

Main Entry:abstrusePart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** difficult to understand

**Synonyms:** abstract, enigmatic, esoteric, heavy obscure, perplexing, profound,

recondite, subtle, vague

**Antonyms:** concrete, lucid, obvious

Main Entry: accede
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** agree or consent

**Synonyms:** acquiesce, concede, concur condemn, demur, deny, refuse

**Main Entry:** accentuate

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** focus attention on

**Synonyms:** accent, emphasize, feature,

Antonyms: mask
Main Entry: acclaim
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** expression of approval

**Synonyms:** acknowledgment, applause, approbation, eulogizing, exaltation

**Antonyms:** criticism, jeering, vituperation

Main Entry: acclaim
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** give approval

**Synonyms:** applaud, eulogize, exalt, extol berate, censure, vituperate

Main Entry: accolade
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** strong praise, recognition of achievement

**Synonyms:** approval, award, badge

**Main Entry:** accommodating

Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: willing to help

**Synonyms:** considerate, cooperative, handy, hospitable,

**Antonyms:** alienating, disobliging, estranged

Main Entry: accessible Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** approachable; ready for use

**Synonyms:** attainable, obtainable

**Antonyms:** limited, restricted

Main Entry: accord
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** agreement, mutual understanding (often written)

**Synonyms:** concert, concord, concurrence, congruence,

**Notes:** something (a quality) is in **accord** with something else; something

acts in **accordance** with something else (an activity)

**Antonyms:** antagonism, denial

Main Entry: accord
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** give approval, grant **Synonyms:** accede, acquiesce **Antonyms:** argue, deny, oppose

Main Entry: accost Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** approach for conversation or solicitation **Synonyms:** annoy, confront, entice, hail, proposition

**Antonyms:** dodge, evade

Main Entry: accretion

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** gradual growth, addition

**Synonyms:** accession, augmentation, increment

**Antonyms:** decrease, shrinkage

Main Entry: acerbic
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** bitter, sharp, or sour

**Synonyms:** acrid, astringent, caustic

**Main Entry:** acquiesce

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** agree with some reluctance

**Synonyms:** accede, concur

**Antonyms:** dissent, object, protest

Main Entry: Acrimony
Part of Speech: Noun

**Definition:** nasty behavior, speech

**Synonyms:** acerbity, asperity, irascibility, malevolence, malice, mordancy,

**Antonyms:** civility, courtesy, diplomacy, flattery, kindness, politeness, sweetness

Main Entry: Acumen
Part of Speech: Noun

**Definition:** ability to understand and reason

**Synonyms:** acuity, ingenuity, sagacity

**Notes:** acumen suggests that keenness relates to a person's mind, whereas

**acuity** suggests that it relates to a person's performance; acumen is something that a person has, whereas acuity is something that a

person displays

**Antonyms:** inability, ineptness, obtuseness

Main Entry: Acute
Part of Speech: Adjective

**Definition:** deeply perceptive

**Synonyms:** astute, incisive, keen, observant, perspicacious

**Notes:** acute is used for a sudden onset and short duration; chronic is for

conditions that are slow to develop and of long duration

**acute** is an angle of less than 90 degrees; **obtuse** is one of more

than 90 degrees

**chronic** is contrasted with **acute** as chronic pain persists over a longer period of time than acute pain and is resistant to most medical

treatments

**Antonyms:** imperceptive, obtuse

Main Entry: Acute
Part of Speech: Adjective

**Definition:** very important

**Synonyms:** afflictive, desperate, dire, grave

**Antonyms:** not serious, unimportant

Main Entry: Acute
Part of Speech: Adjective

**Definition:** severe, intense

**Synonyms:** excruciating, exquisite, poignant

Main Entry: Acute
Part of Speech: Adjective

**Definition:** having a sharp end or point synonyms: acicular, acuminate, cuspate

Antonyms: blunt, dull
Main Entry: Adamant
Part of Speech: Adjective
Definition: Unyielding

**Synonyms:** inexorable, insistent, intransigent, obdurate

**Antonyms:** flexible, pliant, yielding

Main Entry: adamant
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** hard like rock **Synonyms:** adamantine, flinty **Antonyms:** flexible, supple

Main Entry: Adept
Part of Speech: Adjective
Definition: very able

**Synonyms:** adroit, deft, dexterous, proficient, savvy

**Antonyms:** awkward, clumsy, inept

Main Entry: Adhere
Part of Speech: Verb

**Definition:** conform to or follow rules exactly

**Synonyms:** comply, heed

**Notes:** only things of a different nature can **adhere**; **cohere** is for things of

the same kind that stick together and form a whole

**Antonyms:** disjoin, not conform

Main Entry: Adhere
Part of Speech: Verb

**Definition:** stick or become stuck to, either physically or mentally

**Synonyms:** attach, cement, cleave,

**Antonyms:** loose, separate

**Main Entry:** Admonish

Part of Speech: Verb

**Definition:** warn, strongly criticize

**Synonyms:** advise, berate

**Antonyms:** applaud, commend, extol, laud

Main Entry: Adorn
Part of Speech: Verb

**Definition:** Decorate

**Synonyms:** array, bedeck, embellish

**Antonyms:** damage, deform, mar

Main Entry: Adroit
Part of Speech: Adjective

**Definition:** very able or skilled **Synonyms:** adept, apt, proficient **Antonyms:** awkward, clumsy, inept

Main Entry: Adulation
Part of Speech: Noun

**Definition:** overenthusiastic praise

**Synonyms:** applause, blandishment, fawning, sycophancy

**Antonyms:** abuse, criticism

Main Entry: Adulation
Part of Speech: Noun

Related

Adjectives: abject, adulatory, osculate, pliant, sycophantic, unctuous

Main Entry: Adumbrate

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Definition:** Foreshadow

**Synonyms:** augur, intimate, mist, obfuscate, obscure, portend

Main Entry:AdversePart of Speech:Adjective

**Definition:** unfavorable, antagonistic

**Synonyms:** allergic to, contrary, detrimental, repugnant

**Notes:** aversion is something that originates from within, whereas

adversity is something that originates from without; **adverse** is usually applied to situations while **averse** is used to describe a

person's attitude

averse means reluctant or disinclined; adverse means hostile and

antagonistic

**Antonyms:** aiding, auspicious, propitious

Main Entry: Advocate
Part of Speech: Noun

**Definition:** person supporting an idea or cause publicly

**Synonyms:** apostle, counsel, exponent antagonist, assailant, enemy

Main Entry: Advocate
Part of Speech: Verb

**Definition:** support idea or cause publicly

**Synonyms:** bolster, countenance, tout, vindicate

**Antonyms:** Assail, impugn, oppose

Main Entry: Aerial
Part of Speech: Adjective

**Definition:** occurring in the air

**Synonyms:** airy, ethereal, lofty, pneumatic

**Antonyms:** ground

**Main Entry:** aesthetic/esthetic

**Part of Speech:** Adjective

**Definition:** beautiful or artful

**Synonyms:** artistic, creative, inventive

**Antonyms:** displeasing, ugly

Main Entry:AffablePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:friendly

**Synonyms:** amiable, congenial, mild, urbane disdainful, grouchy, grumbling

Main Entry: affinity
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** liking or inclination toward something **Synonyms:** affection, compatibility, druthers

**Notes:** an **affinity** is a relationship by marriage and **consanguinity** is a

blood relationship

**Antonyms:** dislike, hatred

Main Entry: affinity
Part of Speech: noun

Definition: similarity

**Synonyms:** alliance, analogy, resemblance, semblance, similitude

Antonyms: dissimilarity
Main Entry: affluent
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: wealthy

**Synonyms:** opulent, stinking rich

**Notes:** to be **affluent** is to be prosperous or rich while **effluent** means

flowing out or forth

**Antonyms:** destitute, impoverished

Main Entry:affluentPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:plentiful

**Synonyms:** abundant, bountiful insufficient, lacking

Main Entry:affrontPart of Speech:nounDefinition:an insult

**Synonyms:** abuse, slur, vexation

**Notes: effrontery** means shameless boldness or insulting

presumptuousness while an **affront** is a deliberately offensive act or

open insult

**Antonyms:** appeasement, compliment

Main Entry: aggrandize

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** cause something to seem or be greater, bigger

**Synonyms:** acclaim, applaud, augment

**Antonyms:** belittle, debase

Main Entry: aggregate
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** forming a collection from separate parts

**Synonyms:** ulaccumated, heaped, piled

Antonyms: individual, part

Main Entry:aggrievedPart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** very distressed

**Synonyms:** afflicted, peeved, persecuted, woeful

Antonyms: happy, pleased

Main Entry:aggrievePart of Speech:verbDefinition:wrong

**Synonyms:** abuse, afflict, oppress

Main Entry:agilePart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** physically or mentally nimble, deft

**Synonyms:** alert, dexterous, limber, lithe

**Antonyms:** brittle, clumsy, stiff

Main Entry:agnosticPart of Speech:noun

**Definition:** person unsure that God exists **Synonyms:** doubter, materialist, skeptic

**Notes:** an **agnostic** is one who believes that it is impossible to know

whether there is a God; an atheist is one who disbelieves or denies

the existence of God or gods

Antonyms: believer

Main Entry: agriculture

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** farming, crop production

**Synonyms:** agronomy, horticulture, tillage

Main Entry: able

**Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** capable of performing; having an innate capacity

**Synonyms:** adepte, adroit, agile, dexterous, endosse

**Notes:** able is having the necessary power to accomplish something while

**capable** means having the potential to accomplish something

**Antonyms:** ineffective, inept

Main Entry: alacrity
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** liveliness; promptness

**Synonyms:** avidity, expedition, fervor, gaiety, hilarity, promptitude, zeal

**Antonyms:** apathy, aversion

Main Entry: alias

Part of Speech: adverb

**Definition:** otherwise known as

**Synonyms:** also called, also known as

**Notes:** an **alias** is an assumed name, an **alibi** is a form of defense whereby

a defendant attempts to prove that he or she was elsewhere when the crime in question was committed, while an **excuse** is an

explanation offered to justify or obtain forgiveness

Main Entry: alias
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** false name

**Synonyms:** moniker, nickname

Antonyms: name
Main Entry: allay

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** reduce something, usually a pain or a problem

**Synonyms:** abate, alleviate, assuage **Antonyms:** intensify, provoke, stir

Main Entry: allege Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** assert; claim

**Synonyms:** adduce, aver, avouch, avow

**Antonyms:** contradict, deny, dissent, repudiate

Main Entry: alleviate
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** relieve; lessen **Synonyms:** allay, assuage

**Antonyms:** aggravate, intensify, magnify

Main Entry: allocate
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** assign; divide among **Synonyms:** allot, appropriate, mete

**Notes:** to **allocate** something is to set it aside for a specific purpose; to

**allot** something is to give it with an implied restriction and an

understanding of sharing

**Antonyms:** keep, keep together

Main Entry:aloofPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:remote

**Synonyms:** casual, detached, incurious, uppity

**Antonyms:** concerned, friendly

Main Entry: altercation

**Part of Speech:** noun

**Definition:** fight, often verbal

**Synonyms:** bickering, brawl, embroilment

**Antonyms:** concord, harmony, union

**Main Entry:** amalgamate

Part of Speech: verb

Definition: blend

**Synonyms:** coalesce, consolidate, fuse, interface, meld

**Antonyms:** divide, separate

Main Entry:ambiguousPart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** having more than one meaning

**Synonyms:** cryptic, dubious, enigmatic, tenebrous

**Notes:** ambiguous is vague by accident or intent; equivocal is vague by

intent

**Antonyms:** clear, explicit, lucid

Main Entry:ambivalentPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:conflicting

**Synonyms:** clashing, contradictory, debatable, equivocal, wavering

**Antonyms:** definite, settled, unequivocal

**Main Entry:** ameliorate

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** make, become better

**Synonyms:** alleviate, amend, meliorate

Antonyms: worsen

Main Entry:amenablePart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** willing, cooperative

**Synonyms:** acquiescent, docile, obedient, open, pliable

**Antonyms:** intractable, unwilling

**Main Entry:** amenable

adjective

**Definition:** able to be judged; responsible **Synonyms:** accountable, liable, subject

Antonyms: irresponsible

Main Entry: amenity
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** pleasant thing

**Synonyms:** advantage, extravagance, facility, frill, superfluity

**Antonyms:** abomination, inconvenience

Main Entry: amenity
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** pleasing, agreeable behavior

**Synonyms:** amiability, etiquette, gallantry, geniality, gentility, suavity

**Antonyms:** disruption, misbehavior

Main Entry:amiablePart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** friendly, agreeable **Synonyms:** affable, amicable

**Notes:** amicable implies being well disposed; amiable is acting well

disposed and amiable is commonly applied only to people - though sometimes it is used for occasions, while amicable is not applied to people at all but to human interactions and their outcomes:

people at all but to human interactions and their outcomes; amiable first meant 'kind' or 'lovely, lovable' and amicable first

applied to things and meant 'pleasant, benign'

**Antonyms:** crabby, mean, surly

Main Entry:amicablePart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** friendly, especially regarding an agreement

**Synonyms:** accordant, amiable

**Notes:** amicable implies being well disposed; amiable is acting well disposed and

amiable is commonly applied only to people - though sometimes it is used for

occasions, while amicable is not applied to people at all but to human

interactions and their outcomes; amiable first meant 'kind' or 'lovely, lovable'

and amicable first applied to things and meant 'pleasant, benign'

**Antonyms:** hostile, unfriendly

Main Entry: amorous

**Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** loving, affectionate

**Synonyms:** amative, aphrodisiac, ardent,

**Antonyms:** cold, frigid, hateful

Main Entry:amorphousPart of Speech:Adjective

**Definition:** without definite shape, character

**Synonyms:** baggy, blobby, inchoate

**Antonyms:** definite, distinct

Main Entry: analgesic

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** pain remover

**Synonyms:** anesthetic, anodyne, painkiller

**Notes:** an **anesthetic** induces insensibility, an **analgesic** makes you feel no

pain, while an **anodyne** removes your cares

Main Entry:analogousPart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** agreeing, similar

**Synonyms:** consonant, convertible, kindred, resembling

**Notes:** homologues features are those that were originally the same in

evolutionary development but have adapted differently (arms of humans, forelegs of cats, etc.); **analogous** features are those that resemble one another in function but are traceable back to completely different origins when a comparison is of such a nature that it comprises three terms, then

**comparable** is the word to use; when it comprises four terms, the

relation requires the word **analogous** 

**Antonyms:** disagreeing, disparate

Main Entry: anarchist
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** person who opposes the idea of government and laws

**Synonyms:** agitator, insurgent, malcontent, mutineer

Main Entry: Anathema

Part of Speech: Noun

**Definition:** something hated

**Synonyms:** abomination, bane, detestation

Antonyms: love

Main Entry: anecdote

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** interesting or amusing story **Synonyms:** episode, gag, incident, recital

**Notes:** an **antidote** is a remedy or other agent used to neutralize or

counteract the effects of a poison; an agent is a force or substance that relieves or counteracts; an **anecdote** is a short

account of an interesting or humorous incident

**Main Entry:** anesthesia/anesthesia

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** induced sleep; induced absence of feeling **Synonyms:** analgesia, insentience, numbness, stupor

**Main Entry:** anguish

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** severe upset or pain

**Synonyms:** affliction, agony, dole, pang, rue

**Antonyms:** comfort, contentment, joy, solace

Main Entry: animate
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** bring to life

**Synonyms:** arouse, enliven, exalt, spark, spur, stimulate, vivify

Antonyms: deaden, kill

Main Entry: annul Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** void an agreement

**Synonyms:** abate, abrogate, annihilate, rescind

**Antonyms:** retain, revalidate, validate

Main Entry: annul
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** void an agreement

**Synonyms:** abate, abolish, abrogate, annihilate

**Antonyms:** retain, revalidate, validate

Main Entry: anomaly
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** deviation from normal, usual

**Synonyms:** aberration, eccentricity, incongruity, oddity

**Antonyms:** conformity, regularity

Main Entry:anonymousPart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** unknown, usually by choice

**Synonyms:** bearding, incognito **Antonyms:** Known, identified

**Main Entry:** antagonism

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** causing problem; opposition

**Synonyms:** animosity, antipathy, antithesis, rancor

**Antonyms:** accord, agreement

Main Entry:antecedentPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:prior

**Definition:** prior

**Synonyms:** anterior, foregoing, former, precedent

**Antonyms:** after, following

**Main Entry:** antecedent(s)

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** predecessor(s) in family

**Synonyms:** ancestor, descent, genealogy, progenitor

Antonyms: descendant

Main Entry: antediluvian

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** out-of-date; prehistoric

**Synonyms:** ancient, antiquated, archaic, hoary, obsolete,

Antonyms: modern, young

Main Entry: anthology
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** literary collection

**Synonyms:** album, analects, compendium, omnibus

Main Entry: antipathy
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** strong dislike, disgust

**Synonyms:** abhorrence, animosity, antagonism, aversion, enmity,

eschewal, evasion

**Antonyms:** admiration, appreciation, esteem

Main Entry:antiquatedPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:obsolete

**Synonyms:** aged, ancient, antediluvian, archaic

**Antonyms:** modern, new, recent

Main Entry:antisepticPart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** completely clean, uncontaminated; decontaminating

**Synonyms:** antibiotic, aseptic, prophylactic

**Antonyms:** contaminated, unsanitary, unsterile

Main Entry: antithesis

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** exact opposite

Synonyms: reverse
Antonyms: same

Main Entry: anxiety
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** worry, tension

**Synonyms:** angst, apprehension, bumps,

**Antonyms:** composure, contentment, tranquility

Main Entry:apatheticPart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** uncaring, disinterested

**Synonyms:** callous, languid, moony, stoic, stolid concerned, interested, responsive

Main Entry:apocryphalPart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** questionable; fake

**Synonyms:** dubious, equivocal, mythical, spurious

Antonyms: authentic, real

Main Entry:appallingPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:horrifying

**Synonyms:** astounding, daunting, grim **Antonyms:** encouraging, reassuring

**Main Entry:** apprehend

Part of Speech: verb

Definition: catch and arrest
Synonyms: Seize, capture
Antonyms: lose, not catch

**Main Entry:** approbation

Part of Speech: noun

Definition: praise

**Synonyms:** admiration, endorsement criticism, disapprobation

Main Entry:appropriatePart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** suitable

Synonyms: appurtenant, apropos, congruous, felicitous, germane,

pertinent

**Antonyms:** improper, unsuited

**Main Entry:** aquatic Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** occurring in water

Synonyms: amphibian, marine, watery

**Main Entry:** arable Part of Speech: adjective **Definition:** farmable

cultivable, plow able, tillable Synonyms:

**Antonyms:** infertile

**Main Entry:** arbiter Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** person who settles dispute

Synonyms: arbitrator, maven, mediator, moderator

Notes: an arbitrator is appointed; an arbiter has no such authority but

his/her opinion is

valued

**Main Entry: Arbitrary** Part of Speech: Adjective

**Definition:** whimsical, chance

**Synonyms:** capricious, discretionary, erratic, frivolous, supercilious

**Antonyms:** circumspect, rational

**Main Entry: Arbitrary** Part of Speech: Adjective **Definition:** Dictatorial

Synonyms: autocratic, despotic, imperious, peremptory, tyrannical,

**Antonyms:** democratic

**Main Entry:** Arbitration Noun

Part of Speech:

**Definition:** settlement of dispute

**Synonyms:** adjustment, determination, mediation

Main Entry:ArcanePart of Speech:Adjective

**Definition:** hidden, secret

**Synonyms:** cabalistic, esoteric, occult, recondite

**Antonyms:** common, normal, outward

Main Entry:ArchaicPart of Speech:AdjectiveDefinition:very old

**Synonyms:** ancient, primitive, superannuated

Antonyms: modern, new

Main Entry:ArchetypalPart of Speech:AdjectiveDefinition:most typical

**Synonyms:** clichéd, exemplary, hackneyed, paradigmatic,

quintessential

Antonyms: atypical, unique

Main Entry: ardor
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** enthusiasm

**Synonyms:** avidity, devotion, gusto, vehemence

arid

**Antonyms:** coldness, frigidity

Main Entry: arid

**Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** dry

**Synonyms:** barren, parched damp, humid, moist

Main Entry:

**Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** uninterested, spiritless **Synonyms:** insipid, tedious, vapid

**Antonyms:** interested, lively, spirited

Main Entry: arrogate
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** claim without justification

**Synonyms:** assume, confiscate, expropriate

**Antonyms:** appropriate

Main Entry:artisanPart of Speech:noun

**Definition:** craftsperson

**Synonyms:** artificer, master, professional

Main Entry: ascertain
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** make sure

**Synonyms:** confirm, determine

Main Entry:asceticPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:self-denying

**Synonyms:** abstaining, abstemious, austere

Main Entry: ascribe
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** assign to source **Synonyms:** accredit, impute

Main Entry: aspersion
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** verbal exhibition of bad temper

**Synonyms:** calumny, defamation, invective, obloquy

**Notes:** baptism by sprinkling is **aspersion**, by dipping is

immersion, by pouring water is affusion

**Antonyms:** calmness, kindness

Main Entry:aspirePart of Speech:verb

**Definition:** aim, hope

**Synonyms:** crave, hanker, pursue

Main Entry: assail Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** attack, usually with words

**Synonyms:** <u>assault, impugn, lambaste, malign, revile, vilify</u>

**Notes:** to **assail** a task is to approach it with the intent of mastering it,

from Latin salire 'to leap'; assault is also based on this word and

assail and assault can be synonyms

Main Entry: assess
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** evaluate, determine

**Synonyms:** appraise, gauge, peg, reckon

Main Entry:assiduousPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:hard-working

**Synonyms:** diligent, grinding, indefatigable, sedulous

Antonyms: lazy, negligent

Main Entry: assuage Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** soothe, relieve

**Synonyms:** alleviate, mitigate, mollify, pacify, quench, tranquilize

**Antonyms:** exacerbate, upset

Main Entry:astutePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:perceptive

**Synonyms:** adroit, perspicacious, sagacious

**Antonyms:** asinine, imbecile, obtuse

Main Entry:asylumPart of Speech:nounDefinition:refuge

**Synonyms:** ivory, sanctuary, security

Main Entry: asylum
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** psychiatric hospital **Synonyms:** institution, sanatorium

Main Entry:atonePart of Speech:verb

**Definition:** compensate; make amends for former misdoing

**Synonyms:** appease, expiate

Main Entry: atrophy
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** wasting away, disintegration

**Synonyms:** decline, degeneracy, deterioration

Main Entry: attain
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** achieve, accomplish

**Synonyms:** acquire, reap, score, snag

**Notes:** obtain means to come into possession of; attain means to gain with

effort

**Antonyms:** abandon, forfeit, surrender

Main Entry: attribute
Part of Speech: noun
Definition: feature

**Synonyms:** aspect, facet, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity, quirk, trait

Main Entry: attribute
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** ascribe, assign to source **Synonyms:** apply, associate, connect

Main Entry: atypical Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** nonconforming

**Synonyms:** aberrant, anomalous, divergent, heteroclite

**Antonyms:** conforming, normal, ordinary

Main Entry: audacious
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** reckless, daring

**Synonyms:** dauntless, gutty, intrepid, valiant

**Antonyms:** gentle, meek, timid, yielding

Main Entry:audaciousPart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** arrogant, presumptuous

**Synonyms:** bantam, brash, defiant, impertinent, impudent

**Antonyms:** humble, modest, timid

Main Entry: audible
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** able to be heard

**Synonyms:** aural, discernible, perceptible

Antonyms: inaudible

Main Entry: augment

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** make greater; improve

**Synonyms:** <u>aggrandize</u>, <u>amplify</u>, <u>intensify</u>, <u>magnify</u>

**Notes:** augment means to add more of the same thing; supplement

means to add something, usually to make up for a deficiency

**Antonyms:** decrease, degrade

Main Entry: auspicious Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** encouraging; favorable

**Synonyms:** felicitous, halcyon, propitious

**Notes:** auspicious implies success in the future while propitious

means favorable conditions are present; auspicious means promising or of good omen - not just special or memorable

**Antonyms:** inauspicious, inopportune, ominous

Main Entry: austere
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** severe in manner

**Synonyms:** ascetic, inexorable, obdurate, stern bland, calm, gentle, meek, mild

Main Entry: austere
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** refraining; abstinent

**Synonyms:** abstemious, chaste, economical, puritanical

**Antonyms:** elaborate, extravagant, indulgent

Main Entry: avarice
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** extreme greed

**Synonyms:** avidity, cupidity, frugality, parsimony

**Antonyms:** generosity, philanthropy

Main Entry: avenge
Part of Speech: verb

Definition: retaliate

**Synonyms:** chasten, punish, redress, vindicate

Main Entry: aversion
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** dislike; opposition

**Synonyms:** abhorrence, abomination, allergy, animosity, antagonism,

antipathy, detestation

**Notes:** aversion is something that originates from within, whereas

adversity is something that originates from without; adverse

is usually applied to situations while averse is used to

describe a person's attitude

**Antonyms:** affection, care, fondness

# <u>B</u>

Main Entry: balk
Part of Speech: verb

Definition: stop short

Synonyms: demur, evade, refuse, resist

Main Entry: balk
Part of Speech: verb
Definition: thwart

Synonyms: baffle, counteract, disconcert, foil

Antonyms: aid, help

Main Entry: ballad Part of Speech: noun

Definition: narrative song

Synonyms: chant, ditty, serenade

Main Entry: banal

Part of Speech: adjective

Definition: commonplace

Synonyms: bland, hackneyed, insipid, mundane, pabulum, pedestrian

Antonyms: new, original

Main Entry: bane

Part of Speech: noun

Definition: cause of misery

Synonyms: affliction, calamity, nuisance, pest, plague, scourge, venom, woe

Antonyms: fortune, good luck

Main Entry: battery
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** series of similar things **Synonyms:** array, bunch, cluster

**Notes:** assault is an attempt or threat to do physical harm while battery is

unjustified application of force; assault and battery is carrying out of

threatened physical harm or violence

Antonyms: individual

Main Entry: battery
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** physical abuse

**Synonyms:** assault, mayhem, mugging, onslaught

Main Entry: beguile

**Part of Speech:** *verb* **Definition:** fool

Synonyms: betray, con, dupe, entice, lure, manipulate

Main Entry: benign
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: kindly

Synonyms: amiable, complaisant, congenial

**Notes:** benign refers to a trait or characteristic; benignant to a tendency or

disposition

Antonyms: hateful, hostile, malignant

Main Entry: benign **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** mild, especially describing weather

Synonyms: auspicious, balmy, fortunate, propitious, temperate

Antonyms: bad, severe

Main Entry: bequeath

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** give in a will

**Synonyms:** Bestow, grant, impart, transmit

**Notes:** 

**Antonyms:** Take

Main Entry: berate

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** criticize hatefully

**Synonyms:** Castigate, censure, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, revile,

scorch

**Antonyms:** Compliment, hail, praise

Main Entry: bereft

**Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** lacking; missing

 $Synonyms: \qquad \hbox{ Deprived, destitute, devoid, impoverished}$ 

**Notes:** 

**Antonyms:** Full, happy

Main Entry: beseech

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** beg

**Synonyms:** Crave, entreat, implore, invoke, petition, and solicit

**Antonyms:** Give, offer

Main Entry:bilkPart of Speech:verbDefinition:cheat

**Synonyms:** beat, circumvent, con, thwart, trick

**Notes:** 

**Antonyms:** Give

Main Entry: blandish

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** flatter

**Synonyms:** Allure, beguile, coax, entice

**Antonyms:** 

Main Entry:blemishPart of Speech:nounDefinition:flaw

**Synonyms:** clamorous, effervescent, impetuous, obstreperous,

rambunctious, raucous, rowdy

**Notes:** 

**Antonyms:** Bloom, blur, lump, macula, scar, smudge, snag

Main Entry: blight

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** disease; plague

**Synonyms:** Affliction, pest, rot, scourge

Antonyms: Blessing, boon

Main Entry: boisterous

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** noisy and mischievous

**Synonyms:** Calm, restrained

**Notes:** 

**Antonyms:** 

Main Entry: bombastic

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** pompous, grandiloquent

**Synonyms:** Common, conservative, conventional

**Antonyms:** Humble, quiet, reserved, restrained

**Main Entry:** boon Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** advantage

**Synonyms:** Benevolence, gift, grant, gratuity

**Notes:** 

**Antonyms:** Disadvantage

Main Entry: bourgeois

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** commonplace

**Synonyms:** 

**Antonyms:** Adventurous, imaginative, inspired

**Main Entry:** brazen Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** brash, unashamed

Audacious, blatant, defiant, impertinent, impudent, **Synonyms:** 

meretricious

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Main Entry: cacophony

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** dissonance

**Synonyms:** Discord, harshness

**Notes:** 

**Antonyms:** 

Main Entry: cadence

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** rhythm

**Synonyms:** Accent, intonation, swing

**Antonyms:** 

Main Entry: cajole Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** attempt to coax; flatter

**Synonyms:** Banter, inveigle, maneuver, tantalize

**Notes:** 

Antonyms: Bully, repel

Main Entry: callous

**Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** cruel, insensitive

**Synonyms:** apathetic, unsusceptible **Notes: callus** is a hard patch of skin;

callous is an adjective meaning 'indifferent to suffering' or

'hardened'

Antonyms: Compassionate, tender

Main Entry: calumny
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** slander

**Synonyms:** Defamation, lie

**Notes:** 

**Antonyms:** 

Main Entry: candor

**Part of Speech:** *noun* 

**Definition:** complete honesty

**Synonyms:** naiveté, probity, unequivocalness, veracity

Antonyms: Artifice, deception, guile

Main Entry: canvas
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** coarse material

**Synonyms:** Tarpaulin, tenting

**Notes:** Notes: canvas is the noun (fabric etc.) and canvass is

generally a verb (to solicit, question) - though a canvass can be

an examination of pros and cons

**Antonyms:** 

Main Entry: capacious

**Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** ample, extensive

**Synonyms:** Abundant, dilatable, vast, voluminous

Antonyms: Cramped, squeezed

Main Entry: capitulate

Part of Speech: verb

Definition: give in

**Synonyms:** Bow, succumb, yield

**Notes:** recapitulate means to briefly summarize and repeat the main

points; capitulate means to surrender under agreed conditions

Antonyms: Defend, fight

Main Entry: capricious

**Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** given to sudden behavior change

**Synonyms:** arbitrary, erratic, mutable, notional, vagarious

Antonyms: Constant, dependable, staid

Main Entry: captivate
Part of Speech: verb

Part of Speech: verb

Definition: attract, enchant

**Synonyms:** Allure, beguile, enrapture, gratify, infatuate, intrigue

**Notes:** 

Antonyms: Disgust, disillusion

Main Entry: carouse

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** make merry, often with liquor

**Synonyms:** Frolic, imbibe, quaff, Cain, roister, wassail

**Antonyms:** Sad, grieve

Main Entry: catalog/catalogue

**Part of Speech:** noun

**Definition:** written or printed matter featuring a selection of objects

**Synonyms:** Cartulary, compendium, synopsis

Catalyze-no thesaurus results

Main Entry: caucus Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** group gathered to make decision

**Synonyms:** Assembly, conclave, convention, council, parley

Main Entry: caustic Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** burning, corrosive

**Synonyms:** Acerbic, corroding, mordant, pungent, tart

Antonyms: Calm, mild

Main Entry: cavort Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** frolic, prance

**Synonyms:** Caper, caracole,

Main Entry: censure Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** severe criticism

**Synonyms:** admonition, condemnation, obloquy, rebuke, remonstrance,

reprimand

**Notes:** to **censor** is to disallow portions or the entireties of books, plays, etc. on the grounds that they transgress propriety, 'to scrutinize, revise, or cut,' expurgate or suppress; to **censure** is to criticize vehemently or harshly, or condemn

Antonyms: Approval, compliment, endorsement, ratification, recommendation,

Cerebal - no thesaurus results

Main Entry: chaos Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** utter confusion

**Synonyms:** bedlam, clutter, entropy, muddle, pandemonium, turmoil

Antonyms: Calm, harmony

Main Entry: chastise Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** scold, discipline

Synonyms: Berate, castigate, censure, upbraid

**Notes: chasten** means to correct by punishment, to take to task - to restrain or subdue; **chastise** means to punish, as by beating or to criticize severely

**Antonyms:** Cheer, compliment

Main Entry: cherish Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** care about deeply

**Synonyms:** adore, nurture

**Notes: cherish** means to be fond of, be attached to, while **nurture** means to bring up, help develop, help grow, or provide with nourishment

Antonyms: Abandon, denounce

Main Entry: chide Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** criticize, lecture

**Synonyms:** Admonish, berate, exprobate

Antonyms: Compliment, laud

# **Choreography No thesaurus result**

Chronicle - No thesaurus results

Main Entry: chronological Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** in consecutive time

**Synonyms:** Historical, juncture, progressive

Main Entry: circuitous Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** going around, indirect

**Synonyms:** Ambiguous, labyrinthine, oblique, rambling

Antonyms: Direct, straight

Main Entry: circumlocution

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** indirect speech

**Synonyms:** Euphemism, periphrases, pleonasm, prolixity, tautology

**Antonyms:** Conciseness, terseness

Main Entry: circumscribe

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** mark off, delimit

**Synonyms:** Confine, delineate, girdle, trammel

Antonyms: Free, open

Main Entry: circumspect Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** cautious, discreet

**Synonyms:** Cagey, canny, meticulous, prudent, sagacious

Antonyms: Audacious, rash

Main Entry: circumvent

**Part of Speech:** verb

**Definition:** fool, mislead

**Synonyms:** beguile, bilk, hoodwink, outflank

**Notes: circumnavigate** means to proceed completely around while **circumvent** means to avoid or try to avoid fulfilling, answering, or performing duties, questions, or issues

Antonyms: Aid, permit

Main Entry: clairvoyant Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** intuitive, psychic

**Synonyms:** Discerning, judicious, prescient, prophetic

Main Entry: clamor Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** loud cry; commotion

**Synonyms:** agitation, pandemonium, ruckus, vociferation

**Antonyms:** Quiet, silence

Main Entry:clandestinePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:secret, sly

**Synonyms:** Covert, illegitimate, illicit

**Antonyms:** Forthright, truthful

Main Entry: cleave Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** divide, split

**Synonyms:** Hack, hew, whack

**Antonyms:** Join, meld, and unite

Main Entry: clemency Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** forgiveness

**Synonyms:** Compassion, endurance,

**Antonyms:** No mercy

Main Entry: clergy Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** ministry of church

**Synonyms:** Canonry, ecclesiastics, pastorate

**Notes: clergy** first meant 'learning, scholarship' and **clerk** had the original meaning 'man ordained to the Christian ministry'

Main Entry:cloyingPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:sickly sweet

**Synonyms:** Drippy, mushy, saccharine, sappy

coagulate **Main Entry:** Part of Speech: verb **Definition:** clot

**Synonyms:** Coalesce, consolidate, curdle, gelatinize

**Antonyms:** Dilute, melt, unclog

**Main Entry:** coalesce Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** blend, come together

**Synonyms:** Amalgamate,

**Antonyms:** Divide, separate

cobbler Main Entry: Part of Speech: noun **Definition:** 

shoemaker

**Synonyms:** Boot maker, cordwainer, shoe repairman

**Main Entry:** coerce Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** compel, press

**Synonyms:** Beset, impel, menace,

**Antonyms:** Leave alone

**Main Entry:** cogent Part of Speech: adjective **Definition:** effective

**Synonyms:** Apt, conclusive puissant

**Antonyms:** Impotent, invalid

**Main Entry:** cognizant

**Part of Speech:** adjective **Definition:** aware

**Synonyms:** Apprehensive

Antonyms: Ignorant, unaware

Main Entry: coherent
Part of Speech: adjective
Understandable

**Synonyms:** Articulate, consistent, lucid

Antonyms: Disorganized

Main Entry: collateral Part of Speech adjective

**Definition:** indirect, secondary

**Synonyms:** Accessory, appurtenant, concurrent

Antonyms Chief, principal

Main Entry: colloquial Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** particular, familiar to an area, informal

**Synonyms:** Chatty, demotic, dialectal, jive

**Antonyms:** Formal, standard

Main Entry: collusion Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** secret understanding, often with intent to defraud

**Synonyms:** Diddling, graft, , intrigue

Notes: cooperation is always positive, collaboration is positive except in wartime (working with the enemy), and collusion is always negative (working together in secret for a dishonest purpose)

**Main Entry:** colossus Part of Speech: noun **Definition:** 

giant thing

**Synonyms:** Cyclops, behemoth, leviathan, mammoth

**Main Entry:** combustion

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** explosion; on fire

**Synonyms:** Agitation, candescence, tumult

Commendation - no thesaurus results

**Main Entry:** commensurate

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** adequate, corresponding

**Synonyms:** Appropriate, coextensive

**Antonyms:** Inadequate, incommensurate

**Main Entry:** commodious Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** ample, spacious

**Synonyms:** Capacious, extensive

**Antonyms:** Confined, cramped

compelling **Main Entry:** Part of Speech: adjective **Definition:** irresistible

**Synonyms:** Coercive, fascinating, imperative

**Antonyms:** Discretional, elective, optional

**Main Entry:** compensate

Part of Speech: verh

**Definition:** make restitution

**Synonyms:** Guerdon, recompense, recoup

Antonyms: Deprive, forfeit

Main Entry: complacency

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** contentment

**Synonyms:** Satisfaction, smugness

Main Entry: complement

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** companion, counterpart

**Synonyms:** Aggregate, augmentation, consummation

Complicit - No thesaurus results

Main Entry:compliantPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:obedient

**Synonyms:** Docile meek, submissive,

Antonyms: Recalcitrant

Main Entry: compliment

**Part of Speech:** noun

**Definition:** praise, flattery

**Synonyms:** Adulation, cajolery, eulogy, laud, ovation, panegyric

**Notes: complement** is 'to complete, round out' and **compliment** is 'to praise or admire' and as a noun it is an expression of praise or admiration

**Antonyms:** Censure, denunciation, slander

Main Entry: compound

Part of Speech: noun

Definition: combination, mixture

**Synonyms:** Aggregate, amalgam, conglomerate, fusion, medley

Main Entry: confection Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** sweet food

Synonyms: Candy, dainty

Main Entry: confidant Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** close friend

**Synonyms:** Acquaintance, adherent,

**Notes:** a person entrusted with private information is a **confidante** (feminine) or **confidant** (masculine)

**Antonyms:** Enemy, foe

Main Entry: conflagration

Part of Speech: noun

Definition: large fire

Synonyms: Blaze, holocaust, inferno

Main Entry: confluence

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** coming together

Synonyms: Concurrence, convergence

Main Entry: conformist

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** person in agreement

**Synonyms:** Bourgeois, emulator

Main Entry:confoundPart of Speech:verbDefinition:confuse

**Synonyms:** Abash, perplex

**Antonyms:** Clarify, enlighten

Main Entry: congeal
Part of Speech: verb
Definition: coagulate

**Synonyms:** Concrete, gelato,

**Antonyms:** Dissolve, melt,

Main Entry: congenial Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** friendly, compatible

**Synonyms:** Affable, congruous,

Antonyms: Incompatible, uncongenial

Main Entry: congregation

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** assembled group, especially concerned with church-going

Synonyms: Aggregation,

Main Entry:congruityPart of Speech:nounDefinition:agreement

**Synonyms:** accord, coherence, compatible

**Antonyms:** Conflict

Main Entry: connive Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** plot, scheme

Synonyms: <u>Cabal</u>, <u>cogitate</u>,

**Notes:** one **connives** at something but **conspires** with somebody

Main Entry: consecrate

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** hold in high religious regard

**Synonyms:** Anoint, exalt, sanctify, venerate

Antonyms: Deprecate

Main Entry: consensus Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** general agreement

**Synonyms:** Concurrence, consent, unison

**Notes:** a **census** is an official, periodic, count of the population; a **consensus** is an agreement in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

Antonyms: Disagreement

Main Entry: consign Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** entrust, hand over for care

**Synonyms:** Commend to, confide

Antonyms: Hold, retain

Main Entry: consolation

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** relief, comfort

**Synonyms:** Alleviation, lenity,

**Notes: solace** is a form of comfort given to one who is in sorrow or distress; **consolation** is an act of offering such comfort, or the result of such comfort having been provided

**Antonyms:** Agitation, antagonism

Main Entry: consonant Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** agreeing, consistent

**Synonyms:** Agnate, analogous, congenial, congruous

Antonyms: Dissonant, incongruous

Main Entry: constituent Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** component, part

**Synonyms:** Division, elemental, integral

**Antonyms:** Whole.

Main Entry: construe Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** deduce; explain

**Synonyms:** Analyze, decipher, explicate

Main Entry:consummatePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:ultimate, best

**Synonyms:** Accomplished, transcendent, unmitigated

**Antonyms:** Incomplete, worst

Main Entry:contentiousPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:quarrelsome

**Synonyms:** Antagonistic, belligerent, combative, petulant, querulous

Main Entry: contravene Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** go against, contradict

**Synonyms:** abjure, counteract, impugn, infringe, refute, repudiate, spurn,

thwart, transgress, traverse

**Antonyms:** Aid, assent, and concur

Main Entry:contritePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:regretful

**Synonyms:** Apologetic, chastened, compunctious,

Antonyms: Mean, unrepentant

Main Entry: conundrum

Part of Speech: noun
Definition: puzzle

**Synonyms:** Enigma, mystery

Main Entry: convene Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** bring together; meet

**Synonyms:** Congregate, convoke, corral

**Antonyms:** Adjourn, disperse

Main Entry: convention Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** conference

Synonyms: Confab

Main Entry:convivialPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:fun-loving

Synonyms: Genial, hilarious, jocund

Antonyms: Blah, solemn, staid

Main Entry:convolutedPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:complicated

**Synonyms:** Intricate, labyrinthine, serpentine, tangled

**Antonyms:** Simple

Main Entry:copiousPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:abundant

**Synonyms:** Exuberant, galore

Antonyms: Lacking, meager

Main Entry: corpulence

**Part of Speech:** noun obesity

**Synonyms:** Portliness, stoutness

Main Entry: corroborate

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** back up information, story

**Synonyms:** Approve, , validate

**Notes: corroborate** is used in a narrower context, usually by way of providing support for testimony in a legal proceeding; **confirm** is to lend support to a much wider array of things

Antonyms: Contradict, deny

Main Entry: corrosive Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** consuming, wearing; bitter

**Synonyms:** Acerbic, acrid, caustic,

**Antonyms:** Contributing, fortifying

Main Entry:cosmopolitanPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:worldly-wise

**Synonyms:** Catholic, ecumenical, gregarious,

**Antonyms:** Country, rustic

Main Entry: counteract Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** do opposing action

Synonyms: Buck, contravene

Main Entry: cupidity Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** greed, strong desire

Synonyms: Avarice, avidity, craving, infatuation, voracity

Antonyms: Dislike, distaste

Main Entry: cursory
Part of Speech: adjective
Casual, hasty

Synonyms: Desultory, haphazard, perfunctory

Notes: cursory means 'superficial'; cursorial is 'pertaining or adapted to running'

Antonyms: Complete, meticulous

Main Entry:curtPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:abrupt, rude

Synonyms: Blunt, brusque, churlish, concise, laconic, peremptory,

succinct

Antonyms: Ceremonious, gracious

D

Main Entry: daunt Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** frighten, alarm

**Synonyms:** Baffle, consternate, intimidate, thwart

**Antonyms:** Assist, embolden, incite,

Main Entry: dearth Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** insufficiency, scarcity

**Synonyms:** Defect, exiguousness, paucity

Antonyms: Abundance, excess

Main Entry: debacle Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** catastrophe

**Synonyms:** collapse, defeasance, fiasco, havoc,

Antonyms: Boon, miracle

Main Entry: debase Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** degrade, shame

**Synonyms:** abase, cripple, debauch, demean

**Antonyms:** Elevate, laud, praise

Main Entry: debauch Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** deprave, corrupt

**Synonyms:** Debase, defile, intrigue, inveigle, vitiate

Main Entry: debunk Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** disprove, ridicule

**Synonyms:** discover, disparage

**Antonyms:** Prove, uphold

Main Entry: decorous .
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** appropriate, suitable

**Synonyms:** Decent, demure, sedate, staid

**Antonyms:** Impolite, unrefined

Main Entry: decry Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** criticize, blame

**Synonyms:** Abuse, asperse, calumniate, censure, reprobate, vilify

Antonyms: Applaud, exalt, laud

Main Entry: deface Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** mar, mutilate

Synonyms: Blemish, contort, dilapidate, obliterate

Antonyms: Adorn, embellish, mend

Main Entry: defamatory Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** libelous, slanderous

**Synonyms:** Abusive, calumnious, contumelious, denigrating

**Antonyms:** Approving, commending, exalting

Main Entry: defer Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** hold off, put off

**Synonyms:** Adjourn, procrastinate, remit, retard

**Antonyms:** Advance, expedite, and forge

Main Entry: deferential Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** respectful, considerate

**Synonyms:** Courteous, insinuative, obsequious, reverential, saccharine

**Notes:** deferential means showing courteous expression of regard or respect; difference is the quality of being unlike or dissimilar; differential means relating to or showing a difference or the quality of the difference between similar things

Antonyms: Arrogant, immodest

Main Entry: defile Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** corrupt, violate

**Synonyms:** Adulterate, besmirch, contaminate, debase

**Antonyms:** Clean, purify, sanctify

Main Entry:deftPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:agile, clever

**Synonyms:** adept, adroit, apt

Antonyms: Awkward, clumsy, inept

Main Entry: defunct Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** extinct, not functioning

**Synonyms:** inanimate, invalid, obsolete

**Antonyms:** Alive, operative, valid

Main Entry: delegate Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** representative, often governmental

**Synonyms:** Emissary, envoy, senator, surrogate

Main Entry: deleterious **Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** harmful, damaging

**Synonyms:** Bad, destructive, detrimental, pernicious

Antonyms: Aiding, helpful

Main Entry: deliberate
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: intentional

**Synonyms:** Advised, conscious, scrupulous,

Antonyms: Chance, indeterminate

Main Entry: delineate Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** describe; outline

**Synonyms:** Depict, portray, trace

Main Entry: demagogue Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** agitating person

**Synonyms:** Agitator, fanatic, incendiary

Main Entry: demarcation

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** boundary, division

Synonyms: Bound, confine

Main Entry: demean Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** humble, humiliate

**Synonyms:** Abase, disparage

Antonyms: Boost, enhance

Main Entry: demure Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** reserved, affected

**Synonyms:** Bashful, decorous, reticent

**Notes: demur** is the verb 'to object or voice opposition' while **demure** is the adjective meaning 'modest, shy'

**Antonyms:** Aggressive, extroverted

Main Entry: denigrate Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** belittle, malign

**Synonyms:** Besmirch, blister, impugn

Antonyms: Boost, cherish

Main Entry: denounce Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** condemn, attack

**Synonyms:** adjudicate, impugn, ostracize, proscribe

**Antonyms:** Approve, commend

Main Entry: deplore Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** regret; condemn

**Synonyms:** Abhor, bemoan

Main Entry: depravity Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** corruption, immorality

**Synonyms:** Abandonment, debauchery, perversion, profligacy

**Antonyms:** Honor, morality, nobility

Main Entry: deprecate Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** belittle, condemn

**Synonyms:** Depreciate, expostulate, mudsling,

Antonyms: Approve, commend

Main Entry: derelict Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** careless, negligent

**Synonyms:** delinquent, lax, remiss, slack

Antonyms: Careful

Main Entry: deride Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** make fun of; insult

Synonyms: Banter, detract, disparage

Antonyms: Commend, praise, revere

Main Entry: derivative **Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** borrowed, transmitted from source

Synonyms: Acquired, cognate

Antonyms: Inventive, unique

Main Entry: desecrate Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** abuse, violate

**Synonyms:** Contaminate, desolate, devastate

**Antonyms:** Honor, praise, sanctify

Main Entry: desiccate Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** take moisture out of

**Synonyms:** Divest, exsiccate, parch, sear, shrivel

Antonyms: Moisten, wet

Main Entry:desolatePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:unused, barren

**Synonyms:** Derelict, isolated, solitary

**Notes: lonely** adds to solitary a suggestion of longing for companionship, while **lonesome** heightens the suggestion of sadness; **forlorn** and **desolate** are even more isolated and sad

Antonyms: Cultivated, used

Main Entry:despondentPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:depressed

Synonyms: Dejected, forlorn, melancholy, morose, woebegone,

wretched

Antonyms: Cheerful, elated, happy

Main Entry:despotPart of Speech:nounDefinition:dictator

Synonyms: Oppressor, tyrant

Main Entry: destitute Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** down and out; wanting

Synonyms: Bereft, depleted, impecunious, impoverished

Antonyms: Lucky, prosperous

Main Entry: deter Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** check, inhibit from action

Synonyms: Impede, obviate, preclude, avert, daunt

Antonyms: Encourage, instigate

Main Entry: devious Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** dishonest, crafty

Synonyms: Deceitful, duplicitous, errant, surreptitious

Antonyms: Artless, honest

Main Entry: dialect Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** local speech

Synonyms: cant, lingo, patois, slang, vernacular

Notes: a dialect is geographical or social variety of speech, whereas dialectic is a form of reasoning or argumentation that focuses on resolving contradictions

Main Entry: diaphanous Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** fine, see-through

Synonyms: Chiffon, gauzy, gossamer, pellucid

Antonyms: Opaque, thick

Main Entry:didacticPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:educational

Synonyms: Donnish, exhortative, homiletic,

Main Entry: diffident Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** hesitant; unconfident

Synonyms: Bashful, coy, demure

Antonyms: Bold, confident

Main Entry:diffusePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:spread out

Synonyms: broadcast, universal

Antonyms: Compact, concentrated, confined

Main Entry: dilatory
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** procrastinating

Synonyms: deliberate, laggard

Antonyms: Diligent, eager

Main Entry: discordant Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** not in harmony; conflicting

Synonyms: Contradictory, discrepant, dissonant, divergent,

grating, incongruous, strident

Antonyms: Agreeable, concordant

Main Entry: discrepancy

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** conflict, disagreement

Synonyms: Contrariety, disparity, dissonance, incongruity

Antonyms: Agreement, concordance, parity

Main Entry: discretion Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** caution, judgment

Synonyms: acumen, deliberation, diplomacy, discernment,

gumption, perspicacity, sagacity, solicitude

Antonyms: Carelessness, indiscretion

Main Entry:discursivePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:ambling

Synonyms: Deviating, erratic, prolix, roving

Main Entry: disdain Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** hate; indifference

Synonyms: aversion, hauteur, insolence Notes: contempt is a

more engaged, more involved feeling of disapproval than disdain

Antonyms: Admiration, esteem

Main Entry: disgruntled Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** unhappy; critical

Synonyms: Annoyed, cranky, griping, grouchy, grousing,

grumpy, sullen, vexed

Antonyms: Contented, satisfied

Main Entry: dishearten Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** depress, ruin one's hopes

Synonyms: Crush, daunt, disparage,

Antonyms: Encourage, hearten, inspirit

Main Entry: disparage Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** criticize; detract from

Synonyms: Degrade, denigrate, malign, scorch

Antonyms: Approve, flatter, laud, praise

Main Entry: disparate Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** at odds, different

Synonyms: contrary, various

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Main Entry: ebullient
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: enthusiastic

**Synonyms:** agitated, buoyant, elated, exhilarated, exuberant, frothy

**Antonyms:** apathetic, disinterested

Main Entry: eclectic

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** comprehensive, general

**Synonyms:** assorted, catholic, dilettantish

**Notes:** eclectic means selecting what seems best of various

styles, methods, or ideas while **esoteric** means intended for and understandable by only a small

knowledgeable group

**Antonyms:** specific, unvaried

Main Entry: ecstatic

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** very happy, blissful

**Synonyms:** beatific, delirious, elated, euphoric despaired, sorrowful, tormented

Main Entry: edict
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** pronouncement, order

**Synonyms:** canon, decree, dictate, enactment, manifesto, precept

**Notes:** an **edict** is a formal or authoritative proclamation; an

**addict** is someone who is physiologically dependent on a substance or someone who is a devoted supporter or

fan

Main Entry: efface
Part of Speech: *verb*Definition: erase

**Synonyms:** delete, eliminate, expunge, obliterate

**Main Entry:** effervescent **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** fizzing, foaming

**Synonyms:** expansive, fermenting, frothing, resilient

**Antonyms:** flat, stale

Main Entry: effervescent

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** enthusiastic, vivacious

**Synonyms:** <u>animated</u>, <u>ebullient</u>, exhilarated, <u>exuberant</u>

Antonyms: inactive, sober

Main Entry: efficacious

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** efficient, productive

**Synonyms:** competent, effectual, potent, puissant

**Notes: effective** means 'having a (desired) result or effect,'

**effectual** is 'succeeding in producing a desired result or effect,' and **efficacious** means the same as effectual as well as 'serving as an effective solution or remedy' if something is **efficacious**, it is able to produce the desired result; **efficacy** means the power to produce

effects

**Antonyms:** <u>incapable</u>, <u>inefficient</u>

Main Entry: effrontery
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** nerve, boldness

**Synonyms:** <u>audacity</u>, impertinence, <u>impudence</u>, <u>insolence</u>

**Notes: effrontery** means shameless boldness or insulting

presumptuousness while an **affront** is a deliberately

offensive act or open insult

**Antonyms:** manners, modesty

**Main Entry:** effulgent **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** glowing, luminous

**Synonyms:** beaming, <u>incandescent</u>, lambent, lucent

Main Entry: egregious
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** outstandingly bad; outrageous

**Synonyms:** arrant, atrocious, heinous, nefarious, notorious

**Notes:** egregious means conspicuously and outrageously bad

or reprehensible; **exceptional** means well above average or surpassing what is common or usual or

expected

**Antonyms:** minor, slight

**Main Entry:** elaborate **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** intricate; involved

**Synonyms:** elegant, embellished, labyrinthine, ornate, ostentatious

Antonyms: normal, regular

Main Entry: elated
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: very happy

**Synonyms:** blissful, ecstatic, elevated, euphoric, jubilant

**Antonyms:** depressed, sorrowful

Main Entry: elegy
Part of Speech: noun
Definition: dirge

**Synonyms:** knell, lament, plaint, requiem, threnody

Main Entry: elicit
Part of Speech: verb
Definition: draw out

**Synonyms:** badger, educe, evince, squeeze

**Notes: elicit** means to call forth emotions, feelings, and

responses or to bring out or draw out, while **illicit** means contrary to or forbidden by law - unlawful

**Antonyms:** hide, suppress

**Main Entry:** eloquent **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** having a skillful way with words

**Synonyms:** ardent, articulate, fecund, fervid, magniloquent,

rhetorical

**Antonyms:** dull, inarticulate

Main Entry: elucidate
Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** explain in detail

**Synonyms:** annotate, exemplify, explicate, illuminate

**Antonyms:** confuse, distract, obscure

Main Entry: elude Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** avoid; escape

**Synonyms:** <u>circumvent</u>, <u>confound</u>, <u>eschew</u>, <u>evade</u>, <u>thwart</u>

**Notes:** elude means to escape or evade from while allude

means to make a more or less indirect reference to

**Antonyms:** confront, entice

**Main Entry:** emaciated **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** undernourished; thin

**Synonyms:** anorexic, atrophied, attenuate, cadaverous, gaunt,

haggard

**Antonyms:** fat, over nourished, plump

Main Entry: embellish
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** make beautiful; decorate

**Synonyms:** adorn, amplify, array, ornament

Antonyms: deface, mar

Main Entry: embezzle

**Part of Speech:** *verb* 

**Definition:** steal money, often from employer

**Synonyms:** abstract, defalcate, filch, peculate, pilfer, purloin

**Antonyms:** compensate, reimburse

Main Entry: emend
Part of Speech: verb

Definition: correct

**Synonyms:** alter, amend, emendate, redact

**Notes:** when you **amend** a text, you change it - usually for

the better and when you **emend** a text, you simply correct the mistakes; whereas one can amend various aspects of conduct or behavior, emend is used if the issue at hand is that of a manuscript, speech, or

literary product

**Antonyms:** make mistake, <u>worsen</u>

**Main Entry:** eminent **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** very important; famous

**Synonyms:** celebrated, conspicuous, exalted, illustrious,

paramount

**Notes:** if you mean 'famous' or 'superior,' you want **eminent**;

if you mean 'impending, about to happen' that is **imminent**; and if you mean 'present, inherent,' your

word is **immanent** 

**Antonyms:** disrespected, inferior

Main Entry:emollientPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:soothing

**Synonyms:** balsamic, demulcent, lenitive, palliative

Main Entry: emollient
Part of Speech: noun
Definition: lotion

**Synonyms:** lenitive, liniment, salve, unguent

Main Entry: emote Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** express emotion

**Synonyms:** <u>exaggerate</u>, overplay

Main Entry: empathy Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** understanding

**Synonyms:** <u>affinity</u>, <u>comprehension</u>, <u>concord</u>

**Notes: empathy** denotes a deep emotional understanding of another's

feelings or problems, while **sympathy** is more general and can

apply to small annoyances or setbacks

**sympathy** means the stimulation in a person of feelings that are similar in kind to those that affect another person; **empathy** means a mental or affective projection into the feelings or state of

mind of another person

**Antonyms:** apathy, misunderstanding

**Main Entry:** empirical/empiric

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** practical; based on experience

**Synonyms:** experiment, factual, observational, pragmatic

**Antonyms:** hypothetical, speculative, theoretical

**Notes:** empirical describes results determined by experiment and

observed behavior or facts; **theoretical** describes results that are based on guesswork or hypothesis - and **pragmatic** is contrasted with theoretical on the grounds that the former proceeds from what is demonstrably practical, the latter from conjecture

Main Entry: emulate
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** copy the actions of

**Synonyms:** challenge, compete, imitate

**Notes: emulate** means to strive to equal, excel, or match by imitating;

**imitate** means to reproduce or copy someone's behavior or looks

Main Entry: enamor
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** fascinate, captivate

**Synonyms:** <u>enchant</u>, <u>enrapture</u>, <u>enthrall</u>

**Antonyms:** dislike, hate

Main Entry: encore
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** another round of applause; repeat **Synonyms:** acclamation, plaudits, <u>repetition</u>

Main Entry: encumber

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** bother, burden

**Synonyms:** clog, cramp, discommode, hamper, impede,

Antonyms: aid, assist
Main Entry: enervate
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** tire, wear out

**Synonyms:** <u>debilitate</u>, <u>fatique</u>, jade, <u>sap</u>, <u>vitiate</u>

**Notes:** energize means to cause to be alert or to invigorate while

**enervate** means to weaken mentally or morally

enervate means 'drain energy or vigor from' (from Latin enervare 'weaken by extraction of the sinews') and innervate means 'supply with energy' (Latin in- 'in' and nervus 'strength, vigor, energy') innervate means 'to stimulate or give nervous energy,' the

opposite of enervate

**Antonyms:** empower, energize, invigorate

**Main Entry:** enfranchise

Part of Speech: *verb*Definition: set free

**Synonyms:** citizenries, <u>emancipate</u>

Antonyms: enslave

Main Entry: engender

**Part of Speech:** *verb* 

**Definition:** cause to happen; cause an action

**Synonyms:** arouse, beget, breed, incite, muster, procreate

**Antonyms:** finish, halt

**Main Entry:** enigmatic/enigmatical

Part of Speech: adjective

Definition: mysterious

**Synonyms:** ambiguous, cryptic, inexplicable, obscure, oracular

Antonyms: clear, obvious

Main Entry: enigmatic

Part of Speech: adjective

Definition: mysterious

**Synonyms:** cryptic, enigmatical, equivocal, obscure, occult, oracular

**Antonyms:** clear, known, obvious, plain

Main Entry: enmity
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** hatred, animosity

**Synonyms:** acrimony, alienation, antagonism, malevolence, malice, rancor

**Antonyms:** affinity, fellowship, friendship, good will, kindness, love

**Concept:** Enmity.

**Category:** 1. Social Affections

**Synonyms:** Enmity, hostility, alienation, malevolence

Antonyms: friendship
Main Entry: entail
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** require; result in

**Synonyms:** <u>encompass</u>, <u>occasion</u>, <u>tangle</u>

Main Entry: enthrall
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** captivate

**Synonyms:** beguile, fascinate, hypnotize, intrigue, rivet

**Antonyms:** bore, weary

Main Entry: ephemeral Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** momentary, passing

**Synonyms:** brief, evanescent, fleeting, fugacious, transitory, volatile

**Antonyms:** enduring, eternal, perpetual

Main Entry: epitome
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** abbreviation

**Synonyms:** compendium, conspectus, précis, recapitulation, synopsis

**Antonyms:** addition, expansion,

Main Entry: equanimity

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** levelheadedness

**Synonyms:** aplomb, equability, imperturbability, phlegm

**Antonyms:** agitation, anxiety

**Main Entry:** equivocal **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** doubtful, uncertain

**Synonyms:** ambiguous, dubious, oblique, obscure, tenebrous

**Notes:** ambiguous is vague by accident or intent; equivocal is vague by

intent

Antonyms: <u>clear</u>, <u>obvious</u>

Main Entry: erudite
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** well-educated, cultured

**Synonyms:** savvy, scholastic, **Antonyms:** common, ignorant

Main Entry: eschew Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** have nothing to do with **Synonyms:** abandon, abjure, abstain

**Antonyms:** embrace, like

Main Entry: esoteric
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** mysterious, obscure

**Synonyms:** abstruse, arcane, cabalistic, cryptic, inscrutable, mystic, occult,

profound

**Notes:** eclectic means selecting what seems best of various styles,

methods, or ideas while **esoteric** means intended for and understandable by only a small knowledgeable group

**Antonyms:** familiar, obvious

Main Entry: espouse Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** stand up for; support

Synonyms: <u>accept</u>, <u>adopt</u>
Antonyms: forsake, reject

Main Entry: espouse
Part of Speech: verb
Definition: marry

Synonyms: betroth, unite

Antonyms: divorce

Main Entry: ethereal

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** delicate, heavenly

**Synonyms:** aerial, celestial, gossamer, spiritual, tenuous

**Antonyms:** earthly, worldly

**Main Entry:** etymology

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** word history

**Synonyms:** derivation, etymon, source

**Notes:** entomology is the study of insects while etymology is the study of

the sources and development of words

Main Entry:evanescentPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:transient

**Synonyms:** brief, fading, fleeting, tenuous

Main Entry: evince Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** manifest

**Synonyms:** <u>attest</u>, <u>indicate</u>, <u>prove</u>

**Main Entry:** exacerbate

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** infuriate; make worse

**Synonyms:** aggravate, envenom, vex, worsen

**Notes:** to **aggravate** is to make something worse, while to **exacerbate** is

to increase something's bitterness or harshness

Antonyms: aid, soothe

Main Entry: exalt

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** promote, praise

**Synonyms:** aggrandize, ennoble, erect, extol, laud, magnify

**Notes:** exalt means to elevate, praise, or raise a person or thing; exult

means to rejoice greatly

**Antonyms:** castigate, condemn, criticize

Main Entry: exasperate

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** upset, provoke

**Synonyms:** aggravate, exacerbate, incense, infuriate, irk,

**Antonyms:** comfort, placate, soothe

Main Entry: excavate
Part of Speech: verb
Definition: dig up

**Synonyms:** <u>hollow</u>, <u>quarry</u>, <u>scoop</u>, <u>scrape</u>,

Antonyms: fill

Main Entry: exculpate

Part of Speech: verb

Definition: forgive

**Synonyms:** acquit, amnesty, exonerate, vindicate

**Notes:** to exculpate is 'to free from accusation or blame' while exonerate is

literally 'to free from a burden'

**Antonyms:** blame, condemn, sentence

Main Entry: excursion
Part of Speech: noun
Definition: journey

**Synonyms:** digression, expedition, ramble

Main Entry: abhorrent
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: disgusting

**Synonyms:** despicable, execrable, loathsome

Main Entry: exhort Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** urge, warn

**Synonyms:** admonish, incite, preach, prick, prod, spur

**Main Entry:** exigent **Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** urgent, pressing

**Synonyms:** acute, clamant, imperative, insistent, menacing

Antonyms: ordinary, usual

Main Entry: exorbitant

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** extravagant, excessive

**Synonyms:** <u>enormous</u>, extortionate, <u>inordinate</u>, <u>towering</u>

Antonyms: <u>cheap</u>, <u>moderate</u>

Main Entry: exonerate

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** excuse, clear of responsibility or blame

**Synonyms:** acquit, exculpate, liberate, sanitize, vindicate

**Notes:** to **exculpate** is 'to free from accusation or blame' while **exonerate** 

is literally 'to free from a burden'

**Antonyms:** accuse, condemn, incarcerate

Main Entry: expedient Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** worthwhile, appropriate

**Synonyms:** beneficial, judicious, opportune, pragmatic, prudent

**Antonyms:** inappropriate, inexpedient

Main Entry: expedient
Part of Speech: noun

Definition: resource

**Synonyms:** contrivance, maneuver, refuge, stratagem

Main Entry: expiate
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** make amends for

**Synonyms:** amend, compensate, redeem

Main Entry: expunge Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** destroy, obliterate

**Synonyms:** abolish, annihilate, annul, extirpate

**Antonyms:** build, construct

**Main Entry:** expurgate

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** censor, cut

**Synonyms:** cleanse, decontaminate, lustrate, purge, purify

**Antonyms:** allow, permit

Main Entry: extant

Part of Speech: adjective

Definition: in existence

**Synonyms:** contemporary, instant

**Antonyms:** dead, extinct

Main Entry: extol
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** sing the praises of

**Synonyms:** acclaim, bless, eulogize, exalt, hymn, laud

Antonyms: blame, criticize

Main Entry: extraneous

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** unneeded; irrevelant

**Synonyms:** accidental, impertinent, peripheral, redundant, superfluous,

**Antonyms:** appropriate, integral, pertinent

Main Entry: extraneousPart of Speech: adjectiveDefinition: foreign

**Synonyms:** adventitious, alien, exotic, extrinsic

**Antonyms:** national, native

Main Entry: extricate

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** get out of a situation; relieve of responsibility

**Synonyms:** <u>deliver, detach, disencumber, sever</u>

**Antonyms:** entangle, involve

Main Entry: exultPart of Speech: verbDefinition: be joyful

**Synonyms:** cheer, jubilate, rejoice

**Notes:** exalt means to elevate, praise, or raise a person or thing; exult

means to rejoice greatly

**Antonyms:** grieve, mourn

Main Entry: exult
Part of Speech: verb
Definition: boast

**Synonyms:** bluster, brag, triumph, vaunt

**Antonyms:** conceal, hide

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Main Entry: fabricate
Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** manufacture

**Synonyms:** cobble up, <u>concoct</u>, <u>contrive</u>, <u>erect</u>

Antonyms: <u>break</u>, <u>demolish</u>, <u>wreck</u>

**Main Entry:** fabricate **Part of Speech:** *verb* 

**Definition:** falsify, make up a story

**Synonyms:** concoct, contrive, <u>feign</u>, fib, <u>forge</u>

Antonyms: tell truth
Main Entry: facade

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** appearance, often deceptive

**Synonyms:** bluff, guise, phony, pretense, semblance

**Antonyms:** character, personality

Main Entry: façade
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** false front

**Synonyms:** <u>cloak</u>, <u>masquerade</u>, pretense, semblance

**Main Entry:** facile **Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** easy; easily mastered

**Synonyms:** accomplished, adept, adroit, apparent, articulate, superficial

**Antonyms:** arduous, complicated, profound

Main Entry: fallacious

Part of Speech: adjective

Definition: false, wrong

Synonyms: beguiling, deceiving, deluding, <u>erroneous</u>, sophistic, <u>spurious</u>,

Notes: fallacious means intended to deceive: fallible means liable t

**fallacious** means intended to deceive; **fallible** means liable to make a mistake or to be inaccurate or erroneous; **false** means not

in accordance with the fact or reality or actuality, or deliberately

deceptive, or not genuine or real

**Antonyms:** correct, truthful

**Main Entry:** fastidious **Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** very careful, meticulous

**Synonyms:** captious, dainty, demanding, finicky, punctilious, queasy,

squeamish,

**Antonyms:** <u>indifferent</u>, <u>uncouth</u>

Main Entry: fathom
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** discern, understand

**Synonyms:** appreciate, apprehend, penetrate, perceive, probe

**Antonyms:** <u>misunderstand</u>, not get

Main Entry:fecundPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:productive

**Synonyms:** breeding, fertile, prolife rant, prolific, spawning

**Antonyms:** impotent, sterile

**Main Entry:** felicitous **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** appropriate, suitable

**Synonyms:** applicable, apposite, apt, pertinent

**Antonyms:** inappropriate, infelicitous, inopportune

Main Entry: feral

Part of Speech: adjective

Definition: untamed

**Synonyms:** brutal, ferocious, **Main Entry:** fervent/fervid

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** enthusiastic, excited

**Synonyms:** ardent, devout, ecstatic, pious, unfeigned, vehement

**Antonyms:** discouraged, dispirited, impassive

Main Entry: fetidPart of Speech: adjectiveDefinition: foul, rancid

**Synonyms:** fusty, loathsome, lousy, malodorous, mephitic, noxious, putrid,

repugnant

**Antonyms:** aromatic, clean, fragrant

Main Entry: fetter
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** tie up, hold

**Synonyms:** <u>bind</u>, clog, <u>hinder</u>, hobble, manacle, <u>repress</u>

**Notes:** a **manacle** (handcuff shackle) comes from Latin manus 'hand';

the ankle counterpart is **fetter** 

Antonyms: <u>free</u>, <u>release</u>

**Main Entry:** fickle **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** vacillating, blowing hot and cold **Synonyms:** arbitrary, capricious, coquettish

**Antonyms:** cognizant, reliable, steady

Main Entry: fidelity
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** faithfulness in a relationship

**Synonyms:** allegiance, ardor, fealty, loyalty, piety

**Antonyms:** infidelity, lying, treachery

**Main Entry:** figurative **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

Definition:

not literal, but symbolic

**Synonyms:** allegorical, emblematic, ornate **Antonyms:** literal, real, straightforward

**Main Entry:** flabbergast

Part of Speech: *verb*Definition: surprise

**Synonyms:** abash, astound, overwhelm

Antonyms: expect

Main Entry: flaccid

Part of Speech: adjective

Definition: drooping

**Synonyms:** debilitated, emasculated, enervated, lax, limp

**Antonyms:** firm, taut, tight

**Main Entry:** flagrant **Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** flaunting, blatant; without shame

**Synonyms:** arrant, atrocious, egregious, notorious, ostentatious

**Notes:** flagrant implies shocking and reprehensible, while blatant is

obvious, contrived, and usually obnoxious; flagrant is a stronger

term than blatant

**Antonyms:** <u>concealed</u>, <u>mild</u>, <u>restrained</u>

Main Entry: florid

Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** very elaborate

**Synonyms:** aureate, baroque, embellished, euphuistic, figurative,

flamboyant, magniloquent, ornate, rhetorical, sonorous

**Notes:** floriated means 'decorated with flowers' while florid is 'blooming

with flowers'

Antonyms: natural, plain

Main Entry: flout
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** show contempt for

**Synonyms:** affront, defy

**Notes:** one flaunts (makes much of) something of one's own (wealth,

good looks, education) while one flouts (disregards or violates) something outside oneself (convention, law, regulation); to flaunt is to show off and to flout is to treat with contempt or

disregard with smugness

**Antonyms:** honor, respect

**Main Entry:** forage **Part of Speech:** *verb* 

**Definition:** search madly for

**Synonyms:** explore, pilfer, plunder, raid, rake, scour

**Main Entry:** forbearance

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** resisting, avoidance

**Synonyms:** <u>abstinence</u>, <u>endurance</u>, <u>fortitude</u>

**Antonyms:** continuation, indulgence

Main Entry: forestall
Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** keep from happening

**Synonyms:** anticipate, avert, deter, thwart

**Main Entry:** forlorn **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** hopeless, inconsolable

**Synonyms:** abandoned, cynical, futile, pessimistic, solitary, woebegone

**Notes: lonely** adds to solitary a suggestion of longing for companionship,

while lonesome heightens the suggestion of sadness; forlorn and

desolate are even more isolated and sad

**Antonyms:** cheerful, consolable, happy

Main Entry: forsake
Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** abandon, turn one's back on

**Synonyms:** abdicate, forgo, jettison, jilt, relinquish, repudiate

**Antonyms:** return, revert

Main Entry: fortitude
Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** strength of mind; guts

**Synonyms:** endurance, grit, intrepidity, mettle, tenacity, valiancy, valor,

**Antonyms:** cowardice, weakness

**Main Entry:** fortuitous **Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** lucky, accidental **Synonyms:** arbitrary, contingent

**Notes:** accidental stresses chance; fortuitous so strongly suggests chance

that it often connotes absence of cause

aleatory refers to the present or future while fortuitous is more

about past events

fortunate means having unexpected good fortune or luck;

fortuitous means happening by chance or coming or occurring by

accident or without any known cause

**Antonyms:** calculated, deliberate, intentional

Main Entry: forum

Part of Speech: noun

Definition: meeting

**Synonyms:** colloquium, conclave, congregation

Main Entry: foster
Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** promote, support

**Synonyms:** advance, champion, foment, harbor, nurture

**Antonyms:** condemn, discourage

Main Entry: foster
Part of Speech: *verb* 

**Definition:** give care or accommodation to **Synonyms:** assist, nourish, oblige, sustain

**Antonyms:** ignore, neglect

Main Entry: fraught
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: full of

**Synonyms:** <u>abounding</u>, bristling, <u>laden</u>, <u>replete</u>

Antonyms: empty
Main Entry: frenetic
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: maniacal

**Synonyms:** corybantic, delirious, demented, frenzied, insane

**Notes:** frantic (from Latin phrenecticus 'frenetic') pertains to a mental

state or condition, to a frame of mind, whereas that of frenetic

pertains rather to a type of behavior or conduct

Antonyms: balanced, calm

Main Entry: frivolous

Part of Speech: adjective

Definition: trivial, silly

**Synonyms:** barmy, facetious, juvenile, volatile, whimsical

**Antonyms:** grave, mature, sensible, serious, solemn, thoughtful, wise

Main Entry: frugal
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: economical

**Synonyms:** <u>abstemious</u>, <u>canny</u>, <u>meticulous</u>, <u>parsimonious</u>, <u>prudent</u>, <u>thrifty</u>

**Notes:** frugal refers more directly to practicing economy in the course of

shopping for goods or services, whereas **thrifty** applies more to

the preservation of funds

**Antonyms:** generous, lavish

**Main Entry:** furtive **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** sneaky, secretive

**Synonyms:** cautious, clandestine, cloaked, covert, elusive, evasive

**Antonyms:** forthright, honest

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Main Entry: garish
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** flashy, tasteless

**Synonyms:** blatant, brazen, meretricious, ornate, ostentatious

Antonyms: discreet, modest

Main Entry:garrulousPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:talkative

**Synonyms:** babbling, effusive, glib, gushing, loquacious, prolix

Antonyms: <u>reserved</u>, <u>silent</u>

Main Entry:genialPart of Speech:adjective

**Definition:** extremely nice and happy

**Synonyms:** affable, amiable, blithe, congenial, jocund, jovial

**Antonyms:** aloof, cranky, irritable

Main Entry: goad

Part of Speech: noun

Definition: stimulus

**Synonyms:** <u>catalyst</u>, <u>impetus</u>, impulsion, lash, <u>prod</u>, <u>spur</u>

**Antonyms:** deterrent, diversion, restraint

**Main Entry:** gourmand

Part of Speech: noun

Definition: epicure

**Synonyms:** connoisseur, glutton, gourmet

**Notes:** the **gourmand** rates quantity higher than quality and the

**gourmet** adopts the opposite approach; a gourmand is one whose chief pleasure is eating and a gourmet is a connoisseur of food and

wines

**Main Entry:** grandiloquence

Part of Speech: noun

Definition: bombast

**Synonyms:** <u>boastful</u>, <u>eloquence</u>, fustian, magniloquence, <u>rant</u>, turgidity

**Notes:** magniloquence refers to a language that is lofty and

extravagant, whereas **grandiloquence** refers to a language that is

pompous or bombastic

Main Entry: gratuitous Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** free

Synonyms: <u>complimentary</u>, gratis, <u>spontaneous</u>, <u>willing</u>

Notes: grateful means feeling or showing gratitude or feeling

thankful; gratified means having received what was desired; gratuitous means costing nothing or free -

unnecessary or unwarranted - without cause

Antonyms: costly, expensive

Main Entry:gregariousPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:friendly

**Synonyms:** affable, clubby, convivial, cordial

Antonyms: <u>cool</u>, <u>introverted</u>

**Main Entry:** grievous **Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** severe, painful; serious

**Synonyms:** afflicting, agonizing, appalling, atrocious, calamitous, deplorable,

dire, egregious, flagrant, offensive, onerous

**Antonyms:** good, pleasant

Main Entry: guile Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** slyness, cleverness

**Synonyms:** artifice, chicanery, dissemblance, treachery

**Antonyms:** honesty, naivety

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Main Entry:haughtyPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:arrogant

**Synonyms:** cavalier\*, conceited, contemptuous, egotistic, hoity-toity, imperious, lofty, on high horse, sniffy snooty, snotty, stuck-up, supercilious, superior, uppity

Antonyms: meek, shy

Main Entry: hackneyed Part of Speech: adjective Clichéd, tired

**Synonyms:** banal, conventional, corny\*, hokey, moth-eaten pedestrian\*, quotidian, stereotyped, threadbare, tripe, trite,

Antonyms: original, uncommon

Main Entry:hallowedPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:holy, revered

**Synonyms:** anointed, beatified, consecrated, enshrined, inviolable, sacrosanct, sanctified, unprofane

Antonyms: Desecrated, profane, unsanctified

Main Entry:haplessPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:unfortunate

**Synonyms:** hexed, ill-fated, infelicitous, jinxed, Jonah, untoward, voodooed,

woeful, wretched

Antonyms: Fortuitous, fortunate, lucky, well-off

Main Entry: harangue noun

**Definition:** long lecture

**Synonyms:** diatribe, exhortation, jeremiad, philippic, screed, sermon, spiel\*,

spouting, tirade

Main Entry: hardy
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: strong, tough

**Synonyms:** acclimatized, brawny, burly, hefty, indefatigable, inured, rugged, stalwart, staunch, tenacious,

**Notes: hardy** means 'strong, durable, capable' - while **hearty** means 'strong' in a more active way as in hearty appetite, applause, meal

**Antonyms:** infirm, tender, unhealthy,

Main Entry: harrowing Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** dangerous, frightening

Synonyms: agonizing, chilling, excruciating, heart-rending, racking,

tormenting, traumatic

Antonyms: Calming, pleasant

Main Entry: hedonist Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** person who seeks pleasure above other values

**Synonyms:** Bon vivant, debauchee, epicure, gourmand, lecher, libertine, profligate, sensualist, sybarite, voluptuary

Antonyms: ascetic

Main Entry: hegemony Part of Speech: noun dominion

**Synonyms:** Authority, predominance

Main Entry: heinous Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** horrifying, monstrous

**Synonyms:** abhorrent, atrocious, execrable, flagitious, flagrant, iniquitous, nefarious, raunchy, scandalous, vicious,

Antonyms: Glorious, magnificent

Main Entry: heterogeneous Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** assorted, miscellaneous

**Synonyms:** amalgamate, composite, conglomerate incongruous, mosaic,

unallied, variegated

Antonyms: Homogeneous

Main Entry: hiatus Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** pause, interruption

**Synonyms:** aperture, breach, , interim, lacuna, lapse, rift,

Antonyms: Continuation

Main Entry:hierarchyPart of Speech:nounDefinition:order

**Synonyms:** due order, echelons, pecking order, pyramid,

Main Entry: hypocrisy Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** deceitfulness, pretense

**Synonyms:** affectation, bigotry, cant, casuistry, deceit, dissembling, double-dealing, glibness, mockery, pharisaicalness, pharisaic, phoniness, pietism, quackery, sanctimoniousness, sanctimony, speciousness, unctuousness

**Antonyms:** Forthrightness, righteousness, sincerity,

Main Entry: hypothetical Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** guessed, assumed

**Synonyms:** assumptive, concocted, conjecturable, conjectural, contestable, debatable, equivocal, postulated, presumptive, presupposed, , problematic, stochastic, theoreticu, vague

**Antonyms:** factual, measured, proved

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Main Entry: iconoclast Part of Speech: noun detractor

**Synonyms:** Cynic, dissident, heretic,

Main Entry:idiosyncraticPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:peculiar

**Synonyms:** Distinctive, personal

Main Entry:idolatrousPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:fetishistic

Synonyms: Heathen, pagan

Main Entry:ignominiousPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:humiliating

**Synonyms:** Discreditable, inglorious

Main Entry: illicit
Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** not legal; forbidden

**Synonyms:** adulterous, contraband, felonious, furtive

**Notes: elicit** means to call forth emotions, feelings, and responses or to bring out or draw out, while **illicit** means contrary to or forbidden by law - unlawful literally, **illegitimate** is 'not lawful' and **illicit** is 'not allowed' a form of conduct will be **illicit** and a type of practice will be **illegal** 

Antonyms: Blessed, legitimate, licit

Main Entry: immerse Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** submerge in liquid

**Synonyms:** asperse, baptize, bathe, bury, souse

**Notes: immerse** means to thrust into or engross fully; **submerge** means sink below the surface or put under water

**Antonyms:** Dry, retrieve

Main Entry:immutablePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:unchangeable

**Synonyms:** Abiding, perpetual, sacrosanct, steadfast,

Antonyms: Alterable, mutable

Main Entry: impeccable Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** above suspicion; flawless

**Synonyms:** Aces, immaculate, infallible, unblemished, unerring,

unflawed

Antonyms: Blemished, flawed

Main Entry: impecunious Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** poverty-stricken

**Synonyms:** Beggared, impoverished, strapped

Antonyms: Moneyed, rich

Main Entry:imperativePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:necessary

**Synonyms:** Clamant, exigent, obligatory

Antonyms: Inessential, optional

Main Entry: imperious Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** bossy, overbearing

**Synonyms:** despotic, dictatorial, domineering, haughty, peremptory,

tyrannical

**Notes: imperial** pertains to the qualities of power and royalty; **imperious** implies that someone is overbearing or domineering

**Antonyms:** Fawning, servile, subservient

Main Entry: impertment Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** bold, disrespectful

**Synonyms:** Contumelious, lippy, meddlesome, presumptuous, prying

Antonyms: Kind, mannered

Main Entry: impervious Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** unable to be penetrated

**Synonyms:** Hermetic, unpierceable, unreceptive

**Antonyms:** Exposed, penetrable

Main Entry: impetuous Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** acting without thinking

**Synonyms:** Ardent, fervid, precipitate, spontaneous, unbridled

**Antonyms:** Calm, cautious, circumspect,

Main Entry:impingePart of Speech:verbDefinition:trespass

**Synonyms:** encroach, infringe, intrude, invade, meddle, obtrude, pry

**Notes:** to **impinge** is to come into contact or encroach or have an impact; to **infringe** is to encroach on a right or privilege or to violate

Antonyms: Avoid, dodge

Main Entry: implacable Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** merciless, cruel

**Synonyms:** inexorable, rancorous, relentless,: placable is 'of a tolerant

nature' - the opposite of implacable

Antonyms: Kind, nice,

Main Entry: implement

Part of Speech: noun

Definition: agent, tool

**Synonyms:** Apparatus, contraption, contrivance,

Main Entry: implicate Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** imply, involve

**Synonyms:** Accuse, embroil, entangle, impute,

Antonyms: Defend, pardon

Main Entry: implicit Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** included without question, inherent, absolute

**Synonyms:** mplicative, inarticulate, inevitable,

**Notes: implicit** means implied though not directly expressed; **explicit** means precisely and clearly expressed

Antonyms: Explicit, specific

Main Entry:impregnablePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:unyielding

**Synonyms:** firm, fortified, impenetrable, invincible,

Main Entry: impudent Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** bold, shameless

**Synonyms:** Arrant, audacious, blatant, bumptious, contumelious,

impertinent, presumptuous

Antonyms: Humble, modest

Main Entry: impute
Part of Speech: verb
Definition: attribute

**Synonyms:** Adduce, ascribe, insinuate

Antonyms: Defend, guard

Main Entry:inanePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:stupid

**Synonyms:** Asinine, fatuous, imbecilic, jejune,

**Notes: inane** means silly, lacking significance or insubstantial; **insane** means mentally deranged, mad or very foolish

Antonyms: Bright, intelligent

Main Entry: inarticulate Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** unable to speak well

**Synonyms:** Faltering, maundering, muffled,

Antonyms: Articulate, communicative

Main Entry:incarnatePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:in bodily form

**Synonyms:** Exteriorized, substantiated, tangible

Main Entry: incendiary Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** causing trouble, damage

**Synonyms:** Demagogic, dissentious, malevolent, provocative,

Antonyms: Peacemaking

Main Entry: incessant Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** never-ending, persistent

Synonyms: Interminable, monotonous, perpetual,

Antonyms: Broken, intermittent

Main Entry: inchoate Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** undeveloped, beginning

**Synonyms:** Amorphous, embryonic, incipient

**Antonyms:** Developed, mature

Main Entry:incisivePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:intelligent

Synonyms: Concise, , perspicacious, profound, trenchant

Antonyms: Incompetent, stupid

Main Entry: inclination Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** tendency, bent

**Synonyms:** appetite, aptitude, bias, idiosyncrasy persuasion, predilection,

proclivity, proneness,

Main Entry: incontrovertible

**Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** beyond dispute

**Synonyms:** Authentic, irrefutable, unequivocal,

**Antonyms:** Changeable, controvertible,

Main Entry:incorrigiblePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:bad, hopeless

**Synonyms:** Abandoned, inveterate, irredeemable

Antonyms: Good, manageable

Main Entry: increment Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** small step toward gain

**Synonyms:** Accession, augmentation

Antonyms: Decrease, loss

Main Entry:incumbentPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:obligatory

**Synonyms:** Binding, compelling

Main Entry:indefatigablePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:untiring

**Synonyms:** Industrious, ironclad, pertinacious, strenuous

Antonyms: Fatigued, tired

Main Entry:indigenousPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:native, inborn

**Synonyms:** autochthonous, chthonic, congenital, connate

Antonyms: Alien, foreign

Main Entry:indigentPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:poor

**Synonyms:** Destitute, impecunious, impoverished, penurious

Antonyms: Rich, wealthy

Main Entry: indignation

Part of Speech: noun
Definition: anger

Synonyms: animus,

Antonyms: Glee, happiness

Main Entry:indolentPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:lazy

**Synonyms:** Drony, lackadaisical, languid, sluggish, torpid

**Antonyms:** Active, energetic, enthusiastic,

Main Entry: indomitable Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** steadfast, unyielding

**Antonyms:** Good, virtue

**Main Entry:** injunction

Part of Speech: noun
Definition: decree

**Synonyms:** admonition, , embargo, exhortation, writ

Main Entry: innate Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** inherited, native

Synonyms: congenital, connate, inbred

Notes: the word innate means 'inborn' and should apply to living things; inherent is 'essential, intrinsic' and applies best to nonliving things like ideas

Antonyms: Acquired, extrinsic

Main Entry: innocuous
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: harmless

Synonyms: Banal, in obnoxious, insipid, jejune

Antonyms: Bad, destructive

Main Entry: introduce Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** begin, institute

Synonyms: commence, inaugurate, induct

Antonyms: Close, finish

Main Entry:innuendoPart of Speech:nounDefinition:suggestion

Synonyms: Allusion, aspersion

Antonyms: Evidence, proof

Main Entry: inoculate
Part of Speech: verb
Definition: immunize

Synonyms: Inject, vaccinate

Main Entry:inquisitorPart of Speech:nounDefinition:questioner

**Synonyms:** interrogator, prober, res: exigent, gluttonous, importunate,

insatiate, rapacious, ravenous earcher

Main Entry: insatiable Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** voracious, wanting

Antonyms: Fulfilled, satiable

Main Entry: insidious
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: sneaky, tricky

Synonyms: Machiavellian, astute, perfidious, perilous,

surreptitious,

Notes: insidious (Latin insider 'to lie in wait for,' from sedere 'sit') describes stealthy, treacherous behavior; invidious behavior arouses ill will, animosity, or hostility

Antonyms: Fair, sincere

Main Entry: insinuate Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** hint, suggest

Synonyms: Allude, ascribe, connote

Antonyms: Conceal, withhold

Main Entry: insipid

**Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** dull, uninteresting

Synonyms: Anemic, innocuous, jejune, mundane, nebbish,

Notes: sipid - of pleasing taste, flavor, or character - is the opposite of

insipid

Antonyms: Exciting, exhilarating

Main Entry: instigate Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** I nfluence, provoke

Synonyms: Abet, actuate,

Antonyms: Halt, prevent

Main Entry: insular Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** narrow-minded

Synonyms: Bigoted, parochial, secluded

Antonyms: Broad-minded, unbiased, unprejudiced

Main Entry: insurgent
Part of Speech: adjective
Definition: rebellious

Synonyms: Anarchical, contumacious, factious, insurrectionary,

mutinous, seditious

Antonyms: Obedient, subordinate

Main Entry: integral Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** necessary, basic

Synonyms: Component, intrinsic

Antonyms: Extrinsic, supplemental

Main Entry: interject Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** throw in; interrupt

Synonyms: Implant, infiltrate, infuse, insinuate, intercalate,

parenthesize

Main Entry: interlocutor

Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** conversationalist

Synonyms: Dialogist, interrogator

Main Entry:interminablePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:infinite

Synonyms: protracted, unceasing, uninterrupted

Antonyms: Bounded, finite

Main Entry:intimationPart of Speech:nounDefinition:clue, hint

Synonyms: Implication, inkling, innuendo, insinuation, telltale,

tinge

**Main Entry:** intractable /intransigent

**Part of Speech:** *adjective* 

**Definition:** difficult, stubborn

Synonyms: Cantankerous, obdurate, pertinacious, perverse,

recalcitrant

Antonyms: Amenable, facile

Main Entry: intransigent Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** uncompromising

Synonyms: Adamant, tenacious

Notes: intractable means stubborn or obstinate; intransigent is this, but implies being more intense and refusing to compromise or change

Main Entry:intrepidPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:brave, nervy

Synonyms: Audacious, doughty stalwart, valiant, valorous

Antonyms: Cowardly, meek, timid

Main Entry: inundate

Part of Speech: verb

**Definition:** drown, overwhelm

Synonyms: Deluge, submerge, swamp, whelm

Antonyms: Underwhelm

Main Entry:inurePart of Speech:verbDefinition:accustom

Synonyms: Acclimate

Main Entry: invective Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** verbal abuse

Synonyms: accusation, blasphemy, castigation, diatribe,

epithet, jeremiad, obloquy, philippic ,sarcasm, scurrility, tirade

Antonyms: Compliment, flattery

Main Entry: inveterate Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** long-standing, established

Synonyms: abiding, , chronic, enduring, entrenched

Antonyms: Short-lived

Main Entry:inviolablePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:divine

Synonyms: Holy, sacrosanct

Main Entry:irasciblePart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:crabby

Synonyms: bearish, bristly, cantankerous, choleric, feisty,

fractious, grouchy,

Notes: irate means 'angry' while irascible means 'disposed toward or easily provoked to anger' (both are from Latin ira 'anger')

Antonyms: Cheerful, happy

Main Entry: iridescent Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** rainbow-colored

Synonyms: Irises, nacreous, opaline, polychromatic, prismatic

**Main Entry:** irreverence

Part of Speech: noun
Definition: disrespect

Synonyms: blasphemy, flippancy, heresy

Antonyms: Regard, respect

Main Entry: irrevocable Part of Speech: adjective

**Definition:** fixed, unchangeable

Synonyms: Doomed, immutable, indelible

Antonyms: Alterable, reversible

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Main Entry:jubilantPart of Speech:adjectiveDefinition:happy

**Synonyms:** doing handsprings, elated, enraptured, euphoric, excited, exuberant, exultant, exulting, flipping, flying\*, gleeful, rhapsodic, thrilled, tickled, triumphal, triumphant

**Antonyms:** depressed, sorrowful,

**Main Entry:** juxtaposition

Part of Speech: noun

Definition: adjacency

**Synonyms:** abutment, proximity, touching

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Main Entry:knellPart of Speech:verbDefinition:chime

**Synonyms:** bell, proclaim, signal, summon, toll,

Main Entry: kudos Part of Speech: noun

**Definition:** praise, acclaim

**Synonyms:** PR, eminence, esteem, flattery, illustriousness, laudation, notability, plaudits, plum, preeminence, prominence, puff, pumping up, raves, repute, strokes

Antonyms: blame, criticism