value highly
apprehend	v. seize (sb); arrest
apprehensive	adj. ~ ~ (that.../for sb/sth) feeling anxiety; fearful; uneasy
apprise	v. ~ sb of sth inform sb of sth
approbation	n. approval; consent
appropriate	adj. ~ suitable; right and proper
appurtenances	[appurtenance:] a secondary or less significant thing or part
apropos	adv, adj appropriate or relevant to what is being said or done
aptitude	n. ~ natural ability or skill
aquiline	adj. of or like an eagle
arable	n. , adj suitable for ploughing and for growing crops
arbiter	n. ~ person who has power to decide what will be done, accepted, etc with regard to sth
arbitrary	adj. based on personal opinion or impulse, not on reason
arbitrate	v. ~ (between A and B) make a judgement about or settle (a dispute) between two parties (usu when asked by them to do so)
arboreal	adj. of or living in trees
arboretum	n. place where trees are grown for scientific study or for display
arcade	n. covered passage or area, esp one with an arched roof and shops along one or both sides
arcane	requiring secret or mysterious knowledge
arch-	comb form chief; most important
archaeology	n. study of ancient civilizations by scientific analysis of physical remains found in the ground
archaic	adj. of a much earlier or an ancient period in history
archetype	n. original or ideal model from which others are copied; prototype ;
archipelago	n. (sea surrounding a) group of many islands
archives	n. historical documents or records of a government, town, etc

ardor	extreme vigor or energy:INTENSITY
arduous	adj. needing much effort or energy; laborious
argot	n. words and phrases used by a particular group and not intended to be understood by others; cant ;
aria	n. song for one voice, esp in an opera or oratorio
arid	adj. having little or no rainfall; dry
aristocracy	n. highest social class; the nobility
armada	n. large fleet of ships
aromatic	adj. having a pleasant, distinctive smell; fragrant
arraign	v. ~ sb (law) bring a criminal charge against sb; bring sb to court for trial
array	v. place (esp armed forces, troops, etc) in battle order
arrears	n. money that is owed and should have been paid earlier
arrhythmic	lacking rhythm or regularity
arrogance	a feeling or an impression of superiority manifested in an overbearing manner or presumptuous claims
arroyo	a brook; a creek a water-carved gully or channel
arsenal	n. place where weapons and ammunition are made or stored
artery	n. any of the tubes carrying blood from the heart to all parts of the body
artful	adj. cunningly clever at getting what one wants; crafty
articulate	adj. able to express one's ideas clearly in words
artifacts	something created by humans usually for a practical purpose; especially :an object remaining from a particular period
artifice	n. clever trickery; deception
artisan	a manually skilled worker
artless	adj. simple and natural; without deceit
ascendancy	n. ~ (position of) having dominant power or control
ascertain	v. discover (sth) so that one is certain; get to know
ascetic	adj. not allowing oneself pleasures and comforts; having or involving a very austere life
ascribe	v. ~ sth to sb/sth consider sth to be caused by, written by or belonging to sb/sth
aseptic	adj. free from bacteria that cause a thing to become septic; surgically clean
ashen	adj. like ashes in colour; very pale
asinine	adj. stupid or stubborn
askance	adv. look
askew	adj. , adv not in a straight or level position; crooked
asperity	n. harshness or severity, esp of manner

aspersion	slanderous remark
aspirant	n. ~ (fml) person who is ambitious (for fame, promotion, success, etc)
aspiration	n. ~ ~ (to do sth) strong desire or ambition
aspire	v. ~ after/to sth desire strongly to achieve sth; have ambition for sth
assail	v. ~ sb (fml) attack sb violently or repeatedly
assay	n. testing of esp metals for quality
assent	n. ~ (fml) agreement; approval
assert	v. make others recognize (sth) by behaving firmly and confidently
assessment	n. action of assessing
assiduous	adj. showing constant and careful attention
assimilate	v. (cause sth to) become absorbed into the body after digestion
assuage	v. make (sth) less severe; soothe
assumption	n. thing accepted as true or as sure to happen, but not proved
assurance	n. confident belief in one's own abilities and powers
asteroid	n. any of many small planets revolving round the sun, esp between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter
astigmatism	n. defect in an eye or a lens that prevents correct focusing
astral	adj. of or from the stars
astringent	n. substance, used medically or in cosmetics, that makes skin or body tissue contract and so stops bleeding
astronomical	adj. of astronomy
astute	adj. clever and quick at seeing how to gain an advantage; shrewd
asunder	adv. into pieces; apart
asylum	n. safety; refuge
asymmetric	adj. not having parts that correspond to each other in size, shape, etc; lacking symmetry
atavism	n. reappearance in a person of a characteristic or quality that has not been seen in his family for many generations
atheistic	adj.
atone	v. ~ (fml) act in a way that compensates for a previous wrong, error, etc
atrocity	n. great wickedness or cruelty
atrophy	n. wasting away of the body or part of it through lack of nourishment or use
attentive	adj. ~ giving attention (to sb/sth); alert and watchful
attenuate	v. make (sth/sb) thin or slender
attest	v. ~ (to) sth be or give clear proof of sth
attire	n. clothes; dress
attribute	v. ~ sth to sb/sth regard sth as belonging to, caused by or produced by

	sb/sth
attrition	n. process of gradually weakening sb's strength and confidence by continuous harassment
atypical	adj. not representative or characteristic of its type; not typical
audacious	adj. showing a willingness to take risks; daring; fearless
audit	n. official examination of accounts to see that they are in order
augment	v. make (sth) larger in number or size; increase
augury	omen; prophecy
august	majestic, venerable
aureole	sun's corona; halo
auroral	[aurora:] an atmospheric phenomenon consisting of bands, curtains, or streamers of light, usually green, red, or yellow, that move across the sky in polar regions.
auspicious	adj. showing signs of future success; favourable; promising
austere	adj. severely and strictly moral; having no pleasures or comforts
austerity	n. quality of being austere
authenticate	Ractical experience of sth
authoritarian	adj. favouring complete obedience to authority before personal freedom
authoritative	adj. having authority; that can be trusted; reliable
autocrat	n. ruler of an autocracy
autocratic	adj.
automaton	n. = robot 1
autonomous	adj. self-governing; acting independently
autopsy	n. examination of a dead body to learn the cause of death; post-mortem ()
auxiliary	adj. giving help or support; additional
avalanche	n. mass of snow, ice and rock that slides rapidly down the side of a mountain
avarice	n. greed for wealth or gain
avenge	v. take or get revenge for
aver	v. (fml) state (sth) firmly and positively; assert ;
averse	adj. ~ to sth not liking sth; opposed to sth
aversion	n. ~ strong dislike
avert	v. ~ sth turn sth away
aviary	n. large cage or building for keeping birds in, eg in a zoo ,
avid	adj. ~ eager; greedy
avocation	secondary or minor occupation
avow	v. declare (sth) openly; admit
avuncular	adj. of or like an uncle, esp in manner

awe	n. feeling of respect combined with fear or wonder
awful	adj. extremely bad or unpleasant; terrible
awl	n. small pointed tool for making holes, esp in leather or wood
awry	adv. crookedly; out of position; askew ;
axiom	n. statement that is accepted as true without further proof or argument
azure	n. , adj bright blue, as of the sky
babble	v. talk in a way that is difficult or impossible to understand
bacchanal	n. (dated or fml) bout of noisy, drunken merrymaking . bacchana-lian adj
bacchanalia	orgiastic rites associated with Bacchus
bacchanalian	[bacchanalia:] [often cap] orgiastic rites associated with Bacchus
backslide	v. lapse from good ways into one's former bad ways of living
badger	n. animal of the weasel family, grey with black and white stripes on its head, living in holes in the ground and moving about at night .
badinage	n. playful teasing; banter ;
baffle	v. be too difficult for to understand; puzzle
bait	n. food or imitation food put on a hook to catch fish or placed in nets, traps, etc to attract prey
baleful	adj. threatening evil or harm; menacing
balk	n. thick, roughly-squared wooden beam
ballast	n. heavy material placed in a ship's hold to keep it steady
balm	n. sweet-smelling oil or ointment obtained from certain types of tree, used for soothing pain or for healing ,
balmy	adj. (of air) gentle and pleasantly warm
banal	adj. commonplace; uninteresting
bandy	v. (idm) bandy `words (with sb) (dated) exchange words, etc, esp when quarrelling
bane	n. the bane of sb's existence/life cause of sb's ruin or trouble
bank	n. land sloping up along each side of a river or canal; ground near a river
bantering	adj. playfully teasing
bar	n. piece of solid material
barb	n. point of an arrow, a fish-hook, etc curved backwards to make it difficult to pull out .
bard	n. minstrel
barefaced	adj. impudent; shameless
bargain	n. agreement in which both or all sides promise to do sth for each other
baroque	adj. n highly ornate style fashionable in the arts (esp architecture) in

	Europe in the 17th and 18th centuries ,
barrage	n. barrier built across a river to store water for irrigation, prevent flooding, etc
barrister	n. lawyer who has the right to speak and argue as an advocate in higher lawcourts
barterer	[barter:] to trade (goods, services, etc.) in exchange for other goods, services, etc., rather than for money
base	n. lowest part of sth, esp the part on which it rests or is supported
bask	v. ~ sit or lie enjoying warmth
bastard	n. illegitimate child
bastion	n. part of a fortification that projects from the rest
bate	let down; restrain
battalion	n. army unit composed of several companies and forming part of a regiment or brigade
bauble	n. showy ornament of little value
bawdy	adj. amusing in a coarse or indecent way
bearing	n. way of standing, walking, etc; deportment
beatific	adj. showing or giving great joy and serenity; blissful
beatitude	n. great happiness; blessedness ;
bedizen	dress with vulgar finery
bedraggle	wet thoroughly
beeline	the most direct route between two places
befuddle	confuse thoroughly
beget	v. (arch) be the father of (sb)
begrudge	v. resent or be dissatisfied with
beguile	charm (sb)
behemoth	huge creature; something of monstrous size or power
beholden	adj. ~ to sb (dated or fml) owing thanks or indebted to sb
behoove	n. suited to ; incumbent upon
belabor	to explain or insist on excessively
belated	adj. coming very late or too late
beleaguer	v. besiege
belie	v. give a wrong or an untrue idea of (sth)
belittle	v. make seem unimportant or of little value
bellicose	adj. eager to fight; warlike; aggressive
belligerent	adj. waging war; engaged in a conflict
bemoan	v. show sorrow for or complain about (sb/sth)
bemused	adj. bewildered or confused

benediction	n. blessing, esp one said before a meal or at the end of a church service
benefactor	n. person who gives money or other help to a school, hospital, charity, etc
beneficent	adj. showing active kindness; generous; charitable
beneficial	adj. ~ having a helpful or useful effect; advantageous
beneficiary	n. person who receives sth, esp one who receives money, property, etc when sb dies
benefit	n. profit; gain; future good (used esp with the vs and preps shown)
benevolent	adj. ~ being, or wishing to be, kind, friendly and helpful
benign	adj. kindly; gentle
benison	blessing
bent	n. ~ (for sth/doing sth) natural skill (at sth); liking or inclination (for sth/doing sth)
bequeath	v. ~ sth (to sb) arrange, by making a will, to give (property, money etc) (to sb) when one dies
berate	v. scold sharply
bereaved	[bereave:] [usually foll by of] to deprive (of) something or someone valued, esp. through death
bereavement	n. state of being bereaved
bereft	adj. ~ (fml) deprived of (a power or quality)
berserk	adj. wild with rage
beseech	v. ~ sb (for sth) ask sb earnestly; implore sb; entreat sb
beset	v. (fml) surround (sb/sth) on all sides; trouble constantly; threaten
besiege	v. surround with armed forces in order to make it surrender
besmirch	v. dishonour (sb/sth); slander
bestial	adj. of or like a beast; brutish; cruel
bestow	v. ~ sth (fml) present sth as a gift (to sb); confer
betoken	v. be a sign of (sth); indicate
betray	v. ~ sb/sth hand over or show sb/sth disloyally (to an enemy)
betroth	become engaged to marry
bevy	n. large group
beware	v. ~ (of sb/sth) be cautious (of sb/sth); take care (about sb/sth) ;
bewitch	v. put a magic spell on
bicameral	adj. having two legislative chambers
bicker	v. ~ (over/about sth) quarrel about unimportant things
bid	v. ~ (sth) (for sth); esp US ~ (sth) (on sth) offer (a price) in order to buy sth, esp at an auction
biennial	adj. happening every second year
bifurcated	[bifurcate:] to fork or divide into two parts or branches

bigot	n. person who holds strong beliefs and opinions, and is intolerant of anyone who disagrees	
bigotry	n. bigoted attitude or behaviour	
bilious	adj. caused by or suffering from too much bile	
bilk	v. ~ sb of sth) avoid paying money to sb; cheat sb (out of sth)	
billow	n. large wave	
billowing	[billow:] a large sea wave	
bitter	adj. having a sharp taste like aspirin or unsweetened coffee; not sweet	
bivouac	n. temporary camp without tents or any other cover, esp used by soldiers or mountaineers	
bizarre	adj. strange in appearance or effect; grotesque; eccentric ;	
blackball	v. prevent from joining a club or group by voting against him in a ballot	
blanch	v. prepare by putting briefly in boiling water; scald	
bland	adj. gentle or casual in manner; showing no strong emotions; suave ;	
blandishment	n. (fml) flattering or coaxing words and actions	
blare	v. ~ make a loud harsh sound like a trumpet	
blasphemous	adj. showing contempt or irreverence for God and sacred things	
blasphemy	n. blasphemous behaviour or language	
blatant	adj. very obvious; unashamed; flagrant	
bleak	adj. (of a landscape) bare; exposed; wind-swept	
blemish	n. mark or stain that spoils the beauty or perfection of sb/sth	
blight	n. disease that withers plants	
blighted	(adj.) causing frustration or destruction	
bliss	n. perfect happiness; great joy	
blithe	adj. happy and carefree; casual	
bloated	adj. swollen with fat, gas or liquid	
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blotch	n. large discoloured mark, usu irregular in shape	
blowhard	a very boastful and talkative person	

bludgeon	n. short thick stick with a heavy end, used as a weapon	
blue	adj. having the colour of a clear sky or the sea on a sunny day	
blues	[blue:] any of a group of colours, such as that of a clear unclouded sky, that have wavelengths in the range 490–445 nanometres. Blue is the complementary colour of yellow and with red and green forms a set of primary colours	
bluff	v. try to deceive by pretending to be stronger, braver, cleverer, etc than one is	
blunder	n. stupid or careless mistake	
blunt	adj. without a sharp edge or a point	
blurt	v. blurt sth out say sth suddenly and tactlessly	
blush	v. ~ (at sth) become red in the face (because of sth)	
bluster	v. blow fiercely or in strong gusts	
bode	v. be a sign of (sth coming)	
bog	n. wet spongy ground formed of decaying vegetation	
bogus	adj. not genuine; false	
Bohemian	n, adj having or displaying a very informal and unconventional way of life ,	
boisterous	adj. noisy, lively and cheerful	
bolster	n. long pillow, usu shaped like a roll, across the head of a bed	
bolt	n. metal bar that slides into a socket to lock a door, window, etc	
bombardment	n.	
bombast	n. pompous and meaningless words	
bombastic	adj. pompous and empty	
bookish	adj. fond of reading; studious	
boon	n. request or favour (used esp with the vs shown)	
boor	n. rough, rude or insensitive man	
boorish	adj. of or like a boor	
boost	v. increase the strength or value of help or encourage (sb/sth)	
botch	v. ~ sth spoil sth by poor or clumsy work; repair sth badly	
bouillon	n. thin clear soup or broth; stock ;	
bound	v. form the boundary of (sth); limit	
bountiful	adj. giving generously	

bourgeois	adj. of or relating to the property-owning middle class	
bout	n. ~ short period of a specified activity	
bovine	adj. of or relating to cattle	
bowdlerize	expurgate	
brackish	adj. slightly salty	
brag	v. ~ (about/of sth) talk with too much pride (about sth); boast	
braggadocio	a:empty boasting b:arrogant pretension:COCKINESS	
braggart	n. person who brags	
braid	n. number of threads of silk, cotton, etc woven together in a narrow band for decorating clothes and material	
brand	n. particular make of goods or their trade mark	
brandish	v. wave in a triumphant or threatening way; display	
bravado	n. display of boldness	
brave	adj. (of a person) ready to face and endure danger, pain or suffering; having no fear; courageous	
brawl	n. noisy quarrel or fight	
brawn	n. strong muscles; muscular strength	
brawny	adj. strong and muscular	
brazen	adj. shameless; insolent	
breach	n. breaking or neglect	
breadth	n. distance or measurement from side to side; width	
breed	v. (of animals) produce young	
brevity	n. shortness or briefness	
bridle	n. part of a horse's harness that goes on its head, including the metal bit for the mouth, the straps and the reins	
brim	n. top edge of a cup, bowl, glass, etc	
brindled	adj. brown with streaks of another colour	
brink	n. edge at the top of a steep high place, eg a cliff	
brisk	adj. quick; active; energetic	
bristle	n. short stiff hair	
bristling	rising like bristles; showing irritation	
brittle	adj. hard but easily broken; fragile	
broach	v. make a hole in to draw off the liquid inside; open (a bottle, etc) to use the contents	
brocade	n. fabric woven with a raised pattern, esp of gold or silver threads	

brochure	n. booklet or pamphlet containing information about sth or advertising sth	
broil	v. cook (meat) on a fire or gridiron; grill	
bromide	n. chemical compound of bromine, used in medicine to calm the nerves	
brooch	n. ornament with a hinged pin and clasp, worn on women's clothes ,	
brood	n. all the young birds or other animals produced at one hatching or birth	
brook	n. small stream	
browbeat	v. ~ sb (into doing sth) frighten sb with stern looks and words; bully ; intimidate	
browse	v. examine books in a casual, leisurely way	
bruise	n. injury caused by a blow to the body or to a fruit, discolouring the skin but not breaking it	
brunt	n. bear the brunt of sth	
brusque	adj. rough and abrupt; curt	
buccaneer	n. pirate	
bucolic	adj. of country life or the countryside; rustic ;	
buffet	n. counter where food and drink may be bought and consumed, esp in a railway station or on a train	
buffoon	n. ridiculous but amusing person; clown	
buffoonery	n. ridiculous behaviour; clowning ;	
bugaboo	bugbear; object of baseless terror	
bulge	n. rounded swelling; outward curve	
bulk	n. size, quantity or volume, esp when great	
bullion	n. gold or silver in bulk or bars, before it is made into coins, etc	
bully	n. person who uses his strength or power to frighten or hurt weaker people	
bulwark	n. wall, esp of earth, built as a defence	
bump	v. ~ against/into sb/sth knock or strike sth with a dull-sounding blow; collide with sth	
bungle	v. do badly or clumsily; spoil (a task) through lack of skill	
buoyant	adj. (of an object) able to float	
bureaucracy	n. system of government through departments managed by State officials, not by elected representatives	
burgeon	v. (of a plant) put out leaves; sprout	

burlesque	n. comic or exaggerated imitation; parody
burly	adj. with a strong heavy body; sturdy
burnish	v. make smooth and shiny by rubbing; polish
bust	n. sculpture of a person's head, shoulders and chest
buttress	n. support built against a wall .
buxom	adj. (of women) plump and healthy-looking; having a large bosom ;
cabal	n. secret political plot
cache	n. place for hiding food, treasure or weapons
cacophonous	(adj.) sounding jarring
cacophony	n. loud unpleasant mixture of discordant sounds
cadaver	n. dead body of a person; corpse ;
cadaverous	adj. looking like a corpse; very pale and gaunt ;
cadence	n. rhythm in sound
cadet	n. young person training to become a policeman or an officer in the armed forces
cajole	v. ~ sb(into/out of sth); ~ sb (into/out of doing sth) persuade sb (to do sth) by flattery or deceit; coax sb
calamity	n. serious misfortune or disaster
calculated	undertaken after considering the likelihood of success or failure
caldron	= cauldron
caliber	ability; capacity
calligraphy	n. beautiful handwriting
callous	adj. cruelly insensitive or unsympathetic
callow	adj. immature and inexperienced
callus	n. area of thick hardened skin
calorific	adj. of or producing heat
calumny	n. false statement about sb, made to damage his character
camaraderie	n. friendship and mutual trust; comradeship ;
cameo	n. small piece of hard stone with a raised design, esp one with two coloured layers so that the background is of a different colour from the design
camp	n. place where people (eg holiday-makers, Scouts or explorers) live temporarily in tents or huts
canard	n. false report or rumour
candor	unreserved, honest, or sincere expression:FORTHRIGHTNESS
canine	adj. of, like or relating to dogs
canker	n. disease that destroys the wood of plants and trees

canny	adj. shrewd and careful, esp in business matters
cant	n. insincere talk, esp about religion or morality; hypocrisy ;
cantankerous	adj. bad-tempered; quarrelsome ;
cantata	n. short musical work, often on a religious subject, sung by soloists and usu a choir, accompanied by an orchestra
canter	n. (of a horse) movement that is faster than a trot but slower than a gallop
canto	n. any of the main divisions of a long poem
canvass	v. ~ (for sth) go around an area asking (people) for (political support)
capacious	adj. that can hold much; roomy
capacity	n. ability to hold or contain sth
capillary	n. any of the very narrow blood vessels connecting arteries and veins in the body
capitulate	v. ~ surrender (to sb), esp on agreed conditions
caprice	n. sudden change in attitude or behaviour with no obvious cause; whim ;
capricious	adj. characterized by sudden changes in attitude or behaviour; unpredictable; impulsive
capsize	v. overturn or be overturned
caption	n. short title or heading of an article in a magazine, etc ,
captious	adj. fond of criticizingor raising objections about unimportant matters; quibbling ;
carafe	n. glass container in which wine or water are served at meals .
carapace	n. shell on the back of a tortoise or crustacean
carat	n. unit of weight (
carcinogenic	[carcinogen:] "carcino'genic adjective
cardinal	adj. most important; chief; fundamental
cardiologist	n.
careen	v. turn on its side (esp for cleaning or repairing)
career	n. profession or occupation with opportunities for advancement or promotion
carefree	adj. without responsibilities or worries; cheerful
caricature	n. picture,description or imitation of sb/sth that exaggerates certain characteristics in order to amuse or ridicule
carillon	n. set of bells sounded either from a keyboard or mechanically
carnage	n. killing of many people
carnal	adj. of the body; sexual or sensual
carnivorous	adj. flesh-eating
carousal	(noisy party with) drinking and merry-making
carping	adj. tending to make petty complaints; fault-finding

carrion	n. dead and decaying flesh
cartographer	n. person who draws maps and charts
cascade	n. waterfall, esp one of a series forming a large waterfall
caste	n. any of the hereditary Hindu social classes
castigation	severe punishment
castrate	v. remove the testicles of (a male animal or person); geld
casual	adj. happening by chance
casualty	n. person who is killed or injured in war or in an accident
cataclysm	n. sudden violent change or disaster, eg a flood, an earthquake, a revolution or a war
catalyst	n. substance that speeds up a chemical reaction without itself changing
catapult	n. Y-shaped stick with a piece of elastic attached to it, used esp by children for shooting stones .
cataract	n. large steep waterfall
catastrophe	n. sudden great disaster or misfortune
catcall	n. shrill whistle expressing disapproval
catechism	n. summary of the principles of a religion in the form of questions and answers
categorical	adj. unconditional; absolute; explicit
cater	v. ~ (for sth/sb) provide food and services, esp at social functions
catharsis	n. (instance of the) release of strong feelings through the effect of art, esp drama
cathartic	adj. causing catharsis; purgative ; n. purgative drug
catholic	adj. = Roman Catholic (Roman)
caucus	n. (meeting of the) parliamentary members of a particular political party or any other legislature
caulk	v. make (esp a boat) watertight by filling the seams or joints with waterproof material
causal	adj. of or forming a cause; relating to cause and effect ;
caustic	adj. that can burn or destroy things by chemical action
cauterize	burn with hot iron or caustic
cavalcade	n. procession of people on horseback, in cars, etc
cavalier	n. Cavalier supporter of Charles I in the English Civil War
civil	v. ~ (at sth) (fml) make unnecessary complaints (about sth)
cede	v. ~ sth give up one's rights to or possession of sth
celerity	n. quickness
celestial	adj. of the sky
celibate	adj. remaining unmarried, esp for religious reasons

cemetery	n. area of land, not a churchyard, used for burying the dead ,
censor	n. person authorized to examine books, films, plays, letters, etc and remove parts which are considered indecent, offensive, politically unacceptable or a threat to security
censorious	adj. tending to find faults in people or things; severely critical ;
censure	v. ~ sb criticize sb severely; rebuke sb formally
centaur	n. one of a tribe of creatures with a man's head, arms and upper body on a horse's body and legs
centigrade	adj. of or using a temperature scale with the freezing-point of water at 0 and the boiling-point at 100
centrifugal	adj. moving away from the centre or axis
centrifuge	n. rotating machine using centrifugal force to separate substances, eg milk and cream
centripetal	adj. moving towards the centre or axis
centurion	n. officer commanding a unit of 100 soldiers
cerebral	adj. of the brain
cerebration	n. working of the brain; thinking ;
ceremonious	adj. full of ceremony; very formal ;
certitude	n. feeling of certainty; lack of doubt ;
cessation	n. action or act of ceasing; pause
cession	n. action of ceding sth, esp land or rights
chafe	v. ~ become irritated or impatient (because of sth)
chaff	n. outer covering of corn, etc, separated from the grain by threshing or winnowing
chaffing	(n.) banter; teasing
chagrin	n. feeling of disappointment or annoyance
chalice	n. large cup for holding wine, esp one from which consecrated wine is drunk at the Eucharist
chameleon	n. any of various types of small lizard that can change colour according to its surroundings
champion	n. person, team, animal or plant that has defeated or excelled all others in a competition
championship	n. contest to decide who is the champion
chancellor	n. head of government in Austria etc
chant	n. simple tune to which psalms or canticles are fitted by singing several syllables or words to the same note
chaotic	adj. in a state of chaos; completely disorganized
chapel	n. small building or room used for Christian worship, eg in a school, prison, large private house, etc

chaperon	n. older person, usu a woman, who looks after a girl or a young unmarried woman on social occasions
chaplain	n. clergyman attached to the chapel of a school, prison, etc, or serving in the armed forces
char	v. (cause sth to) become black by burning; scorch
charisma	n. power to inspire devotion and enthusiasm
charlatan	n. person who falsely claims to have special knowledge or skill, esp in medicine
charm	n. power of pleasing, fascinating or attracting people; attractiveness
chary	adj. ~ (of sth) cautious; wary
chase	v. ~ sb/sth run after in order to capture or overtake sb/sth
chasm	n. deep opening in the ground; abyss; gorge ;
chassis	n. framework on which the body and working parts of a vehicle, radio or television are built , ; .
chaste	adj. not having had sexual intercourse; virgin ;
chasten	v. punish in order to correct or improve; discipline ;
chastise	v. punish (sb) severely, esp by beating
chauvinist	n, adj displaying or feeling chauvinism
check	v. ~ (up) make sure of sth by examining or investigating it
checkered	adj. chequered
cherubic	adj. with a plump and innocent face
chicanery	n. use of clever but misleading talk in order to trick sb, esp in legal matters; dishonest practice
chide	v. ~ sb (for sth) (dated or fml) rebuke; scold
chimerical	adj. unreal; fanciful
chip	n. thin piece cut or broken off from wood, stone, china, glass, etc
chisel	n. tool with a sharp cutting edge at the end, for shaping wood, stone or metal
chivalrous	adj. showing the qualities of a perfect knight
choice	n. ~ act of choosing between two or more possibilities
choir	n. organized group of singers, esp one that performs in church services
choleric	adj. easily angered; bad-tempered ;
chore	n. small routine task
choreography	n. steps for ballet and dancing on stage
chortle	n. loud chuckle of pleasure or amusement
chorus	n. group of singers; choir
chronic	adj. lasting for a long time; continually recurring
chronicle	n. record of historical events in the order in which they happened

chuckle	v. laugh quietly or to oneself
churlish	adj. It seems churlish to refuse such a generous offer
ciliated	having minute hairs
cipher	n. (method of) secret writing in which a set of letters or symbols is used to represent others; code
circlet	n. circular band, eg of precious metal, flowers, etc, worn round the head as an ornament
circuit	n. line, route or journey round a place
circuitous	adj. long and indirect; roundabout
circumlocution	n. use of many words to say sth that could be said in a few words
circumscribe	v. restrict (sth) within limits; confine
circumspect	adj. considering everything carefully before acting; cautious; wary ;
circumvent	v. find a way of overcoming or avoiding (sth)
cistern	an artificial reservoir (as an underground tank) for storing liquids and especially water (as rainwater)
citadel	fortress
cite	quote; commend
civil	adj. of or relating to the citizens of a country
clairvoyant	n, adj having such power
clamber	v. climb, esp with difficulty or effort, using the hands and feet
clamor	shout, complain with a lot of noise
clandestine	adj. done secretly; kept secret; surreptitious
clangor	make a loud resonant noise
clap	v. ~ sth (together) strike (the palms of one's hands) together
clapper	n. piece of metal, etc fixed loosely inside a bell and making it sound by striking the side
clarion	adj. loud, clear and rousing
clasp	n. device for fastening things together
claustrophobia	n. abnormal fear of being in an enclosed space
clavicle	n. collar-bone .
cleave	v. break or split, esp along a natural line
cleft	n. crack or split occurring naturally
clemency	n. mildness (esp of weather)
cliche	n. phrase or idea which is used so often that it has become stale or meaningless
clientele	n. customers or clients as a group
climactic	adj. forming a climax
clime	n. (arch or joc) country; climate(1b)

clip	n. any of various wire or metal devices used for holding things together
clipper	n. clippers instrument for clipping nails, hair, hedges, etc
clique	n. small group of people, often with shared interests, who associate closely and exclude others from their group
cloister	n. covered passage around an open court or quadrangle, with a wall on the outer side and columns or arches on the inner side, esp within a convent or college, or attached to a cathedral
clot	n. half-solid lump formed from a liquid, eg from blood when it is exposed to the air
clout	n. heavy blow with the hand or a hard object
clown	n. comic entertainer who paints his face and dresses in a ridiculous way and performs funny or foolish tricks
cloying	adj. sickeningly sweet
coagulate	v. change from a liquid to a thick and semi-solid state; clot
coalesce	v. combine and form one group, substance, mass, etc
coalition	n. action of uniting into one body or group
coax	v. (~ sb sth) persuade sb gently or gradually
coda	n. final passage of a piece of music
coddle	v. treat with great care and tenderness
codicil	n. later addition to a will, esp one that changes part of it
codify	v. arrange (laws, rules, etc) systematically into a code(3a)
coercion	n. coercing or being coerced
coeval	adj. ~ (fml) existing at the same time or having the same age as sb/sth else; contemporary ;
cog	each of a series of teeth on the edge of a wheel, that fit between those of a similar wheel, so that each wheel can cause the other one to move
cogent	adj. convincing; strong
cogitate	v. ~ sth (fml or joc) think deeply about sth
cognate	adj. ~ (linguistics) (of a word or language) having the same source or origin as another one
cognitive	adj. of or relating to cognition
cognizance	n. knowledge; awareness
cohabit	v. ~ (fml) (usu of an unmarried couple) live together
cohere	v. stick together in a mass or group
cohesion	n. tendency to stick together; unity
cohorts	[cohort:] one of the ten units of between 300 and 600 men in an ancient Roman Legion
coiffure	n. way in which (esp a woman's) hair is arranged; hairstyle ;
coin	n. piece of metal used as money

coincidence	n. occurrence of similar events or circumstances at the same time by chance
coincident	adj. happening at the same time by chance
colander	n. metal or plastic bowl with many small holes in it, used to drain water from vegetables, etc, esp after cooking
collaborate	v. ~ (on sth) work together (with sb), esp to create or produce sth
collage	n. fixing pieces of paper, cloth, photographs, etc to a surface
collate	v. ~ A and B/~ A with B examine and compare in order to find the differences between them
collateral	adj. side by side; parallel ;
collation	n. action of collating
collected	adj. in control of oneself; calm
colloquial	adj. belonging to or suitable for normal conversation but not formal speech or writing
colloquy	n. conversation
collusion	n. ~ ~ (between sb and sb) (fml) secret agreement or co-operation between two or more people with the aim of deceiving or cheating others
colossal	adj. very large; immense; huge
colossus	n. statue much larger than life size
coma	n. state of deep unconsciousness, usu lasting a long time and caused by severe injury or illness
comatose	adj. in a coma; deeply unconscious ;
combustible	adj. that can catch fire and burn easily
comeback	a return to a former position, status, etc.
comely	having a pleasing appearance:not homely or plain
comestible	something fit to be eaten
comeuppance	desert punishment
comity	friendly social atmosphere:social harmony
commandeer	v. take possession or control of forcibly or for official (esp military) purposes
commemorate	v. keep (a great person, event, etc) in people's memories
commemorative	adj. helping to commemorate
commensurate	adj~(fml) in the right proportion (to sth); appropriate
commiserate	v. ~ (on/over sth) (fml) feel, or say that one feels, sympathy
commodious	adj. having a lot of space available for use; roomy
commonplace	adj. ordinary; not interesting
commonwealth	n. independent State or community
communal	adj. for the use of all; shared

commune	v. ~ ~ (together) talk to sb intimately; feel close to sb/sth
compact	adj. closely packed together
compartment	n. any of the sections into which a larger area or enclosed space, esp a railway carriage, is divided
compassion	n. ~ pity for the sufferings of others, making one want to help them
compatible	adj. ~ (of people, ideas, arguments, principles, etc) suited; that can exist together
compelling	adj. extremely interesting and exciting, so that one has to pay attention
compendium	n. ~ (of sth) brief but full account; summary
compilation	n. compiling
compile	v. ~ sth (for/from sth) collect (information) and arrange it in a book, list, report, etc
complacency	n. ~ (usu derog) calm feeling of satisfactionwith oneself, one's work, etc
complacent	adj. ~ (usu derog) calmly satisfied with oneself, one's work, etc
complaisant	adj. ready to please; obliging
complement	n. ~ thing that goes well or suitably with sth else, or makes it complete
complementary	adj. ~ combining well to form a balanced whole
compliance	n. ~ action in accordance with a request or command; obedience
compliant	adj. ~ (usu derog) (too) willing to comply (with other people, with rules, etc)
complicity	n. ~ action of taking part with another person (in a crime or some other wrongdoing); shared responsibility
component	n. any of the parts of which sth is made
comport	v. ~ oneself with sth conduct oneself in the specified way; behave
compost	n. mixture of decayed organic matter, manure, etc added to soil to improve the growth of plants
composure	n. state of being calm in mind or behaviour
compound	n. thing made up of two or more separate things combined together
comprehend	v. understand fully
comprehensive	adj. that includes everything
compress	v. ~ sth press sth together; force sth into a small(er) space
comprise	v. have as parts or members; be made up of
compromise	n. giving up of certain demands by each side in a dispute, so that an agreement may be reached which satisfies both to some extent
compulsion	n. ~ compelling or being compelled
compulsive	adj. extremely interesting; fascinating
compulsory	adj. that must be done; required by the rules, etc; obligatory
compunction	n. ~ (fml) (usu in negative sentences) feeling of guilt or regret for one's action

compute	v. ~ sth calculate sth with a computer
concatenate	to link together in a series or chain
concave	adj. curved inwards like the inner surface of a sphere or ball .
concede	v. ~ sth admit that sth is true, valid, proper, etc
conceit	n. excessive pride in oneself or in one's powers, abilities, etc
concentric	adj. ~ (of circles) having the same centre
conception	n. conceiving or being conceived
concerted	adj. arranged or done in co-operation
concession	n. ~ conceding
conciliatory	adj. intended or likely to conciliate
concise	adj. giving a lot of information in few words; brief
conclave	n. private meeting
conclusive	adj. convincing; ending doubt
concoct	v. make (sth) by mixing ingredients (esp ones that do not usu go together)
concomitant	adj. ~ (fml) accompanying; happening together
concord	n. harmony between people; lack of quarrelling and unfriendliness
concordat	n. agreement, esp between a State and the Church on church affairs
concur	v. (fml) ~ (with sb/sth) (in sth) agree; express agreement
concurrent	adj. ~ existing, happening or done at the same time
condescend	v. do sth that one regards as undignified or below one's level of importance
condign	adj. (of punishment, etc) severe and well deserved
condiments	[condiment:] any spice or sauce such as salt, pepper, mustard, etc.
condole	v. ~ with sb (fml) express sympathy (for a misfortune, bereavement, etc) ,
condone	v. treat or regard as if it were not serious or wrong; overlook; forgive
conducive	adj. ~ to sth allowing or helping sth to happen
conduit	n. large pipe through which liquids flow
confidant	n. trusted person to whom one speaks about one's private affairs or secrets
confide	v. ~ sth to sb tell (a secret) to sb
confidence	n. ~ (in sb/sth) firm trust (in sb, in sb's ability, or in what is said, reported, etc)
confidential	adj. to be kept secret; not to be made known to others
confine	v. ~ sb/sth keep (a person or an animal) in a restricted space
confiscate	v. take possession of by authority, without payment or compensation
conflagration	n. great and destructive fire
confluence	n. place where two rivers flow together and become one

conformist	n. person who conforms to accepted behaviour, the established religion, etc
conformity	n. ~ (fml) (behaviour, etc) conforming to established rules, customs, etc ,
confound	v. puzzle and surprise (sb); perplex
congeal	v. (cause to) become thick or solid, esp by cooling
congenial	adj. pleasing because of similarities in temperament, interests,etc
congenital	adj. present from or before birth
conglomerate	n. materials gathered together into a rounded mass
conglomeration	n. assortment of different things gathered together or found in the same place
congruence	correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship
congruent	adj. having the same size and shape
conifer	n. type of tree that bears cones (cone 3)
conjecture	v. ~ (fml) form (and express) an opinion not based on firm evidence; guess
conjugal	adj. of marriage or the relationship between a husband and a wife
conjure	v. do clever tricks which seem magical, esp with quick movements of the hands
connivance	n. ~ conniving (at a wrong action)
connoisseur	n. person with good judgement on matters in which appreciation of fineness or beauty is needed, esp the fine arts
connotation	n. idea which a word makes one think of in addition to the main meaning
connubial	adj. of marriage; of husband and wife
consanguineous	adj. Descended from the same parent or ancestor.
consanguinity	n. relationship by being descended from the same family
conscientious	adj. careful to do what one ought to do, and do it as well as one can
conscript	v. ~ sb force sb by law to serve in the armed forces
consecrate	v. bring into religious use or (sb) into a religious office by a special ceremony
consensus	n. ~ agreement in opinion; collective opinion
consequential	adj. following as a result or an effect (esp indirect)
conservatory	n. room with glass walls and roof used to protect plants from cold, built against an outside wall of a house, and with a door into the house .
consign	v. ~ sb/sth to sb/sth hand over sb/sth to sb/sth; give sb/sth up to sb/sth
consistency	n. (approv) quality of being consistent(1)
console	v. ~ sb give comfort or sympathy to (sb who is unhappy, disappointed, etc)
consolidation	n. consolidating or being consolidated
consonance	n. harmony

consonant	n. speech sound produced by completely or partially obstructing the air being breathed out through the mouth
consort	n. husband or wife, esp of a ruler
conspiracy	n. ~ act of conspiring, esp joint planning of a crime
conspire	v. ~ (against sb); ~ (together) (against sb) make secret plans (with others), esp to do wrong
consternation	n. surprise and anxiety; great dismay
constituency	n. (body of voters living in a) district having its own elected representative in parliament
constituent	adj. forming or helping to make a whole
constitution	n. laws and principles according to which a state is governed
constraint	n. con-straining or being constrained
construe	v. ~ sth (fml) explain the meaning of (words, sentences, actions, etc); interpret sth
consummate	adj. highly skilled; perfect
contagion	n. spreadingof disease by being close to or touching other people
contaminate	v. ~ sth/sb make sth/sb impure by adding dangerous or disease-carrying substances
contempt	n. ~ (for sb/sth) feeling that sb/sth is completely worthless and cannot be respected
contend	v. ~ with/against sb/sth; ~ for sth struggle in order to overcome a rival, competitor or difficulty
contention	n. ~ contending (contend 1); competition
contentious	exhibiting an often perverse and wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes
contest	dispute
context	writings preceding and following passage quoted
contiguous	adj. ~ (fml) touching; neighbouring; near
continence	n. control of one's feelings, esp in sexual matters
contingent	adj. ~ on/upon sth dependent on sth that may or may not happen
contortions	[contortion:] the act or process of contorting or the state of being contorted
contraband	n. goods brought into or taken out of a country illegally
contravene	v. act or be contrary to (a law, etc); break
contrite	adj. filled with or showing deep regret for having done wrong; repentant
contrivance	n. ~ device or tool, esp one made by an individual for a particular purpose
contrive	v. plan (sth) cleverly or deceitfully; invent; design
contrived	adj. planned in advance rather than being spontaneous or genuine
controvert	v. deny the truth of (sth); argue about

contumacious	adj. obstinate and disobedient
contusion	n. bruise
conundrum	n. question, usu with a pun in its answer, that is asked for fun; riddle ;
convene	v. summon to come together; arrange (a meeting, etc)
convention	n. conference of members of a profession, political party, etc
conventional	adj. (often derog) based on convention(2a)
converge	v. ~ ~ (at sth) (of lines, moving objects, etc) (come towards each other and) meet at a point
conversant	adj. ~ with sth having knowledge of sth; familiar with sth
converse	v. ~ (about sth); ~ (together) (fml) talk
convert	v. ~ (sth) (from sth) (into/to sth) change (sth) from one form or use to another
convex	adj. with a curved surface like the outside of a ball
conveyance	n. conveying
conviction	n. ~ the convicting of a person for a crime
convivial	adj. cheerful and sociable; fond of being with others
convolve	v. call together or summon (a meeting, etc)
convoluted	adj. coiled; twisted
convulsion	n. sudden violent uncontrollable body movement, caused by contraction of muscles
copious	adj. plentiful; abundant
coquette	n. girl or woman who flirts
cordial	adj. sincere and friendly
cordon	n. line or ring of policemen, soldiers, etc, esp one which guards sth or prevents people entering or leaving an area
cornice	n. ornamental moulding, eg in plaster, round the walls of a room, just below the ceiling .
cornucopia	n. ornamental animal's horn shown in art as overflowing with flowers, fruit and corn, symbolizing abundance ,
corollary	n. ~ (fml) natural consequence or result; thing that logically must be so, once sth else has been established
coroner	n. official who investigates any violent or suspicious death
corporeal	adj. of or for the body; bodily
corpulent	adj. (of a person or his body) fat
corpus	n. collection of written (or sometimes spoken) texts
corpuscle	n. any of the red or white cells in the blood
correlate	v. ~ ~ A and/with B have a mutual relation or connection, esp of affecting or depending on each other; (try to) show such a relation or connection between sth and sth else

correlation	n. ~ ~ (between A and B) mutual relationship
corroborate	v. confirm or give support to
corrode	v. ~ (away) be destroyed or destroy (sth) slowly, esp by chemical action
corrosive	n, adj that corrodes
corrugated	adj. folded, wrinkled or furrowed
cosmic	adj. of the whole universe or cosmos
coterie	n. small group of people with shared activities, interests, tastes, etc, esp one that tends to be exclusive
countenance	n. (expression on sb's) face
countermand	v. cancel (a command or an order already given), esp by giving a new and opposite one ,
counterpart	n. person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as sb or sth else
coup	n. surprising and successful action
couple	n. two people or things that are seen together or associated, esp a man and woman together
courier	n. person employed to guide and assist a group of tourists
court	n. place where trials or other law cases are held
covenant	n. formal agreement that is legally binding
covert	adj. concealed; not open; secret
covetous	adj. ~ (derog) having or showing a strong desire to possess (esp sth that belongs to sb else)
cow	n. fully-grown female of any animal of the ox family, esp the domestic kind kept by farmers to produce milk and beef
cower	v. crouch down or move backwards in fear or distress
coy	abbr. = company
cozen	cheat; hoodwink; swindle
crabbed	adj. small and difficult to read
craft	n. occupation, esp one that needs skill in the use of the hands; such a skill or technique
crass	adj. (fml derog ,) complete; very great; utter
crave	v. ~ sth have a strong desire for sth
craven	adj. cowardly
credence	n. attach/give credence to sth (fml) believe (gossip, reports, etc)
credential	something that entitles a person to confidence, authority, etc.
credo	n. creed
credulity	n. too great a readiness to believe things
creed	n. system of beliefs or opinions, esp religious beliefs

creep	v. move slowly, quietly or stealthily, esp crouching low
cremate	v. burn to ashes, esp ceremonially at a funeral
crescendo	adj. adv of or with increasing loudness
crest	n. tuft of feathers on a bird's head
crestfallen	adj. sad because of unexpected failure, disappointment, etc
crevice	n. narrow opening or crack in a rock, wall, etc ,
cringe	v. ~ move back or lower one's body in fear; cower
crinkle	n. wrinkle or thin crease, esp in material such as tin foil or paper, or in skin ,
criteria	n. (pl of criterion) standard by which sth is judged
crochet	n. method of making fabric by looping thread into a pattern of connected stitches, using a hooked needle (called a crochet-hook)
crone	n. ugly withered old woman
cross	n. mark made by drawing one line across another, eg x or + +
crossbreed	Also: interbreed to breed (animals or plants) using parents of different races, varieties, breeds, etc.
crotchety	adj. bad-tempered
crust	n. hard outer surface of a loaf of bread; pastry covering of a pie, tart, etc
crux	n. most vital or difficult part of a matter, an issue, etc
crypt	n. room beneath the floor of a church
cryptic	adj. with a meaning that is hidden or not easily understood; mysterious
cubicle	n. small compartment made by separating off part of a larger room, eg for dressing, undressing or sleeping in
cue	n. ~ thing said or done to signal sb's turn to say or do sth, esp in a theatrical or other performance
cuisine	n. (style of) cooking
culinary	adj. of or for cooking
cull	v. kill (a certain number of usu weaker animals) in a herd, in order to reduce its size
culmination	n. eventual conclusion or result
culpable	adj. ~ deserving blame; blameworthy
culprit	n. person who has done sth wrong; offender
culvert	n. drain that crosses beneath a road, railway, etc; underground channel for electrical cables ;
cumbersome	adj. heavy and difficult to carry, wear, etc
cumulative	adj. gradually increasing in amount, force, etc by one addition after another
cunning	adj. clever at deceiving people
cupidity	n. greed, esp for money or possessions

curator	n. person in charge of a museum, an art gallery, etc
curb	n. ~ thing that restrains or controls
curfew	n. signal or time after which people must stay indoors until the next day
curmudgeon	n. bad-tempered person
cursive	adj. with letters rounded and joined together
cursory	adj. done quickly and not thoroughly; (too) hurried
curtail	v. make shorter or less; reduce
cynical	adj. of or like a cynic
cynosure	n. person or thing that attracts everybody's attention or admiration; centre of attraction
dabble	v. ~ sth splash (hands, feet, etc) around in water
dainty	adj. (of things) small and pretty
dais	n. raised platform, esp at one end of a room, for a speaker, etc
dally	v. ~ (over sth) waste time
damn	v. condemn (sb) to suffer in hell
dank	adj. unpleasantly damp and cold
dapper	adj. (usu of a small person) neat and smart in appearance; nimble in movement
dappled	adj. having patches of different colour or shades of colour
dart	n. small pointed missile used as a weapon or in the game of darts
daub	v. ~ A on ~ B (with A) put (a soft substance) on (a surface) in a rough or careless way
daunt	v. discourage (sb); frighten
dauntless	adj. not easily discouraged or frightened
dawdle	v. be slow; waste time
daze	v. make (sb) confused and unable to react properly
dazzle	v. blind (sb) briefly with too much light, brilliance, etc
deadlock	n. complete failure to reach agreement or to settle a quarrel or grievance
deadpan	marked by an impassive matter-of-fact manner, style, or expression
dearth	n. ~ shortage; scarcity
debacle	n. sudden and complete failure; fiasco
debar	to exclude from a place, a right, etc.; bar
debase	v. lower the quality, status or value of
debauch	v. make act immorally by using bad influence
debilitate	v. make very weak
debonair	adj. cheerful and self-assured
debris	n. scattered fragments; wreckage

debunk	v. show that the reputation of is undeserved or exaggerated
debut	n. first appearance in public as a performer
debutante	n. young woman making her first appearance in fashionable society
decadence	n. (falling to a) lower level (in morals, art, literature, etc) esp after a period at a high level
decant	v. ~ sth pour (wine, etc) from a bottle into another container, esp slowly so that the sediment is left behind
decapitate	v. cut the head off
decelerate	v. slow down
deciduous	adj. that loses its leaves annually, usu in autumn
decimate	v. kill or destroy a large part of (sth)
decipher	v. succeed in understanding
declivity	n. downward slope
decomposition	n.
decorous	adj. dignified and socially acceptable
decorum	n. dignified and socially acceptable behaviour
decoy	n. (real or imitation) bird or animal used to attract others so that they can be shot or trapped
decree	n. order given by a ruler or an authority and having the force of a law
decrepit	adj. made weak by age or hard use
decrepitude	n. state of being decrepit
decry	v. ~ sb/sth (as sth) speak critically of sb/sth to make him/it seem less valuable, useful, etc; disparage sb/sth
deducible	adj. that may be deduced
deface	v. spoil the appearance or legibility of by marking or damaging the surface
defalcate	misuse money held in trust
defamation	n. defaming or being defamed
defame	v. attack the good reputation of say bad things about (sb)
default	n. failure to do sth, esp to pay a debt or appear in court
defeatist	n. person who shows defeatism . -- adj
defect	n. fault or lack that spoils a person or thing
defection	n. ~ deserting a party, cause, religion, etc ,
defer	v. ~ sth (to sth) delay sth until a later time; postpone sth
deference	n. giving way to the views, wishes, etc of others, usu out of respect; respect
defiance	n. open disobedience or resistance; refusal to give way to authority or opposition; defying
defile	v. make (sth) dirty or impure

definitive	adj. clear and having final authority; that cannot or need not be changed
deflect	v. ~ (from sth) (cause sth to) turn from its direction of movement
defoliate	v. destroy the leaves of
defray	v. provide money for (sth); pay for (sth)
defrock	v. = unfrock
deft	adj. ~ skilful and quick, esp with the hands
defunct	adj. (of people) dead
degenerate	v. ~ (into sth) pass into a worse physical, mental or moral state than one which is considered normal or desirable
degradation	n. degrading or being degraded
dehydrate	v. remove water or moisture from
deify	v. make a god of (sb/sth); worship as a god
deign	v. be kind or gracious enough (to do sth); condescend
delete	v. ~ sth cross out or deliberately omit (sth written or printed)
deleterious	adj. ~ (fml) harmful
deliberate	adj. done on purpose; intentional
delineate	v. show (sth) by drawing or describing; portray
delirium	n. mental disturbance caused by illness, resulting in restlessness and often wild talk
delta	n. the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet }
delude	v. ~ sb deliberately mislead sb; deceive sb
deluge	n. great flood or rush of water
delusion	n. deluding or being deluded
delusive	adj. not real; misleading
delve	v. ~ in/into sth search or rummage in sth
demagogue	n. political leader who tries to win people's support by using emotional and often unreasonable arguments
demean	v. ~ oneself lower oneself in dignity; deprive oneself of others' respect
demeanor	behavior; bearing ; behavioral attributes
demented	adj. mad
demerit	n. fault; defect
demise	n. death
demographic	related to population balance
demolition	the act of demolishing; especially :destruction in war by means of explosives
demonic	adj. very evil; devilish
demotic	adj. of or used by ordinary people
demur	v. ~ (at sth) (fml) express a doubt (about sth) or an objection (to sth)

demure	adj. (pretending to be) quiet, serious and modest
denigrate	v. claim that (sb/sth) is inferior, worthless, etc; belittle
denizen	n. person or type of animal or plant living or growing permanently in a place
denomination	n. name, esp of a general class or type; classification
denotation	meaning; distinguishing by name
denouement	n. last part, esp of a novel, play, etc, in which everything is settled or made clear
denounce	v. ~ sb (to sb) (as sth) give information (to the authorities) against sb
depict	v. show (sb/sth) as a picture; portray
deplete	v. reduce greatly the quantity, size, power or value of
deplore	v. be shocked or offended by (sth); condemn
deploy	v. (cause troops, etc to) move into the correct position for battle
deport	v. ~ sb legally force (a foreigner, criminal, etc) to leave a country
depose	v. remove from power
deposition	n. removing from power; dethronement
depravity	n. state of being depraved; corruption
deprecate	v. feel and express disapproval of (sth)
depreciate	v. become less valuable
depredation	n. damage caused by an attack, accident, etc
deputize	verb to appoint or act as deput
deranged	adj. unable to act and think normally, esp because of mental illness; seriously disturbed
derelict	adj. deserted and allowed to fall into ruins; dilapidated
dereliction	n. being derelict
deride	v. ~ sb/sth treat sb/sth as funny and not worthy of serious attention; mock sb/sth
derision	n. ridicule or mockery
derivation	n. development or origin
derivative	adj. derived from sth else; not original
dermatologist	n. expert in dermatology
derogatory	adj. showing a hostile or critical attitude (to sb's reputation, etc); insulting
descry	v. (fml) see (sth) esp a long way away; catch sight of
desecrate	n. treat in an unworthy or evil way
deserts	n. what one deserves
desiccate	v. remove all the moisture from to preserve it
desolate	adj. deserted and miserable
desperado	n. (dated) man who commits dangerous, esp criminal, acts without

	worrying about himself or other people
desperate	adj. feeling or showing great despair and ready to do anything regardless of danger
despicable	adj. ~ (to do sth) deserving to be despised; contemptible
despise	v. ~ sb/sth (for sth) feel contempt for sb/sth; consider sb/sth as worthless
despoil	v. ~sth (fml) rob (a place) of sth valuable; plunder sth
despondent	adj. ~ having or showing loss of hope; wretched
despot	An absolute and irresponsible monarch.
despotism	tyranny
destitute	adj. without money, food, etc and other things necessary for life; impoverished
desultory	adj. going from one thing to another, without a definite plan or purpose; unmethodical
detached	adj. not influenced by others; impartial
detain	v. prevent from leaving or doing sth; delay
determinate	adj. limited in range or scope; definite ;
determination	n. ~ quality of being firmly committed to doing sth; resoluteness
deterrent	n, adj that deters or is meant to deter
detonation	n. explosion
detraction	n. unfair criticism of sb/sth; belittling ;
detrimental	adj. ~ harmful
deviate	v. ~ from sth stop following
devious	adj. cunning; dishonest
devise	v. think out (a plan, system, tool, etc); invent
devoid	adj. ~ of sth without sth; completely lacking in sth
devolve	v. ~ on/upon sb (of work, duties) be transferred or passed to sb
devotee	n. person who is devoted to sth; enthusiast
devout	adj. sincerely religious; pious
dexterous	adj. skilful with one's hands
diabolical	adj. = diabolic
diadem	n. crown worn as a sign of royal power
dialectic	n. (philosophy) art of discovering and testing truths by discussion and logical argument
dialectical	adj. of or relating to dialectic
diaphanous	adj. light, very fine and almost transparent
diatribe	n. ~ lengthy and bitter attack in words
dichotomy	n. ~ (fml) separation into or between two groups or things that are opposed, entirely different, etc

dictum	n. saying; maxim
didactic	adj. intended to teach
die	n. block of hard metal with a design, etc cut into it, used for shaping coins, printing-type, medals, etc or for stamping paper, leather, etc so that designs stand out from the surface
diffidence	shyness
diffuse	v. spread all around; send out in all directions
diffusion	n. diffusing or being diffused
dignitary	n. person with a high rank or position
digression	n. digressing
dilapidated	adj. falling to pieces; in a bad state of repair
dilate	v. become wider, larger or further open
dilatory	adj. ~ (in doing sth) slow in acting
dilemma	n. situation in which one has to choose between two undesirable things or courses of action
dilettante	n. (often derog) person who studies or does sth, but without serious interest or understanding
diligence	n. ~ steady effort; careful hard work
dilute	v. ~ sth make (a liquid or colour) thinner or weaker (by adding water or another liquid)
diminution	n. diminishing or being diminished; reduction
din	n. continuing loud confused noise
dinghy	n. any of various types of small open boat
dingy	adj. dirty-looking; not cheerful or bright; drab
dint	n. = dent
diorama	a picture (or series of pictures) representing a continuous scene
dire	adj. dreadful; terrible
dirge	n. song sung at a burial or for a dead person
disabuse	v. ~ sb of sth free sb of (false ideas)
disaffected	adj. discontented; disloyal
disapprobation	n. disapproval
disarray	n. state in which people or things are no longer properly organized
disavowal	n.
disband	v. stop operating as an organization; break up
disbar	remove from the bar; expel from the practice of law by official action
disburse	v. pay out (money)
discernible	adj. that can just be discerned
discerning	adj. showing careful judgement

disclaim	v. say that one does not have (sth); renounce
disclose	v. ~ sth (to sb) allow sth to be seen
discombobulated	[<i>discombobulate</i> :] (informal) (chiefly U.S. and Canadian) to throw into confusion
discomfit	v. confuse or embarrass (sb)
discompose	v. make (sb) feel uneasy or uncomfortable
disconcert	v. cause to feel confused, upset or embarrassed
disconsolate	adj. unhappy, esp at the loss of sb/sth; refusing to be comforted
discord	n. disagreement; quarrelling
discordant	adj. not in agreement; conflicting
discount	n. amount of money taken off the cost of sth
discourse	n. lengthy and serious treatment of a subject in speech or writing
discredit	v. damage the good reputation of
discrepancy	n. ~ difference; failure to agree
discrete	adj. separate; distinct
discretion	n. quality of being discreet; good judgement
discriminate	v. ~ ~ A from B see or make a difference (between two things)
discriminating	adj. showing good judgement and perception
discrimination	n. good judgement and perception
discursive	adj. wandering from one point to another
disdain	n. feeling that sb/sth is not good enough to deserve one's respect; contempt
disembark	v. ~ (from sth) (of people) leave a ship or an aircraft
disenfranchise	v. = disfranchise
disengage	v. ~ sth/sb (fml) free or disconnect sth/sb from sth/sb that holds it/him firmly
disfigure	v. spoil the appearance of
disgorge	v. ~ sth throw out (food, etc) from the stomach or throat; vomit sth
disgruntle	to make ill-humored or discontented usually used as a participial adjective
dishearten	v. cause to lose hope or confidence
disheveled	[<i>dishevel</i> :] di'shevəlment nou
dishonor	[<i>dishonour</i> :] to treat with disrespect
disinclination	n. ~ (fml) unwillingness; reluctance
disingenuous	adj. insincere, esp in pretending that one knows less about sth than one really does
disinter	v. (fml) dig up (sth buried)
disinterested	adj. not influenced by personal feelings or interests; unbiased
disjointed	adj. in which it is difficult to understand how the ideas, events, etc follow

	each other and develop
disjunction	Also called: disjunction the act of disconnecting or the state of being disconnected; separation
dislodge	v. ~ sb/sth move or force sb/sth from a previously fixed position
dismantle	v. take to pieces
dismember	v. cut or tear off the limbs of
dismiss	v. ~ sb remove sb (esp an employee) from a position
disparage	v. suggest, esp unfairly, that is of little value or importance
disparate	adj. so different in kind or degree that they cannot be compared
disparity	n. difference or inequality
dispassionate	adj. not influenced by emotion; impartial
dispatch	v. ~ sb/sth send sb/sth off to a destination or for a special purpose
dispel	v. drive (sth) away; cause to vanish
dispense	v. ~ sth give sth out; distribute sth
disperse	v. go in different directions; scatter; break up
dispirited	adj.
disport	v. ~ oneself amuse oneself energetically
disproportion	n. ~ (instance of) being out of proportion
disputatious	adj. fond of arguing; inclined to argue ;
disquietude	a feeling or state of anxiety or uneasiness
disquisition	n. ~ long elaborate spoken or written report or account
dissection	n. dissecting or being dissected
dissemble	v. hide or disguise (one's true thoughts and feelings); dissimulate
disseminate	v. spread widely
dissension	n. angry disagreement
dissent	n. holding opinions which differ from common or officially held ones
dissertation	n. ~ long essay on a particular subject, esp one written for a doctorate or similar degree; thesis
dissident	n. person who strongly disagrees with or opposes official views and policies
dissimulate	v. hide or disguise (one's thoughts and feelings); dissemble
dissipate	v. scatter or vanish
dissolution	n. ~ breaking up (of sth); dissolving
dissonance	n. discord
dissuade	v. ~ sb (try to) stop sb by advice or persuasion
distant	adj. far away in space or time
distend	v. (cause sth to) swell by means of pressure from inside

distill	undergo distillation; of liquids
distinct	adj. easily heard, seen, felt or understood; definite
distinction	n. ~ difference or contrast between one person or thing and another
distinctive	adj. ~ that distinguishes sth by making it different from others
distort	v. pull or twist out of its usual shape
distortion	n. distorting or being distorted
distract	v. ~ sb stop sb concentrating on sth
distract	adj. absent-minded; not paying attention ;
distraught	adj. very troubled in mind with grief or worry
diurnal	adj. of the daytime; not nocturnal
diva	operatic singer; prima donna
diverge	v. ~ (of lines, roads, etc) separate and go in different directions, becoming further apart
divergent	adj. divergent paths, opinions
diverse	adj. of different kinds; varied
diversion	n. action of turning sth aside or changing its direction
diversity	n. state of being varied; variety
divest	v. ~ sb of sth take off (sb's clothes)
divine	adj. of, from or like God or a god
divulge	v. ~ sth make known (sth secret)
docile	adj. easy to control
docket	n. document or label listing goods delivered, jobs done, contents of a package, etc ,
doctrinaire	adj. rigidly applying a theory with no concern for practical problems
doctrine	n. set of beliefs held by a church, political party, group of scientists, etc
document	n. paper, form, book, etc giving information about sth, evidence or proof of sth
doddering	adjs weak and uncertain in movement
doff	v. take off (one's hat)
dogged	adj. determined; not giving up easily
doggerel	n. verse that produces a clumsy and ridiculous effect
dogmatic	adj. of or based on dogma
doldrums	n. the doldrums parts of the ocean near the equator where there is little or no wind
dolorous	adj. sorrowful
dolt	n. stupid person
domicile	n. a person's place of residence, esp as officially established for purposes of taxation, etc ,

dominant	adj. ~ most important or prominent; dominating
dominate	v. have control of or a very strong influence on (people, events, etc)
domineer	v. ~ (derog) try to make sb do exactly what one wants by ordering him about, regardless of what he wants to do
don	n. teacher at a university, esp at an Oxford or a Cambridge college
doom	n. death or ruin; any terrible and inevitable fate
dormant	adj. temporarily inactive
dormer	n. upright window built in a sloping roof
dorsal	adj. of or on the back of an animal or a plant
dossier	n. set of documents containing information about a person, an event, etc; file ,
dotage	n. in one's dotage confused in one's mind because of old age
dote	v. ~ on sb/sth show (too) much fondness for sb/sth
dour	adj. stern; severe; gloomy-looking; joyless
douse	v. ~ sb/sth put sb/sth into (water); throw (water) over sb/sth ;
dowdy	adj. (derog) (of clothes, etc) dull; unfashionable; drab ,
downcast	adj. looking downwards
dowry	n. property or money brought by a bride to her husband
dowse	= douse
doze	v. sleep lightly
drab	adj. dull; uninteresting
draconian	adj. very harsh
draft	n. rough preliminary written version of sth
drama	n. play for the theatre, radio or TV
drastic	adj. having a strong or violent effect
draught	n. current of air in a room or some other enclosed space
draw	n. (usu sing) ~ (for sth) act of picking at random tickets in a lottery, matches in a tournament, etc
dregs	n. solid particles that sink to the bottom of certain liquids, esp wine and beer
dribble	v. allow saliva to run from the mouth
drip	v. fall in drops
drivel	n. silly nonsense
droll	adj. amusing in an odd or a quaint way
drone	n. male honey-bee
droop	v. bend or hang downwards through tiredness or weakness
dross	n. scum of waste matter on melted metals
drudge	n. person who has to do long hard boring jobs

drudgery	n. hard boring work
dubious	adj. ~ not certain and slightly suspicious about sth; doubtful
ductile	adj. that can be pressed, beaten or pulled into fine strands without being heated ,
ductility	the malleability of something that can be drawing into wires or hammered into thin sheets
dulcet	adj. sounding sweet; pleasing to the ear
dull	adj. not bright or clear
dumbfound	v. make speechless with surprise; astonish
dummy	n. model of the human figure, used for displaying or fitting clothes, etc
dupe	v. ~ sb deceive or trick sb (into doing sth)
duplicity	n. deliberate deception
duration	n. time during which sth lasts or continues
duress	n. threats or force used to make sb do sth; compulsion
dutiful	adj. showing respect and obedience; fulfilling all one's obligations
dwindle	v. ~ (to nothing) become gradually less or smaller
dynamic	adj. of power or forces that produce movement
dynamo	n. device for converting steam-power, water-power, etc into electricity; generator .
dys-	[dys- prefix :] prefix :] diseased, abnormal, or faulty
dysentery	n. inflammation of the bowels, causing severe diarrhoea, usu with a discharge of mucus and blood
dyslexia	n. (also word-blindness) abnormal difficulty in reading and spelling, caused by a brain condition
dyspeptic	adj. n person suffering from dyspepsia or the irritability that it causes
earmark	v. ~ sb/sth (for sth/sb) assign or set aside sb/sth (to or for a special purpose)
earn	v. get (money) by working
earthly	adj. of this world; not spiritual
earthy	adj. of or like earth or soil
ebb	v. ~ (of the tide) go out; recede ;
ebullient	adj. full of energy and excitement; exuberant ;
eccentric	adj. unusual; peculiar; not conventional or normal
eccentricity	n. quality of being eccentric; strangeness of behaviour, etc
ecclesiastic	n. clergyman
eclectic	adj. (of people, beliefs, etc) not restricted to one source of ideas, etc, but choosing from or using a wide range
eclipse	n. blocking of the light of the sun or of the moon (when the earth's shadow falls on it)

ecliptic	(Astronomy) a the great circle on the celestial sphere representing the apparent annual path of the sun relative to the stars.
economy	n. avoidance of waste (of money, strength, time, resources, etc)
ecosystem	n. ecological unit consisting of a group of plants and living creatures interacting with each other and with their surroundings
ecstasy	n. great joy or happiness
eddy	n. circular or spiral movement of water, air, fog, dust, etc
edict	n. order or proclamation issued by an authority
edifice	n. large or imposing building
edify	v. (fml or joc) improve the mind or character of (sb)
eerie	adj. causing a feeling of mystery and fear
efface	v. rub or wipe (sth) out; cause to fade
effective	adj. having an effect; producing the intended result
effectual	adj. (not used of people) producing the intended result
effectuate	to cause to happen; effect; accomplish
effeminate	adj. (of a man or his behaviour) like a woman; unmanly
effervescence	(n.) liveliness; spirit; enthusiasm; bubbliness
effete	adj. weak, having lost power
efficacy	n. state or quality of being efficacious
effigy	n. carved figure or model representing a person or animal
effluvium	noxious smell
effrontery	n. boldness or rudeness without shame; impertinence
effulgent	radiant splendor:BRILLIANCE
effusion	n. pouring out, esp of liquid
effusive	adj. showing (too much) feeling; too emotional
ego	n. individual's perception or experience of himself, esp in relation to other people or to the outside world; part of the mind that can think, feel and act
egoism	n. state of mind in which one is always thinking about oneself and what is best for oneself
egotism	n. practice of talking too often or too much about oneself; selfishness ;
egotistical	[egotist:] a conceited boastful person
egregious	adj. (usu of sb/sth bad) exceptional; outstanding
egress	n. (right of) going out
ejaculation	n. sudden discharge or ejection of fluid, esp semen, from the body
elaborate	adj. very detailed and complicated; carefully prepared and finished
elaboration	addition of details; intricacy
elastic	adj. returning to its normal or previous size or shape after being pulled or pressed

elated	adj. ~ in high spirits; very happy or proud
elegy	n. poem or song expressing sorrow, esp for the dead; lament ;
elevation	n. elevating or being elevated
elicit	v. ~ sth (fml) draw (facts, a response, etc) from sb, sometimes with difficulty
elixir	n. imaginary substance with which medieval scientists hoped to change metals into gold or make people live for ever
ellipsis	n. (grammar) (instance of) leaving out a word or words from (the grammatical structure of) a sentence when the meaning can be understood without it/them
elliptical	adj. containing ellipsis
elope	v. ~ run away with a lover, esp to get married
eloquence	n. expressive language, esp to impress or persuade an audience
elucidate	v. make (sth) clear; explain
elusive	adj. tending to escape or disappear; difficult to capture
elysian	adj. the Elysian fields
Elysium	n. (in Greek myths) home of the blessed after death
emaciated	adj. made thin and weak
emanate	v. ~ from sth/sb come or flow from sth/sb
emancipate	v. ~ sb set sb free, esp from political, legal or social restrictions
emasculate	v. remove the sexual organs of (a male animal); castrate ;
embargo	n. (on sth) official order that forbids sth, esp trade, the movement of ships, etc
embark	v. ~ (cause sb/sth to) go or be taken on board a ship or an aircraft
embed	to enclose closely in or as if in a matrix
embellish	v. ~ sth make sth beautiful by adding ornaments, etc
embezzlement	n. embezzling
embitter	v. fill with bitter feelings
emblazon	v. decorate with heraldic or other devices
embody	v. ~ sth (in sth) (fml) express or give visible form to (ideas, feelings, etc)
emboss	raise in a relief
embrace	close encircling with the arms and pressure to the bosom especially as a sign of affection:HUG
embroider	v. ~ A ~ B (with A) decorate (cloth) with needlework
embroil	throw into confusion; involve in strife; entangle
embryonic	adj. in an early stage of development
emend	v. remove errors from
emendation	n. action of emending

emetic	n, adj causing vomiting
eminent	adj. famous and distinguished
emissary	n. person sent to deliver a message or to conduct negotiations
emollient	n, adj that soothes and softens the skin
emolument	n. (fml or rhet) profit made from being employed; fee or salary
empathy	n. ability to imagine and share another person's feelings, experience, etc
empirical	adj. based on observation or experiment, not on theory
emulate	v. ~ sb (fml) try to do as well as or better than sb
enact	v. perform (a part, play, etc) on, or as if on, the stage of a theatre
enamored	(adj.) filled with love and desire
encipher	convert ordinary language into code
encircle	v. form a circle round; surround
enclave	n. small territory of one state surrounded by that of another
encomiastic	[encomiast:] en"com'iastic, en"com'iastical adjective
encomium	n. (fml) very high praise in speech or writing
encompass	v. include or comprise sth
encroachment	n. ~ (fml) action of encroaching
encumber	to impede or hamper the function or activity of:HINDER
endear	v. ~ sb/oneself to sb make sb/oneself loved or liked by sb
endearment	n. word or expression of affection
endemic	n, adj that is regularly found in a particular country or area, or among a particular group of people
endorse	v. write one's name on the back of
endue	v. ~ sb with sth provide or supply sb with a good quality, ability etc
enduring	adj. continuing in existence; lasting
energize	invigorate; make forceful and active
enervate	v. cause to lose strength or energy
enfranchise	v. give (sb) political rights, esp the right to vote at parliamentary elections
engage	v. ~ sb (fml) arrange to employ sb; hire sb
engaged	adj. busy; occupied
engaging	adj. likely to attract or occupy the attention; charming
engender	v. be the cause of (a situation or condition)
engross	v. occupy all the time or attention of (sb)
engulf	v. (of the sea, flames, etc) surround (sth) or cause (sth) to disappear; envelop
enhance	v. increase make (sb/sth) look better
enigma	n. question, person, thing, circumstance, etc that is difficult to understand;

	mystery
enigmatic	adj. difficult to understand; mysterious
enjoin	v. ~ sth (fml or law) impose (an action or prohibition) on sb; order
enlist	v. ~ (in/for sth); ~ (sb) (as sth) enter or cause (sb) to enter the armed forces
enliven	v. make more lively or cheerful
enmity	n. condition or feeling of being an enemy; hostility
ennui	n. weariness of mind caused by lack of anything interesting or exciting to do; feeling of boredom
enormity	n. great wickedness
enrapture	v. fill (sb) with great delight or joy
ensconce	v. ~ oneself/sb in sth establish or settle oneself in a safe, secret, comfortable, etc place
ensue	v. ~ happen afterwards or as a result; follow
entail	v. make necessary; involve
enterprise	n. project or undertaking, esp one that is difficult or needs courage
enterprising	adj. having or showing enterprise(2)
enthral	capture; make slave
entice	v. ~ sb (from sth); ~ sb (into sth/doing sth) try to tempt or persuade sb, usu by offering sth pleasant or a reward
entity	n. thing with distinct and real existence
entomology	n. scientific study of insects
entourage	n. all those who accompany and attend an important person
entrance	n. ~ opening, gate, door, passage, etc by which one enters sth
entreat	v. ~ sb (fml) ask sb (for sth) earnestly and feelingly; beg
entree	n. ~ (into sth) right or privilege of admission or entry
entrepreneur	n. person who starts or organizes a commercial enterprise, esp one involving financial risk
enumerate	v. name one by one; count
enunciate	v. say or pronounce clearly
environ	enclose; surround
eon	n. an indefinitely long period of time
epaulet	an ornamental cloth pad worn on the shoulder
ephemeral	adj. living, lasting, etc for a very short time
epic	n. long poem about the deeds of one or more great heroes, or a nation's past history
epicure	n. person who takes a special interest in and gets great pleasure from food and drink

epicurean	n, adj fond of pleasure and luxury
epigram	n. short poem or saying expressing an idea in a clever and amusing way
epilogue	n. part or section added at the end of a book, play, film, programme, etc, as a comment on the main action
episodic	adj. occurring irregularly; sporadic
epistemologist	[epistemology:] e"piste'mologist nou
epitaph	n. words written or said about a dead person, esp words inscribed on a tombstone
epithet	n. adjective or descriptive phrase that refers to the character or most important quality of sb/sth eg Alfred the Great, Attila the Hun ,
epitome	n. thing that shows on a small scale all the characteristics of sth much larger
epoch	n. period of time in history, life, the history of the earth, etc, esp one marked by notable events or characteristics
equable	adj. free from extremes of heat or cold; moderate
equanimity	n. calmness of mind or temper
equestrian	adj. of horse-riding
equilibrium	n. state of being balanced
equine	adj. of or like a horse or horses
equinox	n. either of the two times in the year (around
equipoise	n. balanced state, esp of the mind; equilibrium ;
equitable	adj. fair and just; reasonable
equity	n. fairness; right judgement
equivocal	adj. having a double or doubtful meaning; ambiguous
equivocate	v. speak in an ambiguous way to hide the truth or mislead people
erode	v. destroy or wear (sth) away gradually
erotic	adj. of or arousing sexual desire
errant	adj. doing wrong; misbehaving
erratic	adj. irregular or uneven in movement, quality or behaviour; unreliable
erroneous	adj. incorrect; mistaken
erudite	adj. having or showing great learning; scholarly
escapade	n. daring, mischievous or adventurous act; prank
eschew	v. keep away from (sth); abstain from; avoid
esoteric	adj. likely to be understood by only those with a special knowledge or interest; mysterious; obscure
espionage	n. practice of spying or using spies to obtain secret information
espouse	v. give one's support to (a cause, theory, etc)
esteem	v. (not used in the continuous tenses) have a high opinion of (sb/sth);

	respect greatly
estimable	adj. worthy of great respect
estranged	[estrange:] [usually passive; often foll by from] to separate and live apart from (one's spouse)
ethereal	adj. of unearthly delicacy and lightness; seeming too spiritual or fairy-like for this world
ethnic	adj. of a national, racial or tribal group that has a common cultural tradition
ethnology	n. science of the different human races, their characteristics, relations to one another, etc
ethos	n. characteristic spirit, moral values, ideas or beliefs of a group, community or culture
etymology	n. study of the origin and history of words and their meanings
eugenic	pertaining to the improvement of race
eulogistic	adj. full of high praise
eulogy	n. (speech or piece of writing containing) high praise of a person or thing
euphemism	n. use of pleasant, mild or indirect words or phrases in place of more accurate or direct ones
euphony	n. pleasantness of sound, esp in words
euphoria	n. intense feeling of happiness and pleasant excitement
euthanasia	n. gentle and painless death for a person suffering from a painful incurable disease, extreme old age, etc
evanescent	adj. quickly fading; soon disappearing from memory
evasive	adj. having the aim or intention of avoiding capture, of not giving a direct answer, etc
evenhanded	without partiality
eventual	adj. happening at last as a result; ultimate
evince	v. show clearly that one has (a feeling, quality, etc); exhibit
evocative	adj. ~ that evokes or is able to evoke memories, feelings, etc (of sth)
evoke	v. bring to mind (a feeling, memory, etc); summon up
ewe	n. female sheep
exacerbate	v. make (pain, disease, a situation) worse; aggravate
exact	adj. correct in every detail; precise
exacting	adj. making great demands; requiring great effort
exalt	v. make (sb) higher in rank or greater in power
exasperate	v. irritate or annoy greatly
except	prep ~ ~ (that...) not including (sb/sth); but not
exceptionable	adj. that sb can object to
excerpt	n. ~ passage, extract, from a book, film, piece of music, etc

exchequer	n. the Exchequer government department in charge of public money
excise	n. government tax on certain goods manufactured, sold or used within a country
exclaim	v. cry out suddenly and loudly from pain, anger, surprise, etc
excoriate	to censure scathingly
exculpate	v. ~ sb (fml) free sb from blame; say that sb is not guilty
execrable	adj. verybad; terrible
execrate	to declare to be evil or detestable:DENOUNCE
execute	v. carry out, perform (what one is asked or told to do)
executioner	n. public official who carries out a death sentence
executive	adj. concerned with the management and carrying out of plans, decisions, etc
executor	n. person who is appointed by the maker of a will to carry out the terms of the will
exegesis	n. (fml) explanation and interpretation of a written work, esp the Bible ,
exemplary	adj. serving as an example; suitable for imitation
exemplify	v. be a typical example of (sth)
exempt	adj. ~ free from an obligation, duty or payment; not liable
exertion	n. action of applying influence, etc
exhale	v. breathe (sth) out
exhilarating	adj. very exciting; causing happiness
exhort	v. ~ sb (fml) advise sb strongly or earnestly; urge sb
exhume	v. take from the ground (for examination)
exigency	n. (condition of) urgent need or demand; emergency
exiguous	adj. very small (in amount); scanty
existential	adj. of or relating to (esp human) existence
exodus	n. ~ (to...) (fml or joc) departure of many people at one time
exonerate	to relieve of a responsibility, obligation, or hardship
exorbitant	adj. (of a price, charge, etc) much too high or great; unreasonable
exorcise	drive out evil spirits
exotic	adj. introduced from another country; not native
expansive	adj. able or tending to expand
expatiate	v. ~ on/upon sth write or speak at great length or in detail about a subject
expatriate	n. person living outside his own country
expedient	adj. useful, helpful or advisable for a particular purpose, though not necessarily fair or moral
expedite	v. help the progress of (work, business, etc); hasten or speed up
expeditious	adj. done with speed and efficiency

expenditure	n. action of spending or using
expertise	n. expert knowledge or skill, esp in a particular field
expiate	v. accept punishment for (wrong one has done) and do something to show one is sorry; make up for
expletive	n. violent (often meaningless) exclamation said in anger, pain, etc; swear-word
explicate	v. explain and analyse (esp an idea, a statement or a work of literature) in detail
explicit	adj. (of a statement, etc) clearly and fully expressed
exploit	n. brave or adventurous deed or action
expository	serving to expound or set forth
expostulation	n. protest; reasoned persuasion, etc
exposure	n. action of exposing or state of being exposed
expound	v. ~ sth (fml) explain or make sth clear by giving details
expropriate	v. ~ sth (from sb) take away (property, etc) for public use without payment to the owner
expunge	v. ~ sth (fml) remove or wipe out (words, names, etc) from a list, book, etc
expurgate	v. remove improper or objectionable parts from (a book, etc)
exquisite	adj. extremely beautiful or delicate; finely or skilfully made or done
extant	adj. still in existence
extemporaneous	adj. spoken or done without preparation; extempore ;
extenuate	v. make (wrongdoing) less serious (by providing an excuse)
extirpate	v. remove or destroy (sth) completely
extol	v. ~sb (as sth) (fml) praise (sb/sth) highly
extort	v. ~ sth obtain sth by violence, threats, etc
extradition	surrender of prisoner by one state to another
extraneous	adj. ~ not belonging to or directly connected with the subject or matter being dealt with
extrapolation	n. ~ (fml)
extricate	v. ~ sb/sth (fml) set sb/sth free; release sb/sth ;
extrinsic	adj. ~ (fml) (of qualities, values, etc) not belonging to or part of the real nature of a person or thing; coming from outside
extrovert	n. person more interested in what is happening around him than in his own thoughts and emotions
extrude	v. ~ sth (fml) force or squeeze out sth under pressure
exuberance	n. state or quality of being exuberant
exuberant	adj. overflowing with happiness and excitement; very lively and cheerful
exude	v. ~ (sth) (from/through sth) (of drops of liquid, etc) come or pass out slowly; ooze out

exult	v. ~ (at/in sth) get great pleasure from sth; rejoice greatly
fabricate	v. invent
facade	n. front (of a building)
facet	n. any of the many sides of a cut stone or jewel
facetious	adj. intended to be amusing, often inappropriately
facile	adj. easily obtained or achieved (and so not highly valued)
facilitate	v. (of an object, a process, etc but not of a person) make (sth) easy or less difficult
facsimile	n. exact copy or reproduction of writing, printing, a picture, etc
faction	n. small united group within a larger one, esp in politics
factious	adj. of or caused by faction
factitious	adj. deliberately created or developed; unnatural; artificial
factotum	n. person employed to do all kinds of work
faculty	n. any of the powers of the body or mind
fake	n. object (eg a work of art) that seems genuine but is not
fallacious	adj. misleading; based on error
fallible	adj. liable to make mistakes
fallow	adj. ploughed but left unplanted to restore its fertility
falsify	make false by mutilation or addition; as of a message or story
falter	v. move, walk or act hesitantly, usu because of weakness, fear or indecision
fanaticism	n. great or obsessive enthusiasm
fancied	imaginary; unreal
fancier	n. person with a special interest in and love for sth
fanciful	adj. using the imagination rather than reason
fancy	n. power of the mind to imagine
fanfare	n. short ceremonial piece of music, usu played on trumpets
fantastic	adj. wild and strange
farce	n. funny play for the theatre based on unlikely situations and events
far-fetched	adj. (of a comparison) strained; unnatural
fashion	n. manner or way of doing sth
fastidious	adj. selecting carefully; choosing only what is good ;
fatalism	n. belief that events are decided by fate(1); acceptance of all that happens as inevitable ;
fathom	n. measure of the depth of water , 61.8
fathomless	adj. too deep to measure
fatuous	adj. stupid and silly; foolish

fauna	n. all the animals of an area or a period of time
favoritism	[favouritism:] the practice of giving special treatment to a person or group
fawning	[fawn:] a young deer of either sex aged under one year
faze	v. fluster (sb)
feasible	adj. that can be done; practicable; possible
feature	n. one of the named parts of the face (eg nose, mouth, eyes) which together form its appearance
febrile	adj. caused by a fever
feckless	adj. inefficient; irresponsible ;
fecundity	n.
feeble-minded	
feign	v. pretend
feint	n. pretended attack to distract an opponent's attention from the main attack
felicitous	adj. (esp of words) well-chosen; apt
felicity	n. great happiness
feline	adj. n animal of the cat family
fell	pt of fall1
felon	n. person guilty of felony
feral	adj. (of animals) wild or savage, esp after escaping from captivity or from life as a pet
ferment	v. change chemically through the action of organic substances (esp yeast)
fermentation	n. fermenting
ferocious	adj. fierce, violent or savage
ferret	n. small animal of the weasel family, kept for driving rabbits from their burrows, killing rats, etc
fertile	adj. able to produce much; rich in nutrients
fervent	adj. showing warmth and sincerity of feeling; enthusiastic; passionate
fervid	adj. = fervent
fervor	intensity of feeling or expression
fester	v. become infected and filled with pus
festive	adj. of or suitable for a feast or festival; joyous
fete	n. outdoor entertainment or sale, usu to raise money for a special purpose
fetid	adj. smelling foul or unpleasant; stinking
fetish	n. object that is worshipped, esp because a spirit is believed to live in it
fetter	n. chain put round the feet of a person or animal to limit movement
feud	n. long and bitter quarrel between two people, families or groups

fiasco	n. complete and ridiculous failure
fiat	n. formal authorization, order or decree
fickle	adj. often changing; not constant
fictitious	adj. imagined or invented; not real
fideliy	n. ~ loyalty; faithfulness
fiend	n. evil spirit; devil
figment	n. thing that is not real but only imagined
figurative	adj. (of words) used in an imaginative or a metaphorical way rather than literally
figure	n. written symbol for a number, esp 0 to 9 09
figurine	n. small ornamental statue, esp of a person
filch	v. steal (esp sth of small value)
filial	adj. of or expected from a son or daughter
filibuster	n. person who tries to delay or prevent the making of decisions in (esp parliamentary) meetings by making long speeches
filigree	n. fine ornamental work using gold, silver or copper wire
filming	[card:] an index in which each item is separately listed on systematically arranged cards
filth	n. disgusting dirt
finale	n. last part of a piece of music or a drama, etc
finery	n. gay and elegant clothes or decoration
finesse	n. skill in dealing with people or situations cleverly or tactfully
finicky	adj. too fussy about food, clothes, etc
finish	v. come or bring (sth) to an end
finished	adj. ~ (infml) in a state of having completed sth or no longer dealing with sb/sth
finite	adj. having bounds; limited; not infinite
firebrand	n. piece of burning wood
fissure	n. long deep crack in rock or in the earth
fit	adj. ~ for sb/sth; ~ to do sth suitable or suited for sb/sth; well adapted for sb/sth; good enough for sb/sth
fitful	adj. occurring in short periods, not regularly and steadily
flaccid	adj. soft and weak; loose and limp; not firm ;
flag	n. piece of cloth with a particular design, that can be attached by one edge to a rope, pole, etc and used as a symbol of a country, party, etc or as a signal
flagrant	adj. particularly bad, shocking and obvious
flail	n. tool consisting of a stick swinging from a long handle, used esp formerly to separate grain from chaff,

flair	n. ~ for sth natural ability to do sth well
flamboyant	adj. showy, very confident and extravagant
flashy	adj. attractive but usu not in good taste; showy
flaunt	v. show (sth considered valuable) in order to gain the admiration of other people
flay	v. remove the skin from (a dead animal)
fleck	n. ~ very small patch or spot of a colour
fledgling	inexperienced
fleece	n. woolly hair of a sheep or similar animal
fleet	n. group of warships, submarines, etc under one commander
flick	n. quick light blow, eg with a whip or the tip of a finger
flicker	v. (of a light or flame) burn or shine unsteadily
flighty	adj. (esp of a woman or her behaviour) changeable and unreliable; not serious
flinch	v. move or draw back suddenly, from shock, fear or pain
flip	v. toss (sth) with a sharp movement of the thumb and forefinger so that it turns over in the air
flippancy	n. being flippant
flippant	adj. not showing sufficient respect or seriousness
flirt	v. ~ behave (towards sb) in a romantic or suggestive way but without serious intentions
flit	v. fly or move lightly and quickly from one place to another
floe	n. sheet of floating ice, usu on the sea
flora	n. all the plants of a particular area or period of time
florescence	the process, state, or period of flowering
florid	adj. elaborate and ornate; excessively decorated or colourful
flotsam	n. parts of a wrecked ship or its cargo found floating in the sea
flounder	v. move or struggle helplessly or clumsily; move with difficulty, as through mud or deep snow
flourish	v. be successful, very active, or widespread; prosper
flout	v. disobey openly and scornfully
flowery	adj. covered with or having a lot of flowers
fluctuate	v. ~ (of a price, number, rate, etc) rise and fall; change irregularly
fluctuation	n. ~ (of/in sth)
fluency	n. quality or condition of being fluent
fluke	n. (infml) thing that is accidentally successful; lucky stroke in a game
flush	n. flow of blood to the face that causes a red colouring; blush
fluster	v. make nervous and confused

fluted	(esp. of the shaft of a column) having flutes
flutter	v. (of the wings of birds, butterflies, etc) move lightly and quickly
flux	n. continuous change or succession of changes; unsettled state
fodder	n. dried food, hay, etc for horses and farm animals ,
foible	n. small, usu harmless, peculiarity or weakness in a person's character
foil	n. metal rolled or hammered into a very thin flexible sheet
foist	v. foist sth on sb force sb into accepting sth not wanted
foliage	n. leaves of a tree or plant; leaves with their stems and branches
foment	v. arouse or increase
foolhardy	adj. foolishly bold or rash; reckless
foppish	adj. of or like a fop
foray	n. sudden attack, esp to obtain sth; raid
forbearance	n. patient self-control; tolerance
ford	n. shallow place in a river where one can walk or drive across
forebears	n. person from whom one is descended; ancestor
foreboding	n. ~ strong feeling that danger or trouble is coming
forensic	adj. of, related to or used in law
forerunner	n. person or thing that prepares the way for the coming of sb or sth else more important; sign of what is to follow
foreshadow	v. be a sign or warning of
foresight	n. ability to see what one's future needs are likely to be; careful planning
forestall	v. act before so as to prevent him from doing sth
forfeit	v. lose or give up (sth) as a consequence of or punishment for having done sth wrong, or in order to achieve sth
forge	n. workshop with a fire and an anvil where metals are heated and shaped, esp one used by a smith for making horseshoes
forgo	v. give up or do without (esp sth pleasant)
forlorn	adj. lonely and unhappy; uncared for
formality	n. careful observance of rules, conventions, etc of language or behaviour
formidable	adj. causing fear or great anxiety; frightening; awesome
forsake	v. (fml) give (sth) up; renounce
forswear	v. (promise to) give up (sth); renounce
forte	n. thing that sb does particularly well; strong point
forthcoming	adj. about to happen or appear in the near future
forthright	adj. clear and honest in manner and speech; straightforward
fortitude	n. courage, endurance and self-control in facing pain, danger or difficulty
fortuitous	adj. happening by chance or coincidence

forum	n. place where important public issues can be discussed
forward	adj. directed or moving towards the front
foster	v. help the growth or development of (sth); encourage or promote
foul	adj. having a bad smell or taste; dirty and disgusting
founder	n. person who founds or establishes sth
fracas	n. (usu sing)noisy quarrel, fight, or disturbance
fractious	adj. irritable; bad-tempered
frail	adj. physically weak or delicate
frailty	n. physical weakness
franchise	n. right to vote at public elections
frantic	adj. in an extreme state of emotion, esp fear or anxiety
fraudulent	adj. deceitful or dishonest
fraught	adj. ~ with sth filled with sth; charged with sth
fray	n. the fray fight, contest or argument; lively or challenging action
freebooter	buccaneer
frenetic	adj. very excited; frenzied; frantic
frenzied	adj. wildly excited or agitated; frantic
fresco	n. picture painted in water-colour on a wall or ceiling before the plaster is dry
fret	v. ~ (about/at/over sth) (cause sb to) become unhappy, bad-tempered, or anxious about sth; worry
friction	n. rubbing of one surface or thing against another
frieze	n. band of sculpture or decoration round the top of a wall or building
frigid	adj. very cold
fringe	n. (US bang) front hair cut so that it hangs over the forehead
frisk	v. pass one's hands over (sb) in a search for hidden weapons, drugs, etc
fritter	v. fritter sth away (on sth) waste (esp one's time or money) foolishly (on small useless things)
frivolous	adj. not sensible or serious; foolish and light-hearted
frock	n. dress worn by women or girls
frolic	v. ~ (about) play about in a lively happy way
frolicsome	adj. merry; playful
frond	n. leaf-like part of a fern or palm
fructify	v. (fml) (cause sth to) bear fruit or be fruitful
frugality	thrift
fruitful	adj. having many good results; productive or profitable; successful
fruition	n. fulfilment of hopes, plans, etc; getting what one wants or has worked for

frustrate	v. prevent (sb) from doing or achieving sth
fuddle	v. confuse (sb/sth), esp with alcoholic drink
fugitive	n. ~ person who is running away or escaping
fulcrum	n. point on which a lever is supported
fulminate	v. ~ protest strongly and loudly
fulsome	adj. excessive and insincere
fumble	v. touch or handle awkwardly or nervously
functional	adj. of or having a function or functions
functionary	n. person with official duties
fundamental	adj. of or forming the basis or foundation of sth; essential
funereal	adj. suitable for a funeral; gloomy; dismal
furor	A general commotion; public disorder or uproar.
furrow	n. long narrow trench cut in the earth, esp by a plough
furtive	adj. done secretly and quietly so as not to be noticed
fusillade	n. continuous or simultaneous shooting of guns
fusion	n. the blending or uniting of different things into one, by melting, etc
fuss	n. (esp unnecessary) nervous excitement or activity
fussy	adj. (usu derog) nervously active or excited about small things
futile	adj. producing no result; useless; pointless
gadfly	n. fly that stings horses and cattle
gaffe	n. social blunder; indiscreet act or remark
gainsay	v. (arch) (usu in negative sentences or questions) contradict (sb/sth); deny (sth)
gait	n. manner of walking or running
galaxy	n. any of the large systems of stars in outer space
gale	n. very strong wind storm (at sea) 8
gall	n. bitter liquid secreted by the liver; bile
galleon	n. large Spanish sailing-ship used from the 15th to the 17th century 1517
galley	n. long flat ship, usu rowed by slaves or criminals; ancient Greek or Roman warship ;
gallows	n. wooden framework on which criminals are put to death by hanging
galvanic	adj. producing an electric current by chemical action
galvanize	to stimulate or excite as if by an electric shock
gambit	n. opening move in chess in which a player sacrifices a piece in order to win an advantage later
gambol	v. (US also -l-) jump or skip about playfully
gamely	adv: fight, struggle, etc gamely, ie bravely but perhaps unsuccessfully ,

gamut	n. the gamut complete range or scale
gangrene	n. decay and death of body tissue when the blood supply has been stopped
gape	v. ~ (often derog) stare with an open mouth, usu in surprise
garbled	adj. confused or misleading
gargantuan	adj. enormous; gigantic
gargoyle	n. stone or metal spout in the form of a grotesque human or animal figure, for carrying rain-water away from the roof of a church, etc
garish	adj. unpleasantly bright; over-coloured or over-decorated, esp in a vulgar way
garner	v. ~ sth ~ sth (in/up) (fml) collect sth in and (usu) store it
garnish	v. ~ sth decorate (food for the table) with small additional amounts of food
garrulity	garrulousness ns talkativeness
garrulous	adj. talking too much, esp about unimportant things
gastronomy	n. art and science of choosing, cooking and eating good food
gauche	adj. socially awkward or clumsy
gaudy	adj. (derog) too bright and showy, esp in a vulgar way
gaunt	adj. made exceptionally thin by hunger or illness; haggard
gavel	n. small hammer used by an auctioneer or chairman as a signal for order or attention
gawk	v. ~ (infml) stare impolitely or stupidly; gawp
gazette	n. official journal with public notices and lists of government, military, legal and university appointments
genealogy	n. study of family history, showing who the ancestors of particular people were and how they were related to each other
generality	n. general statement, esp one that is vague or indefinite
generate	v. cause to exist or occur; produce
generic	adj. shared by or including a whole group or class; not specific
genesis	n. (fml) beginning; starting-point; origin
geniality	n. quality of being genial
genre	n. particular style or kind, esp of works of art or literature grouped according to their form or subject matter
genteel	adj. polite or refined in an affected or exaggerated way
gentility	n. genteel manners and behaviour; social superiority
gentle	adj. mild; kind; careful; not rough, violent or severe
gentry	n. people of good social position next below the nobility
genuflect	v. bend the knee, esp in worship ,
genus	n. (biology) group of animals or plants within a family(4), often itself subdivided into several species(1)

geriatrics	n. branch of medicine dealing with the diseases and care of old people
germ	n. portion of a living organism capable of becoming a new organism; embryo of a seed ;
germane	adj. ~ (fml) relevant
germinal	adj. in the earliest stage of development
germinate	v. start growing
gerontocracy	government ruled by old people
gerontology	n. scientific study of old age and the process of growing old
gerrymander	v. arrange the boundaries of or divide (an area) for voting in order to give unfair advantages to one party in an election
gestate	evolve; as in pre-natal growth
gesticulation	n. gesticulating
ghastly	adj. causing horror or fear
gibberish	n. meaningless sounds; unintelligible talk; nonsense
gibe	v. ~ (at sb/sth) jeer at or mock sb/sth; make fun of sb/sth
giddy	adj. having the feeling that everything is turning round and that one is going to fall
gild	v. cover with gold-leaf(3) or gold-coloured paint
gingerly	adv. with great care and caution to avoid causing harm or making a noise
girth	n. distance round sth of approximately cylindrical shape
gist	n. the gist main point or general meaning
glacial	adj. of the Ice Age
glamor	[glamour:] charm and allure; fascination
glare	n. strong unpleasant dazzling light
glaring	adj. dazzling
glaze	v. fit sheets or panes of glass into
gleam	n. brief appearance of light
glean	v. gather
glib	adj. (derog) speaking or spoken fluently and without hesitation, but not sincerely or trustworthily
glimmer	v. send out a weak unsteady light
glitter	v. ~ shine brightly with little sharp flashes of light; sparkle
gloat	v. ~ express or feel selfish delight at one's own success or good fortune or sb else's failure
gloss	n. brightness or shine on a smooth surface
glossary	n. list of technical or special words explaining their meanings
glossy	adj. smooth and shiny
glow	v. send out light and heat without flame

glower	v. ~ look in an angry or a threatening way
glut	v. ~ sth (with sth) supply sth with much more than is needed
glutinous	adj. of or like gluten; sticky
glutton	n. person who eats too much
gnarl	any knotty protuberance or swelling on a tree
gnarled	adj. twisted and rough; covered with knobs
gnome	dwarf; underground spirit
goad	n. pointed stick for making cattle, etc move on
gobble	v. ~ sth eat sth fast, noisily and greedily (leaving nothing behind)
gorge	n. narrow steep-sided valley, usu with a stream or river
gory	adj. (esp rhet) covered with gore1
goosamer	n. fine silky substance of webs made by small spiders, floating in calm air or spread over grass, etc
gouge	n. tool with a sharp semicircular edge for cutting grooves in wood
gourmand	n. lover of food; glutton ;
gourmet	n. person who enjoys and is expert in the choice of fine food, wines, etc
gracious	adj. ~ (of persons and behaviour) kind, polite and generous (esp to sb who is socially inferior)
gradation	n. gradual change from one thing to another
graduate	n. ~ person who holds a degree (esp the first or bachelor's) from a university or polytechnic
graduated	[graduate:] n. a person who has been awarded a first degree from a university or college
granary	n. building where grain is stored
grandeur	n. greatness; magnificence; impressiveness
grandiloquent	adj. using or being a pompous style of speech, full of words which ordinary people do not understand
grandiose	adj. planned on a large scale; (intended to seem) imposing
granulate	v. form into grains or have a granular surface or texture
graphic	adj. of visual symbols
graphite	n. soft black substance used in making lead pencils, in lubrication, and for slowing down neutrons in atomic reactors
grapple	v. ~ seize (an opponent) firmly and try to fight
grate	n. fireplace
gratify	v. (fml) give pleasure or satisfaction to (sb)
gratis	adv. without payment; free
gratuitous	adj. done, given or acting unnecessarily, purposely and without good reason

gratuity	n. money given to sb who has done one a service; tip ;
gravity	n. force that attracts objects in space towards each other, and on the earth pulls them towards the centre of the planet, so that things fall to the ground when dropped
graze	v. ~ (of cattle, sheep, etc) eat growing grass
gregarious	adj. liking to be with other people
grievance	n. ~ real or imagined cause for complaint or protest (used esp with the vs shown)
grill	n. device on a cooker that directs heat downwards for cooking meat, toasting bread, etc
grim	adj. very serious and unsmiling in appearance
grimace	n. ugly twisted expression (on the face), expressing pain, disgust, etc or intended to cause laughter
grisly	adj. causing horror or terror; ghastly
groom	n. person in charge of horses
groove	n. long narrow cut or depression in the surface of hard material
gross	n. (esp commerce) twelve dozen
grotesque	adj. strangely distorted so as to arouse fear or laughter; fantastic
grotto	n. cave, esp one made artificially as a garden shelter
grouch	v. ~ (derog) complain
grouse	n. small dark bird of northern hilly areas, shot for sport and food
grovel	v. (derog) ~ (to/before sb) lie or crawl with the face downwards in a show of humility or fear
growl	v. ~ (of animals or thunder) make a low threatening sound
grudge	v. ~ sth feel resentful about sth; do or give sth very unwillingly
grudging	adj. unwilling; reluctant
gruel	n. simple dish made of oatmeal, etc boiled in milk or water
grueling	exhausting
gruesome	adj. filling one with horror or disgust; frightful
gruff	adj. rough; surly
grumble	v. ~ (about/at/over sth) complain or protest in a bad-tempered way
grunt	v. (of animals, esp pigs) make a low rough sound from deep in the throat ,
guffaw	v. give a noisy laugh
guile	n. deceit; cunning
guileless	without deceit
guise	n. style of dress
gull	n. any of several types of large long-winged sea-bird with usu white and grey or black feathers .

gullible	adj. willing to believe anything or anyone; easily deceived
gush	v. ~ (from sth) flow or pour out suddenly in great quantities
gust	n. sudden violent rush of wind
gustatory	affecting the sense of taste
gusto	n. enthusiastic vigour in doing sth
gusty	adj. with wind blowing in gusts
guy	n. rope or chain used to keep sth steady or secured, eg to hold a tent in place
gyroscope	n. device containing a wheel which, when its spins fast, always maintains the same orientation regardless of any movement of the supporting structure, often used in ships' stabilizers
habitat	n. natural environment of an animal or a plant; home
habituate	v. ~ sb/oneself to sth accustom sb/oneself to sth
hackles	n. long feathers on the neck of the domestic cock, etc or hairs on the neck of a dog
hackneyed	adj. used so often that it has become trite and dull
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healthful	adj. good for the health
healthy	adj. having good health; well and able to resist disease
heckler	n.
hedonism	n. belief that pleasure should be the main aim in life
hedonist	n. believer in hedonism
heed	v. pay attention to (advice, etc); take notice of (sth)
heedless	not noticing; disregarding
hegemony	n. leadership, esp by one state in a group of states
heinous	adj. very wicked
helm	n. handle or wheel for moving the rudder of a ship or boat
hem	n. edge of a piece of cloth which has been turned under and sewn or fixed down
herald	n. person who made important announcements and carried messages from a ruler
herbivorous	adj. feeding on plants
herd	n. number of animals, esp cattle, feeding or staying together
hereafter	adv. (in legal documents, etc) from now on; following this ,
heresy	n. belief or opinion that is contrary to what is generally accepted, esp in religion
heretic	n. person who is guilty of heresy or who supports a heresy

hermetic	adj. tightly closed so that air cannot escape or enter; completely airtight ;
hermitage	n. place where a hermit or a group of hermits lives
herpetologist	one that a branch of zoology dealing with reptiles and amphibians
heterodox	adj. not conforming with accepted standards or beliefs
heterogeneous	adj. made up of different kinds; varied in composition
hew	v. chop or cut (sth/sb) with an axe, sword, etc
heyday	n. time of greatest success, prosperity, power, etc
hiatus	n. gap in a series or sequence, making it incomplete; break in continuity ;
hibernal	wintery
hibernate	v. spend the winter in a state like deep sleep
hide	v. prevent (sth/sb/oneself) from being seen; put or keep out of sight
hideous	adj. filling the mind with horror; very ugly; frightful
hierarchy	n. system with grades of authority or status from the lowest to the highest
hieroglyphic	adj. of or written in hieroglyphs
high-flown	adj. extravagantly grand and pretentious
hilarity	n. loud laughter; great amusement
hindmost	adj. furthest behind
hindrance	n. ~ thing or person that hinders
hindsight	n. wisdom about an event after it has occurred
hinterlands	[hinterland:] land lying behind something, esp. a coast or the shore of a river
hireling	n. person whose services may be hired
hirsute	adj. (esp of a man) covered with hair; hairy; shaggy
historic	adj. famous or important in history
historical	adj. concerning past events
histrionic	adj. very theatrical in manner; excessively dramatic; affected
hive	n. (also `beehive) box or other container for bees to live in
hoard	n. carefully collected and guarded store of money, food or other treasured objects
hoary	adj. (also hoar) (esp of hair) grey or white with age
hoax	n. mischievous trick played on sb for a joke
holocaust	n. large-scale destruction, esp by fire; great loss of human life
holster	n. leather case for a pistol, usu fixed to a belt or saddle .
homage	n. things said or done to show great respect; tribute to a person or his qualities (used esp with the vs shown)
homely	adj. (approv esp Brit) simple and plain
homeostasis	tendency of a system to maintain relative stability

homespun	adj. made of yarn spun at home
homily	n. long and boring talk from sb on the correct way to behave, etc
homogeneous	adj. formed of parts that are all of the same type
hone	n. stone used for sharpening the cutting edges of tools, etc
hoodwink	v. ~ sb deceive sb; trick sb
horde	n. very large group (esp of people); huge crowd; throng
horoscope	n. forecast of a person's future based on a diagram showing the relative positions of the planets, etc at a particular time, eg the time of his birth
hortatory	encouraging; exhortative
horticultural	adj. a horticultural show, society, expert
hostage	n. person held as a captive by one or more others who threaten to keep, harm or kill him unless certain demands are met
hostility	n. ~ being hostile (to sb/sth); antagonism; enmity
hothead	n. person who often acts too hastily or rashly; impetuous person ;
hovel	n. small house that is unfit to live in; very poor and squalid dwelling ;
hover	v. remain in the air in one place
hubbub	n. loud confused noise, eg of many voices; din ;
hubris	n. arrogant pride
hue	n. colour; variety or shade of colour
hull	n. body of a ship
humane	adj. having or showing sympathy, kindness and understanding
humanitarian	adj. concerned with improving the lives of mankind and reducing suffering, esp by social reform
humble	adj. (of a person or his words or actions) having or showing a low or modest opinion of one's own importance; not proud
humdrum	adj. lacking excitement or variety; dull; monotonous
humid	adj. containing moisture; damp
humidity	n. humble attitude of mind; modesty
hummock	n. low hill or hump in the ground; hillock ;
humor	to soothe or content by indulgence
humus	n. rich dark organic material formed by the decay of dead leaves, etc and essential to the fertility of soil
hurl	v. throw violently; fling
hurtle	v. move violently, noisily or with great speed in the specified direction
husband	n. man to whom a woman is married
husbandry	n. farming
hut	n. small roughly-built house or shelter, usu made of wood or metal ,
hybrid	n. animal or plant that has parents of different species or varieties

hydrophobia	n. abnormal fear of water and of drinking, esp as a symptom of rabies in humans
hygiene	n. study and practice of cleanliness as a way of maintaining good health and preventing disease
hyperbole	n. exaggerated statement that is made for special effect and is not meant to be taken literally, eg I've invited millions of people to my party ,
hypercritical	adj. too critical, esp of small faults
hypnosis	n. state like deep sleep in which a person's actions may be controlled by another person
hypochondriac	n. person who suffers from hypochondria
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healthy	adj. having good health; well and able to resist disease
heckler	n.
hedonism	n. belief that pleasure should be the main aim in life
hedonist	n. believer in hedonism
heed	v. pay attention to (advice, etc); take notice of (sth)
heedless	not noticing; disregarding
hegemony	n. leadership, esp by one state in a group of states
heinous	adj. very wicked
helm	n. handle or wheel for moving the rudder of a ship or boat
hem	n. edge of a piece of cloth which has been turned under and sewn or fixed down
herald	n. person who made important announcements and carried messages from a ruler
herbivorous	adj. feeding on plants
herd	n. number of animals, esp cattle, feeding or staying together
hereafter	adv. (in legal documents, etc) from now on; following this ,

heresy	n. belief or opinion that is contrary to what is generally accepted, esp in religion
heretic	n. person who is guilty of heresy or who supports a heresy
hermetic	adj. tightly closed so that air cannot escape or enter; completely airtight ;
hermitage	n. place where a hermit or a group of hermits lives
herpetologist	one that a branch of zoology dealing with reptiles and amphibians
heterodox	adj. not conforming with accepted standards or beliefs
heterogeneous	adj. made up of different kinds; varied in composition
hew	v. chop or cut (sth/sb) with an axe, sword, etc
heyday	n. time of greatest success, prosperity, power, etc
hiatus	n. gap in a series or sequence, making it incomplete; break in continuity ;
hibernal	wintry
hibernate	v. spend the winter in a state like deep sleep
hide	v. prevent (sth/sb/oneself) from being seen; put or keep out of sight
hideous	adj. filling the mind with horror; very ugly; frightful
hierarchy	n. system with grades of authority or status from the lowest to the highest
hieroglyphic	adj. of or written in hieroglyphs
high-flown	adj. extravagantly grand and pretentious
hilarity	n. loud laughter; great amusement
hindmost	adj. furthest behind
hindrance	n. ~ thing or person that hinders
hindsight	n. wisdom about an event after it has occurred
hinterlands	[hinterland:] land lying behind something, esp. a coast or the shore of a river
hireling	n. person whose services may be hired
hirsute	adj. (esp of a man) covered with hair; hairy; shaggy
historic	adj. famous or important in history
historical	adj. concerning past events
histrionic	adj. very theatrical in manner; excessively dramatic; affected
hive	n. (also `beehive) box or other container for bees to live in
hoard	n. carefully collected and guarded store of money, food or other treasured objects
hoary	adj. (also hoar) (esp of hair) grey or white with age
hoax	n. mischievous trick played on sb for a joke
holocaust	n. large-scale destruction, esp by fire; great loss of human life
holster	n. leather case for a pistol, usu fixed to a belt or saddle .
homage	n. things said or done to show great respect; tribute to a person or his qualities (used esp with the vs shown)

homely	adj. (approv esp Brit) simple and plain
homeostasis	tendency of a system to maintain relative stability
homespun	adj. made of yarn spun at home
homily	n. long and boring talk from sb on the correct way to behave, etc
homogeneous	adj. formed of parts that are all of the same type
hone	n. stone used for sharpening the cutting edges of tools, etc
hoodwink	v. ~ sb deceive sb; trick sb
horde	n. very large group (esp of people); huge crowd; throng
horoscope	n. forecast of a person's future based on a diagram showing the relative positions of the planets, etc at a particular time, eg the time of his birth
hortatory	encouraging; exhortative
horticultural	adj. a horticultural show, society, expert
hostage	n. person held as a captive by one or more others who threaten to keep, harm or kill him unless certain demands are met
hostility	n. ~ being hostile (to sb/sth); antagonism; enmity
hothead	n. person who often acts too hastily or rashly; impetuous person ;
hovel	n. small house that is unfit to live in; very poor and squalid dwelling ;
hover	v. remain in the air in one place
hubbub	n. loud confused noise, eg of many voices; din ;
hubris	n. arrogant pride
hue	n. colour; variety or shade of colour
hull	n. body of a ship
humane	adj. having or showing sympathy, kindness and understanding
humanitarian	adj. concerned with improving the lives of mankind and reducing suffering, esp by social reform
humble	adj. (of a person or his words or actions) having or showing a low or modest opinion of one's own importance; not proud
humdrum	adj. lacking excitement or variety; dull; monotonous
humid	adj. containing moisture; damp
humidity	n. humble attitude of mind; modesty
hummock	n. low hill or hump in the ground; hillock ;
humor	to soothe or content by indulgence
humus	n. rich dark organic material formed by the decay of dead leaves, etc and essential to the fertility of soil
hurl	v. throw violently; fling
hurtle	v. move violently, noisily or with great speed in the specified direction
husband	n. man to whom a woman is married
husbandry	n. farming

hut	n. small roughly-built house or shelter, usu made of wood or metal ,
hybrid	n. animal or plant that has parents of different species or varieties
hydrophobia	n. abnormal fear of water and of drinking, esp as a symptom of rabies in humans
hygiene	n. study and practice of cleanliness as a way of maintaining good health and preventing disease
hyperbole	n. exaggerated statement that is made for special effect and is not meant to be taken literally, eg I've invited millions of people to my party ,
hypercritical	adj. too critical, esp of small faults
hypnosis	n. state like deep sleep in which a person's actions may be controlled by another person
hypochondriac	n. person who suffers from hypochondria
hypocritical	adj. of hypocrisy or a hypocrite
hypothetical	adj. of or based on a hypothesis; not necessarily true or real ;
hysteria	n. wild uncontrollable emotion or excitement, with eg laughter, crying or screaming
jab	v. ~ (at sb/sth) (with sth); ~ sb/sth (with sth) poke or push at sb/sth roughly, usu with sth sharp or pointed
jabber	v. ~ talk rapidly in what seems to be a confused manner
jaded	adj. tired and lacking zest, usu after too much of sth
jargon	n. technical or specialized words used by a particular group of people and difficult for others to understand
jaundice	n. disease caused by an excess of bile in the blood which makes the skin and the whites of the eyes become abnormally yellow
jaundiced	adj. affected by jealousy, spite, etc; bitter
jaunt	n. short journey, made for pleasure
jaunty	adj. feeling or showing cheerfulness and self-confidence; sprightly
jeopardize	put in danger
jeopardy	n. in jeopardy in danger of harm, loss or destruction
jest	n. thing said or done to cause amusement; joke ;
jetsam	n. goods thrown overboard from a ship in distress to lighten it; such goods washed up ashore ;
jettison	v. throw or eject from a ship in distress, or from an aeroplane, a spacecraft, etc
jibe	to be in accord: AGREE
jingoism	n. extreme and unreasonable belief that one's own country is best, together with a warlike attitude towards other countries
jingoist	n. person who has such a belief
jocose	adj. humorous; playful ;

jocular	adj. meant as a joke; humorous
jocund	adj. merry; cheerful ;
jollity	n. state of being jolly
jostle	v. ~ push roughly against (sb), usu in a crowd
jovial	adj. very cheerful and good-humoured; merry
jubilation	n. great happiness, esp because of a success
judiciary	n. judges of a country collectively
judicious	adj. showing or having good sense
jug	n. (US pitcher) deep vessel, with a handle and a lip, for holding and pouring liquids
juggernaut	n. very large articulated lorry
jumble	to mix into a confused or disordered mass
juncture	n. at this juncture (fml) at a particular, esp important, stage in a series of events
junket	n. sweet custard-like pudding made of milk curdled with rennet, and often sweetened and flavoured ,
junta	n. group, esp of military officers, who rule a country after taking power by force in a revolution
juridical	adj. of law or legal proceedings
jurisdiction	n. authority to carry out justice and to interpret and apply laws; right to exercise legal authority
jurisprudence	n. science or philosophy of law
juxtapose	v. place (people or things) side by side or very close together, esp to show a contrast
Barron GRE word list - k	
kaleidoscope	n. toy consisting of a tube containing small loose pieces of coloured glass, etc and mirrors which reflect these to form changing patterns when the tube is turned
ken	n. beyond/outside one's ken not within one's range of knowledge
kernel	n. soft and usu edible part inside a nut or fruit stone .
killjoy	n. person who spoils the enjoyment of others
kindle	v. catch fire
kindred	n. family relationship
kinetic	adj. of or produced by movement
kismet	n. destiny; fate ;
kleptomaniac	n. person suffering from kleptomania ; . adj
knack	n. skill at performing some special task; ability
knave	n. = jack1 4
knavery	n. dishonesty; trickery ;

knead	v. press and stretch with the hands to form a firm smooth paste
kneel	v. =>Usage at dream dream. ~ (down) go down on one or both knees; rest on the knee(s)
knell	n. sound of a bell rung slowly after a death or at a funeral
knit	v. ~ sth (for sb) make (a garment or fabric) by forming wool, silk, etc yarn into connecting loops, either by hand (using long needles) or on a machine
knoll	n. small round hill or mound
knotty	adj. (of timber) full of knots
kudos	n. honour and glory; credit1(
abile	readily or continually undergoing chemical, physical, or biological change or breakdown:UNSTABLE
laborious	adj. needing much effort
labyrinth	n. complicated network of winding passages, paths, etc through which it is difficult to find one's way
lace	n. delicate fabric with an ornamental openwork design of threads
lacerate	v. injure by tearing
laceration	n. tearing of the flesh
lachrymose	adj. in the habit of weeping; tearful; mournful
lackadaisical	adj. lacking vigour and determination; unenthusiastic
lackluster	lacking brilliance or vitality ; lacking luster or shine
laconic	adj. using few words; terse
lag	v. ~ (behind sb/sth); ~ (behind) go too slow; fail to keep pace with others
laggard	n. person who lags behind
lagoon	n. salt-water lake separated from the open sea by sandbanks or coral reefs
laity	n. the laity all the members of a Church who are not ordained clergymen; laymen ;
lambaste	v. hit (sb) hard and repeatedly; thrash ;
lament	v. ~ (for/over sb/sth) feel or express great sorrow or regret for (sb/sth)
lampoon	n. piece of writing that attacks and ridicules a person, a book, an institution, etc
lance	n. weapon used for catching fish, etc with a long wooden shaft and a pointed steel head
lancet	n. sharp pointed two-edged surgical instrument used for opening abscesses, etc
languid	adj. lacking vigour or energy; slow-moving
languish	v. lack or lose vitality
languor	n. tiredness or laziness of mind and body; listlessness ;
lank	adj. straight and limp
lap	n. area formed by the upper part of a seated person's thighs

larceny	n. (instance of) theft of personal goods
larder	n. cupboard or small room used for storing food
largess	n. generous giving of money or gifts, esp to sb of lower rank or status
lascivious	adj. feeling, expressing or causing sexual desire
lassitude	n. tiredness of mind or body
latch	n. fastening for a gate or door, consisting of a bar that is lifted from its catch, groove, hole, etc by a lever
latent	adj. existing but not yet active, developed or visible
lateral	adj. of, at, from or towards the side
latitude	n. distance of a place north or south of the equator, measured in degrees .
laud	v. praise (sb/sth); glorify
laudable	adj. deserving praise; praiseworthy
laudatory	adj. expressing or giving praise
lavish	adj. ~ ~ (in doing sth) giving or producing generously or in large quantities
lax	adj. not sufficiently strict or severe; negligent
laxative	n, adj causing or helping the bowels to empty
layman	n. person who does not have an expert knowledge of a subject
leash	n. = lead
leaven	n. substance used to make dough rise before it is baked to make bread
leave-taking	n. act of saying goodbye
lechery	n. excessive interest in sexual pleasure
lectern	n. high sloping desk made to hold a lecturer's notes, a Bible in church, etc
leery	adj. ~ (infml) wary; suspicious
leeway	n. amount of freedom to move, change, etc that is left to sb
legacy	n. money or property left to sb in a will
legato	adj. adv (to be played) in a smooth even manner
legend	n. story handed down from the past, esp one that may not be true
legerdemain	n. skilful performance of tricks using the hands; juggling; conjuring ;
legislature	n. body of people with the power to make and change laws
leniency	mercifulness as a consequence of being lenient or tolerant ; a disposition to yield to the wishes of someone
leonine	adj. of or like a lion
lethal	adj. causing or able to cause death
lethargic	adj. Hot weather makesme lethargic
levee	n. assembly of visitors, esp at a formal reception
levitate	v. rise and float in the air, esp by means of supernatural powers
levity	n. lack of proper seriousness or respect

levy	v. ~ sth (on sb) collect (a payment, etc) by authority or force; impose sth
lewd	adj. treating sexual matters in a vulgar or indecent way
lexicographer	n. person who compiles dictionaries
lexicon	n. dictionary, esp of an ancient language ,
liability	n. ~state of being liable
liaison	n. communicationand co-operation between units of an organization
libel	n. false written or printed statement that damages sb's reputation
libelous	defamatory; injurious to the good name of a person
libertine	n. man who lives an irresponsible and immoral life
libidinous	adj. having or showing strong sexual feelings; lustful ;
libido	n. (psychology) emotional energy or urge, esp sexual
libretto	n. words that are sung and spoken in an opera or musical play
license	v. give a licence to
licentious	adj. disregardingthe rules of behaviour, esp in sexual matters
lien	n. ~ (on/upon sth) right to keep sb's property until a debt owed in connection with it (for repair, transport, etc) is paid ,
ligneous	adj. woody
lilliputian	adj. on a small scale; tiny
limber	adj. supple; flexible ;
limbo	n. in limbo in an intermediate or uncertain state; neglected
limn	portray; describe vividly
limp	adj. not stiff or firm
limpid	adj. clear; transparent
lineage	n. line of descent from an ancestor; ancestry
lineaments	n. features of the face, etc
linger	v. stay for a long time; be unwilling to leave
linguistic	adj. of language or linguistics
lionize	assign great social importance to
liquidate	v. pay or settle
list	n. series of names, items, figures, etc written or printed
listless	adj. having no energy, vitality or enthusiasm
litany	n. series of prayers to God for use in church services, spoken by a priest with set responses by the congregation
lithe	adj. bending or turning easily; supple
litigation	n. process of going to law
litotes	n. ironical understatement,esp using a negative to emphasize the contrary , It wasn't easy It was very difficult

litter	n. light rubbish (eg bits of paper, wrappings, bottles) left lying about, esp in a public place
livid	adj. of the colour of lead; bluish-grey
loath	adj. ~ to do sth unwilling; reluctant
loathe	v. feel great hatred or disgust for (sb/sth)
lode	n. vein of metal ore
loft	n. room or space directly under the roof of a house, used for storing things
lofty	adj. (of thoughts, aims, etc) noble; exalted
log	n. length of tree-trunk that has fallen or been cut down
loiter	v. ~ stand about idly
loll	v. ~ rest, sit or stand lazily, often while leaning against sth
longevity	n. long life
lookout	the act of keeping watch against danger, etc.
loom	n. machine for weaving cloth
lope	v. run fairly fast with long bounding strides
lopsided	adj. with one side lower, smaller, etc than the other; unevenly balanced
loquacious	adj. fond of talking; talkative ;
lot	n. the 'lot, all the 'lot, the whole 'lot the whole number or amount (of sb/sth)
lottery	n. way of raising money by selling numbered tickets and giving prizes to the holders of numbers selected at random
lounge	v. sit or stand in a lazy way, esp leaning against sth; loll
lout	n. clumsy vulgar man or youth with bad manners
low	adj. not high or tall; not extending far upwards
lubricate	v. put oil or grease on or in so that it moves easily
lucid	adj. clearly expressed; easy to understand
lucrative	adj. producing much money; profitable
lucre	n. profit or money-making, as a motive for doing sth
ludicrous	adj. causing laughter; ridiculous; absurd
lugubrious	adj. dismal; mournful
lull	v. ~ sb/sth (to sth) make (a person or an animal) quiet or less active; soothe sb/sth
lumber	n. unwanted pieces of furniture, etc that are stored away or take up space
lumen	a unit of luminous flux equal to the light emitted in a unit solid angle by a uniform point source of one candle intensity
luminary	n. person who inspires or influences others
luminous	adj. giving out light; bright
lunar	adj. of the moon

lunatic	n. insane person
lurid	adj. having bright glaring colours or combinations of colour
lurk	v. be or stay hidden, esp when waiting to attack
luscious	adj. rich and sweet in taste or smell
lush	adj. growing thickly and strongly; luxuriant
lust	n. ~ (for sb) strong sexual desire
luster	shine; gloss
lustrous	adj. having lustre
luxuriant	adj. growing thickly and strongly; lush
luxuriate	v. ~ in sth take great pleasure in sth; enjoy sth as a luxury
macabre	adj. connected with death, and thus causing fear; gruesome
mace	n. large heavy club formerly used as a weapon, usu having a head with metal spikes ,
macerate	v. (cause sth to) become soft or break up by soaking
Machiavellian	adj. cunning and deceitful in gaining what one wants; showing such cunning or deceit
machinations	[machination:] an intrigue, plot, or scheme
maculated	make dirty or spotty; also used metaphorically ; spot, stain, or pollute
madrigal	n. songfor several voices, usu without instrumental accompaniment,on the themes of love and/or nature 16,
maelstrom	n. great whirlpool
magisterial	adj. having or showing authority
magistrate	n. official who acts as a judge in the lowest courts; Justice of the Peace
magnanimity	n. being magnanimous
magnate	n. wealthy and powerful landowner or industrialist
magniloquent	adj. (of words, speech) pompous-sounding ,
magnitude	n. (usu large) size
maim	v. wound or injure so that part of the body cannot be used
makeshift	n, adj used temporarily until sth better is available
maladroit	adj. not clever or skilful; clumsy; bungling
malady	n. disease; illness
malaise	n. general feeling of illness, without clear signs of a particular disease
malapropism	ncomical confusion of a word with another, similar-sounding,word which has a quite different meaning, eg `an ingenuousmachine for peeling potatoes'
malapropos	of an inappropriate or misapplied nature or kind
malcontent	n, adj discontented and rebellious
malediction	n. prayer that sb or sth may be destroyed, hurt, etc; curse ;

malefactor	n. wrongdoer; criminal
maleficient	
malevolent	adj. ~ wishing to do evil or cause harm to others; spiteful
malfeasance	a wrongful act that the actor had no right to do; improper professional conduct
malicious	adj. intended to harm others
malign	v. say unpleasant or untrue things about
malignant	adj. feeling or showing great desire to harm others; malevolent
malingerer	n. person who malingers
malleable	adj. that can be beaten or pressed into different shapes easily
malodorous	adj. smelling unpleasant
mammal	n. any of the class of animals that give birth to live offspring and feed their young on milk from the breast
mammoth	n. large hairy type of elephant, now extinct
manacle	n. one of a pair of chains or metal bands for binding the hands or feet; fetter ;
mandate	n. ~ (to do sth) authority given to a party, trade union, etc by the people who support it
mandatory	adj. required by law; compulsory
maneuver	= manoeuvre
mange	n. skin disease of hairy animals, caused by a parasite
mangle	v. damage greatly, (almost) beyond recognition; mutilate
mangy	adj. suffering from mange
maniacial	adj. violently mad
manifest	adj. ~ (fml) clear and obvious
manifestation	outward demonstration; indication
manifesto	n. (publication containing a) public declaration by a political party, ruler, etc of principles and policy
manifold	adj. of many types; many and various
manipulate	v. control or handle with skill
mannered	adj. having an unnatural style of speaking, writing, etc; affected
mannerism	n. peculiar habit of behaviour, speech, etc
mantle	n. loose sleeveless cloak
manumit	v. (fml) (formerly) free (a slave)
mar	v. damage (sth); spoil
maraud	a sudden short attack ; search for plunder
margin	n. blank space round the written or printed matter on a page
marginal	adj. of or in a margin

marital	adj. of a husband or wife; of marriage
maritime	adj. of the sea, sailing or shipping
marked	adj. clear; noticeable; easily seen
maroon	adj. n brownish red
marred	[mar:] vt. to cause harm to; spoil or impair
marrow	n. soft fatty substance that fills the hollow parts of human and animal bones
marshal	n. officer of high rank
marsupial	n, adj of the class of mammals which includes the kangaroo, the female of which has a pouch on its body to hold its young
martial	adj. of or associated with war
martinet	n. person who imposes strict discipline and demands obedience to orders
martyr	n. person who is killed or made to suffer greatly because of his beliefs
mash	n. grain, bran, etc cooked in water until soft, used as food for animals
masochist	n.
mason	n. person who builds in or works with stone
masquerade	n. false show; pretence
mass	n. celebration of Christ's Last Supper, esp in the Roman Catholic Church
masticate	v. chew (food)
mat	n. piece of material, made of straw, rushes, fibre, etc, used to cover part of a floor
materialism	n. 1 obsession with material possessions, bodily comforts, etc while neglecting spiritual values
maternal	adj. of or like a mother
matriarch	n. female head of a family or tribe
matriculate	v. be admitted or admit as a student to a university
matrimony	n. state of being married; marriage
matrix	n. mould into which molten metal, liquid, etc is poured to form shapes for eg printer's type, gramophone records, etc
maudlin	adj. foolishly or tearfully sentimental or self-pitying, esp when drunk ,
maul	v. ~ sb/sth (about) handle sb/sth roughly or brutally
mausoleum	n. large, finely built tomb
mauve	adj. n pale purple colour
maverick	n. unbranded calf
mawkish	adj. sentimental in a feeble or sickly way
maxim	n. saying that expresses a general truth or rule of conduct, eg 'Waste not, want not' ,
mayhem	n. violent disorder or confusion; havoc

meager	deficient in quality or quantity
mealy-mouthed	hesitant to state facts or opinions simply and directly as from e.g. timidity or hypocrisy
meander	v. follow a winding course, flowing slowly
meddlesome	adj. fond of or in the habit of meddling
mediate	v. ~ act as a peacemaker or go-between for two or more people, groups, etc who disagree
mediocre	adj. not very good; second-rate
meditation	n. deep thought, esp about spiritual matters
medium	n. (pl usu media) means by which sth is expressed or communicated
medley	n. piece of music made up of passages from other musical works
meek	adj. humble and obedient; submissive
megalomania	n. form of madness in which a person has an exaggerated view of his own importance, power, etc
melancholy	n. deep sadness which lasts for some time; depression ;
melee	n. confused struggle; confused crowd of people
mellifluous	adj. sweet-sounding; (almost) musical
memento	n. thing given, bought, etc and kept as a reminder (of a person, a place or an event)
memoir	n. written record of events, usu based on personal knowledge
memorial	n. ~ monument, plaque, ceremony, etc that reminds people of an event or a person
memorialize	commemorate
menace	n. threatening quality, tone, feeling, etc
menagerie	n. collection of wild animals in captivity, esp in a travelling circus or for exhibition
mendacious	adj. untruthful; lying
mendicant	n, adj (person) getting a living by begging
menial	adj. (of work) suitable to be done by servants; unskilled
mentor	n. experienced and trusted adviser of an inexperienced person
mercantile	adj. of trade and commerce; of merchants ;
mercenary	adj. interested only in making money, etc; done from this motive
mercurial	adj. (of people or their moods, etc) often changing
meretricious	adj. apparently attractive but in fact valueless
merger	n. joining together (esp two commercial companies)
merit	n. quality of deserving praise or reward; worth; excellence
mesmerize	hypnotize
metallurgical	[metallurgy:] the scientific study of the extraction, refining, alloying, and

	fabrication of metals and of their structure and properties
metamorphosis	n. (fml) change of form or nature, eg by natural growth or development
metaphor	n. use of a word or phrase to indicate sth different from (though related in some way to) the literal meaning, as in 'I'll make him eat his words' or 'She has a heart of stone' I'll make him eat his wordsShe has a heart of stone
metaphysical	adj. of metaphysics
mete	v. mete sth out (to sb) (fml) give or administer (punishment, rewards, etc)
meteoric	adj. of meteors
meter	n. device that measures the volume of gas, water, etc passing through it, time passing, electrical current, distance, etc
methodical	adj. done in an orderly, logical way
meticulous	adj. ~ giving or showing great precision and care; very attentive to detail
metrical	adj. of or composed in verse, not prose
metropolis	n. chief city of a region or country; capital
mettle	n. quality of endurance or courage, esp in people or horses
miasma	n. (fml) unhealthy or unpleasant mist, etc
microcosm	n. thing or being regarded as representing the universe, or mankind, on a small scale; miniature representation
migrant	n, adj person or animal who migrates
migratory	adj. having or of the habit of migrating
milieu	n. (usu sing) social surroundings; environment
militant	adj. using force or strong pressure, or supporting their use, to achieve one's aims
militate	v. ~ against sth (of evidence, facts, etc) have great force or influence to prevent sth
militia	n. force of civilians who are trained as soldiers and reinforce the regular army in the internal defence of the country in an emergency
millennium	n. period of 1000 years
millinery	n. (trimmings for) women's hats
mime	n. (in the theatre, etc) use of only facial expressions and gestures to tell a story
mimicry	n. mimicking
minatory	adj. threatening
mincing	adj. affected
mingle	v. ~ with sth/~ (together) form a mixture with sth; combine
miniature	n. very small detailed painting, usu of a person
minion	n. (derog or joc) subordinate or assistant, esp one who tries to win favour by obeying a superior slavishly
minuscule	adj. very small; tiny ;

minute	n. one sixtieth part of an hour, equal to 60 seconds , 60
minutiae	n. very small or unimportant details
mirage	n. optical illusion caused by hot air conditions, esp that of a sheet of water seeming to appear in the desert or on a hot road
mire	n. swampy ground or bog; soft deep mud
mirth	n. merriment or happiness; laughter
misadventure	n. (piece of) bad luck; misfortune
misanthrope	a person who hates or distrusts mankind
misapprehension	n. under a misapprehension not understanding correctly
miscellaneous	adj. of various kinds
miscellany	n. ~ varied collection of items
mischance	n. (piece of) bad luck
mischief	n. behaviour that is annoying or does slight damage, but is not malicious (used esp as in the expressions shown)
misconduct	n. (esp law) improper behaviour, esp of a sexual or professional kind
misconstrue	v. get a wrong idea of or misinterpret (sb's words, acts, etc)
miscreant	n. villain; wrongdoer ;
misdemeanor	a crime less serious than a felony
miserly	adj. like a miser; mean or selfish
misgivings	[misgiving:] a feeling of uncertainty, apprehension, or doubt
mishap	n. unlucky accident(usu not serious)
misnomer	n. wrong use of a name, word or description
misogamy	hatred of marriage
misogynist	n. person who hates women
missile	n. object or weapon that is thrown or fired at a target
missive	n. letter, esp a long or official one
mite	n. very small or modest contribution or offering
mitigate	v. make (sth) less severe, violent or painful; moderate
mnemonic	adj. of or designed to help the memory
mobile	adj. that can move or be moved easily and quickly from place to place
mock	v. ~ makefun of (sb/sth), esp by mimicking him/it contemptuously; ridicule
mode	n. ~ (fml) way or manner in which sth is done
modicum	n. ~ small or moderate amount of sth
modish	adj. fashionable
modulate	v. vary the strength, volume or pitch of
modulation	toning down; changing from one key to another
mogul	n. very rich, important or influential person

molecule	n. smallest unit into which a substance can be divided without a change in its chemical nature
mollify	v. lessen the anger of (sb); make calmer; soothe
mollycoddle	v. treat (sb) with too much kindness and protection; pamper
molt	the act or process of shedding hair, feathers, shell, horns, or an outer layer periodically; specifically :ECDYSIS
molten	adj. melted or made liquid by heating to a very high temperature
momentous	adj. very important; serious
momentum	n. force that increases the rate of development of a process; impetus
monarchy	n. system of government by a monarch
monastic	adj. of or relating to monks or monasteries
monetary	adj. of money or currency
mongrel	n. dog of mixed breed
monochromatic	having or consisting of one color or hue
monochrome	adj. having or using images in black, white and shades of grey; black and white
monogram	n. two or more letters combined in one design and marked on handkerchiefs, notepaper, etc ,
monograph	n. detailed scholarly study of one subject
monolithic	adj. consisting of one or more monoliths
monotheism	n. belief that there is only one God
monotony	n. state of being monotonous; lack of variety that causes weariness and boredom
monumental	adj. of, related to or serving as a monument
moodiness	n.
moratorium	n. ~ (on sth) temporary stopping of an activity, esp by official agreement
morbid	adj. having or showing an interest in gloomy or unpleasant things, esp disease or death
mordant	adj. very sarcastic; biting
mores	n. customs or conventions considered typical of or essential to a group or community
morgue	n. building in which dead bodies are kept before being buried or cremated; mortuary ;
moribund	adj. at the point of death; about to come to an end
morose	adj. very unhappy, bad-tempered and silent; sullen
mortar	n. mixture of lime or cement, sand and water, used to hold bricks, stones, etc together in building
mortician	n. =undertaker
mortify	v. cause (sb) to be very ashamed or embarrassed

mosaic	n. picture or pattern made by placing together small pieces of glass, stone, etc of different colours
mote	n. small particle, usu of dust; speck ;
motif	n. decorative design or pattern
motility	ability to move spontaneously and independently
motley	adj. of many different types of people or things
mottled	adj. marked with patches of different colours without a regular pattern
motto	n. short sentence or phrase chosen and used as a guide or rule of behaviour or as an expression of the aims or ideals of a family, a country, an institution, etc
mountebank	n. person who tries to cheat others by clever talk; swindler
muddle	v. ~ sth (up) put sth into disorder; mix sth up
muggy	adj. (of weather) oppressively warm and damp
multicoloured	defraud a person of something; fine
multifarious	adj. of many different kinds; having great variety
multiform	having many forms
multilingual	adj. speaking or using many languages
multiplicity	n. ~ of sth large number or great variety of things
mundane	adj. ordinary and typically unexciting
munificent	adj. extremely generous; (of sth given) large in amount or splendid in quality
mural	n. painting done on a wall
murky	adj. unpleasantly dark; gloomy
murmur	n. low continuous indistinct sound
muse	n. the Muses the nine goddesses, daughters of Zeus or Jupiter, who protected and encouraged poetry, music, dancing, history and other branches of art and literature ,
musky	adj. (smelling) like musk
muster	n. assembly or gathering of people or things, esp for review or inspection
musty	adj. smelling or tasting stale, mouldy and damp
mutable	adj. liable to change; likely to change ;
mutability	
mute	adj. silent; making no sound
muted	(of a sound or colour) softened
mutilate	v. injure, damage or disfigure by breaking, tearing or cutting off a necessary part
mutinous	adj. guilty of mutiny; refusing to obey; rebellious
mutter	v. ~ (to sb) (about sth) speak or say (sth) in a low voice that is hard to hear

myopic	adj. short-sighted
myriad	n. extremely large number
mystic	adj. of hidden meaning or spiritual power, esp in religion
nadir	n. point in the heavens directly beneath an observer
narcissist	[narcissism:] an exceptional interest in or admiration for oneself, esp. one's physical appearance
narrative	n. spoken or written account of events; story
nascent	adj. beginning to exist; not yet well developed
natal	pertaining to birth
natation	swimming
natty	adj. (informal) (often derog.) smart and tidy; neat
nausea	n. feeling of sickness or disgust
nauseate	v. make feel nausea
nauseous	adj. causing nausea; disgusting ;
nautical	adj. of ships, sailors or navigation
navigable	adj. suitable for ships, boats, etc to sail on
nebula	n. light or dark patch in the night sky caused by a cluster of very distant stars or a cloud of dust or gas
nebulous	adj. cloudlike; hazy ;
necromancy	n. art or practice of communicating by magic with the dead in order to learn about the future
nectar	n. sweet liquid produced by flowers and collected by bees for making honey
nefarious	adj. wicked; unlawful
negate	v. deny or disprove the existence of (sb/sth)
negation	n. action of denying
negligence	n. lack of proper care or attention; carelessness
negligible	adj. of little importance or size; not worth considering
nemesis	n. (usu sing) (formal) deserved and unavoidable punishment for wrong doing
neologism	n. newly-invented word
neophyte	n. person recently converted to some belief or religion
nepotism	n. practice among people with power or influence of favouring their own relatives, esp by giving them jobs
nether	adj. lower
nettle	n. common wild plant with hairs on its leaves that sting and redden the skin when touched
nexus	n. (formal) connected group or series; bond or connection
nib	n. metal point of a pen

nicety	n. accuracy; precision
niggardly	adj. mean; stingy
niggle	v. ~ give too much time and attention to unimportant details; criticize in a petty way
nihilism	n. total rejection of all religious and moral beliefs
nihilist	n. believer in nihilism
nimble	adj. able to move quickly and neatly; agile
nip	v. press (sth) hard (eg between the finger and thumb, or the teeth, or with the claws as a crab does); pinch
nirvana	n. state of perfect bliss in which the individual becomes absorbed into the supreme spirit
nocturnal	adj. of or in the night; done or happening in the night
noisome	adj. offensive; disgusting; stinking
nomadic	adj. of nomads; wandering
nomenclature	n. system of naming, esp in a particular branch of science
nominal	adj. existing, etc in name only; not real or actual
nonchalance	indifference; lack of interest
noncommittal	neutral; unpledged; undecided
nondescript	n, adj without a distinctive character and so not easily classified
nonentity	n. person without any special qualities or achievements; unimportant person
nonplus	v. surprise or puzzle (sb) greatly
nonsense	n. meaningless words
noose	n. loop in one end of a rope, with a knot that allows the loop to be tightened as the other end of the rope is pulled
nostalgia	n. sentimental longing for things that are past
nostrum	n. medicine falsely recommended as effective; quack remedy ;
notable	adj. deserving to be noticed; remarkable
notch	n. ~ V-shaped cut in an edge or surface V
notoriety	n. fame for being bad in some way
nourish	v. keep alive and well with food
nourishment	n. food
nova	n. (astronomy) star that suddenly becomes much brighter for a short period
novelty	n. quality of being novel; newness; strangeness
novice	n. person who is new and inexperienced in a job, situation, etc; beginner
noxious	adj. harmful; poisonous
nuance	n. subtle difference in meaning, colour, feeling, etc

nubile	adj. old enough to marry
nugatory	adj. worthless; pointless; not valid
nullify	v. make (an agreement, etc) lose its legal force
numismatist	n. expert in numismatics; collector of coins and medals ;
nuptial	adj. of marriage or of a wedding
nurse	n. person, usu female, trained to help a doctor to look after the sick or injured
nurture	v. care for and educate
nutrient	n, adj (substance) serving as or providing nourishment, esp for plants or animals
nutrition	n. nourishment; food
nutritious	adj. of (high) value as food; nourishing
oaf	n. stupid, clumsy and awkward person (usu male)
oath	n. (words used in making a) solemn promise to do sth or solemn declaration that sth is true (usu appealing to God, etc as a witness)
oatmeal	n. meal made from crushed oats, used in porridge, oatcakes, etc
obdurate	adj. impossible to change; stubborn
obeisance	n. deep bow (of respect or obedience)
obelisk	n. tall pointed stone pillar with four sides, set up as a monument or landmark
obese	adj. (of people) very fat
obfuscate	v. (deliberately) make (sth) confused or difficult to understand
obituary	n. printed notice (eg in a newspaper) of a person's death, often with a short account of his life and achievements
objective	adj. not influenced by personal feelings or opinions; unbiased; fair
obligatory	adj. required by rule, law or custom; compulsory
oblique	adj. not horizontal or vertical; sloping; slanting
obliterate	v. remove all signs of (sth); rub or blot out
oblivion	n. state of forgetting; state of being unaware or unconscious
oblivious	adj. ~ of/to sth unaware of or not noticing sth; having no memory of sth
obloquy	n. public shame or disgrace; abuse; discredit ;
obnoxious	adj. very unpleasant; nasty; offensive
obscure	adj. not easily or clearly seen or understood; indistinct; hidden
obsequious	adj. ~ (to sb) too willing to obey or serve; too respectful (esp in the hope of getting a reward or favour from sb)
obsequy	exequies; funeral; interment
obsession	n. ~ state of being obsessed
obsessive	adj. of or having an obsession

obsidian	black volcanic rock
obsolete	adj. no longer used; out of date
obstetrician	n. doctor who specializes in obstetrics
obstinate	adj. refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action; stubborn
obstreperous	adj. noisy and uncontrolled; unruly
obtrude	v. ~ (on/upon sb/sth) (fml) force (oneself, one's opinions, ideas, etc) upon sb/sth, esp when unwanted
obtrusive	adj. very noticeable or obvious; inclined to obtrude
obtuse	adj. slow to understand; stupid
obviate	v. remove (sth); get rid of
Occident	n. the Occident the countries of the West, ie Europe and America
occlude	to close up or block off: OBSTRUCT
occult	adj. only for those with special knowledge or powers; hidden, secret
oculist	n. specialist in treating diseases and defects of the eye
odds	n. probability or chance
odious	adj. disgusting; hateful
odium	n. general or widespread hatred or disgust felt towards a person or his actions
odoriferous	giving off an order
odorous	adj. having a (pleasant or unpleasant) smell
odyssey	n. long adventurous journey
offensive	adj. upsetting or annoying; insulting
offhand	adj. too casual; abrupt
officious	adj. too ready or willing to give orders, offer advice or help, or use one's authority; bossy and interfering
ogle	v. ~ at sb look or stare at (esp a woman) in a way that suggests sexual interest
olfactory	adj. of or concerned with the sense of smell
oligarchy	n. form of government in which a small group of people hold all the power
ominous	adj. suggesting that sth bad is about to happen; threatening
omnipotent	adj. having unlimited or very great power
omnipresent	adj. present everywhere
omniscient	adj. knowing everything
omnivorous	adj. (of animals) eating both plants and animal flesh
onerous	adj. needing effort; burdensome
onomatopoeia	n. combination of sounds in a word that imitates or suggests what the word refers to eg hiss, cuckoo, thud ; hiss cuckoo thud
onslaught	n. ~ fierce attack

onus	n. the onus duty or responsibility (for doing sth); burden
ooze	v. ~ from/out of sth; ~ out/away come or flow out slowly
opalescent	adj. changing colour like an opal; iridescent
opaque	adj. not allowing light to pass through; not transparent
opiate	n. drug containing opium, used to relieve pain or to help sb sleep
opportune	adj. (of time) suitable or favourable for a purpose
opportunist	n. person who acts like this
opprobrium	n. public disgrace and shame
optician	n. person who makes and sells optical instruments, esp contact lenses and glasses
optimist	n. person who is always hopeful and expects the best in all things
optimum	adj. best or most favourable
optional	adj. that may be chosen or not, as one wishes; not compulsory
optometrist	one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects
opulence	n. opulently
opus	n. musical composition numbered as one of a composer's works (work 1 5b) (usu in order of publication)
oracular	adj. of or like an oracle; with hidden meaning
orator	n. person who makes formal speeches in public
oratorio	n. musical composition for solo voices, chorus and orchestra, usu with a Biblical theme
ordain	v. make a priest or minister
ordeal	n. difficult or painful experience
ordinance	n. order, rule or law made by a government or an authority
ordination	n. ceremony of ordaining (a priest or minister)
orgy	n. wild party, usu with a lot of drinking and/or sexual activity
orient	n. the Orient countries of the (Far) East (eg Japan, China)
orientation	n. activity of orientating oneself; state of being orientated
orifice	n. outer opening in the body, etc
ornate	adj. richly decorated
ornithologist	n. expert in ornithology
orthodox	adj. generally accepted or approved
orthography	n. (study or system of) spelling
oscillate	v. move repeatedly and regularly from one position to another and back again
osseous	adj. of bone; having bones; bony;
ossify	v. (fmly) (cause sth to) become hard like bone; change into bone;
ostensible	adj. stated though perhaps not true; apparent

ostentatious	adj. showing or liking ostentation
ostracize	exclude from public favor; ban
oust	v. ~ sb (fml) remove sb (from a position, job, etc) sometimes in order to take his place
outcast	n, adj ~ (person) driven away from home, friends, society, etc; homeless and friendless (person)
outfit	n. all the equipment or articles needed for a particular purpose; kit
outgoing	adj. going out; leaving
outlandish	adj. looking or sounding strange
outlaw	n. person who has broken the law and is hiding to avoid being caught
outlook	n. ~ view on which one looks out
outmoded	adj. no longer fashionable
outrage	n. (act of) great violence or cruelty
outskirts	n. outlying districts (esp of a city or large town); outer areas
outspoken	adj. ~ saying openly exactly what one thinks; frank
outstrip	v. run faster than (sb in a race) and leave him behind
outwit	v. win or defeat (sb) by being cleverer or more cunning than him
ovation	n. great applause or cheering expressing welcome or approval
overbearing	adj. forcing others to do what one wants (without caring about their feelings); domineering
overblown	adj. past their best; too fully open
overhaul	v. examine carefully and thoroughly and make any necessary repairs
oversee	v. watch over and control (sb/sth); supervise
overt	adj. done or shown openly or publicly; not secret or hidden
overthrow	v. cause the downfall or defeat of (sb/sth); put an end to
overture	n. ~ (fml) friendly approach, proposal or offer made (to sb) with the aim of starting discussions
overturn	v. turn over or upside-down; upset
overweening	adj. showing too much self-confidence or conceit
overwhelm	v. cover (sth/sb) completely by flowing over or pouring down on it/him; submerge suddenly
overwrought	adj. in a state of nervous excitement, anxiety, etc; tense and upset
void	adj. n egg-shaped (object)
pachyderm	n. any of various types of thick-skinned, four-footed animal, eg an elephant or a rhinoceros
pacifist	n. person who believes in pacifism
pacify	v. calm or soothe the anger or distress of (sb)
padre	n. (used esp as a form of address) clergyman in the armed forces

paean	n. (fml) song of praise or triumph
painstaking	adj. done with, requiring or taking great care or trouble
palatable	adj. pleasant to taste
palate	n. roof of the mouth
palatial	adj. like a palace
paleontology	study of prehistoric life
palette	n. thin board on which an artist mixes colours when painting, with a hole for the thumb to hold it by
palimpsest	n. manuscript from which the original writing has been removed in order to create space for new writing
pall	v. ~ become uninteresting or boring by being experienced too often
pallet	n. large wooden or metal tray or platform for carrying goods, esp one that can be raised using a fork-lift truck
palliate	v. make (esp a pain or disease) less severe or unpleasant, without removing its cause; alleviate ,
pallid	adj. pale, esp because of illness
palm	n. inner surface of the hand between the wrist and the fingers
palpable	adj. that can be felt or touched
palpitate	v. beat rapidly
paltry	adj. very small; unimportant
pan	n. wide flat (usu metal) container, with a handle or handles, used for cooking food in
panacea	n. ~ remedy for all diseases or troubles
panache	n. confident stylish manner
pandemic	n, adj disease occurring over a whole country or the whole world
Pandemonium	n. wild and noisy disorder or confusion
pander	v. pander to sth/sb (derog) try to satisfy (a vulgar, weak or immoral desire, or sb having this); gratify sth/sb
panegyric	n. speech or piece of writing praising sb/sth
pang	n. sudden sharp feeling of pain
panoramic	adj. a panoramic view from the top of the tower
pantomime	n. type of play with music, dancing and clowning, based on a traditional story or fairy-tale and usu performed at Christmas
papyrus	n. tall reed-like water-plant with thick fibrous stems used by the Ancient Egyptians to make paper
parable	n. story told to illustrate a moral or spiritual truth
paradigm	n. set of all the different forms of a word
paradox	n. statement that seems to be absurd or contradictory but is or may be true

paragon	n. ~ of sth person who is a perfect example of a quality (used esp in the expression shown)
parallel	adj. (of two or more lines) having the same distance between each other at every point
parallelism	n. state of being parallel; similarity
parameter	n. quantity that does not vary in a particular case but does vary in other cases
paramount	adj. having the greatest importance or significance; supreme
paramour	illicit lover
paranoia	n. mental illness in which a person is obsessed by mistaken beliefs, esp that he is being badly treated by others or that he is somebody very important
paraphernalia	n. numerous small articles or personal belongings, esp the equipment needed for a hobby or sport
paraphrase	n. re-wording of a piece of writing, statement, etc, esp in order to make it easier to understand
parasite	n. animal or plant (eg mistletoe) that lives on or in another and gets its food from it
parched	[parch:] to deprive or be deprived of water; dry up
parchment	n. heavy paper-like material made from the skin of sheep or goats and used for writing on
pare	v. trim by cutting away the edges
pariah	n. social outcast
parish	n. area within a diocese, having its own church and clergyman
parity	n. state of being equal; equality
parlance	n. particular way of speaking or use of words; phraseology
parley	n. (esp formerly) meeting between enemies or opponents to discuss terms for peace, etc
parochial	adj. of or relating to a church parish
parody	n. ~ (piece of) speech, writing or music that imitates the style of an author, composer, etc in an amusing and often exaggerated way; comic imitation
paroxysm	n. sudden attack or outburst
parquet	n. flooring made of wooden blocks arranged in a pattern
parry	v. turn aside or ward off (a blow or an attack) by using one's own weapon or one's hand to block it
parsimonious	adj. very careful in spending money or using resources; mean
parsimony	n. excessive carefulness in spending money or using resources; meanness ;
partial	adj. of or forming a part; not complete
partiality	n. ~ being partial(

partisan	n. enthusiastic and often uncritical supporter of a person, group or cause
partition	n. action of dividing or state of being divided into parts, esp the division of one country into two or more nations
parvenu	n. person who has suddenly risen from a low social or economic position to one of wealth or power
passive	adj. not active; submissive
paste	n. moist soft mixture, esp of a powdery substance and a liquid
pastiche	n. literary, musical or artistic work in the style of another author, composer, etc
pastoral	adj. relating to or portraying country life, the countryside or shepherds, esp in an idealized way
pastry	n. mixture of flour, fat and water baked in an oven and used as a base or covering for tarts, pies, etc
patent	adj. ~ obvious; clear; evident
pathetic	adj. causing one to feel pity or sadness
pathological	adj. of or relating to pathology
pathos	n. quality, esp in speech, writing, acting, etc that causes a feeling of pity or sadness
patina	n. green coating that forms on the surface of old bronze or copper
patois	n. dialect spoken by the common people of a region and differing from the standard language of the country
patriarch	n. male head of a family or tribe
patrician	n. member of the aristocracy
patrimony	n. property inherited from one's father or ancestors
patronize	to be kind or helpful to, but in a haughty or snobbish way, as if dealing with an inferior
paucity	n. ~ (fml) smallness of number or quantity
pauper	n. very poor person
peccadillo	n. small unimportant offence or sin
pecuniary	adj. of or concerning money
pedagogue	n. teacher
pedagogy	n. study or science of ways and methods of teaching
pedant	n. person who attaches too much importance to detail or to rules, esp when learning or teaching
pedantic	adj. of or like a pedant
peddle	v. go from house to house to sell goods; be a pedlar ;
pedestal	n. base of a column
pedestrian	n. person walking in the street
pediatrician	expert in children's diseases

pedigree	n. line of ancestors
peer	n. person who is equal to another in rank, status or merit
peerless	adj. superior to all others; without equal ;
peevish	adj. easily annoyed (esp by unimportant things); irritable ;
pejorative	adj. expressing criticism or scorn; derogatory; disparaging
pell-mell	adv. in a hurrying, disorderly manner; headlong
pellucid	adj. transparent or translucent; very clear
pen	n. instrument for writing with ink, consisting of a pointed piece of split metal, a metal ball, etc, fixed into a metal or plastic holder
penance	n. ~ punishment that one imposes on oneself to show that one is sorry for having done wrong
penchant	n. ~ for sth liking or taste for sth
pendant	n. ornament that hangs from a chain worn round the neck
pending	adj. waiting to be decided or settled
pendulous	adj. hanging down loosely so as to swing from side to side
penetrate	v. ~ sth make a way into or through sth
penitent	adj. feeling or showing regret or remorse for having done sth wrong
penology	n. study of crime and its punishment, and the management of prisons
pensive	adj. thinking deeply about sth, esp in a sad or serious way
penumbra	n. partly shaded area around the shadow of an opaque object (esp around the total shadow of the moon or earth in an eclipse)
penurious	adj. very poor
penury	n. extreme poverty
peon	n. person employed as a messenger
perceptive	adj. quick to notice and understand things
percussion	n. striking of two (usu hard) objects together
perdition	n. everlasting punishment of the wicked after death
peregrination	n. travelling
peremptory	adj. (esp derog) (of a person, his manner, etc) insisting on immediate obedience or submission; domineering
perennial	adj. lasting for a long time
perfidious	adj. ~ (frm) treacherous, deceitful or disloyal
perforate	v. make a hole or holes through
perfunctory	adj. a) (of an action) done as a duty or routine, without care or interest
perigee	n. point in the orbit of the moon, a planet or a spacecraft at which it is nearest to the earth
perimeter	n. outer edge of a closed geometric shape
peripatetic	adj. going from place to place

peripheral	adj. ~ of secondary or minor importance (to sth)
periphery	n. boundary of a surface or an area
perjury	n. action of perjuring oneself
permeable	adj. that can be permeated by fluids or gas; porous ;
permissive	adj. allowing great freedom of behaviour, esp to children or in sexual matters
pernicious	adj. ~ (to sb/sth) having a very harmful or destructive effect (on sb/sth)
peroration	n. last part of a speech; summing up
perpetrate	v. commit (a crime, etc)
perpetual	adj. continuing indefinitely; permanent
perpetuate	v. cause to continue
perquisite	n. (fml) (infml perk) money or goods given or regarded as a right in addition to one's pay
persevere	v. ~ ~ (with sb) (usu approv) continue trying to do sth, esp in spite of difficulty
persist	v. ~ continue to do sth, esp in an obstinate and determined way and in spite of opposition, argument or failure
personable	adj. having a pleasant appearance or manner
personify	v. treat (sth) as if it were a human being
perspicacious	adj. having or showing great insight or judgement; discerning
perspicuity	plain to the understanding especially because of clarity and precision of presentation
perspicuous	adj. expressed clearly
pert	adj. not showing respect; cheeky
pertinacious	adj. holding firmly to an opinion or a course of action; determined
pertinent	adj. ~ (fml) relevant (to sth); to the point
perturb	v. make (sb) very worried; disturb
peruse	v. read (sth), esp carefully or thoroughly
pervasive	adj. present and perceived everywhere; pervading
perverse	adj. (of a person) deliberately continuing to behave in a way that is wrong, unreasonable or unacceptable
perversion	n. changing sth from right to wrong; perverting
pervert	v. turn away from its proper nature or use
pessimism	n. tendency to be gloomy and believe that the worst will happen
pest	n. annoying person or thing
pestilential	causing plague; baneful
pestle	n. heavy round-ended tool used for crushing and grinding things to powder, esp in a special bowl

petrify	take away power to feel through terror; turn to stone
petty	adj. (derog) small or trivial; unimportant
petulant	adj. unreasonably impatient or irritable
phalanx	n. (in ancient Greece) close formation, esp of infantry ready for battle
pharisaical	pertaining to the Pharisees who paid scrupulous attention to tradition; hypocritical
pharisee	(Judaism) a member of an ancient Jewish sect that was opposed to the Sadducees, teaching strict observance of Jewish tradition as interpreted rabbincally and believing in life after death and in the coming of the Messiah
phenomena	observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation
philanderer	n. man who does this
philanthropist	n. person who helps others, esp through charitable work or donations of money
philatelist	n. person who collects postage stamps
Philistine	n. person who has no interest in or understanding of the arts, or is hostile to them; uncultured person
philology	n. science or studyof the development of language or of a particular language
phlegmatic	adj. calm and even-tempered; showing the quality of phlegm
phobia	n. extreme or abnormal dislike or fear of sth; aversion
phoenix	n. mythical bird of the Arabian desert, said to live for several hundred years before burning itself and then rising born again from its ashes ,
phylum	n. (biology) major division in the animal or plant kingdom
physiognomy	n. features of a person's face
physiological	adj. of or concerning physiology
piebald	adj. covered with irregularly-shaped patches of two colours, usu black and white ,
piecemeal	adv. piece by piece; a part at a time
pied	adj. having mixed colours, esp black and white
piety	n. devotion to God and respect for religious principles; being pious
pigment	n. colouring matter used for making dyes, paint, etc
pilfer	v. ~ (from sb/sth) steal (sth, esp of small value or in small quantities)
pillage	n. (esp formerly) stealing or damaging of property, esp by soldiers in war ,
pillory	n. wooden framework with holes for the head and hands, into which wrongdoers were locked in former times, so that they could be publicly ridiculed .
pinch	v. take or hold (sth) in a tight grip between the thumb and finger
pine	n. (also `pine tree) any of several types of evergreen tree that bear cones and have needle-shaped leaves growing in clusters

pinion	n. outer segment of a bird's wing
pinnace	n. small motor boat carried on a ship for taking people ashore, loading goods, etc ,
pinnacle	n. small pointed ornament built on to a roof or buttress
pious	adj. having or showing a deep devotion to religion
piquant	adj. having a pleasantly sharp taste
pique	v. hurt the pride or self-respect of (sb); offend
piscatorial	adj. of or concerning fishing or fishermen
pitfall	n. unsuspected danger or difficulty
pith	n. soft spongy substance that fills the stems of certain plants, eg reeds ,
pithy	adj. concise and full of meaning; terse
pittance	n. very small or insufficient amount of money paid or received as wages or an allowance
pivotal	adj. of or forming a pivot
placate	v. make less angry; soothe or pacify
placebo	n. (medical) harmless substance given as if it were medicine to calm a patient who mistakenly believes he is ill
placid	adj. calm and peaceful; undisturbed
plagiarize	to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own:use (another's production) without crediting the source
plaintive	adj. sounding sad; sorrowful
plait	v. weave or twist (three or more lengths of hair, straw, etc) under and over one another to make one rope-like length
plane	n. (geometry) surfacesuch that a straight line joining any two points in it touches it at all points
plaster	n. soft mixture of lime, sand, water, etc that becomes hard when dry and is used for making a smooth surface on walls and ceilings
plasticity	n. state or quality of being able to be moulded or shaped
platitude	n. commonplace remark or statement, esp when it is said as if it were new or interesting
platonic	adj. Platonic of or concerning the Greek philosopher Plato or his teachings
plaudit	n. (fml) applause, praise or some other sign of approval
plausible	adj. seeming to be right or reasonable; believable
plebeian	adj. of the lower social classes
plebiscite	n. (decision made by a) direct vote by all qualified citizens on an important political matter
plenary	adj. attended by all who have the right to attend
plenitude	a full supply
plethora	n. quantity greater than what is needed; over-abundance

pliable	adj. easily bent, shaped or twisted; flexible
pliant	adj. bending easily; supple
plight	n. serious and difficult situation or condition
ploy	n. words or actions, eg in a game, intended to win an advantage over one's opponent
pluck	v. ~ sth gather or remove sth by pulling; pick sth
plumage	n. feathers covering a bird's body
plumb	n. piece of lead that is tied to a cord and used to find the depth of water or test whether a wall, etc is vertical ,
plumber	n. person whose job is to fit and repair water-pipes, water-tanks, cisterns, etc in buildings
plume	n. feather, esp a large one used as a decoration
plummet	n. plumb-line
plump	adj. (esp of an animal, a person, parts of the body) having a full rounded shape; fleshy
plutocracy	n. government by a rich and powerful class
podiatrist	n. = chiropodist
podium	n. small platform for the conductor of an orchestra, a lecturer, etc to stand on
poignancy	n. state or quality of being poignant
poise	v. be or keep balanced or suspended
polar	adj. of or near the North or South Pole
polarity	n. possession or location of negative and positive poles
polarize	to break up into opposing factions or groupings
polemic	n. ~ (against/in favour of sth/sb) speech, piece of writing, etc containing very forceful arguments (against or for sth/sb)
polemical	adj. of polemics
politic	adj. (of actions) well judged; prudent
polity	n. form or process of government
Polygamist	man who practices this
Polyglot	adj. knowing, using or written in many languages
pomposity	n. being pompous
ponderous	adj. slow and awkward because of great weight
pontifical	adj. of the Pope
pore	n. any of the tiny openings in the surface of the skin or of a leaf, through which moisture can pass
porous	adj. allowing liquid or air to pass through, esp slowly
porridge	n. soft food made by boiling a cereal in water or milk

portend	v. be a sign or warning of (sth in the future); foreshadow
portent	n. ~ (fml) sign or warning of a future (often unpleasant) event; omen
portly	adj. (esp of an older person) having a stout body; fat
pose	v. ~ (for sb) sit or stand in a particular position in order to be painted, drawn or photographed
poseur	n. (derog) person who behaves in an unnatural affected way in order to impress others
posternity	n. following or future generations
posthumous	adj. happening or given after death
postmortem	occurring after death
postulate	v. put (sth) forward as a fact or accept (sth) as true, esp as a basis for reasoning or argument
posture	n. attitude or position of the body
potable	adj. fit for drinking; drinkable ;
potent	adj. (of drugs, etc) having a strong effect
potentate	n. ruler with direct power over his people; autocratic monarch
potential	adj. that can or may come into existence; possible
potion	n. drink of medicine, poison or a liquid used in magic
potpourri	heterogeneous mixture;
poultice	n. soft heated mass spread on a cloth and put on a sore place on the body to soothe pain, reduce swelling, etc
practicable	adj. that can be put into practice; workable
practical	adj. concerned with practiceand action rather than theory
pragmatic	adj. treating things in a sensible and realistic way; concerned with practical results
pragmatist	n. person who acts in a practical way
prance	v. move jerkily by raising the forelegs and springing forward from the hind legs
prank	n. playful or mischievous trick
prate	v. ~ (on about sth) talk or chatter too much (about sth)
prattle	v. ~ (away) (of a child) talk in a simple way; babble
preamble	n. ~ opening statement explaining the purpose of the book, document, lecture, etc that follows
precarious	adj. depending on chance; uncertain
precedent	n. earlier decision, case, event, etc that is regarded as an example or rule for what comes later
precept	n. rule or guide, esp for behaviour
precinct	n. area enclosed by definite boundaries, esp the walls of a cathedral, church or college

precipice	n. very steep or vertical face of a cliff, mountain or rock
precipitant	Moving onward quickly and heedlessly.
precipitate	v. cause (sth) to happen suddenly or soon(er); hasten
precipitous	adj. dangerously high or steep
precise	adj. stated clearly and accurately
preclude	v. ~ sb from doing sth prevent (sth, or sb doing sth); make (sth) impossible
precocious	adj. (of a child) having developed certain abilities at an earlier age than usual
precursor	n. ~(of sth) person or thing that comes before sth; forerunner
predator	n. animal that kills and eats other animals
predatory	adj. (living by) killing other animals for food
predecessor	n. person who held an office or position before sb else
predetermine	v. decide or fix (sth) in advance; prearrange
predicament	n. difficult or unpleasant situation, esp one in which sb is uncertain what to do
predilection	n. ~ (for sth) special liking (for sth); preference
predispose	v. ~ sb to/towards sth influence sb (in a specified way) in advance
preeminent	having paramount rank, dignity, or importance:OUTSTANDING
preempt	to replace with something considered to be of greater value or priority:take precedence over
preen	v. clean or smooth (its feathers or itself) with its beak
prefatory	adj. acting as a preface; introductory
prefigure	v. represent beforehand (sth that will happen in the future); foreshadow
prehensile	adj. able to grasp and hold things
prelate	n. high-ranking clergyman, eg a bishop or an archbishop
prelude	n. ~ action or event that happens before another larger or more important one and forms an introduction to it
premeditate	v. plan in advance
premise	n. statement or idea on which reasoning is based; hypothesis
premonition	n. ~ feeling that sth unpleasant is going to happen
premonitory	adj. giving a warning
preponderance	superiority of power, quantity
prepossessing	adj. making a good impression; attractive
preposterous	adj. completely contrary to reason or common sense; absurd or outrageous
prerogative	n. right or privilege, esp one belonging to a particular person or group
presage	n. sign that sth (esp sth unpleasant) will happen; omen ;
prescience	foreknowledge of events:a:divine omniscience b:human anticipation of the

	course of events:FORESIGHT
presentiment	n. vague feeling that sth (esp sth unpleasant) will happen; foreboding
prestige	n. respect based on good reputation, past achievements, etc
presume	v. suppose to be true; take (sth) for granted
presumptuous	adj. (of a person or his behaviour) too bold or self-confident
pretend	v. make oneself appear to be sth in order to deceive others or in play
pretension	n. ~ (making of a) claim
pretentious	adj. claiming merit or importance; pompous or showy
preternatural	adj. beyond what is natural or normal; unusual
pretext	n. ~ reason given (for doing sth) that is not the real reason; excuse
prevail	v. ~ exist or happen generally; be widespread
prevalent	adj. ~ (among/in sth/sb) existing or happening generally; widespread
prevaricate	v. try to avoid telling the (whole) truth by speaking in an evasive or a misleading way; equivocate
prey	n. animal, bird, etc hunted and killed by another for food
prim	adj. (usu derog) (of a person) disliking anything that is improper, rude or rough; prudish
primal	adj. first or original; primeval
primary	adj. earliest in time or order of development
primate	n. archbishop
prime	adj. most important; chief; fundamental
primogeniture	n. fact of being a first-born child
primordial	adj. existing at or from the beginning, esp of the world or the universe; primeval
primp	v. (derog) tidy (oneself, one's hair, etc) in a fussy way
pristine	adj. in its original condition; unspoilt
privation	n. lack of things necessary for life; deprivation
privy	adj. private; secret
prize	n. award given to the winner of a competition, race, etc
probe	n. tool for examining a place whichcannot be reached otherwise, esp a thin implement with a blunt end used by a doctor for examining a wound
probity	n. quality of being honest and trustworthy; integrity ;
problematic	adj. difficult to deal with or to understand
proclivity	n. ~ (fml) natural inclination to do sth (esp sth bad); tendency
procrastinate	v. delay or postpone action
procurement	n. obtaining
prod	v. ~ (at sb/sth) push or poke (sb/sth) with a finger or some other pointed object

prodigal	adj. spending money or resources too freely; extravagant
prodigious	adj. very great in size, amount or degree, so as to cause amazement or admiration; enormous
prodigy	n. person with unusual or remarkable qualities or abilities
profane	adj. not sacred; secular
profligate	adj. recklessly extravagant or wasteful
profound	adj. deep, intense or far-reaching; verygreat
profusion	n. ~ of sth abundant supply of sth
progenitor	n. ancestor (of a person, an animal or a plant)
progeny	n. offspring
prognosis	n. (medical) forecast of the likely course of a disease or an illness
prognosticate	v. tell (sth) in advance; predict
prohibitive	adj. intended to or tending to prevent the use or purchase of sth
projectile	n. object (to be) shot forward, esp from a gun
proletarian	member of the working class
proliferate	v. produce new growth or offspring rapidly; multiply ;
prolific	adj. producing much fruit or many flowers or offspring
prolix	adj. (of a speech, writer, etc) using too many words and so boring to listen to or read
prolixity	n.
prologue	n. ~ introductory part of a poem or play
prolong	v. make longer, esp in time; extend
prominent	adj. jutting out; projecting
promiscuous	adj. not carefully chosen; indiscriminate or casual
promontory	n. area of high land jutting out into the sea or a lake; headland ; .
promote	to contribute to the growth or prosperity of:FURTHER
prompt	adj. done without delay; punctual
promulgate	v. make (sth) widely known; disseminate
prone	adj. lying flat, esp face downwards
prong	n. each of the two or more long pointed parts of a fork
pronounced	adj. very noticeable
prop	n. rigid support, esp a piece of wood, used to prevent sth falling or sagging
propagate	v. increase the number of by a natural processfrom the parent stock
propellant	n. propelling agent, eg an explosive that propels a bullet from a weapon, a fuel that provides thrust for a rocket, or compressed gas that forces out the contents of an aerosol container
propensity	n. ~ (for doing/to do sth) (fml) inclination or tendency
prophetic	adj. of or like a prophet or prophets

prophylactic	adj. tending to prevent a disease or misfortune
propinquity	n. nearness in space or time
propitiate	v. win the favour or forgiveness of (sb) (esp when he is angry) by a pleasing act; appease or placate
propitious	adj. ~ (fml) giving or indicating a good chance of success; favourable
proponent	n. ~ person who supports a cause, theory, etc
propound	v. put (sth) forward for consideration or solution
propriety	n. state of being correct in one's social or moral behaviour
propulsive	adj. that drives sth (esp a vehicle) forward
prosaic	adj. uninspired; unimaginative
proscenium	n. the part of the stage in front of the curtain
proscribe	v. state officially that (sth) is dangerous or forbidden
proselytize	to recruit or convert especially to a new faith, institution, or cause
prosody	n. science of verse forms and poetic metres
prosper	v. be successful; thrive
prosperity	n. state of being successful or rich; good fortune
prosperous	adj. successful or thriving, esp financially
prostrate	adj. stretched out on the ground face downward, esp because of exhaustion or in order to show submission, respect, etc
protagonist	n. (fml) chief character in a drama; hero
protean	adj. that can change quickly and easily; variable ;
protocol	n. system of rules governing formal occasions, eg meetings between governments, diplomats, etc; official etiquette
prototype	n. first or original example of sth that has been or will be copied or developed; model or preliminary version
protract	v. make (sth) last a long time or longer; lengthen or prolong
protrude	v. ~ (from sth) (cause sth to) jut or stick out from a surface; (cause sth to) project
protuberance	n. being protuberant
provenance	n. (place of) origin
provender	n. food for horses and cattle, eg hay or oats; fodder
proverb	n. short well-known saying that states a general truth or gives advice, eg `It takes two to make a quarrel' or `Don't put all your eggs in one basket'
providence	n. way in which God or nature cares for and protects all creatures
provident	adj. having or showing wisdom for future needs; thrifty
provincial	adj. of a province (1)
provision	n. ~ of sth giving, lending, supplying or making sth available; providing sth
provisional	adj. for the presenttime only, with the possibility of being changed, etc

	later; temporary
proviso	n. clause, etc that is insisted on as a condition of an agreement
provocative	adj. tending or intended to arouse anger, annoyance, controversy, etc
provoke	v. make (sb) angry or annoyed
prowess	n. outstanding skill or ability; expertise
proximity	n. ~ (to sth) nearness in space or time; closeness
proxy	n. person authorized to act on behalf of another
prude	n. person who behaves in an extremely or unnaturally proper manner, esp one who is (too) easily shocked by sexual matters
prudent	adj. acting with or showing care and foresight; showing good judgement
prune	n. dried plum
prurient	adj. having or showing excessive interest in sexual matters
pry	v. ~ (into sth) inquire too curiously or rudely about other people's private affairs
pseudonym	n. person's name that is not his real name, esp one used by an author; pen-name
psyche	n. human soul or mind
psychiatrist	n. specialist in psychiatry
psychic	adj. concerned with processes and phenomena that seem to be outside physical or natural laws
psychopathic	adj. of or suffering from a severe emotional or mental disorder
psychosis	n. severe mental illness that affects the whole personality
psychosomatic	adj. caused or made worse by mental stress
pterodactyl	n. extinct flying reptile
pucker	v. ~ (up) (cause sth to) form small folds or wrinkles
pudding	n. (Brit) (dish of) sweet food eaten at the end of a meal; dessert
puerile	adj. showing immaturity; childish and silly
pugilist	n. professional boxer
pugnacious	adj. inclined or eager to fight; aggressive
pugnacity	n.
puissant	powerful; strong; potent
pulchritude	physical comeliness
pulmonary	adj. of, in or affecting the lungs
pulpit	n. raised and enclosed platform in a church, where a clergyman stands when he is preaching .
pulsate	v. expand and contract rhythmically; throb
pulse	n. regular beating of the arteries as blood is pumped through them by the heart, esp as felt at the wrist

pulverize	to reduce (as by crushing, beating, or grinding) to very small particles:ATOMIZE
pummel	v. strike (sb/sth) repeatedly, esp with the fist(s); beat
punctilious	adj. very careful to carry out one's duties, etc correctly; very attentive to details of behaviour or ceremony
pundit	n. very learned Hindu
pungency	n. quality or state of being pungent
pungent	n. having a sharp or strong taste or smell
punitive	adj. intended as punishment
puny	adj. (usu derog) small, weak and underdeveloped
purchase	n. (action of) buying sth
purgatory	n. (in Roman Catholic teaching) place or condition in which the souls of the dead are purified by suffering in preparation for Heaven
purge	v. ~ sb ~ sth (away) make sb clean or pure by removing (evil, sin, etc)
purport	n. ~ (fml) general meaning or intention (of sth)
purported	adj. alleged; supposed; rumoured
purse	n. small bag for money
purveyor	n. person or firm that supplies goods or services
pushy	adj. (also pushing) adj (infml derog ,) trying constantly to draw attention to oneself and gain an advantage; self-assertive
pusillanimous	adj. cowardly; timid ;
putative	adj. generally supposed to be; reputed
putrefy	v. (cause sth to) rot or decay; become or make putrid
putrescent	adj. inthe process of rotting
putrid	adj. (esp of animal or vegetable matter) that has become rotten; decomposed
puzzle	n. questionthat is difficult to understand or answer; mystery
pyre	n. large pile of wood, etc for burning a dead body as part of a funeral ceremony
pyromaniac	n. person who suffers from pyromania
quack	interj, n harsh sound made by a duck
quadruped	n. four-footed animal
quaff	v. drink (sth) by swallowing large amounts at a time, not taking small sips
quagmire	n. area of soft wet ground; bog or marsh
quail	n. small bird, similar to a partridge .
quaint	adj. attractively odd or old-fashioned
qualified	adj. having completed the relevant training or examination
qualify	v. ~ (sb) (for/as sth) have or give (sb) the qualities, training, etc that are

	necessary or suitable (for sth)
qualms	[qualm:] a sudden feeling of sickness or nausea
quandary	n. state of not being able to decide what to do; awkward or difficult situation
quarantine	n. isolation for people or animals that may carry an infectious disease, until it is known that there is no danger of the disease being passed on to others
quarry	n. animal or bird that is being hunted
quash	v. reject (by legal procedure) as not valid; declare (sth) not to be enforceable by law
quay	n. landing-place, usu built of stone or iron, for loading and unloading ships
queasy	adj. having a tendency to feel sick; feeling sick
queer	adj. different from what is expected; strange, esp in an unpleasant way
quell	v. put an end to (sth); suppress
quench	v. extinguish (fire, flames, etc), esp with water
querulous	adj. complaining; irritable
query	n. question
queue	n. line of people, vehicles, etc waiting for sth or to do sth
quibble	n. objection or criticism, esp atrivial one
quicksilver	n. = mercury
quiescent	adj. inactive; passive; quiet
quietude	n. stillness; calm ;
quintessence	n. the ~ of sth essential part of (a theory, speech, condition, etc)
quip	n. witty or sarcastic remark
quirk	n. habit or action that is peculiar to sb/sth
quisling	n. traitor, esp one who helps an enemy occupying his country ,
quiver	v. tremble slightly or vibrate
quixotic	adj. noble, unselfish or gallant in an extravagant or impractical way
quizzical	adj. in a questioning manner, esp when amused
quorum	n. minimum number of people who must be present at a meeting (of a committee, etc) before it can proceed and its decisions, etc can be considered valid
quotidian	adj. everyday; commonplace
rabble	n. disorderly crowd; mob ;
rabid	adj. suffering from rabies
rabies	n. fatal virus disease causing madness in dogs, foxes and other animals, transmitted to humans usu by a bite ,
raconteur	n. person who tells stories skilfully and wittily

raffle	n. lottery with an article as the prize
rag	n. odd cloth, usu torn, frayed, etc
ragamuffin	n. person, esp a small boy, in dirty untidy clothes
rail	n. level or sloping bar or connected series of bars of wood or metal, eg forming part of a fence, the top of a banister, a protective barrier, etc
raiment	n. clothing
rake	n. long-handled tool with a row of prongs at the end for drawing together fallen leaves, smoothing soil, etc
rakish	adj. of or like a rake
rally	v. ~ (round/to sb/sth); ~ (round) (of people) come together, esp to make new efforts, eg after a defeat or when there is danger, need, etc
ram	n. uncastrated male sheep .
ramble	v. walk for pleasure with no special destination
ramification	n. part of a complex structure; secondary consequence, esp one that complicates
ramify	v. (fml) (cause sth to) branch out in many directions; make or become a network
ramp	n. slope joining two levels of ground, a floor, a road, etc
rampant	adj. flourishing excessively; unrestrained
rampart	n. defensive wall round a fort, etc consisting of a wide bank of earth with a path for walking along the top
ramshackle	adj. almost collapsing
rancid	adj. tasting or smelling bad because of staleness
rancor	bitter deep-seated ill will
random	adj. done, chosen, etc without method or conscious choice; haphazard
rank	n. position in a scale of responsibility, quality, social status, etc
rankle	v. cause lasting bitterness or resentment
ransack	v. ~ sth search (a place) thoroughly
rant	v. ~ (derog) speak loudly, violently or theatrically
rapacious	adj. greedy, esp for money; grasping
rapport	n. ~ sympathetic and harmonious relationship
rapt	adj. ~ so intent or absorbed that one is unaware of other things; spellbound
rapture	n. intense delight
rare	adj. not often happening or seen, etc; unusual
rarefied	adj. less dense than is normal; thin
rasp	n. coarse file with rows of sharp points on its surface
raspy	adj. rough; grating

ratify	v. make (an agreement, a treaty, etc) officially valid, usu by signing it
ratiocination	n. process of logical and methodical reasoning
ration	n. fixed quantity, esp an official allowance of food, etc in times of shortage
rational	adj. able to reason
rationale	n. fundamental reason for or logical basis of sth
rationalize	to provide plausible but untrue reasons for conduct
raucous	adj. loud and hoarse; harsh-sounding
ravage	v. damage badly; destroy
rave	v. ~ talk wildly or furiously as if in a fever or mad
ravel	v. ~ (sth) (up) (cause threads or fibres to) tangle and become knotted
ravenous	adj. very hungry
ravine	n. deep narrow steep-sided valley between mountains
raze	to destroy to the ground:DEMOLISH
reactionary	n, adj opposing (esp political) progress or reform
realm	n. kingdom
reaper	n. person who reaps
rebate	n. amount by which a debt, tax, etc can be reduced; discount or partial refund
rebuff	n. unkind or contemptuous refusal or rejection (of an offer, request, friendly gesture, etc); snub
rebuke	v. ~ sb express sharp or severe disapproval to sb, esp officially; reprove sb
rebus	n. puzzle in which a word or phrase has to be guessed from pictures or diagrams representing the letters or syllables in it
rebuttal	n. act of rebutting or being rebutted
recalcitrant	adj. resisting authority or discipline; disobedient
recant	v. formally reject (a former opinion, belief, etc) as being wrong
recapitulate	v. state again or summarize the main points of
recast	v. ~ sth (as sth) put (sth written or spoken) into a new form
receptive	adj. ~ able or quick to receive new ideas, suggestions, etc
recess	n. (US also vacation) period of time when work or business is stopped, esp in Parliament, the lawcourts, etc
recession	n. temporary decline in economic activity or prosperity
recidivism	a tendency to relapse into a previous condition or mode of behavior; especially :relapse into criminal behavior
recipient	n. ~ person who receives sth
reciprocal	adj. given and received in return; mutual
reciprocate	v. give and receive (sth) in return; exchange (sth) mutually ;
recital	n. public performance of music, dance, etc by a soloist or a small group

recite	v. ~ (to sb) say (a poem, passage, etc) aloud from memory, esp to an audience
reckon	v. ~ sb/sth among sth; ~ sb/sth as sth (not used in the continuous tenses) be of the opinion or consider that sb/sth is as specified
recline	v. lean or lie back in a horizontal or near-horizontal position
recluse	n. person who lives alone and avoids other people
reconcile	to make consistent or congruous
recondite	adj. (of subjects) little known or understood; obscure
reconnaissance	n. exploration or a survey of an area, esp for military purposes
recount	v. ~ sth give a detailed account of sth; tell about sth
recourse	n. possible source of help, eg in an emergency
recreant	n, adj (person who is) cowardly, unfaithful or treacherous
recrimination	n. accusation in response to an accusation from sb else; countercharge
rectify	v. put (sth) right; correct
rectitude	n. moral correctness or straightforwardness; honesty
recumbent	adj. (esp of a person) lying down; reclining
recuperate	v. ~ (fml) recover from illness, exhaustion or loss, etc
recurrent	adj. recurring often or regularly
redolent	adj. ~ of/with sth smelling strongly of sth
redoubtable	adj. to be feared and respected; formidable
redress	v. put right (a wrong); compensate for (sth)
reduce	v. ~ sth (to/by sb) make sth smaller in size, number, degree, price, etc
redundant	adj. not needed; superfluous; unnecessary
reek	n. strong bad smell
refectory	n. dining-hall in a monastery, convent, college, school, etc ,
referendum	n. referring of a political issue to a general vote by all the people of a country for a decision; vote thus taken
refraction	n. refracting or being refracted .
refractory	adj. difficult to control or discipline; wilful or unmanageable
refrain	n. lines of a song or poem which are repeated, esp at the end of each verse
refulgent	adj. gloriously bright; shining ;
refurbish	v. make clean or bright again; redecorate
refuse	n. waste or worthless material; rubbish
refute	v. prove to be wrong
regal	adj. of, like or fit for a king or queen; royal
regale	v. ~ sb with sth amuse or entertain sb (with stories, jokes, etc)
regatta	n. sporting event at which races are held between rowing-boats or yachts

regeneration	spiritual rebirth
regent	n. person appointed to rule a country while the monarch is too young, old, ill, etc, or is absent
regicide	n. crime of killing a king
regime	n. method or system of government
regimen	n. set of rules about diet, exercise, etc aimed at improving sb's health and physical well-being
regiment	n. (artillery and armour) unit divided into batteries or squadrons
rehabilitate	v. restore to a normal life by retraining, medical treatment, etc, esp after imprisonment or illness
reimburse	v. ~ sth ~ sb (for sth) (usu fml) pay back to sb (money that he has spent, lost, etc); refund sth
reinstate	v. ~ sb restore sb to a previous (esp important) position
reiterate	v. say or do (sth) again or repeatedly
rejoinder	n. what is said in reply; retort
rejuvenate	v. restore youthful appearance, strength, etc to
relapse	v. ~ fall back into a previous condition or a worse state after making an improvement
relegate	banish; consign to inferior position
relent	v. decide to be less strict, determined or harsh
relevant	adj. ~ (to sth/sb)connected with what is being discussed, what is happening,what is being done, etc
relic	n. trace or feature surviving from a past age and serving to remind people of it
religious	adj. of religion
relinquish	v. give up or cease to practise, feel, etc (sth); abandon
relish	n. ~ great enjoyment of food, etc; zest
remediable	adj. that can be remedied
reminiscence	n. recalling of past events and experiences; reminiscing ;
reminiscent	adj. ~ of sb/sth reminding one of or suggesting sb/sth
remiss	adj. ~ (fml) careless of one's duty; lax
remission	n. pardoning or forgiveness of sins by God
remit	v. (fml) refrain from inflicting (a punishment, etc)
remittance	n. remitting of money
remnant	n. small remaining quantity or part or number of things or people
remonstrance	n. remonstrating; protest ;
remonstrate	v. ~ with sb; ~ against sth make a protest or complaint about sb/sth
remorse	n. ~ sense of deep and bitter regret for having done sth wrong

remote	adj. ~ (from sth) far away from other communities, houses, etc; isolated
remunerative	adj. profitable
rend	v. (arch or fml) tear (sth) apart forcibly; split
render	v. ~ sth (for sth); ~ sth (to sb) give sth in return or exchange, or as sth which is due
rendezvous	n. ~ (with sb) (place chosen for a) meeting at an agreed time
rendition	n. way in which a dramatic role or piece of music, etc is performed; rendering
renegade	n. person that deserts a cause, political party, religious group, etc
renege	v. ~ (on sth) fail to keep a promise, one's word, etc
renounce	v. agree to give up ownership or possession of (sth), esp formally
renovate	v. restore to good condition
renown	n. fame or distinction
rent	n. regular payment made for the use of land, premises, a telephone, machinery, etc; sum paid in this way
reparable	adj. (of a loss, etc) that can be made good ,
reparation	n. ~ (for sth) compensating for damage; making amends for loss
repartee	n. sharp clever retorts
repast	meal
repeal	v. withdraw officially; revoke ;
repel	v. drive (sb/sth) back or away; repulse
repellent	adj. ~ arousing distaste or disgust; repulsive
repercussion	n. indirect effect or result of an event, etc; consequence
repertoire	n. all the plays, songs, pieces, etc which a company, actor, musician, etc knows and is prepared to perform
repine	v. ~ (fml) feel or show discontent; fret
replenish	v. ~ sth fill sth again
replete	adj. ~ (fml) well-fed or full; gorged
replica	n. exact copy, esp one made by an artist of one of his own pictures, etc
replicate	v. be or make a copy of (sth); reproduce
repose	v. rest; lie
repository	n. place where things are stored or may be found, esp a warehouse or museum
reprehensible	adjdeserving to be reprimanded
repress	v. restrain or suppress (an impulse); check
reprieve	v. postpone or cancel a punishment for (sb), esp the death sentence
reprimand	v. ~ sb rebuke sb (for a fault, etc), esp officially
reprisal	n. returning an injury, esp political or military, done to oneself; retaliation

reprise	recurrent action; musical repetition; repeat performance
reproach	v. ~ sb/oneself (for sth) criticize sb/oneself, esp for failing to do sth
reprobate	adj. n immoral or unprincipled (person)
reprobation	severe disapproval
reprove	v. ~ sb (fml) blame or rebuke sb; censure
repudiate	v. refuse to have any more to do with (sb); disown ;
repugnance	n. ~ strong aversion or disgust
repulse	v. drive back (an attacker or an attack) by fighting; repel ;
repulsion	n. ~ feeling of loathing or aversion; disgust
reputable	adj. having a good reputation; respected or trustworthy
reputed	adj. generally said or considered to be sth/sb
requiem	n. (also requiem `mass) special mass for the repose of the soul of a dead person
requisite	adj. required by circumstances or necessary for success
requisition	n. ~ (for sth) official, usu written, demand for (esp) the use of property or materials by an army in wartime or by certain people in an emergency
requite	v. ~ sth (with sth) give sth in return for sth else; repay sth
rescind	v. cancel or repeal (a law, contract, etc); annul
resentment	n. resenting sb/sth
reserve	v. ~ sth put aside or keep sth for a later occasion or special use
residual	adj. left over as a residue(1); remaining
residue	n. ~ (of sth) what remains after a part or quantity is taken or used
resign	v. ~ give up (one's job, position, etc)
resignation	n. ~ (instance of) resigning
resilient	adj. springing back to its original form after being bent, stretched, crushed, etc; springy ,
resolution	n. quality of being resolute or firm; determination
resolve	v. ~ on/upon/against sth/doing sth decide firmly; determine
resonant	adj. continuing to echo; resounding
resort	v. ~ to sth make use of sth for help; adopt sth as an expedient
resound	v. ~ (through/throughout sth) (of a sound, voice, etc) fill a place with sound; produce echoes
resourceful	adj. clever at finding ways of doing things
respiration	n. (single act of) breathing air
respite	n. ~ interval of rest or relief
resplendent	adj. ~ (fml) brilliant with colour or decorations; splendid
responsiveness	n.
restitution	n. ~ (fml) restoration of a thing to its proper owner or original state

restive	adj. restless or uneasy
restraint	n. restraining or being restrained
resumption	n. (instance of) resuming (resume 1)
resurge	(rare)
resurgent	adj. rising or reviving after destruction, defeat, disappearance, etc
resurrect	v. bring (sb) back to life again
resuscitate	v. bring (sb/sth) back to consciousness
retain	v. keep (sth) in one's possession or use
retaliate	v. ~ repay an injury, insult, etc with a similar one
retard	v. make (sth) slow or late
retentive	adj. having the ability to remember facts, impressions, etc ,
reticent	adj. ~ not revealing one's thoughts or feelings easily; reserved
retinue	n. group of attendants accompanying an important person
retiring	adj. avoiding society; shy
retort	v. make a quick, witty or angry reply, esp to an accusation or challenge
retract	v. withdraw (a statement, charge, etc)
retraction	n. retracting
retrench	v. make economies or reduce expenses
retribution	n. ~ (fml) deserved punishment or compensation for injury, etc
retrieve	v. ~ sth (esp fml) get possession of sth again
retroactive	adj. effective from a past date
retrograde	adj. going backwards
retrospective	adj. looking back on the past
revelry	n. noisy celebrations; revels
reverberate	v. ~ echo or resound repeatedly
reverend	adj. deserving to be treated with respect, esp because of age, etc ,
reverent	adj. feeling or showing reverence
reverie	n. idle and pleasant thoughts
revert	v. ~ to sth return to (a former state or condition)
revile	v. criticize (sb/sth), in angry and abusive language ,
revoke	v. withdraw or cancel (a decree, permit, etc)
revulsion	n. ~ feeling of disgust or horror
rhapsodize	recite a rhapsody ; say (something) with great enthusiasm
rhapsody	n. (often in titles) romantic composition in irregular form
rhetoric	n. using language impressively or persuasively, esp in public speaking
ribald	adj. humorous in a vulgar, obscene or disrespectful way
rickety	adj. weak or shaky, esp in the joints; likely to fall or collapse

riddle	n. puzzling question, statement or description, esp one intended to test the cleverness of those wishing to solve it
rider	n. person who rides a horse, bicycle, etc
rife	adj. (esp of bad things) widespread; common
rift	n. split, crack, break, etc
rig	v. ~ sth (with sth) fit (a ship or boat) with masts, spars, ropes, sails, etc
righteous	adj. doing what is morally right
rightful	adj. just, proper or legal
rigid	adj. stiff; not bending or yielding
rigor	severity
rile	v. annoy (sb); irritate
rip	v. divide or make a hole in (sth) by pulling sharply
rivet	n. metal pin or bolt for fastening two pieces of metal together, its headless end being hammered or pressed flat to prevent slipping
riveting	adj. that holds the attention; enthralling
rivulet	n. small stream
robust	adj. vigorous; healthy and strong
rococo	adj. of a style of decoration in furniture, architecture, music, etc with much elaborated decoration, common in Europe in the 18th century 18
roil	to stir up: DISTURB, DISORDER
rolling	having gentle rising and falling slopes; undulating
romp	v. play about together in a lively way, running, jumping, etc
rooster	n. = cock 1
roseate	adj. deep pink
roster	n. (esp in the army, etc) list of names showing duties to be performed and the times at which those named are to perform them
rostrum	n. raised platform from which public speeches are made
rote	n. by `rote by heart; from memory, without thinking of the meaning
rotund	adj. (of a person) rounded; plump; fat
rotunda	n. type of round building or hall, esp one with a domed roof
rotundity	n. state of being rotund
rousing	adj. vigorous; giving encouragement
rout	n. utter defeat
rubble	n. bits of broken stone, rock or bricks
rubric	n. words put as a heading, esp to show or explain how sth should be done, etc
ruddy	adj. (approv) (of a person's face) having a fresh healthy colour
rudimentary	adj. existing in an imperfect or undeveloped form

rue	n. type of evergreen shrub with bitter leaves formerly used in medicine
rueful	adj. showing or feeling good-humoured regret
ruffian	n. violent lawless man
rumble	v. make a deep heavy continuous sound
ruminant	n, adj that chews the cud, eg a cow
ruminate	v. ~ think deeply; meditate; ponder
rummage	v. ~ (for sth); ~ (about/around) turn things over or disarrange them while searching for sth
run-down	n. act of running down (an industry, a company, etc); reduction of the size of an industry, etc
runic	adj. of runes; written in or inscribed with runes
ruse	n. deceitful way of doing sth or getting sth; trick
rustic	adj. typical of the country or country people
rusticate	v. send (a student) away from university temporarily, as a punishment
rustle	v. make a dry light sound, esp by friction or rubbing together
ruthless	adj. having or showing no pity or compassion; cruel
saboteur	n. person who commits sabotage
saccharine	adj. very sweet; too sweet
sacrilegious	desecrating; profane
sacrosanct	adj. considered too important to be changed, argued about, etc
sadistic	adj. of or showing sadism
saga	n. long story of heroic deeds, esp of Icelandic or Norwegian heroes ,
sagacious	adj. showing wisdom and good judgement
sage	n. very wise man
salacious	adj. (of speech, books, pictures, etc) treating sexual activity, nudity, etc in an obscene way; indecent; lewd ,
salient	adj. most noticeable or important; main
saline	adj. containing salt; salty
sallow	adj. (of a person's skin or complexion) yellowish
salubrious	adj. (esp of the climate) health-giving
salutary	adj. having a good effect
salvage	n. rescue of a damaged ship or its cargo; rescue of property from damage caused by fire, floods, etc
sanctimonious	adj. showing that one feels morally better than other people
sanction	n. permission or approval for an action, a change, etc
sanctuary	n. sacred place, eg a church, temple or mosque ,
sanguinary	adj. with much bloodshed; bloody
sanguine	adj. ~ (about sth/that...) hopeful; optimistic

sap	n. liquid in a plant that carries food to all its parts
sarcasm	n. bitter, esp ironic, remarks intended to wound sb's feelings
sardonic	adj. expressing scorn, usu in a grimly humorous way; mocking
sartorial	adj. of (usu men's) clothes or a way of dressing
sate	satisfy to the full; cloy
satellite	n. natural body in space orbiting round a larger body, esp a planet
satiate	v. provide (sb) with so much of sth that he wants no more
satire	n. attacking foolish or wicked behaviour by making fun of it, often by using sarcasm and parody
satirical	adj. containing or using satire
saturate	v. ~ sth make sth very wet; soak sth
saturnine	adj. (of a person or his appearance) gloomy
satyr	n. god of the woods, half man and half goat
saunter	v. walk in a leisurely way; stroll
savant	n. person of great learning
savor	enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality
savory	n. herb of the mint family used in cooking
scabbard	n. cover for the blade of a sword, dagger or bayonet; sheath .
scad	a great quantity
scaffold	n. frame made of long metal tubes put up next to a building so that builders, painters, etc can work on it, or to support a platform
scale	n. any of the thin overlapping plates of hard material covering the skin of many fish and reptiles
scanty	adj. small in size or amount; hardly large enough
scapegoat	n. person who is blamed or punished for the wrongdoing of sb else
scavenge	v. ~ (of an animal or a bird) search for decaying flesh as food; use decaying flesh for food
scenario	n. written outline of a film, play, etc with details of the scenes and plot
schematic	adj. in the form of a diagram or chart
scheme	n. ~ plan for doing or organizing sth
schism	n. strong disagreement, esp in a religious organization over doctrine, in which one group stops recognizing the authority of the other
scholarly	adj. showing the learning, care and attention typical of a scholar
scintilla	n. not a scintilla of sth (fml) not the slightest amount of sth
scintillate	v. give off sparks; sparkle
scion	n. young member of a family, esp a noble one ,
scoff	v. I, Ipr] ~ speak contemptuously (about or to sb/sth); jeer or mock
scorch	v. burn or discolour (a surface) by dry heat

score	n. number of points, goals, etc made by a player or team in a game, or gained in a competition, etc
scotch	adj. of Scottish people
scourge	n. whip for flogging people
scowl	n. bad-tempered or angry look on the face
scrap	n. C] small, usu unwanted, piece; fragment
scrappy	adj. made up of bits and pieces; not well organized; not complete
scraps	[scrap:] a small piece of something larger; fragment
screech	v. I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn.pr, Tn.p] ~ (out) (at sb) give a harsh high-pitched cry; call out (sth) in such a way
scrimmage	n. confused struggle or fight; tussle
scruple	n. feeling that prevents one from doing or allowing sth that one thinks may be wrong
scrupulous	adj. extremely careful and thorough; paying great attention to details
scrutinize	examine closely and critically
scuffle	n. confused struggle between people who are close together
scurrilous	adj. abusive and insulting, esp in a crude or obscene way
scurry	v. run with short quick steps
scurvy	n. disease of the blood caused by a lack of vitamin C in the diet
scuttle	v. run with short quick steps
seamy	adj. unattractive and sordid
sear	v. scorch or burn (a surface)
season	n. part of the year distinguished according to its particular type of weather, esp one of the four traditional periods into which the year is divided, ie spring, summer, autumn and winter
seasonable	adj. suitable for the time of year
seasonal	adj. happening during a particular season; varying with the seasons
seasoned	[season:] one of the four equal periods into which the year is divided by the equinoxes and solstices, resulting from the apparent movement of the sun north and south of the equator during the course of the earth's orbit around it.
secession	n. ~ (fml) (instance of) seceding
seclusion	n. secluding or being secluded
secrete	v. (of an organ) produce (a substance, usu liquid) either as waste material or for use within the body
sect	n. group of people who share (esp religious) beliefs or opinions which differ from those of most people
sectarian	adj. of a sect or sects
secular	adj. not concerned with spiritual or religious affairs; worldly

sedate	adj. calm and dignified; composed
sedative	n. drug or medicine that sedates
sedentary	adj. done sitting down
sedition	n. words or actions intended to make people rebel against the authority of the State
seduce	v. tempt to have sexual intercourse
sedulous	adj. showing much hard work, steady effort or care
seedy	adj. shabby-looking; disreputable
seemly	/ adj (dated or fml) proper and suitable by the standards of polite society
seep	v. ~ through into sth/out (of sth) (of liquids) flow slowly and in small quantities through a substance
seethe	v. bubble and froth as if boiling
seine	net for catching fish
seismic	adj. of earthquakes
selective	adj. using or based on selection
self-indulgence	n.
self-righteous	adj. showing in a smug way that one believes that what one does, thinks, etc is right
semblance	n. ~ of sth appearance of being sth; likeness to sth
seminal	adj. of seed or semen
seminary	n. college for training priests or rabbis
senility	n. state of being senile
sensitization	[sensitize:] to make or become sensitive
sensual	= adj of, suggesting, enjoying or giving physical (often sexual) pleasure
sensuous	adj. affecting, noticed by or giving pleasure to the senses
sententious	adj. expressing pompous moral judgements
sentient	adj. capable of perceiving or feeling things
sentimental	adj. of or concerning the emotions, rather than the reason
sentinel	n. sentry
septic	adj. caused by or causing infection with harmful bacteria
sepulcher	[sepulchre:] a burial vault, tomb, or grave
sequester	v. ~ sb/oneself (from sth) keep sb/oneself away or apart from other people; seclude
sere	being dried and withered
serendipity	n. making pleasant and unexpected discoveries entirely by chance
serenity	the quality or state of being shining bright and steady
serpentine	adj. twisting and curving like a snake
serrated	adj. having notches on the edge like a saw; having a toothed edge

servile	adj. too ready to obey others; lacking independence
servitude	n. condition of being forced to work for others and having no freedom
sever	v. ~ sth (from sth) divide or break or separate sth by cutting
severance	n. cutting or being cut; discontinuation
severity	n. quality of being severe
sextant	n. instrument used for measuring the altitude of the sun, eg in order to determine the position of one's ship ,
shack	n. roughly built shed, hut or house
shackle	n. either of a pair of metal rings linked by a chain, used for fastening a prisoner's wrists or ankles together
shade	n. ~ (place where there is) comparative darkness and often coolness caused by sth blocking direct light or heat, esp of the sun
sham	v. pretend (sth); feign
shambles	n. scene of complete disorder; muddle; mess
Shangri-la	a remote or imaginary utopia
shard	n. broken piece of pottery, glass, etc
shaving	[shave:] [also intr] to remove (the beard, hair, etc.) from (the face, head, or body) by scraping the skin with a razor
sheaf	n. bundle of stalks of corn, barley, etc tied together after reaping
shear	v. cut the wool off (a sheep) with shears
sheathe	v. put (sth) into a sheath
shed	n. one-storey building used for storing things, sheltering animals, vehicles, etc or as a workshop
sheer	adj. complete; thorough; utter
sherbet	refreshing drink of weak sweet fruit-juice
shift	v. ~ (sth/sb/oneself) (from.../to...); ~ (sth/sb/oneself) (about/around) (cause sth/sb/oneself to) change or move from one position or direction to another
shimmer	v. shine with a soft light that seems to waver
shirk	v. avoid doing (work, one's duty, etc) through laziness, cowardice, etc
shoddy	adj. of poor quality or badly made
shoot	v. ~ (sth) (at sb/sth); ~ sth (from sth); ~ sth (off) fire (a gun or some other weapon); fire (a bullet, an arrow, etc) at sb/sth
shove	v. push roughly
shrew	n. small mouse-like animal that feeds on insects
shrewd	adj. having or showing good judgement and common sense; astute
shrivel	v. ~ (sth) (up) (cause sth to) shrink and wrinkle from heat, cold or dryness
shudder	v. ~ (with sth) shiver violently with cold, fear, etc; tremble
shuffle	v. walk without lifting the feet completely clear of the ground

shun	v. keep away from (sth/sb); avoid
shunt	v. move (a railway locomotive, wagons, etc) from one track to another
shyster	n. unscrupulous and dishonest person, esp a lawyer
sibling	n. any one of two or more people with the same parents; brother or sister
sibylline	adj. spoken by or characteristic of a sibyl; mysteriously prophetic
sidereal	adj. of the stars or measured by them
sidetrack	to distract or be distracted from a main subject or topic
sift	v. put (sth) through a sieve
significant	adj. having a meaning, esp one that is immediately obvious
silt	n. sand, mud, etc carried by flowing water and left at the mouth of a river, in a harbour, etc
simian	adj. n (of or like a) monkey or ape
simile	n. comparison of one thing with another, eg `as brave as a lion', `a face like a mask'
simper	v. smile in a foolish, affected way
simplistic	adj. making difficult problems, issues, ideas, etc seem much simpler than they really are; over-simplifying
simulate	v. pretend to have or feel
sinecure	n. position that requires no work or responsibility, but gives the holder prestige or money
sinewy	adj. having strong sinews; tough; muscular
singular	adj. of the form used when speaking about one person or thing
sinister	adj. suggesting evil, or that sth bad may happen
sinuous	adj. having many curves and twists; winding
siren	n. device that makes a long loud sound as a signal or warning
skeptic	= sceptic
skiff	n. small light boat for rowing or sculling, usu by one person ,
skim	v. remove cream, scum, etc from the surface of (a liquid)
skimp	v. ~ use or provide less than enough of (what is needed)
skinflint	n. miser
skirmish	n. fight between small groups of soldiers, ships, etc, esp one that is not planned
skittish	adj. lively and playful; difficult to control
skulduggery	n. deception and planning of evil acts; trickery
skulk	v. hide or move around as if one is ashamed or trying to hide, esp when one is planning sth bad
slack	adj. not tight or tense; loose
slacken	v. become slack

slag	n. waste matter that remains after metal has been extracted from ore by smelting
slake	v. satisfy
slander	n. false statement intended to damage sb's reputation
slap	v. strike (sb/sth) with the palm of the hand or with sth flat; smack
slapdash	adj. adv in a careless and hasty way
slaughter	n. the killing of animals, esp for food
slavish	adj. lacking in independence or originality
sleazy	adj. (informal) (esp of a place) dirty and not respectable; sordid
sledge	n. vehicle with long narrow strips of wood, metal, etc instead of wheels, for travelling over ice and snow
sleek	adj. smooth and glossy
sleeper	n. person who sleeps in the specified way
sleigh	n. sledge, esp one drawn by a horse
sleight	n. ,sleight of `hand great skill in using the hands in performing conjuring tricks, etc
slew	pt of slay
slick	adj. done smoothly and efficiently, apparently without effort
slight	adj. not serious or important; small
slink	v. move as if one feels guilty or ashamed, or does not want to be seen
slipshod	adj. not done or not doing things carefully; careless
slither	v. slide or slip unsteadily
sloth	n. laziness; idleness ;
slough	n. swamp; marsh ;
slovenly	adj. careless, untidy, dirty, etc in appearance, dress or habits
sluggard	n. lazy slow-moving person
sluggish	adj. slow-moving; not alert or lively; lethargic
sluice	n. sliding gate or other device for controlling the flow of water out of or into a canal, lake, lock, etc
slur	v. run (sounds, words) into each other so that they are indistinct
sly	adj. (often derog) acting or done in a secret, often cunning and deceitful, way
smart	adj. bright and new-looking; well-dressed; neat
smattering	n. ~ slight knowledge, esp of a language
smear	v. ~ sth on/over sth/sb; ~ sth/sb with sth spread a greasy or sticky substance, eg paint, on sth/sb
smelt	v. heat and melt in order to obtain the metal it contains
smirk	n. silly or self-satisfied smile

smolder	= smoulder
smother	v. die from lack of air, or from not being able to breathe; suffocate
smudge	n. dirty or blurred mark, often caused by rubbing
smug	adj. (usu derog) too pleased with or proud of oneself, one's achievements, etc; self-satisfied
sneak	v. ~ (to sb) (Brit infml derog ,) (used esp by children) tell an adult about the faults, wrongdoings, etc of another child
snicker	v. laugh in a suppressed, esp unpleasant, way; snigger
snip	v. ~ (at) sth cut sth sharply (esp with scissors or shears) in short quick strokes
snivel	v. (derog) cry and sniff in a miserable, usu self-pitying, way
snub	v. treat (sb) coldly, rudely or with contempt, esp by paying no attention (to him)
snuffle	v. make sniffing noises
soar	v. go up high in the air quickly
sober	adj. with one's actions and thoughts not affected by alcohol
sobriety	n. quality or state of being sober
sodden	adj. soaked through; very wet
sojourn	v. stay (with sb) in a place for a time
solace	n. (thing that gives) comfort or relief (from pain, trouble, distress, etc)
solder	n. soft mixture of metals used, when melted, for joining harder metals, wires, etc together
solecism	n. mistake in the use of language, esp one that shows sb to be foreign or of low social class ,
solemnity	n. state or quality of being solemn; seriousness
solicit	v. ~ (for sth); ~ (sth) (from sb) (fml) ask (sb) for (eg money, help, votes) earnestly; try to obtain (sth)
solicitor	n. lawyer who prepares legal documents (eg for the sale of land or buildings), advises clients on legal matters, and speaks for them in the lower courts
solicitous	adj. ~ (fml) very concerned and anxious about (sb's welfare, comfort, etc)
soliloquy	n. speaking one's thoughts aloud, esp in a play when a character does this without another character being present on stage
solitude	n. being alone without companions; solitary state
solstice	n. either of the two times of the year at which the sun is furthest North or South of the equator
soluble	adj. ~ that can be dissolved
solvent	adj. having enough money to pay one's debts; not in debt
somatic	pertaining to the body; physical

somber	of a dismal or depressing character: MELANCHOLY
somnambulist	n. person who does this; sleep-walker ;
somnolent	adj. almost asleep; sleepy; drowsy
sonic	adj. relating to sound, sound-waves or the speed of sound
sonnet	n. type of poem containing 14 lines, each of 10 syllables, and with a formal pattern of rhymes
sonorous	adj. having a full deep sound
soothsayer	n. fortune-teller; prophet
sophist	n. person who uses clever but false arguments intended to deceive
sophisticated	adj. having or showing much worldly experience and knowledge of fashionable life
sophistication	n. quality of being sophisticated
sophistry	n. use of sophisms
sophomoric	conceited and overconfident of knowledge but poorly informed and immature
soporific	n, adj causing sleep
sordid	adj. (of conditions, places, etc) dirty and unpleasant; squalid
sound	adj. in good condition; not hurt, diseased, injured or damaged
sour	adj. having a sharp taste (like that of vinegar, a lemon or unripe fruit)
sovereign	adj. (of power) without limit; highest
sovereignty	n. independent sovereign power
sow	n. fully grown female pig .
spangle	n. tiny piece of shining metal or plastic used for decoration on a dress, etc, esp in large numbers
spare	adj. in addition to what is usu needed or used; kept in reserve for use when needed
sparse	adj. not dense, thick or crowded; thinly scattered
Spartan	adj. (of conditions) simple and harsh; without luxury or comforts
spasmodic	adj. occurring or done at irregular intervals (usu for short periods at a time); not continuous or regular
spat	pt, pp of spit1
spate	n. sudden fast rush
spatial	adj. of, concerning or existing in space
spatula	n. tool with a wide flat blunt blade used for mixing and spreading, esp in cooking and painting
spawn	n. eggs of fish, shellfish and frogs, toads, etc
specious	adj. seeming rightor true but actually wrong or false
speck	n. very small spot or stain; tiny particle

spectral	adj. of or like a spectre(1)
spectrum	n. (usu sing) image of a band of colours as seen in a rainbow (and usu described as red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet), formed by a ray of light that has passed through a prism
speechless	adj. unable to speak, esp because of strong feeling
spendthrift	n. person who spends money extravagantly and wastefully
sphinx-like	
spin	v. ~ sth (round) make sth turn round and round rapidly
splice	v. join (two ends of rope) by weaving the strands of one into the strands of the other
spoilsport	(informal)
spontaneity	impulsiveness; absence of premeditation
spoof	n. ~ (of/on sth) humorous imitation or parody
spoonerism	n. result of changing round, esp accidentally, the initial sounds of two or more words when speaking, eg well-boiled icicle for well-oiled bicycle well-oiled bicycle well-boiled icicle
sporadic	adj. happening or seen only occasionally or in a few places; occurring irregularly
sportive	adj. playful
sprightly	adj. lively and full of energy
sprout	v. ~ (from sth) begin to grow or appear; put out leaves, shoots, etc
spruce	adj. tidy and clean in appearance; smart ;
spry	adj. lively and active
spurious	adj. not genuine or authentic; false or fake
spurn	v. reject or refuse scornfully or contemptuously
squabble	v. ~ (about/over sth) quarrel noisily (as children do), esp over unimportant matters
squalid	adj. very dirty and unpleasant (esp because of neglect or poverty)
squalor	n. squalid state
squander	v. ~ sth waste (time, money, etc); use sth wastefully
squash	v. press or squeeze (sb/sth) flat or into a pulp; crush
squat	v. ~ (down) (of people) sit on one's heels or on the ground with the knees drawn up under or close to the body; crouch
squeamish	adj. having a delicate stomach and easily made sick
squelch	v. make a sucking sound as when feet are lifted from thick sticky mud
staccato	adj. adv (to be played) with each successive note short, clear and detached; not smooth(ly)
stagnant	adj. not flowing and therefore dirty and smelling unpleasant; still and stale
staid	adj. (of people, their appearance, behaviour, tastes, etc) serious, dull and

	old-fashioned; conservative
stalemate	n. position of the pieces in the game of chess in which the player whose move it is cannot move without putting his king in check
stalwart	adj. (of a person) strong and sturdy
stamina	n. ability to endure much physical or mental strain; long-lasting energy and resilience; staying-power
stammer	v. speak with sudden pauses and a tendency to repeat rapidly the same sound or syllable (because of a speech defect or from fear, excitement, etc)
stamp	v. ~ sth put (one's foot) down heavily on (the ground, etc); flatten (sth) by doing this
stampede	n. sudden rush of frightened animals
stanch	v. stop the flow of (esp blood)
standstill	n. halt; stop
stanza	n. group of lines forming a unit in some types of poem; verse of poetry
start	n. beginning of a journey, an activity, a plan, a race, etc; process or act of starting
stately	adj. dignified; imposing; grand
static	adj. not moving or changing; stationary
statute	n. law passed by Parliament or a similar law-making body and written down formally
statutory	adj. fixed, done or required by statute
steadfast	adj. ~ (fml usu approv ,) firm and not changing or yielding; constant
stealth	n. acting or behaving in a quiet or secret way
steep	adj. (of a slope, stairs, etc) rising or falling sharply, not gradually
stellar	adj. of a star or stars
stem	n. main central part of a plant, bush or tree coming up from the roots, from which the leaves or flowers grow
stench	n. very unpleasant smell
stentorian	adj. (of a voice) loud and powerful
stereotype	n. image, idea, character, etc that has become fixed or standardized in a conventional form without individuality
sterile	adj. not producing or not able to produce seeds, young or children
stickler	n. ~ for sth person who thinks that a certain goal is very important and tries to make other people aim at it
stifle	v. feel or make unable to breathe (easily) because of lack of fresh air; suffocate
stigma	n. mark of shame or disgrace; shameful feeling or reputation
stilted	adj. (of a manner of talking, writing, behaving, etc) stiff and unnatural; artificial

stink	v. (infml) ~ (of sth) have a very unpleasant and offensive smell
stint	v. ~ on sth; ~ sb/oneself (usu in negative sentences) restrict, limit sb/oneself to a small amount of (esp food)
stipend	n. official income (esp of a clergyman); salary ;
stipple	v. paint, draw or engrave in small dots (not in lines, etc)
stipulate	v. state (sth) clearly and firmly as a requirement
stock	n. store of goods available for sale, distribution or use, in a shop, warehouse, etc
stockade	n. line or wall of strong upright posts, built as a defence
stodgy	adj. (infml derog ,) (of food) heavy, solid and difficult to digest
stoic	n. person who has great self-control and who endures pain, discomfort or misfortune without complaining or showing signs of feeling it ,
stoke	v. ~ sth (with sth) put (coal or some other fuel) on the fire of a furnace, an engine, etc
stolid	adj. (of a person) not easily excited; showing little or no emotion or interest
stoop	v. ~ (down) bend forward and down
stout	adj. strong and thick
straggle	v. grow or spread in an irregular or untidy manner
strangle	v. kill by squeezing or gripping the throat tightly; throttle
stratagem	n. trick, plan or scheme to deceive sb (esp an enemy)
stratified	[stratify:] to form or be formed in layers or strata
stratum	n. any of a series of horizontal layers, esp of rock in the earth's crust
strew	v. ~ A (on/over B); ~ B with A scatter sth (over a surface); cover (a surface) with scattered things; sprinkle
striated	adj. marked with stripes, lines or furrows
stricture	n. (fml) severe criticism or condemnation
strident	adj. loud and harsh; shrill
stringent	adj. that must be obeyed; strict or severe
strut	n. rod or bar placed in a framework to strengthen and brace it
studied	adj. carefully considered; intentional; deliberate
studious	adj. spending a lot of time studying
stultify	v. (fml) cause (sth) to be ineffective or seem absurd; negate
stumble	v. ~ strike one's foot against sth and almost fall
stump	n. part of a tree left in the ground after the rest has fallen or been cut down
stun	v. make (a person or an animal) unconscious by a blow, esp to the head
stupefy	make numb; stun; amaze
stupor	n. condition of being dazed or nearly unconscious caused by shock, drugs, alcohol, etc

sturdy	adj. strong and solid
stygian	adj. very dark; gloomy
stymie	n. situation on the green in which an opponent's ball is between one's own ball and the hole
suavity	[suave:]
subaltern	n. any officer in the army below the rank of captain
subdue	v. bring under control by force; defeat
subjective	adj. existing in the mind and not produced by things outside the mind
subjugate	v. gain control of (a country, etc); subdue; conquer ;
sublimate	v. express (instinctual urges, esp sexual ones) in more socially acceptable ways
sublime	adj. of the greatest, most admirable kind; causing awe and reverence
subliminal	adj. being perceived or affecting the mind without one being aware of it
submerge	v. go under the surface of a liquid, the sea, etc
submissive	adj. willing to yield to the authority of others; obedient
subordinate	adj. ~ (to sb) lower in rank or position
suborn	v. use bribery or some other means to persuade (sb) to do sth illegal, esp tell lies in a court of law
subpoena	n. written order requiring a person to appear in a lawcourt
subsequent	adj. later; following
subservient	adj. ~ (often derog) giving too much respect, obedience, etc; submissive
subside	v. sink to a lower or to the normal level
subsidiary	adj. 1~ connected to but smaller, of less importance, etc than sth else; subordinate
subsidy	n. money paid, esp by a government, to help an industry, to support the arts, to keep prices down, etc
subsistence	n. subsisting
substantial	adj. large in amount; considerable
substantiate	v. give facts to support (a claim, statement, etc); prove
substantive	adj. genuine or actual; real
subsume	v. ~ sth (fml) include sth in a particular group, class, etc or under a rule
subterfuge	n. trick or excuse, esp one used to avoid difficulties, blame, failure, etc
subtlety	n. quality of being subtle
subversive	adj. ~ trying or likely to weaken or destroy a political system, an accepted belief, etc
succinct	adj. expressed briefly and clearly; concise
succor	to go to the aid of: RELIEVE
succulent	adj. (of fruit and meat) juicy and delicious

succumb	v. ~ (fml) stop resisting (temptation, illness, attack, etc); yield
suckle	v. feed with milk from the breast or udder
suffocate	v. die as a result of not being able to breathe
suffragist	advocate of voting rights (for women)
suffuse	v. ~ sth (esp of colour or moisture) spread all over sth
suitor	n. man courting a woman
sullen	adj. silent, bad-tempered and gloomy
sully	v. (fml or rhet usu fig ,) make (sth) dirty; stain; ruin or destroy (sb's reputation, etc)
sultry	adj. (of the weather, air, etc) oppressively hot and humid
summation	n. summing-up; summary
sumptuous	adj. looking expensive and splendid
sunder	v. ~ sth/sb (fml or rhet) separate sth/sb, esp by force or for ever
sundry	adj. various
superannuated	adj. old and barely fit for work or use
supercilious	adj. thinking or showing that one thinks one is better than other people; arrogant and disdainful
supererogatory	superfluous; more than needed or demanded
superficial	adj. of or on the surface only
superfluous	adj. more than is needed or wanted
superimpose	v. ~ sth put sth on top of sth else, esp so that what is underneath can still be seen, heard, etc
supernumerary	adj. in excess of the normal number; extra
supersede	v. take the place of be introduced so as to be used instead of (sth/sb)
supine	adj. lying flat on the back, face upwards
supplant	v. take the place of (sb/sth); replace
supple	adj. bent or bending easily; not stiff; flexible
suppliant	n, adj (person) asking humbly for sth
supplicant	n. person who supplicates; suppliant
supplicate	v. ~ sth (fml) ask (sb) humbly or pleadingly for sth
supposition	n. supposing
supposititious	assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical
suppress	v. put an end to (sth), esp by force; crush
surfeit	n. ~ (of sth) too much of sth, esp of food and drink
surge	v. move forward in or like waves
surly	adj. bad-tempered and unfriendly
surmise	v. suppose (sth) without having evidence that makes it certain; guess

surmount	v. deal with (a difficulty, etc); overcome
surpass	v. ~ sb/sth (in sth) (fml) do or be better than sb/sth; exceed sb/sth
surreptitious	adj. done or acting secretly or stealthily
surrogate	n. ~ (fml) person or thing that acts or is used instead of another; substitute
surveillance	n. careful watch kept on sb suspected of doing wrong
susceptible	adj. ~ to sth easily influenced or harmed by sth
suspend	v. ~ sth (fml) hang sth up
suspense	n. feeling of tenseness, worry, etc about what may happen
sustain	v. bear (weight) without breaking or falling
sustenance	n. food and drink; nourishment
suture	n. stitch or stitches made in sewing up a wound, esp following an operation ,
swagger	v. walk or behave in a proud or boastful way
swamp	n. soft wet land; marsh ;
swarm	n. large number of insects, birds, etc moving around together, esp bees following a queen bee
swarthy	adj. dark or dark-skinned
swathe	n. strip of grass or other plants cut by a mower, scythe, etc
sway	v. move or lean slowly from side to side
swear	v. ~ (at sb/sth) use rude or blasphemous words in anger, surprise, etc; curse
swear-word	n. rude or blasphemous word
swell	v. ~(to sth); ~ (sth) (up) (with sth) (cause sth to) become larger or bulge outwards, eg because of pressure from inside
swelter	v. be uncomfortably hot; suffer from the heat
swerve	v. change direction suddenly
swill	v. ~ sth (out/down) (esp Brit) rinse or flush sth by pouring large amounts of water, etc into, over or through it
swindler	n. person who swindles
swipe	v. (infml) ~ (at) sth/sb (try to) hit sth/sb with a swinging or reckless blow
sybarite	n. person who is very fond of luxury and comfort
sycophant	n. person who tries to gain people's favour by insincerely flattering them and always agreeing with them
syllogism	n. form of reasoning in which a conclusion is drawn from two statements, eg All men must die; I am a man; therefore I must die
sylvan	=> silvan
symbiosis	n. relationship between two species, organisms,etc that live close together and depend on each other in various ways

symmetry	n. exact match in size and shape between the two halves of sth
synchronous	similary timed; simultaneous with
synoptic	adj. of or forming a synopsis
synthesis	n. combining of separate parts, elements, etc to form a complex whole
synthetic	adj. made by synthesis(
tablet	n. slab or panel with words cut or written on it, esp one fixed to a wall as a memorial ,
tacit	adj. understoodwithout being put into words; implied
taciturn	adj. saying very little; uncommunicative ;
tact	n. skill at not offending people or at gaining goodwill by saying or doing the right thing
tactful	adj. having or showing tact
tactile	adj. of or using the sense of touch
taint	n. trace of some bad quality or decay or infection
takeoff	
talisman	n. object that is thought to bring good luck, eg a ring or locket
talon	n. claw, esp of a bird of prey
tan	v. convert (animal skin) into leather by treating it with tannic acid, etc
tangential	peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing
tangible	adj. that can be perceived by touch
tanner	n. person who tans skins to make leather
tantalize	to tease or torment by or as if by presenting something desirable to the view but continually keeping it out of reach
tantamount	adj. ~ to sth equal in effect to sth; as good as sth
tantrum	n. outburst of bad temper, esp in a child
taper	n. length of wax-covered thread like a very thin candle burned to give light or to light other candles, etc
tarantula	n. any of several types of large spider, many of them hairy and some of them poisonous ,
tardy	adj. (fml) slow to act, move or happen
tarnish	v. lose its brightness by being exposed to air or damp
tarry	v. (arch or rhet) delay in coming to or going from a place; linger
tart	adj. sharp-tasting; acid
tatter	to make or become ragged or worn to shreds
taunt	v. ~ sb try to provoke sb with scornful or critical remarks; jeer at sb
taut	adj. tightly stretched; not slack
tautological	tautologous / tR
tawdry	adj. showy or gaudy but without real value

tawny	adj. brownish-yellow
taxonomist	one who study the general principles of scientific classification
tedium	n. tediousness; boredom
teetotalism	the principle or practice of complete abstinence from alcoholic drinks
temerity	n. audacity; rashness
temper	n. state of the mind as regards anger or calmness
temperament	n. person's nature as it affects the way he thinks, feels and behaves
temperate	adj. behaving with temperance(1); showing self-control
tempestuous	adj. stormy; violently agitated; turbulent
tempo	n. speed or rhythm of a piece of music
temporal	adj. of worldly affairs, ie not spiritual; secular
temporize	avoid committing oneself; gain time
tenacious	adj. sticking or clinging firmly together or to an object
tenacity	firmness; persistency; adhesiveness
tenancy	use of land or buildings as a tenant(1)
tenant	n. person who pays rent to a landlord for the use of a room, a building, land, etc
tend	v. take care of or look after
tendentious	adj. (of a speech, a piece of writing, etc) aimed at helping a cause; not impartial
tender	adj. easily damaged or hurt; delicate
tenet	n. principle; belief; doctrine
tensile	adj. of tension
tension	n. state or degree of stretching or being stretched
tentative	adj. done, said, etc to test sth; hesitant or exploratory; not definite or decisive
tenuous	adj. thin; slender
tenure	n. holding of office or land or other property, etc ,
tepid	adj. lukewarm
terminal	adj. of the last stage in a fatal disease
terminate	v. come to an end or bring (sth) to an end
termination	n. point at which or way in which sth ends
terminology	n. technical terms of a particular subject
terminus	n. station at the end of a railway line
terrestrial	adj. of or living on land
terse	adj. using few words; concise; curt
tertiary	adj. third in order, rank, importance, etc; next after secondary

tessellated	adj. made from small flat pieces of stone of various colours arranged in a pattern
testator	n. person who has made a will4(4)
testy	adj. easily annoyed; irritable
tether	n. rope or chain by which an animal is fastened while it is grazing
thematic	adj. of or related to a theme
theocracy	n. system of government by priests or a priestly class in which the laws of the State are believed to be the laws of God
theoretical	adj. concerned with the theory of a subject
therapeutic	adj. of the art of healing or the curing of disease
thermal	adj. ofheat
thesis	n. statement or theory put forward and supported by arguments
thespian	adj. of acting or the theatre
thrall	slave; bondage
thrash	v. beat with a stick or whip, esp as a punishment
threadbare	adj. worn thin; shabby
threat	n. expression of one's intention to punish or harm sb, esp if he does not obey
thresh	v. beat out or separate from husks of wheat, etc using a machine or (esp formerly) an implement held in the hand
thrifty	adj. showing thrift; economical ;
thrive	v. ~ (on sth) grow or develop well and vigorously; prosper
throb	v. ~ (with sth) (of the heart, pulse, etc) beat, esp faster or stronger thanusual
throes	n. severe pains
throng	n. crowded mass of people or things
throttle	v. seize by the throat and stop him breathing; choke; strangle
thwart	v. prevent doing what he intends; oppose (a plan, etc) successfully
tickle	v. touch or stroke lightly, esp at sensitive parts, so as to cause a slight tingling sensation, often with twitching movements and laughter
tightwad	excessively frugal person; miser
tiller	n. person who tills
tiltable	
timbre	n. characteristicquality of sound produced by a particular voice or instrument
timid	adj. easily frightened; shy
timidity	timidness ns
timorous	adj. timid

tinge	v. ~ sth colour sth slightly
tint	n. shade or variety of a colour
tipple	v. be in the habit of drinking alcoholic drinks, esp too often or too much
tirade	n. long angry speech of criticism or accusation
titanic	adj. gigantic; immense
tithe	n. one tenth of the annual produce of a farm, etc formerly paid as a tax to support the clergy and the church
titillate	v. stimulate or excite (sb), esp sexually
title	n. name of a book, poem, picture, etc ,
titter	n. short nervous laugh
titular	adj. having a certain title(
toady	n. person who flatters another or treats him with excessive respect in the hope of gain or advantage
toga	n. loose outer garment worn by men in ancient Rome
toil	v. ~ away (at/over sth) work long or hard
token	n. sign, symbol or evidence of sth
toll	n. money paid for the use of a road, bridge, harbour, etc ,
tome	n. large heavy book, esp a scholarly or serious one ,
tonic	n. medicine that gives strength or energy, taken after illness or when tired
tonsure	n. shaving the top or all of the head of a person about to become a priest or monk
topography	n. features of a place or district, esp the position of its rivers, mountains, roads, buildings, etc
topple	v. ~ (over) be unsteady and fall
torpedo	n. tube-shaped explosive underwater missile launched against ships by submarines, aircraft or surface ships
torpor	n. torpid condition
torque	n. twisting force causing rotation in machinery
torrent	n. violently rushing stream of water, lava, etc
torrid	adj. very hot and dry
torso	n. main part of the human body, not including the head, arms and legs; trunk
tortuous	adj. full of twists and turns
toss	v. ~ sth (to sb) throw sth lightly or carelessly or easily
totem	n. natural object, esp an animal, considered by N American Indians as the emblem of a clan or family
totter	v. walk or move unsteadily; stagger
touching	adj. arousing pity or sympathy

touchstone	n. stone used to test the fineness of gold alloys; criterion
touchy	adj. easily offended
tout	v. ~ try to get people to buy (one's goods or services), esp in an annoyingly insistent way
toxic	adj. poisonous
tract	n. large stretch or area of land
tractable	adj. easily guided, handled or controlled; docile ;
traduce	v. saydamaging untrue things about (sb/sth); slander or defame;
trajectory	n. curved path of sth that has been fired, hit or thrown into the air, eg a missile
tramp	v. walk with heavy or noisy steps
trample	v. ~ sth/sb (down) tread heavily on sth/sb so as to cause damage or destruction
trance	n. sleep-like state, caused eg by being hypnotized
tranquillity	n. tranquil condition
transcend	v. be or go beyond the range of (human experience, belief, powers of description, etc)
transcendent	adj. extremely great; supreme
transcendental	adjgoing beyond the limits of humankind knowledge, experience or reason, esp in a mystical or religious way
transcribe	v. ~ sth copy sth in writing
transgression	n. transgressing
transient	adj. lasting for only a short time; brief; fleeting
transition	n. ~ (to sth) (instance of) changing from one state or condition to another
transitory	adj. lasting for only a short time; transient
translucent	adj. allowinglight to pass through but not transparent
transmute	v. ~sth change sth (into sth completely different)
transparent	adj. allowinglight to pass through so that objects behind can be seen clearly
transpire	v. (of an event, a secret, etc) become known
transport	v. ~ sth/sb (to...) take sth/sb from one place to another in a vehicle
transpose	v. cause to change places
trappings	n. outward signs of prestige, wealth, etc
traumatic	adj. of or causing trauma
travail	n. painful effort
traverse	v. travel, lie or extendacross
travesty	n. ~ absurd imitation of or inferior substitute for sth
tread	v. ~ (on, etc sth/sb) set one's foot down; walk or step

treasure	n. gold, silver, jewels, etc
treatise	n. ~ long written work dealing systematically with one subject
trek	n. long hard journey, esp on foot
tremor	n. slight shaking or trembling
tremulous	adj. trembling from nervousness or weakness
trenchant	adj. strongly and effectively expressed; penetrating
trepidation	n. great worry or fear about sth unpleasant that may happen
tribulation	n. (sad event, accident, illness, etc that causes) great trouble or suffering
tribunal	n. group of officials with the authority to settle certain types of dispute
tribune	Any champion of the rights and liberties of the people: often used as the name for a newspaper.
tribute	n. action, statement or gift that is meant to show one's respect or admiration
trickle	v. flow in a thin stream
trickster	n. person who tricks or cheats people; swindler ;
trident	n. spear with three points
trifle	n. thing, question or activity that has little value or importance
trifling	adj. unimportant; trivial
trigger	n. lever that releases a spring, esp so as to fire a gun
trilogy	n. group of three related works, esp three novels or operas
trim	v. make (sth) neat or smooth by cutting away irregular parts
trinket	n. small ornament, piece of jewellery, etc of little value
trite	adj. not new or original, because often used; hackneyed; commonplace ,
trivia	n. unimportant things, details or pieces of information
troth	n. (idm) plight one's troth
trough	n. long narrow open box for animals to feed or drink from
truculence	agressiveness; ferocity
truism	n. statement that is obviously true, esp one that does not say anything important, eg Nothing lasts for ever ,
truncate	v. shorten by cutting off the top or end
trunk	n. main stem of a tree, from which the branches grow .
tryst	meeting
tumid	adj. (of parts of the body) swollen
tumult	n. disturbance or confusion, esp of a large mass of people
tundra	n. vast flat treeless Arctic regions of Europe, Asia and N America where the subsoil is permanently frozen
turbid	adj. (of liquids) opaque or muddy; not clear
turbulence	n. unrest or disturbance

tureen	n. deep dish with a lid from which soup, vegetables, etc are served at table
turgid	adj. (of language, style, etc) pompous and difficult to follow; boring
turmoil	n. great disturbance, agitation or confusion
turncoat	n. person who changes from one side, party, etc to another
turpitude	n. state or quality of being wicked; depravity ;
tutelage	n. protection of and authority over a person, country, etc; guardianship
tutelary	adj. acting as a guardian or protector
tycoon	n. wealthy and powerful businessman or industrialist; magnate
typhoon	n. violent tropical hurricane that occurs in the western Pacific
tyranny	n. cruel, unjust or oppressive use of power or authority
tyro	beginner; novice
ubiquitous	adj. (seeming to be) present everywhere or in several places at the same time
ulcer	n. open sore containing poisonous matter on the outside of the body or on the surface of an internal organ
ulterior	adj. beyond what is obvious or admitted
ultimate	adj. beyond which no other exists or is possible; last or final
ultimatum	n. final demand or statement of terms to be accepted without discussion, eg one sent to a foreign government and threatening war if the conditions are not accepted
umbrage	n. give `umbrage; take `umbrage (at sth) (fml or joc) (make sb) feel offended or slighted
unaccountable	adj. that cannot be explained or accounted for
unanimity	n. complete agreement or unity
unassailable	adj. that cannot be attacked or conquered
unassuaged	
unassuming	adj. not drawing attention to oneself or to one's merits or rank; modest
unbridled	adj. not controlled or checked
uncanny	adj. unnatural
unceremonious	adj. without proper formality or dignity
unconscionable	adj. unreasonable or excessive
uncouth	adj. rough, awkward or ill-mannered; not refined ,
unction	n. action of anointing with oil as a religious rite
unctuous	adj. insincerelyearnest or flattering, esp in an oily way
undergird	strengthen the base of
underhand	adj. done or doing things in a sly or secret way; deceitful
undermine	v. make a hollow or tunnel beneath (sth); weaken at the base
underscore	v. = underline

understate	v. state or express in a very controlled way
undertaker	n. person whose business is to prepare the dead for burial or cremation and arrange funerals
undulate	v. have a wave-like movement or appearance
undulating	[undulate:] to move or cause to move in waves or as if in waves
unearth	v. ~ sth uncover or obtain sth from the ground by digging
unearthly	adj. supernatural or mysterious or frightening
unequivocal	adj. having only one possible meaning; clear and unmistakeable
unerringly	adv.
unexceptionable	adj. that cannot be criticized; entirely satisfactory
unfaltering	steadfast
unfeigned	adj. not pretended; genuine or sincere
unfetter	to release from fetters, bonds, etc.
unfledged	immature
unfrock	v. dismiss from the priesthood
ungainly	adj. clumsy or awkward; not graceful
unguent	ointment
uniformity	sameness; consistency; monotony
unilateral	adj. done by or affecting one person, group, country, etc and not another; one-sided
unimpeachable	adj. that cannot be doubted or questioned; trustworthy
uninhibited	unrepressed
unintimating	
unique	adj. being the only one of its type
unison	n. in unison (with sb/sth) sounding or singing together the same musical note (or the same note in different octaves)
universal	adj. of, belonging to, affecting or done by all people or things in the world or in a particular group
unkempt	adj. not kept tidy; looking dishevelled or neglected
unmitigated	adj. having no accompanying advantages whatever; complete; absolute
unobtrusive	adj. not too obvious or easily noticeable; not drawing attention to itself or himself; discreet
unprecedented	adj. without precedent; never having happened, been done or been known before
unprepossessing	adj. not attractive or appealing in appearance
unravel	v. (cause sth woven, knotted or tangled to) separate into strands
unregenerate	unrepentant; unreformed
unrequited	adj. (esp of love) not returned or rewarded

unruly	adj. not easy to control or discipline; disorderly
unsavory	distasteful; morally offensive
unscathed	adj. not injured or hurt; unharmed
unseemly	adj. (of behaviour,etc) not proper or seemly; unbecoming
unsightly	adj. not pleasant to look at; ugly
unsullied	
unteachable	adj. that cannot be defended
untoward	adj. inconvenient or unfortunate; awkward
unwarranted	adj. unjustified or unauthorized
unwieldy	adj. awkward to move or control because of its shape, size or weight
unwitting	adj. not knowing or aware
unwonted	adj. not customary or usual
upbraid	v. ~ sb (dated or fml) scold or reproach sb
upright	adj. in a vertical position; erect
uproar	n. noise and excitement or anger; tumult
uproarious	adj. very noisy or high-spirited
upshot	n. the ~ the final result or outcome
urbane	adj. having or showing refined manners, smooth elegance and sophistication
urchin	n. (esp dated) mischievous or naughty child, esp a boy
urge	v. drive forcibly or hurry in a certain direction
urgent	adj. needing immediate attention, action or decision
ursine	bearlike; pertaining to a bear
usage	n. manner of using sth; treatment
usurp	v. take (sb's power, right, position) wrongfully or by force
usury	n. (lending of money at) excessively high interest
utopia	n. imaginary place or state of things in which everything is perfect
uxorious	adj. excessively fond of one's wife
vacillate	v. ~ (fml usu derog ,) keep changing one's mind; move backwards and forwards between two emotions
vacuous	adj. showing or suggesting absence of thought or intelligence; inane
vagabond	n. wanderer or vagrant, esp an idle or dishonest one
vagary	n. strange,unusual or capricious change; whim
vagrant	n. person without a settled home or regular work; tramp
vain	adj. having too high an opinion of one's looks, abilities, etc; conceited ;
vainglorious	adj. full of vainglory; conceited and boastful ;
valediction	n. (words used in) saying farewell, esp on serious occasions

valedictory	adj. serving as or accompanying a farewell
valid	adj. legally effective because made or done with the correct formalities
validate	v. make legally valid; ratify
valor	bravery
vampire	n. reanimated corpse believed by some to leave its grave at night and suck the blood of living people
vanguard	n. the vanguard leading part of an advancing army or fleet
vantage	n. position, etc that gives sb superiority or advantage
vapid	adj. dull or uninteresting
vaporize	to convert (as by the application of heat or by spraying) into vapor
variegate	To mark with different shades or colors.
variegated	adj. marked irregularly with differently coloured patches, streaks, spots, etc
varnish	n. hard shiny transparent coating applied to the surface of esp woodwork or metalwork
vassal	n. man promising to fight for and be loyal to a king or lord in return for the right to hold land
vaunted	[vaunt:] vt. to describe, praise, or display (one's success, possessions, etc.) boastfully
veer	v. (esp of a vehicle) change direction or course
vegetate	v. live a dull life with little activity or interest
vehement	adj. showing or caused by strong feeling; passionate
velocity	n. (usu of inanimate things) speed, esp in a given direction
venal	adj. ready to accept money for doing sth dishonest
vendetta	n. hereditary feud between families in which murders are committed in revenge for previous murders
vendor	n. person who sells food or other small items from a stall in the open air
veneer	n. decorative wood or plastic glued to the surface of cheaper wood (for furniture, etc),
venerable	adj. deserving respect because of age, character, associations, etc
venerate	v. respect (sb/sth) deeply; regard as sacred
venial	adj. not serious; excusable
venison	n. flesh of a deer used as meat
venom	n. poisonous fluid of certain snakes, scorpions, etc, injected by a bite or sting
vent	n. opening that allows air, gas, liquid, etc to pass out of or into a confined space ,
ventilate	v. cause air to enter and move freely through
ventral	adj. of or on the abdomen
ventriloquist	n. person skilled in this

venture	n. project or undertaking, esp a commercial one where there is a risk of failure
venturesome	adj. (of people) ready to take risks; daring
venue	n. place where people agree to meet, esp for a sports contest or match
veracious	adj. (of a person) truthful
veracity	n. truthfulness; truth
verbalize	put into words
verbatim	adj. adv exactly as spoken or written; word for word
verbiage	n. (use of) too many words, or unnecessarily difficult words, to express an idea, etc
verbose	adj. using or containing more words than are needed
verdant	adj. (of grass, vegetation, fields, etc) fresh and green
verdigris	n. greenish-blue substance that forms on copper, brass and bronze surfaces
verge	n. = soft shoulder (soft)
verisimilar	having the appearance of truth probable
verisimilitude	n. appearance or semblance of being true or real
veritable	adj. rightly named or called; real
verity	n. truth (of a statement, etc)
vernacular	n. language or dialect spoken in a particular country or region, as compared with a formal or written language
vernal	adj. of, in or appropriate to the season of spring
versatile	adj. turning easily or readily from one subject, skill or occupation to another
vertebrate	n, adj having a backbone
vertex	n. (fml) highest point or top; apex
vertigo	n. feeling of losing one's balance, caused esp by looking down from a great height; dizziness
verve	n. enthusiasm, spirit or vigour, esp in artistic or literary work
vestige	n. small remaining part of what once existed; trace
veto	n. constitutional right to reject or forbid a legislative proposal or action
vex	v. anger or annoy (sb), esp with trivial matters
viable	adj. sound and workable; feasible
viand	food
vibrant	adj. vibrating strongly; resonant
vicar	n. clergyman in charge of a parish where tithes formerly belonged to another person or an institution
vicarious	adj. felt or experienced indirectly, by sharing imaginatively in the feelings, activities, etc of another person

vicissitude	n. (fml) change in one's circumstances,esp for the worse
victuals	n. food and drink; provisions ;
vie	v. ~ with sb (for sth/to do sth); ~ for sth (fml) compete keenly with sb (for sth); rival sb for sth
vigil	n. staying awake, esp at night, to keep watch or to pray
vigilance	watchfulness
vigilant	adj. looking out for possible danger, trouble, etc; watchful or alert
vigilante	n. member of a self-appointed group of people who try to prevent crime and disorder in a community
vignette	n. illustration, esp on the title-page of a book, but not in a definite border
vigor	active bodily or mental strength or force
vile	adj. extremely disgusting
vilify	v. (fml) say evil or insulting things about (sb); slander
vindicate	v. clear (sb/sth) of blame or suspicion
vindictive	adj. having or showing a desire for revenge; unforgiving
vintner	n. wine-merchant
violate	v. break or be contrary to
viper	n. any of various types of poisonous snake found in Africa, Asia and Europe ,
virile	adj. (of men) having procreative power; sexually potent
virtual	adj. being or acting as what is described, but not accepted as such in name or officially
virtue	n. moral goodness or excellence
virtuoso	n. person who is exceptionally skilled in the techniques of a fine art, esp playing a musical instrument or singing
virulent	adj. extremely harmful or deadly
virus	n. simple organism, smaller than bacteria, and causing infectious disease
visage	n. person'sface
visceral	adj. of the viscera
viscid	adhesive; gluey
viscous	adj. not pouringeasily; thick and sticky
vise	tool for holding work in place
vision	n. power of seeing; sight
visionary	adj. having or showing foresight or wisdom
vital	adj. connected with or essential to life
vitiate	v. weaken or spoil the quality or efficiency of (sth)
vitreous	adj. having a glass-like texture or finish
vitriolic	adj. savagely and bitterlyhostile

vituperative	adj. vituperative debate, criticism, etc
vivacious	adj. (esp of a woman) lively or high-spirited
vivid	adj. strong and bright; intense
vivisection	n. practice of performing surgical experiments on live animals for scientific research
vixen	n. female fox
vociferous	adj. loud or noisy; expressing one's views forcibly and insistently
vogue	n. ~ current or prevailing fashion
volatile	adj. changing rapidly into vapour
volition	n. act of using one's will in choosing, making a decision, etc
volley	n. simultaneous throwing or firing of a number of stones, bullets, etc
voluble	adj. (of a person) speaking a lot; talkative
voluminous	adj. (of clothing etc) using much material; loose-fitting or ample
voluptuous	adj. giving a feeling of luxury or sensual pleasure
voodoo	n. form of religion based on belief in witchcraft and magical rites, practised by blacks in the W Indies, esp in Haiti ,
voracious	adj. very greedy in eating; ravenous
vortex	n. whirling mass of water, air, etc, as in a whirlpool or whirlwind
vouch	v. ~ for sb/sth take responsibility for or express confidence in (a person, his behaviour, etc); guarantee
vouchsafe	v. ~ sth (dated or fml) grant sth (to sb) as a gift or privilege
voyeur	n. person who gets pleasure from watching in secret others undressing or engaging in sexual activities
vulgar	adj. lacking in good taste or refinement
vulnerable	adj. ~ that can be hurt, wounded or injured
vulpine	adj. of or like a fox
vulture	n. large bird, usu with head and neck almost bare of feathers, that lives on the flesh of dead animals
vying	pres p of vie
withhold	v. (fml)~ sth (from sb/sth) (fml) refuse to give sth; keep sth back
withstand	v. (often fml) endure (sth) without giving in, collapsing, wearing out, etc; resist
witless	adj. unintelligent or foolish; out of one's mind
witticism	n. witty remark
wizardry	n. practice of magic
wizened	adj. having a dried-up wrinkled skin; shrivelled
woe	n. great sorrow or distress
woeful	adj. full of woe; sad

wont	adj. ~ to do sth in the habit of doing sth; accustomed to doing sth
worldly	adj. of (the affairs of) the world, esp the pursuit of pleasure or material gain; not spiritual
wrangle	n. ~ (about/over sth) noisy or angry argument or dispute (with sb) (about sth)
wrath	n. extreme anger
wreak	v. ~ sth (on sb) carry out (revenge or vengeance) on sb; inflict sth
wrench	v. ~ sth off (sth); ~ sb/sth away twist or pull sb/sth violently away from sth
wrest	v. ~ sth from sb take sth away from sb violently
wretch	n. very unfortunate or miserable person
wring	v. ~ sth (out) twist and squeeze sth in order to remove liquid from it
wrinkle	n. small fold or line in the skin, esp one of those on the face that are caused by age
writ	n. formal legal written order to do or not to do sth, issued by a court of law or a person in authority
writhe	v. twist or roll about, esp because of great pain
wrongheaded	
wry	adj. (of a person's face, features, etc) twisted into an expression of disappointment, disgust or mockery

Barron GRE word list - X

xenophobia	n. intense dislike or fear of foreigners or strangers
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Barron GRE word list - Y

yen	n. unit of money in Japan
yeoman	n. (Brit) (esp arch) farmer who owns and works his land
yield	v. bear, produce or provide
yoke	n. shaped piece of wood fixed across the necks of two animals (esp oxen) pulling a cart, plough, etc
yokel	n. simple-minded country person; bumpkin ;
yore	n. of yore (arch or rhet) long ago

Barron GRE word list - Z

zany	adj. (infml) amusingly ridiculous; eccentric
zeal	n. ~ (for sth) (usu intense) energy or enthusiasm; keenness
zealot	n. person who is extremely enthusiastic about sth, esp religion or politics; fanatic , ;
zenith	n. point in the heavens directly above an observer
zephyr	n. soft gentle breeze
zest	n. ~ great enjoyment or excitement; gusto